

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## NUCLA

### Town preps for sewer, water upgrades

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Nucla's town manager and clerk Melissa Lampshire is reminding all in the community that the sewer and waterline work will begin soon. The town will be replacing waterline, the entire length of Main Street, from top of Third Avenue all the way to 10th Avenue. Within that construction is also a portion of sewer that will be replaced from Eighth Avenue to 10th, and east to 2900 Road where it ends.

The work includes all service-meter connections. And, Lampshire is asking property owners whether or not they'd like to upgrade their service from the meter to their home or business. The town is encouraging people to think about the replacement, and the work will be discounted. They can do it while the contractor is on site.

The town maintains the waterline to the meter pit. From there, it's the responsibility of the owner. That responsibility could get more expensive in the future.

"The reason we want to encourage the upgrade to their line is that next year we're doing another project, widening the sidewalks and adding new curb and gutter and ADA ramps," she said. "If they don't upgrade from the main, which runs down the middle and veers off to east toward 10th — If we put in new sidewalks, and their service fails, they'll have to replace the sidewalks."

Lampshire said it's worth considering the discounted price and doing the improvements sooner than later. Though town doesn't have a price from the contractor yet on how much homeowners will be charged, a pre-construction conference is scheduled for March 13. Lampshire said more details will be made available afterward.

The project will start the sewer work first. That's because the town doesn't want to take any chances with cold nights this spring. Once the freezing temperatures end, the town will start work at the top of Main Street and work block by block for a limited loss of water.

Additionally, the town is carrying the work down Fourth Avenue to the new school. There are no sidewalks along that portion, though, so property owners living on that road don't have to make a decision anytime soon about their meter-to-home upgrades.

The old pipe running down Main Street was installed in the 1960s. It's an asbestos-concrete material, which will be replaced with

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As many as 75 people are working at the school site weekly. (Photo by Paul Koski)

## EDUCATION

### Construction for new school ramps up

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Nucla's new school, the West End's pre-K through 12th grade school, is bustling with workers during the construction process that continues to move along. School superintendent Clint Wytulka told the Forum last week that the schedule is going as planned with the completion happening at the end of November. School officials said the project is

still on track for the targeted January move-in date.

The "topping off" ceremony happened Jan. 26, with the last steel beam set. It was signed by students and staff of West End Public Schools, and a small ceremony was held to honor the moment.

Wytulka said the school construction, in general, has been "super positive." Now, the board continues to oversee details that are part of the ongoing process. Last week, construction crews poured the main floor decking. Addition-

ally, the contractors will be setting all of the roof trusses soon, and then the building will be "dried in," sheeted and roofed.

It won't be too long before construction then shifts to the inside of the building. Already, exterior framing is happening and will continue on the north portion of the building. Afterward, interior framing will follow for that portion too.

Regarding permits, the board is working on the fire sprinkler and fire alarm permits, along with the

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## CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

### Garden club celebrates 85 years, car club prepares for Water Days

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Spruce and Columbine Garden Club is celebrating its 85th anniversary year, having begun in 1938. While many things have changed since the original club was formed, the goal of SCGC has always been to help with the beautification projects in the community and to promote traditional gardening practices handed down through the generations of local gardeners.

The garden club has been involved in various projects over the years, many of which the public may not be aware, and many that they are. The "Yard of the Month" contest recognizes well-maintained yards and gardens during the summer months, and

prizes are awarded to the monthly winners. Many thanks go to the sponsors who have provided a variety of gift items that are "garden-worthy."

The banners that have hung on the power poles up and down Main Street in Nucla have been supplied through the efforts of the garden club, and with the help of San Miguel Power Association's stalwart employees who have hung them for the club over the years, not to mention taken them down.

Of course, the beautiful planters on Main Street have always received many compliments and appreciation. However, this year SCGC must take a hiatus, as the Town of Nucla will be doing infrastructure work on and in Main Street, making it extremely dif-

icult, if not impossible to do the necessary every-other-day watering those planters require to stay beautiful throughout the season.

"We know everyone will miss these, and we hope you all understand the need to take this break," said Chris Daniels, SCGC board member.

Other projects the garden club has taken on include creating Volunteer Park at the north end of Nucla, providing meals for the Cowboy Poetry and Elfin Eve events, and holding cake walks at the Harvest Festival in the fall.

This year, in celebration of the 85th anniversary, the garden club will be involved during Water Days and the Heritage Festival, giving away commemorative items.

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## NONPROFITS

### West End trust and advisory committee partner

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

For more than 20 years, the West End Advisory Committee (WEAC) has provided emergency funds to local families in need. The Montrose County Commissioners established WEAC in 1994 to disburse funds that the county received as payment from Umetco Minerals. Since the committee's inception, 25 West End families have received support in the wake of a devastating fire or flood. Now, WEAC has announced that its mission will be carried forward by the West End Pay It Forward Trust.

Established in 2013, the trust strives to improve West End communities now and for future generations. The trust is a permanent, locally-controlled endowment fund, supporting community and economic development projects.

Thanks to WEAC, the trust will now have an additional \$20,000 to further this cause. Continuing the work of WEAC, the trust will maintain emergency funds for community members who have experienced a disaster. According to Doylene Garvey, member of the board of both WEAC and WEPIFT, the partnership is a good thing.

"The WEAC board members felt the West End Pay it Forward Trust was the best place for the funds we have left," she said. "We look forward to (the trust) continuing on the legacy of helping our community."

West End Pay it Forward Trust is led by board members Sara Bachman, Jane Thompson. Carla Reams, Kendra Ballard, Doylene Garvey, Sara Bray, Sarah Carlisle and Alexander Price. Bachman recently stepped up to serve as president of the board, since Thompson made the decision to serve as vice president. April Montgomery, of the Telluride Foundation, also serves as an ex-officio member of the board.

The work of the trust has been made possible through the efforts of the committed board members, as well the contributions of partner organizations, including the Telluride Foundation, Citizens State Bank and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association. The West End Pay It Forward Trust is reliant on the generosity of its donors. The public is invited to visit <https://www.westendpayitforward.org/donate> to learn about ways to contribute.

For further information about the West End Pay It Forward Trust's

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WEST END VOICES

# How do we all work together?

WEST END DARK SKY ALLIANCE

**W**est End Dark Sky Alliance (WEDSA) achieved designation of Naturita and Nucla as a Joint International Dark Sky Association Community on May 6, 2021. This was a rigorous application process and reviewed by a board of highly credentialed scientists, light engineers, and lighting experts from the U.S. and international countries.

The community designation was 25th in the U.S., and 32nd in the world. The list of International Dark Sky Association (IDA) designations all around the world is growing and includes many national parks, state parks, sanctuaries, urban areas, conservation areas, communities and reserves. The West End may also have the chance to become linked to an IDA Reserve that is being pursued in neighboring San Miguel County.

What this prestigious designation means is that the West End is one of the darkest places on the planet. This is because we don't have much artificial light at night known, as "ALAN."

Excess ALAN disrupts the circadian rhythm of all life — all. Therefore, ALAN can negatively impact human health, wildlife (eating, mating, migration), birds (especially migratory), livestock, insects (pollinating), plants and trees, and aquatic life.

The natural night sky is part of an ancient heritage that needs to be preserved everywhere and even restored in urban landscapes.

Worldwide light contamination has increased by 20 percent per year recently, and 80 percent of the world's population can no longer see the Milky Way. They no longer have a special connection to the universe.

Where there are areas with high ALAN, pathways for animals, birds and pollinators are disrupted. The effects on humans are linked to sleep disorders, obesity, diabetes and cancer.

What else is affected when circadian rhythms are constantly disrupted? Usually it's not anything

good. How can you have natural sleep cycles with a light shining in your eyes? Nocturnal animals won't wake up when lights are left on in their environment all night. Pollinators and migratory birds are guided by the stars and get confused by ALAN. They circle round and round, using up their energy and die before reaching their destinations.

But, we can't get rid of all the lights at night that are necessary in modern life. So how do we all work together to preserve our precious, rare night sky resource?

One of the ways our towns have helped is by adopting IDA's Model Lighting Ordinances. These are dark-sky friendly, save money, address crime and safety, and encourage the use of the following "smart lighting principles":

- 1) Shade the light, so it shines down where needed, instead of sideways, which creates glare and light trespass. Shade it so it doesn't shine up, washing out the stars and wasting energy.
  - 2) Use light where and when it is needed. Direct the light and use motion sensors and timers where possible.
  - 3) Lower the intensity to safe eyesight levels. Brighter isn't always better.
  - 4) Lower the color temperature to warmer colors. Bright white and blue-violet light adversely affect serotonin and other chemicals in the brain and can also be harmful to your eyes. Did you know it takes 20 to 30 minutes for human eyes to adjust to the dark after being exposed to ALAN? Red light is best at night to maintain your night vision.
  - 5) Simply turn out lights when they are not needed, and by 11 p.m. for sure. Most pollination and migration happens at night.
- There is an abundance of information about outdoor lighting at the International Dark Sky Association's website, [www.DarkSky.org](http://www.DarkSky.org). For local help and advice, contact [westenddarkskyalliance@gmail.com](mailto:westenddarkskyalliance@gmail.com).

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This image shows IDA-suggested lighting. (Courtesy image)

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society One West End family's mysterious history, Part 3

By SHARON JOHANNSEN for the Rimrocker Historical Society

**I**n the first two parts of this story, the Johannsen family discussed the mystery of Duane Johannsen's birth ... who his parents might have been, how he came to Nucla, and the family's search for the truth of his identity. And, in the midst of that mystery was the tragedy of the Elliot family, their crash, and the event that shook many people in the West End who knew that family.

But life has a way of connecting people in ways we often don't understand.

So where did that baby — Duane Johannsen — come from?

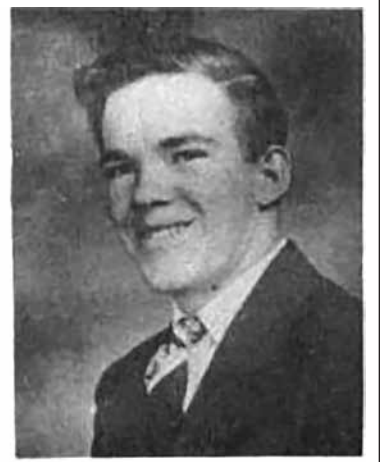
Edna Johannsen went to Denver and stayed with Derald Elliot at the hospital for the six to eight weeks that he had to be there recovering. Derald was just 7 years old, healing from multiple serious injuries that resulted from the car accident that killed his family in Naturita. Edna Johannsen was his aunt, and she made the trip to Denver General Hospital to comfort him after the tragedy.

Edna said when Derald was sleeping she would go to the nursery and look at the babies. It was a way to pass the time while Derald recovered. It was here that she saw Duane for the first time. He was premature and very, very tiny. She said it bothered her that he never left, and that no one ever came to see him. She finally asked a nurse when the baby was going to go home. The nurses told her he had been abandoned, and they were waiting for him to get stronger before putting him up for adoption.

Edna told us that she called her husband Eddie right away and said she wanted this baby. He told her to go ahead and the adoption process started. Things were so much simpler then.

Eddie had never had children of his own. Edna had a son, George Elliott, from a previous marriage. George was in his early 20s with a family of his own when Duane came to be.

We don't know exactly when the adoption was final, or when Duane came home to Nucla. Edna did say many people told her she was crazy, that the baby was too small and would never survive. She sure proved them wrong. Even though it was a tragedy that brought Duane into their lives, a blessing came to them in the form of a new life. It's turned out to be a happy story.



The Elliot family tragedy devastated the West End.



The tragedy also brought Duane Johannsen here, which was a blessing. (Courtesy images)

And, after Manly Clark came to Naturita to speak with Aimee, and the family learned that Manly's sister Earlene was the birth mother, the pieces came together. Though Duane's birth family has passed, Duane was able to meet and get to know Manly and Floyd Clark, his

biological uncles. The uncles have been able to get to know Duane and learn about his life.

The passing of Earl, Julia and Kenna Rae was a tragedy for the West End, but it brought Duane into the Johannsen family, and that was the blessing.

## Upcoming events

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As always, membership is encouraged, and this year there will be no dues. Anyone who might be interested in joining the garden club may contact any club member or call Lorraine Garvey, Mary Suhr, Pat Brown or Chris Daniels.

In other local club news, the West End's car club, the Red Rock Rodders car club, held its first meeting

of the new year and is planning to be active in 2023 with "cruises," attending car shows in the region, and getting involved in the annual Water Days celebration with a non-competitive car show in Nucla.

The show will be open to all who want to show off their cars, trucks, motorcycles — any kind of motorized vehicle that is road-worthy. There will be no

prizes awarded, other than the pride of one's "baby" being on display for all to see.

Anyone interested in joining the Red Rock Rodders should come to the club's next meeting, which will be held at Blondie's in Naturita on Saturday, March 25, at noon. Anyone may also reach out to Jack Lee, Don Colcord or Chris Daniels for more information.



**Four-H fun**

The 4Stars Livestock Club meets up for a bowling outing in Nucla. (Courtesy image)

**FISHING**

**River benefit is March 18**

**SPECIAL TO THE FORUM**

Those in local communities are invited to come watch the Fly Fishing Film Tour, eat, drink, and win prizes at the Ouray County 4-H Event Center in Ridgway. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 6:30 p.m. There will be an array of short films on fly fishing from destinations around the world, all while raising awareness about the Uncompahgre River watershed.

RIGS Fly Shop and Telluride Angler are bringing the 2023 Fly Fishing Film Tour.

Every bit of the proceeds raised from this event will be donated to the Uncompahgre Watershed

Partnership (UWP) for projects slated to improve river health and habitat within the Uncompahgre River Valley. The UWP is collaborating with partners such as Trout Unlimited, the U.S. Forest Service and Colorado Parks & Wildlife to develop and implement projects to preserve and improve fish habitat, riparian areas and water quality.

“The generosity of the community and sponsors like RIGS has helped UWP build relationships with project partners and set aside funds for future projects. We are prioritizing watershed areas that need restoration, and hope to announce project plans later in 2023,” said Tanya Ishikawa, the

nonprofit’s executive director.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. They can be purchased online at <https://fly-filmtour.myeventscenter.com/event/A-Benefit-For-The-Uncompahgre-River-73751>.

Those in the West End are invited to experience the food, libations donated by Ouray Brewery and The Liquor Store, door prizes, raffles, silent auctions, and more. The UWP thanks Alpine Bank for event support.

The Event Center is located at 22739 Highway 550 in Ridgway. For event information or for questions, the public may email Tanya at [tanya@uncompahgrewatershed.org](mailto:tanya@uncompahgrewatershed.org).

**New school construction**

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kitchen hood. Also, site grading is in process. The rafters for the main gym have been delivered and installed.

“There’s a ton happening,” Wytulka said.

The past few months saw maybe 15 people working on the new school every week. The last report lists as many as 75 workers on site weekly. According to Wytulka, that’s an added benefit to the local economy. He said the construction guys are eating, drinking and lodging in the West End, spending money in local establishments.

Now, the board is waiting for the construction schedule of the water-

line and sewer upgrades the Town of Nucla is planning for. The town has an initial construction meeting March 13 to discuss the timeline. The new school will tie into those utility upgrades.

Williams Construction is the contractor, and crews were ready to start their portion of that work by the end of February.

“We are working with the town to get their schedule,” Wytulka said. “We are in partnership with town to coordinate all that.”

The overall budget for the new school was \$35 million. Already the board has received so much in BEST grant funding and other monies from the Department of

Local Affairs that the district had to find just \$2.5 million. To combat rising costs in construction, though, due to the COVID pandemic and more, the board is currently in the process of acquiring more funding.

The board submitted materials for a supplemental BEST grant to the Colorado Department of Education on Feb. 6, and Wytulka said he and the board remain hopeful they’ll get that, though award selections are not announced until June.

Wytulka said he is pleased with the big picture.

“The building process itself is right on target, and it’s starting to really come together,” he said.

**Sewer and water upgrades**

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HDPE. All property owners on the Main Street section are invited to upgrade to HDPE this spring, if they wish.

As far as street closures go, the town may not have many. Staff will work to keep Main Street open, and they believe they can.

“We are not planning for extensive street closures,” Lampshire said.

Still, there is always a back-road plan in Nucla, using Lincoln on the west side, and 2900 on the east.

Lampshire agreed the work is exciting. The Town of Nucla has planned to do the improvements and received a grant from

the state’s Department of Local Affairs. Some money has been given from the federal government too, and also Montrose County.

Basically, Lampshire said the town received \$1 million, and also borrowed \$1 million for the work.

Williams Construction is on the job.

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### Teams head to regionals

The NHS basketball teams competed in the District 1 tournament this past weekend at Grand Valley High School, and both teams advance to the 1A Regional tournament. Now, the top 32 teams will compete for their chance to advance to the state tournament.

Last weekend, the Mustangs lost to DeBeque, 46-51, on Friday night. The Lady Mustangs beat DeBeque Friday night, 46-29, and then lost to Dove Creek in the championship game on Saturday, 16-64.

The Mustangs came in seed No. 28 and will face the No. 5 seed, Otis at Otis High School this Friday at 7 p.m. The Lady Mustangs came in as the No. 19 seed and will face the No. 14 seed, Eads this Friday at 3 p.m. Their games will be held at Briggsdale High School.

Complete 1A Regional brackets can be found at [www.chsaanow.com](http://www.chsaanow.com).

### RECIPE

# My mother's coleslaw is the best

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

I've shared this before, and I'd love to share it again. My mother's coleslaw is my favorite slaw, so much that I won't order any other version when I eat out, because I know it will disappoint me. Coleslaw is easy to make, it's mostly made of cabbage — a cruciferous vegetable with tons of nutrients — and it pairs with barbecue of all types.

I always fix my mom's slaw when I make a pork shoulder, and top sandwiches with it. It also goes perfectly as a side to brisket, ribs or something else. Sometimes I will

keep my dressing separately in a canning jar, and just shake it before I add it to my shredded cabbage. I personally like my coleslaw crisp

and fresh, rather than wilted and over-sauced. It takes just minutes to prepare, and it adds something green to a meal.

### Mother's coleslaw

#### Ingredients

- 1 bag or head of shredded cabbage
- (You can add carrot, and I like to peel whole ones and make matchsticks, or shred them.)
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/8 cup white vinegar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup sugar

Shred cabbage with a good knife. You won't believe how much slaw one head of cabbage will make. Add the carrots. Mix the remaining items for the sauce. Add sugar slowly for desired sweetness. Pour over and mix. Chill your slaw before the meal.

## West End Pay It Forward Trust

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history and work, the public may contact [westendpift@gmail.com](mailto:westendpift@gmail.com), look for the trust on Facebook, or visit [westendpayitforward.org](http://westendpayitforward.org).

Anyone who is interested in joining the board, should send a letter of intent to [westendpift@gmail.com](mailto:westendpift@gmail.com).

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the West End Pay It Forward

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2/14/2023

0846 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35500 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a property damage report.

1007 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 16900 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a 911.

1239 Hours - Deputy took a lost property report in the 31500 block of County Road 90 near Nucla.

1759 Hours - Deputy conducted a civil standby in the 400 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita.

1851 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 59 near Naturita for an agency assist.

1 school zone in Naturita

1 directed patrol in Nucla

4 directed patrols in County

1 directed patrol in Naturita

2/15/2023

0830 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 105 near Redvale for a traffic complaint.

1137 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 27 near Naturita for a 911.

1229 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 26 near Naturita for a motorist assist.

1602 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a medical assist in the 700 block of Elm Street in Naturita.

1824 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for suspicious activity.

2/16/2023

1356 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1957 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 16 near Bedrock for an accident.

2218 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for a 911.

1 VIN inspection

1 school zone in Naturita

2/17/2023

1225 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a disturbance.

1931 Hours - Deputy recovered a stolen vehicle in the 28200 block of 2810 Road near Nucla. Travis Bennett, 42, was arrested for aggravated motor vehicle theft and driving without a valid driver's license.

2/18/2023

0445 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an alarm.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

1 directed patrol in County

1 directed patrol in Naturita

2/19/2023

0940 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

1221 Hours - Deputy conducted a

ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1721 Hours - Deputy conducted public relations in the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla.

1 directed patrol in County

1 directed patrol in Naturita

2/20/2023

1627 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a fire assist.

1705 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Grape Street and West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a suspicious person.

1932 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a theft report.

2218 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 90 near Naturita for a traffic hazard.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

2/21/2023

0154 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a noise complaint.

0525 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a noise complaint.

0717 Hours - Deputy responded to the 28400 block of BB Road near Nucla for a fire.

1029 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

1453 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

1740 Hours - Deputy responded to the 700 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a fraud report.

1905 Hours - Deputy responded to the 4600 block of Highway 90 near Paradox for a vehicle theft.

2 VIN inspections

2/22/2023

0836 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

0925 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Main Street and Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a

citizen assist.

1045 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Nucla.

1113 Hours - Terry Kriz, 46, was arrested in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla on an outstanding warrant.

1630 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to 25 Mesa Road near Nucla for a motorist assist.

1749 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 141 and Highway 90 near Naturita for an animal problem.

2 VIN inspections

1 directed patrol in Nucla

1 directed patrol in County

**Ute Trail Study Club meeting**

The Ute Trail Study Club will hold its monthly meeting on March 8 at noon in the Redvale Community Building. Our theme will be "The Wearing of the Green," with some history read behind St. Patrick's Day. We will have a corn beef and cabbage dinner with all the wonderful pot luck sides. This is an organizational meeting to re-visit our goals, discuss speakers, board positions, building and kitchen needs, along with summer fundraising committees and event dates set.

**Redvale Community Building board meeting**

The Redvale Community Building board will meet on March 5 at 4 p.m. to discuss the progress of the ongoing maintenance and fundraising events in the Redvale Community Building. Thank you, and spring is right around the corner.

**Delta Sales Yard Market Report February 23, 2023**

300-400# STEERS	2.20-2.55	300-400# HEIFERS	1.90-2.30
400-500# STEERS	1.80-2.35	400-500# HEIFERS	1.85-2.15
500-600# STEERS	1.80-2.25	500-600# HEIFERS	1.75-2.11
600-700# STEERS	1.65-1.90	600-700# HEIFERS	1.65-1.85
700-800# STEERS	1.70-1.82	700-800# HEIFERS	1.58-1.65
800-900# STEERS	1.62-1.75	800-900# HEIFERS	1.50-1.60
Top bulls	95-1.07	Medium bulls	.80-.94
Young Cows	.90-1.15	Top cows	.87-.95 no top cow
Medium cows	.77-.86	Low-yielding cows	.79 down

**NEXT WEEK: Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Early consignment - 240 mixed steers and heifer, 12 mixed feeders, 5 bred cows, 16 butcher cows, 3 butcher bulls. Along with our regular dock run of 300-400.

**UP COMING SALES FOR 2023**

Western Colorado Annual Angus Assc. Sale **Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>.** One of the oldest pap - tested registered angus bull sales in Colorado. Next Special Sheep & Goat Sale **Thursday March 30.**

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## \* HEARING NOTICE \*

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Montrose County Planning Commission in the Public Works Building 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, Colorado on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to review and adopt an amendment to the Montrose County Zoning Regulations. The proposed Amendment will add language and regulations to Section III of the Zoning Regulations to address Power Generation Facility standards including standards for Renewable Energy Facilities. The proposed application is available for review at Montrose County Planning and Development Office, 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, Colorado during regular business hours or on the Montrose Citizen Portal: <https://co-montroseco.smartgovcommunity.com/ApplicationPublic/ApplicationHome> Search application: AA23-001 Documents will be available in the Montrose Citizen Portal a week prior to the scheduled hearing in the "Notes" section of the application. Written comment may be sent to Montrose County Board of County Commissioners, c/o Planning and Development Director, 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, CO 81401; or [trichmond@montrose-county.net](mailto:trichmond@montrose-county.net).

BY ORDER OF MONTROSE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## LEGAL PUBLICATION

### SAN MIGUEL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

San Miguel County Fairgrounds is seeking contractors/estimates for small improvement projects to include: Kitchen, office & bathroom flooring refurbishment; bathroom vanity replacement; window stabilization; and metal roofing screw maintenance. For more information, contact DeeAnna Burbridge at 970-327-4321 or [smfairgrounds@sanmiguelcountycogov](mailto:smfairgrounds@sanmiguelcountycogov).

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## LEGAL PUBLICATION

Call for Nominations  
Nucla Naturita Fire Protection District

To Whom it may concern and Particularly, to the electors of the Nucla Naturita Fire Protection District of Montrose County, Colorado

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 2nd day of May, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. At that time 2 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms and 0 will be elected to serve 2-year terms. Eligible electors of the Nucla Naturita Fire Protection District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):

Diana Starks  
P.O. Box 740  
Nucla Colo. 81424  
970-417-1777

[dstarks.nnfpd@gmail.com](mailto:dstarks.nnfpd@gmail.com)

Call or email or stop by the Nucla Fire Hall to pick up a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form. Forms must be turned in by March 13, 2023

Affidavit of Intent To Be a Write in Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday March 13, 2023

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### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: THE OSCARS

#### ACROSS

- Adam and Eve's son
- Blink of an eye, for short
- Tricep location
- Laughing on the inside, in text
- \_\_\_ bowl, frozen dish
- Bid on a house, e.g.
- Show off
- Actor's role
- Nostrils
- "Everything Everywhere All At Once" or "The Fablemans" nominee
- Trampled
- Humpty without t
- \*Cate Blanchett's 6-time nominated movie
- Store in a silo
- Tiny crustacean
- Chop off
- Not digital
- Cut with a beam

- Empty spaces
- Not good
- Relating to pond scum
- Capri or Catalina
- Lament
- \_\_\_ Khan
- Full event
- \*He's won the most academy awards
- Jump key
- Not yes, nor no
- Male sibs
- \*"The Fablemans" composer John \_\_\_, 53-time nominee
- Resin-producing tree
- Call to Mary
- Get-out-of-jail money
- Bye, in Castile
- Ages and ages
- Competitive advantage
- Appetite
- Farm female
- Fender-bender damage



#### DOWN

- Key often used with ctrl
- Gold rush, e.g.
- Purse with notions
- Leechee, alt. sp.
- Dandruff locale
- This bird gets the worm?
- Give a traffic ticket
- Big do
- Cattail, e.g.
- \*"\_\_\_ Harris Goes to Paris," Best Costume Design nominee
- Like beer at a kegger (2 words)
- \*"The Banshees of Inisherin" nominee
- Polynesian dance, pl.
- Dress like Ancient Greeks
- \*Austin Butler's gyrating character
- Gallows loop
- Oil crisis
- \*Last year's Best Picture winner
- Like a Druid, e.g.
- Missouri River tributary
- Flying nuisance
- Lend a hand in crime
- Order's partner
- \*"Guillermo \_\_\_ \_\_\_'s Pinocchio"
- "My wife can vouch for me," e.g.
- Address to a boy, slangily
- Bucolics
- Desert traveler's hope
- Bikini Bottom locale
- Variation of meow
- Skirt shape
- Past tense of bid
- Roman remain, e.g.
- Cry of glee
- Like a full-fledged Mafia man
- Leo or Libra
- Jared's competitor
- Allow

**CROSSWORD**

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**\$1.79** Food Club 20 oz. Select Varieties **Pineapple**

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**69¢** Food Club 6 oz. Select Varieties **Tomato Paste**

**3/5** Food Club 6 oz. Select Varieties **Olives**

**99¢** Food Club 11-15.5 oz. Select Varieties **Vegetables**

**77¢** Food Club 14.5-18 oz. Select Varieties **Tomatoes or Sauce**

**89¢** Food Club 15.5 oz. Select Varieties **Beans**

**69¢** Food Club 14.5-15.25 oz. Select Varieties **Green Beans or Corn**

**3/1** Top Ramen 5 oz. Select Varieties **Ramen Noodles**

**49¢** Food Club 8 oz. Select Varieties **Tomato Sauce**

**89¢** Food Club 13.5 oz. Select Varieties **Soup**

**\$2.79** Food Club 32 oz. Corona Grape **Jelly**

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**2/3** Hormel 5 oz. Select Varieties **Ham, Chicken or Turkey**

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**55¢** Food Club 7-11 oz. Select Varieties **Mixes**

**\$2.49** Food Club 22 oz. Select Varieties **Pasta**

**59¢** Food Club 5.5-7.25 oz. Select Varieties **Mac & Cheese**

**2/3** Food Club 20 oz. Select Varieties **Pasta Sauce**

**88¢** Food Club 16 oz. Select Varieties **Refried Beans**

**99¢** Hunt's 24 oz. Select Varieties **Pasta Sauce**

**3/5** Food Club 15 oz. Select Varieties **Chili**

**\$3.69** Food Club 4 oz. Select Varieties **Mac & Cheese**

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**4/5** Food Club 16-12 oz. Select Varieties **Vegetables**

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**\$2.99** Food Club 28-32 oz. Select Varieties **Cereal**

**\$1.49** Food Club 5 oz. Chunks or Water **Chicken Breast**

**\$10.99** Food Club Gallon Select Varieties **Cooking Oil**

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**\$3.79** Food Club 46 oz. **Honey**

**79¢** Food Club 4 oz. Chiles or Jalapenos

**2/3** Food Club 12 oz. **Evaporated Milk**

**\$1.49** Food Club 5 oz. Chunks or Water **Chicken Breast**

**3/5** Food Club 2 lb. Light or Dark **Sugar**

**2/3** Food Club 28-32 oz. Select Varieties **Soup**

**2/3** Food Club 14.5-15.25 oz. Select Varieties **Fruit**

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