

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## COLORADO

### Mobile DMV comes to Nucla March 2-21

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Desiree Trostel, of the state's Department of Revenue, told the San Miguel Basin Forum last week that a mobile unit for obtaining driver's licenses is coming to town March 20-21. Many people have learned about the event through social media already.

Essentially, a DMV facility on wheels, the State of Colorado aims to help the underserved and underrepresented.

The West End is considered by state officials to be a service desert, because of the distance people have to travel to do paperwork like driver's license updates. For that reason, the state department has decided to bring the service to the West End.

The elderly, the disabled, and those without reliable transportation especially, but all who want to save a trip to Montrose, are welcome to visit the mobile unit at the Nucla Fire Station.

Nobody will miss the DMV on wheels, since it's a 32-foot long RV painted bright yellow. It will be present March 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the following day, too, from 8 a.m. to noon.

"(The West End) is a service desert," Trostel said. "We are excited to bring services to them, so they can reach us a little bit easier."

The mobile unit is bringing its own internet. Originally, representatives had planned to park the rig in Naturita, but the unit requires Verizon service, so it must be stationed in Nucla. Trostel said the state uses private wifi to prevent identity theft. The mobile unit will not be using the fire station's internet.

Last month, representatives came to town and did a site visit and conducted a trial run. They needed to test equipment and make sure everything can work. Of course, the fire chief has given his blessing for the mobile unit to take up space and help the people.

Those planning to visit the mobile DMV unit should have their documents ready. It's easiest if they go online and see the requirements beforehand at [dmv.colorado.gov](http://dmv.colorado.gov). Representatives will be able to do first-time driver's licenses, license transfers from out of state, ID cards and more.

The DMV employees will be giving the eye tests. They cannot, however, give driving tests for people who need to complete

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Candis Staats signs with Lamar Community College. (Courtesy image)

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

### Candis Staats signs with Lamar for college basketball

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

High school basketball regionals, according to Candis Staats, of Nucla, who is a senior and played her last varsity game over the weekend, was "not great." Her team fell to Eades, losing by less than 10 points, and the guys team also lost to Otis. Though walking

off the court and letting go of high school basketball for her was a heartbreaking moment — it's the thing she's loved more than pretty much anything — she has something to look forward to.

Last week, Staats signed with Lamar Community College in southeast Colorado and will be playing basketball for them, and she told the Forum she didn't think it was possible.

"I didn't really think I would be able to go on and play sports after high school," she said Sunday. "I assumed this was it, and there was nothing I could do about it."

She said her sister Erin and her basketball coaches encouraged her to reach out and look at some schools. And, she did. She emailed Coach Lewis at Lamar and began an online conversation. Then she

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## AGRICULTURE

### Apple Core workshops are April 15, April 22

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Apple Core Project is gearing up for its spring educational event, an annual tradition for the last eight years, but adding a new session this April too. Many have attended the nonprofit's workshops in Redvale or other places in the past. This year, the educational offerings are in Montrose, at the Ute Indian Museum, April 15, and in Naturita, at the community center, April 22.

Jen Nelson and Melanie Eggers founded the Apple Core Project in 2016 to study, preserve, and propagate the heirloom apple varieties first brought to the area by the old settlers. Since then, they've done work interviewing elders like the late Marie Templeton, mapping tree locations, identifying types of trees and grafting new ones every year.

People have come to look forward to their annual education event, learning about the old apples and also getting to graft their own trees. The events are open to those who've never attended, or people who've done the sessions in the past. The Apple Core gals have a sincere wish to pass their knowledge on, to get the new trees into the hands of those who will enjoy them, and to rebuild the local orchards that thrived in the old days.

In the upcoming workshops, Nelson will share the wisdom she's gained over the years and with Eggers' husband, Bodie Johansson, will teach people how to graft trees

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## FARM AND GARDEN

### West End herbalist returns to old ways of healing

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor



Nicole Brandt is the area's new herbalist. (Courtesy image)

Nicole Brandt is a trained herbalist who's made her home in the West End. After attending a school for herbalism in Salt Lake City and apprenticing under an apothecary, she also worked under a Yale-trained medical doctor, Aviva Romm, to help complete her craft. Brandt, who's living in Nucla and established a small farm, is practicing as a community herbalist. That's different than a clinical herbalist who sees patients. Her way is growing plants, educating, and serving as a community resource.

She's already begun holding events in Naturita at the library, called "Tea Tuesdays." The sessions are ongoing, monthly, and the public is invited to come and learn about the herbs she's growing

and sharing. Those that come are served sample seasonal teas, many of which she's already growing on her farm, which is only in its first year but expanding.

She's growing flowers and medicinals, along with some weeds that hold importance in the healing realm.

Already, she has grown Tulsi — which did very well this year at her place — yarrow, bee balm, hyssop, ashwaganda, calendula, mints, and later this year she'll have lemon balm and lemongrass. White sage, clary sage and common garden sage will soon be available too. She's got a list of 45 plants she's establishing, but some are perennials, so it will take some time.

She has a deep understanding of women's health, but her approach is truly for the community and offer-

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TIPS FROM THE WEST END POSSE

# Grizzly bears here in Colorado?

By MARK RACKAY

Are there grizzly bears in Colorado? Yes, there are ... Well, maybe ... No, definitely not ... Probably not anymore ... I don't know.

The scientific name for grizzly bear, in case you were wondering, is *Ursus Arctos Horribilis*. The last part of that, the derivative of horrible, sums up the "old griz." He can reach 10 feet in length, weigh out at over 700 pounds and is a definite man-eater.

The big bears once thrived in Colorado back when there were lots of areas for them to roam, and plenty of food sources. During the 1940s and early 1950s their numbers began to fade. A government-funded program for hunters was introduced because they posed a massive threat to livestock. By 1952, it was decided that the bears were all gone from Colorado.

Alas, but never say never. In 1979, a bow hunter by the name of Ed Wiseman ran into one of those nonexistent bears, near an alpine lake named Blue Lake. Wiseman had a very bad day, as the bear mauled him, leaving him seriously injured. Apparently, it was not the day for Wiseman, because he fought the bear off and was able to kill it by stabbing it with an arrow.

The experts who investigated the case determined that the bear was old, weak, and on his last leg, otherwise Wiseman would not have been able to kill it. Many people decided that the last grizzly in Colorado had been killed, but others were not so quick to believe it. You see, this sow bear had recently nursed cubs, and that is enough for me to say, hmmm.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife claims there are none in Colorado, yet they have a "Grizzly Bear Sighting Form" on their website, so anyone spotting one can report it. It's likely that most of the grizzly sightings reports are black bear sightings mistaken for the grizzly. Many black bears are a cinnamon color, like that of a grizzly, and to an untrained eye, could be mistaken.

Black bears are much smaller than grizzlies, seldom topping 400 pounds. Also, grizzlies have an unmistakable hump over their front shoulder. Colorado is home to a population of around 19,000 black bears, and that is more than all the grizzly bears in the lower 48 States.

Back in 1967, a group of teenagers were enjoying a camping trip in Glacier National Park.

All the kids were sound asleep at midnight, when a scream from 19-year-old Julie Helgerson pierced the night silence.

Julie was sleeping a short dis-

tance away from the rest of the group — bad idea. The dim light of the dying campfire was just enough to show the outline of the teenager firmly in the jaws of a tremendous grizzly bear.

As she screamed and fought the bruin, the bear dropped her to severely bite a young man who had come to try and save her. After the bear severely shredded the young man's back and legs, he turned his attention back to Julie. The bear bit her through the body and drug her for several hundred feet, where he suddenly dropped the dying girl, and padded off into the woods. By the time help arrived for Julie, she was a statistic.

It was a rough night for teenagers, because four hours later and some 20 miles away, another group of young campers were frightened awake by a grizzly bear that towered over them. All the campers fled the scene and climbed trees for safety. All but one that is.

Another 19-year-old, Michele Koons of San Diego, was experiencing the unspeakable terror of having the zipper being stuck on her sleeping bag. Her friends listened to her screams as the bear viciously tore her apart.

I wish I could say that it was an extremely rare occurrence for a grizzly attack, but such is not the case. In Yellowstone National Park alone, there have been 44 documented grizzly attacks since 1979. While it is true that some of them were expected, such as the tourist who tried to cuddle up with a cub and feed him marshmallows, all in the interest of a picture. He got his picture taken alright, but not until the cub's mother sorted him out.

I might point out that more people die in Yellowstone from drowning (121), or committing suicide (26), than ever get sent to paradise by a bear. Still, it happens.

Grizzly bears thrive in other parts of North America. The bears are expanding their range in the U.S. Northern Rocky Mountains, spreading from the wilderness areas into the farmlands.

New government data from grizzly population monitoring show the bears in the Yellowstone region of Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho have expanded their range by 1,500 square miles over the last two years. They now occupy 27,000 square miles, and that range has grown 34 percent over the last decade.

Is the grizzly still in Colorado? Probably not, but the fascination with the big bear, surrounded by the lure of death and danger, will lurk in the hearts of outdoor people forever.



Grizzly territory is expanding in the Yellowstone region. (Courtesy image)

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society The Farmers Mutual Telephone Company organizes in Nucla

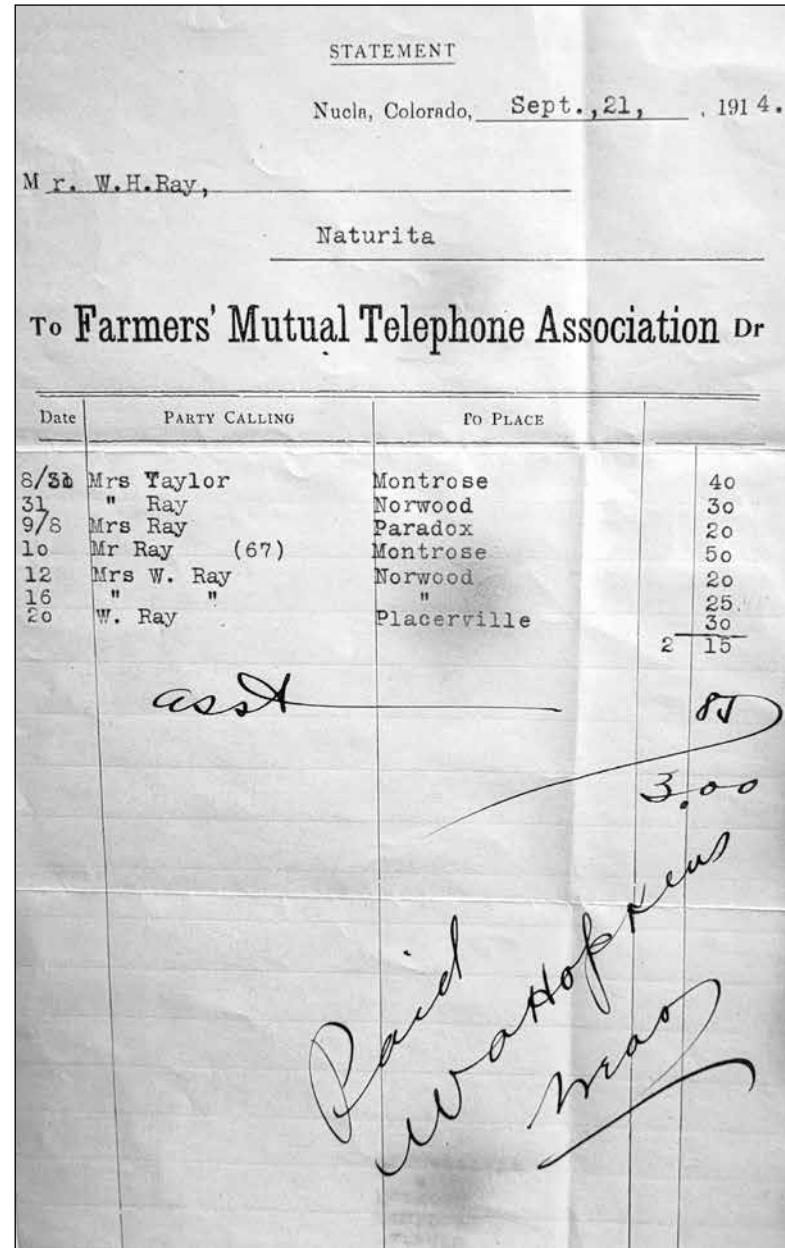
By JANE THOMPSON for the Rimrocker Historical Society

The Farmers Mutual Telephone Company had been adding poles and building line during the year of 1911. An article from the Montrose Enterprise of January 1912 says, "The telephone line has just been completed to the ditch camp and central is kept busy evenings answering calls from that point. The Farmers Mutual Telephone Association held its first annual meeting recently, and the year's business as presented to the association was very satisfactory to all. The toll line built by the Colorado Telephone company from Placerville to the Nucla exchange could not give better service. The association here has 45 telephones connecting to the Nucla exchange and more are being added every month. The exchange is located at the Vestal Hotel. Miss Viva and Leah Vestal being the operators."

In May 1912 this article from the Enterprise shows the enthusiasm of the Nucla people who believed in taking care of themselves and not bringing outsiders in to provide what they believed they could provide for themselves: "The growth of our mutual telephone system has been, to say the least, phenomenal. A little over a year ago we were practically without phone service. Today we own and control about forty miles of line connected with fifty-three other subscribers." Phone service had come to Nucla.

The Standard Chemical Company was starting their new camp next to the Club Ranch, out in what would eventually become Uruvan. In 1913 they were talking of putting in phones there: "There is much activity in the telephone construction business in this vicinity just now. Contractor Ubell has contracts or immediate prospects for a number of short lines; one from Pinon to the Rose place, three miles; then one from Tabeguache Basin to Nucla, for Marion and Will Ray; a line from the Rosedale ranch to the old Dunn ranch, one-half mile; and C. R. Park will hook on the Second Park line at the school house."

In 1914: "Henry Burfeind of Nucla has finished his contract of cutting poles for the telephone company, and now Alex Calhoun and the Standard Chemical Mines



This image shows an invoice from 1914 for the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. Someone from Arizona sent it to the RHS in the mail a couple of years ago. (Photo courtesy of the Rimrocker Historical Society)

will put phones in at the Club Ranch and at the mines."

A side article in The Norwood Post of September 1914 says, "It may not be generally known, but hitching a horse, or a team, to a telephone pole within the city limits makes the offender liable to a fine of \$5 for each offense ... The town has provided a suitable hitching rack and it should be used or the law enforced."

In November of 1914: "E. L. Kittell had a telephone placed in his home last week and you can now talk to this prosperous rancher by calling No. 108. B. Blackburn has ordered a phone and it will be installed in his home next week. The Farmers Mutual Telephone Association is giving excellent service on both local and long distance calls and the number of phones on the system has almost reached the 100

mark."

In 1915, the annual telephone meeting of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Association was held at the Town Hall with about 30 of the 83 members being present. No action was taken in securing a permanent location for the central office, but they were looking at property next to the Colorado Cooperative Co. office. That office was not at the spot where the office is today on Main Street, but was up near the Town Hall. It was decided at that meeting that switchboard hours should be changed to 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. year round, if possible, without increasing the maintenance cost per phone.

Next week, small telephone companies begin bringing telephone service to the outlying areas.

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OBITUARY

# Samuel Ray Keeton

June 10, 1944 — Feb. 27, 2023

Samuel Ray Keeton, 78, passed away on Feb. 27 at Community Hospital in Grand Junction. A graveside memorial service will take place May 20 at 11 a.m. in Norwood.

Samuel was born on June 10, 1944, in Montrose to Red and Virginia Keeton. He graduated Norwood High School in 1962. Sam met the love of his life, Roxie Champlin, in high school, and they married on Dec. 27, 1961. Together, they were blessed with four sons, Ray, Bryan, Bruce and James.

Sam and Roxie spent many years in Norwood, and Sam retired to Fruita. While in Norwood, he worked in construction, drilling, and pastored a church, and in retirement, he preached an occasional sermon at his church in Palisade. In addition to being a pastor, Sam was the proprietor for Sam's Service in Norwood and owned a construction company called S&J Construction.

Sam loved being with family, telling stories and reminiscing about the happy times. He loved camping in Rico and other places in the San Juan Mountains. He spent many hours in retirement washing and cleaning his vehicles.

Sam is survived by his loving wife Roxie; and sons, Ray (Tracy), Bryan (Joyce), Bruce (Murl), James (Ramona); and grandsons, Devin, Kaleb, Samuel, Tyrell, Lance, Tyler, Trevor; and granddaughters, Amanda, Brylene, Danielle,



Samuel Ray Keeton. (Courtesy photo)

Kennedy, Jelynn, Alex and Sammi. Sam also enjoyed his 10 great-grandkids.

Sam is preceded in death by his mother Virginia, his father Red, and his sister Sylvia.

MONTROSE COUNTY

## Public invited to open house on proposed junk ordinance changes

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Montrose County will host an open house on March 16 about proposed changes to the county's junk ordinance. The open house is at 6 p.m. at the Montrose County Public Works Conference Room, located at 63160 LaSalle Rd. in Montrose. Please note that the proposed junk ordinance does not apply to properties zoned as general agricultural, commercial, business or industrial. The ordinance is limited to properties zoned as general residential, manufactured home-park residential and multiple-family residential.

Montrose County adopted the current junk ordinance in 2015 and is working on updating the ordinance to better define processes, definitions and applicability. The county is seeking public feedback on the proposed changes. The ordinance has not been scheduled for consideration by the board of county commissioners at this time. The open

house will include a presentation on the proposed changes and an opportunity to speak with staff and commissioners.

To view an interactive map of zoning in the county, the public may visit [mcmmap.montrosecounty.net/zoning/](http://mcmmap.montrosecounty.net/zoning/). The current junk ordinance is available at [montrosecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/11416/2015-02-JUNK-ORDINANCE?bidId=](http://montrosecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/11416/2015-02-JUNK-ORDINANCE?bidId=)

The proposed junk ordinance is available at [montrosecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/18802/Draft-of-Proposed-Junk-Ordinance](http://montrosecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/18802/Draft-of-Proposed-Junk-Ordinance).

The following is a list of the major changes that are included in the proposed junk ordinance:

- The proposed revised ordinance adds properties in the mobile-home park zoning district, and all properties zoned general residential, not just those one acre or less.
- A definition of "complaint" has been added to clarify what information needs to be included

for the county to be able to move forward with a violation.

- A definition of "fence" has been added to help clarify what is considered acceptable screening.

- The definitions of "junk" and "rubbish" have been revised to more clearly distinguish between them.

- Language has been added to clarify where complaints are to be directed, and that the county is not obligated to investigate complaints that do not meet the definition.

- Notice requirements for enforcement are revised to limit a violator's ability to evade enforcement while still ensuring due process requirements are met.

- The penalty for violations of the ordinance has been updated from a Class A 2 Petty Offense to a civil infraction in accordance with Senate Bill 21-271.

- Language was added to provide for the effective date of any new ordinance and revocation of the current ordinance.

## Old ways of healing

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ing seasonal medicines. She's now offering a seasonal wellness box, with educational materials that help explain how to use her tinctures, herbs, salves and fire ciders. Sometimes there's a massage oil included, too, in her seasonal boxes.

Regarding her farm, it's a daily job. She's been tilling the clay-based soil, working to replace the microbes and adding compost teas to her land to nourish it. She already has a full rack of seed starts in preparation for spring. The continuous snows are not holding her back from her work. In fact, she hopes to have some things in the ground within the next few weeks.

She said anybody wishing to grow herbs doesn't have to do as much as she's doing. She said it's easy to have a plant or two outside of one's door, something that can add a medicinal benefit. In the old days, it was a way of life. Brandt only has 1.8 acres, and she's making the most out of her plot.

Anyone who'd like to speak with her can find her at the farmers markets in the West End this year, which will move to Naturita with Wild Gal's Market at some point. She'll also be at Ridgway markets, and of course hosting her Naturita Public Library talks.

"I can help with acute things, but not chronic things that require lifestyle change," she said.

To order her spring box and to learn more, those interested can visit her website, [www.cypress-roots.com](http://www.cypress-roots.com).

Brandt agrees she's living her purpose and passion. She loves living in Nucla, and her work is fulfilling. She wants the community to understand she is not growing marijuana. Some people have heard the phrase "medicinal herbs," and have made a connection to marijuana. That is not her way. She's simply growing herbs, the way grandmothers, medicine women and healers have for centuries. Brandt's work is bringing the old ways back, similar to the pioneer people or the Native Americans.

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The mobile DMV will be in Nucla March 20-21. (Courtesy image)

## Mobile DMV

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that portion for licensure.

No appointments are needed or available. The process is first-come, first-served. Trostel said people can plan for appointments to take about 20 minutes.

Nobody needs to go inside the fire hall. All of the work is done inside the big yellow RV.

Representatives in the mobile unit will be printing temporary 30-day licenses for people to take home — if they have all the

necessary paperwork together and qualify for the license. Then, a hard copy license will be mailed afterward to a person's post office box. Driver's licenses are good for five years, as is standard.

It's the first time the mobile unit has come to the West End. It will travel to Montezuma County next on March 22-23. Then, it moves to Archuleta County. Trostel said it's basically a southwest Colorado tour of service deserts.

### RECIPE

## Broccoli and bacon quiche is classic

### Broccoli and Bacon Quiche

Chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C., 5280 Culinary, LLC and Ace Hardware Grill Expert

**Yield:** Serves 4-6 people  
**Prep time:** 10 minutes  
**Cook Time:** 45-55 minutes

#### Ingredients:

- 1 9-inch deep-dish pie crust
- 6 whole, fresh XL eggs
- salt to taste (kosher or sea salt)
- black fresh ground pepper to taste
- dried (or fresh) Italian herb seasoning to taste
- 1 cup shredded Mexican four-cheese blend
- ¼ cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup buttermilk

- ½ cup heavy whipping cream
- 8 slices thick-cut applewood bacon, chopped and crisped
- 2 cups broccoli florets, blanched (briefly immersed in boiling water) and rough chopped
- 2 tbsp. fresh Italian parsley, washed and chopped

#### Cooking Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350° F. If using a frozen pie crust, remove the uncooked pie shell from the freezer, uncover and place on a cooking sheet pan. In a medium bowl, add the eggs, cream, buttermilk, salt and pepper and whisk together until combined. Add the cheese, Italian herbs and parsley to the egg mixture and mix to combine. Add

the chopped broccoli to the bottom of the pie shell. Add the chopped bacon on top of the broccoli, in the pie shell. Pour the egg mixture over the broccoli and bacon and mix with a fork to spread out ingredients. Place the cooking sheet pan with quiche into the 350°F oven, on the middle rack. Cook for 45-55 minutes, or until the center of the quiche is firm.

**Chef Tip:** If crust is becoming too dark for you, wrap outer crust with foil to keep crust from further browning. When done, cool for five minutes to set. Cut into slices and enjoy with some crispy Colorado potatoes or fresh fruit on the side.

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# Apple Core workshops

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that they can take home with them. While she'll have some of her regular, beloved apple varieties, she's got new ones to introduce too. She's bringing Twenty Ounce, Lawver and some other newly discovered varieties that are local and otherwise unknown — something quite exciting for those who keep up with Apple Core Project and its work.

What's more is that Nelson will also be sharing some very special apples in the form of a small supply of scion, which is new growth that is grafted into rootstock to make the baby tree. That scion is from the tree growing at Ute Indian Museum, specifically the Chipeta gravesite. The baby trees from that site will grow to produce apples that are crisp, purple and red in color, and ready in the fall (once they're mature enough to bear fruit.)

Those interested are encouraged to sign up online through the organization's website, [theapplecoreproject.org](http://theapplecoreproject.org), though they may also call or email Eggers at 970-708-3972 and [meggers73@gmail.com](mailto:meggers73@gmail.com).

Personal tree grafting knives are given to participants, and more root stock will be for sale at the sessions, which are to be held 1 to 4 p.m. on the event days.

Jane Thompson, vice president of the Rimrocker Historical Society, said the Apple Core work is a great thing.

"We love the Apple Core ladies," she told the Forum. "That has been one of the best projects that has come to our communities in a long



This vintage image shows apple picking in the Montrose area. (Photo courtesy of the Colorado State University archives)

time."

In the beginning, Thompson said she wasn't sure what the organization was trying to do. Now, she can't drive by a field without spotting an apple tree and wondering if Nelson or Eggers know about it. She added there are still some in the West End

who may not get that they're trying to save the old heirloom apples, but those that do "love it."

Rimrocker Historical Society has placed two Apple Core trees at the Uravan Ballpark. The Rimrocker ladies, too, personally have some of the trees.



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# Candis Staats signs

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ended up traveling there to watch a game. Next, coach asked if she wanted to come play for the Lopes, and she said "yes."

It was that easy.

Staats began playing in elementary school. She compared it to what Montrose West Recreation now calls "Little Dribblers." She continued through middle school and all of high school, except for one season when she had to move to Nevada for a short time.

"Now I don't know what I'd do without it," she said.

For her, being on the court is like "therapy." When Staats is playing basketball, nothing else matters.

"Something really terrible could be going on, and basketball is a vacation for me," she said. "It's a place to get out of my own head."

Staats wasn't certain of her latest stats over the weekend, but she does know what she's good at. That's getting the ball down low and making a good jump shot. She knows how to jump over everyone and just shoot.

She said Lamar will be good for her regardless. She's never been anywhere, and hasn't traveled at all. For her leaving and living more than eight hours away from home sounds exciting.

"It's an opportunity for me to

go alone and become my own person," she said.

Staats said Lamar is a school that has been successful at getting their players prepared for bigger schools. She said it's good especially for those like her, coming from a 1A school. But, Staats said even if the next level of sports doesn't happen for her after Lamar, she'll be ready to advance for academics anyway.

Her goal is to get a degree in criminal justice and then go to the police academy when she's 21. She wants to work for a police force.

Staats is grateful for her teammates. She said she grew closer with everyone this year, especially the juniors and seniors with whom she's played since they were all much younger.

She tried not to cry last weekend when the Mustangs got beat. She said she's spent more time with those girls than anyone else lately. And, it's hard to let go of representing Nucla.

But she knows it's not over for her.

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**WEST END MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BLOTTER**

2/23/2023

1048 Hours - Deputy took a theft report in the 27100 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1401 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 106 near Norwood for an accident.

1623 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Fifth Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

1744 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a traffic complaint.

1838 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Grape Street in Nucla for a traffic complaint. Lucas Neil, 35, was arrested for driving while impaired, open alcoholic beverage container, prohibited use of a weapon, and possession of a weapon by a previous offender.

2 VIN inspections  
1 school zone in Naturita  
2 civil processes attempted/served

2/24/2023

1154 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for found property.

1248 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Ivy Street in Nucla for a welfare check.

1324 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27100 block of DD Road near Nucla for a civil standby.

1355 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for an agency assist.

1357 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of West Eleventh Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

1853 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 59 near Naturita for a traffic complaint.

2229 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 4500 block of U5 Road near Paradox for suspicious activity.

2 VIN inspections

2/25/2023

0956 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 38000 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for an animal problem.

1651 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Porter Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

1802 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

1 directed patrol in Naturita

2/26/2023

0719 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28100 block of BB Road near Nucla for an overdue party.

0947 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28000 block of DD Road near Nucla for a theft report.

1139 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1150 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview at the intersection of Highway 145 and AA42 Road near Norwood.

1237 Hours - Ericka Just, 44, was contacted on Highway 145 mm 115 near Redvale and issued a warning for speeding.

1917 Hours - Deputy was dis-

patched to the intersection of Ivy Street and West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.

1 directed patrol in Nucla  
1 directed patrol in Naturita

2/27/2023

0723 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 500 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla.

1025 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of Sunny Circle in Naturita.

1350 Hours - Kenny Johnson, 44, was contacted in the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita and cited for careless driving and failing to stop at a stop sign.

1609 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 16700 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a civil matter.

1 VIN inspection  
1 follow-up report  
1 school zone in Naturita  
1 directed patrol in Nucla  
2 directed patrols in County  
1 directed patrol in Naturita  
2 civil processes attempted/served

2/28/2023

1012 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Adams Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint.

2132 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 10 near Paradox for an accident.

2 VIN inspections  
1 school zone in Naturita  
2 directed patrols in Nucla  
3 directed patrols in County

3/1/2023

0758 Hours - Deputy responded to the 700 block of West Eleventh Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

1026 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 400 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita.

1034 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla.

1621 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West First Avenue in Naturita for a medical assist.

1717 Hours - Deputy responded to Highway 90 for a suspicious vehicle. Randy Hercules, 36, was contacted on Highway 90 mm 30 near Naturita and arrested on an outstanding warrant.

1842 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Adams Street in Naturita for suspicious activity.

1 school zone in Naturita  
1 directed patrol in Nucla

**DEATH NOTICE**

Jack Skees passed away on February 23, 2023.

Funeral service is planned for March 23 at 11 PM at the Nucla Cemetery. Full obituary is expected to print next week.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### INVITATION TO BID

San Miguel County is requesting proposals for janitorial and cleaning services for facilities in Norwood: San Miguel County Fairgrounds & Regional Park. Interested contractors can get bid packets at the San Miguel County Website [www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov](http://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov), or contact DeeAnna Burbridge: 970-327-4321, [decannab@sanmiguelcountyco.gov](mailto:decannab@sanmiguelcountyco.gov). A mandatory pre-bid conference shall be scheduled by appointment. Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Fairgrounds Coordinators Office, 1165 Summit Street, or emailed to [smc-fairgrounds@sanmiguelcountyco.gov](mailto:smc-fairgrounds@sanmiguelcountyco.gov).

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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 Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to consider a special use application filed by Kursat Gokalp. Said application is a request to establish an RV Park. Subject property is zoned General Agricultural and located on a portion of parcel 401913100034 and located off of Highway 90 in Montrose County.

### Legal Description:

Section 13, Township 47 North, Range 19 West

### THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO OFFER COMMENT

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: SU22-014

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 HYPERLINK "mailto:trichmond@montrosecounty.net" trichmond@montrosecounty.net.

BY ORDER OF MONTROSE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P.O. Box 628, Nucla, CO 81424 has filed with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety an application for Technical Revision No. 106 (TR-106) to the New Horizon Mine Permit No. C-1981-008. TR-106 proposes to reduce the permit boundary to remove Phase III lands from the permit boundary. A portion of the area being requested to be released from the permit boundary lies within 100 feet of BB Road, and is located within the NW1/4, NE1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4 of Section 6, Township 46 North, Range 15 West of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, Montrose County, Colorado.

The New Horizon Mine office is located at 27646 West 5th Street, P.O. Box 628, Nucla, Colorado. The permit area contains tracts of land located in Section 6, Township 46 North; Range 15 West; Section 31, Township 47 North, Range 15 West; Section 1 Township 46 North, Range 16 West; Section 36 Township 47 North, Range 16 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, Montrose County, Colorado. The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on USGS 7.5 minute Nucla Quadrangle map.

A copy of the complete technical revision application is available for public inspection at the Montrose County Courthouse Annex, Nucla, Colorado. Written comments, objections, or a request for a public hearing to determine the interests of the public and affected landowner by this technical revision can be submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, Telephone (303) 866-3567. Should a hearing be requested, it will be held within the locality of the New Horizon Mine. All comments, objections and request for public hearings must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety within 30 days after the publication of the above notice.

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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.nrfpd@gmail.com](mailto:dstarks.nrfpd@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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Square Dance Lessons

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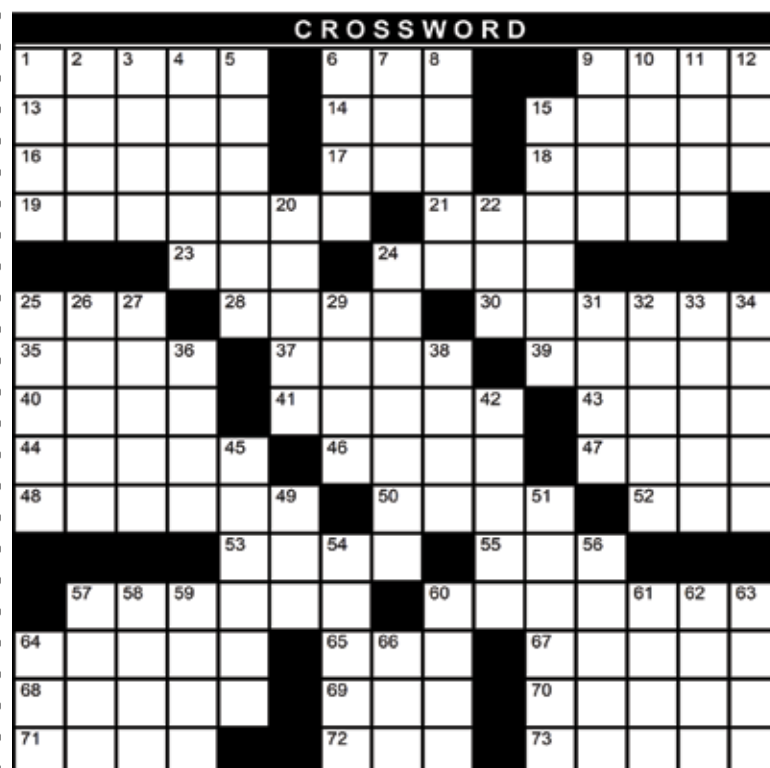
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- \*Player's target
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- Former name of Tokyo
- Formed a curve
- \*One-\_\_\_-\_\_\_ rule
- \*Last year's NCAA men's tournament winner
- Lenon's wife
- E-mail command

- Bug spray brand
- "By \_\_\_ of" or "by means of"
- Like certain floss
- Life stories, for short
- Gulf War missile
- Dough
- Tiny purse or case
- Mandarin's headquarters
- Like an omelette
- Jaunty rhythms
- Derived from capable
- Party in Maui
- Trouser measurement
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- \*Encouragement from coach
- Foretell
- Lt.'s subordinate

- \*J in NJCAA
- \*Gambling scheme
- Dick Van Dyke's "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ a Happy Face"
- Freudian topic
- Kind of ray
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- Type of salmon
- College entrance exam
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- Precedes sesame
- Power system
- Botch
- Marcona nut
- Curved molding
- Endorsement
- Call forth
- Not his
- Aquarium show star
- Mine deposits
- Water lily leaf
- One behind the other
- \*Like crowd of fans?
- "\_\_\_ the crowd goes wild!"
- Misstep
- Obelus, pl.
- Oddball's attempt? (2 words)
- \*Each player gets 5 before disqualification
- \*Org.
- Witty Coward
- Dress up or deck out (2 words)
- Blue-Green scum
- \*Easiest shot?
- Location
- Hero shop
- Never say what?
- Abduction of the \_\_\_ Women, Roman myth
- Farm call
- Bewitch
- One step to success?
- Close call
- Elliot Page's 2007 role
- Home of Jazz
- Unacceptable, to a baby
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