

## EDUCATION

### Colorado Grand makes local grant, scholarship

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Representatives of the Rim-rocker Historical Society announced last week they are excited about a new \$10,000 scholarship for a graduating senior of Nucla High School this year — or also a homeschooled student from the community. The new scholarship is made possible by The Colorado Grand, an annual classic car charity tour that makes grants.

Jane Thompson, of the Rim-rocker Historical Society, told the Forum The Colorado Grand came through Nucla in September of 2022 for a short coffee stop on a tour of Telluride, Durango and other places showcasing their vintage, 1960 and earlier automobiles.

"They were lined up and down Main Street, and they were so excited to have the students from NHS come up and visit with them and check out their vintage cars," Thompson said. "Normally as part of their ride every year they give this scholarship to the high school in the towns that provide lunch or dinner meals. This is a first for a town that just provides a stop for coffee and donuts."

As it happened, one student, who will remain unnamed and is from Nucla High School, reached out to officials from The Colorado Grand and asked about the possibility of students in the West End applying for one of their scholarships. They were so impressed with this student's request that they decided to make one available.

Thompson has handled some details and has emailed the application for the scholarship to West End Schools Superintendent Clint Wytulka. Wytulka is disseminating the information to the administration and graduating seniors, so that they may apply for the opportunity.

"Again, we are honored to be able to facilitate this for a student graduating from Nucla High School — or a homeschooling senior," Thompson said. "This group was very generous to our community, and we appreciate their visit very much."

Malisha Reed, the Nucla High School principal, said on Sunday the school administration was appreciative of the local scholarship and the The Colorado Grand's generosity.

"We are very proud of our students and their ability to interact

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Paradox Valley School will close down this spring. (Photo by Heather Gunn)

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### PVS will shut down this spring

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Last Thursday, principal of Paradox Valley School (PVS) Heather Gunn told the San Miguel Basin Forum that due to low enrollment numbers, compounded by financial and operational constraints, the charter school will shut down. The school's board of directors determined that the responsible choice was to close PVS at the end of the

2022-23 school year. Its last day will be May 18, 2023.

"PVS is committed to working in partnership with its authorizer, West End Public Schools District, to facilitate the closure and, more importantly, to help students and families explore educational options for the 2023-24 school year," Gunn said in a press release last week. "As part of this commitment, PVS will coordinate with Naturita Elementary and Nucla Middle/High School

in the coming weeks to schedule a school tour for PVS students. This will provide PVS students with the opportunity to explore this option and meet/interact with students and school staff."

The PVS board of directors is planning to host two town hall meetings for the public. The first will be April 20 at 6 p.m., and the second will be on May 11 at 6 p.m. Both will be held at Paradox Valley School.

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## DARK SKIES

### Dark Sky Week ends April 22, Earth Day

Special to the FORUM

Dark Sky Week, an annual event sponsored by the newly christened Dark Sky International (formerly the International Dark Sky Association-IDA), brings awareness to not only the beauty of the night sky but its importance to physical, mental and emotional health, along with health of wildlife, livestock, pollinating insects, plants and even some aquatic life.

The doctored picture shows the difference between what people have right now when stepping outside, and what could happen if care is not taken to control excessive exterior lighting in this region. Once polluted, it is nearly impossible to return to "times before." It's like unscrambling an egg.

Excessive light is taking over the world. About 80 percent of the world's population cannot see the Milky Way where they live. They see something worse than the right-side picture. Here, people can see

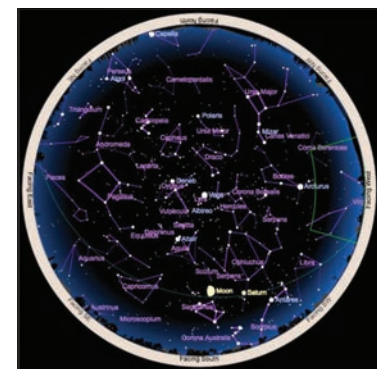
the Milky Way before the sunset ends. All are encouraged to try it next month as it is on its way. For the last month, it's been visible just before the dawn at the tail of constellation Scorpio.

How very lucky we are. There's lots of talk these days about the 1 percent; Locals in this region are a 1 percent; few have this, a dark night sky.

After a difficult day, a few moments looking at the stars has a calming effect, something confirmed by scientific studies. It's good therapy. It literally puts people at the center of the universe. It's an ancient heritage with a great folklore. The image of the pioneer cowhand, hard day over, campfire in coals, leaning back on the saddle, blanket under his head, getting a dose of starlight before sleep.

This region has become a focus for folks trying to preserve the night sky by reducing light contamination. It's like white top, a little is OK, but 100 acres of it? A contam-

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These images show the contrast in what the dark sky looks like now from the local area, versus what it could look like if people don't take care of light contamination. (Courtesy images)

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

### Young Mustang baseball team hard at work

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Nucla High School baseball team, a combined team with kids from Norwood and even one from Telluride, is hard at work. Practices started Feb. 28 for the Mustangs, and already, as of press time, they'd played nine games this season.

Head coach Randy Gabriel told the Forum on Monday they're a young team, with just 13 kids out. They were 4-5 on Tuesday but headed to a game at Grand Valley that day.

Gabriel is no stranger to coaching high school baseball. He coached 1991-98 and came back in 2106. He's assisted by Kelly Arnold, of Nucla, and Ben Kirk, of Norwood.

Seniors this year are P.J. Hulst, of Telluride High School, and Tony Holguin, of Norwood High School. Holguin was injured in football but still a part of Mustang baseball, even though he cannot play.

Freshmen now are Brycen Rummel, Owen Tackett and Coulter Shumway. Sophomores are Joshua Platt, Jake Hulst, Paxtin Caruso and Hasten Sutherland. Juniors are Steele Arnold, Joseph Casillas, Hemmy O'Brien and Owen Dinsmore.

"We need a lot of games," coach said. "We have kids thrust into spots they've never been in."

He added for baseball the team plays 2A and 3A teams that are tough. The Mustangs fell to Cedaredge, and last Friday Ignacio, 11-1, though they recently beat Olathe and Sanford.

Gabriel said the guys do well. "They work hard, and they listen," he said. "We've made way too many errors all year. They're young and not confident to make plays, but they work hard and do everything we ask. I couldn't ask for a better group of kids."

With eight games left, the Mustangs have four double-headers coming right up. The guys play Dove Creek at home on Saturday, and Rangely next Friday. On May 2, they face Ignacio, followed by districts.

Coach said the Mustangs have to pick up the pace.

Mustang baseball has a strong reputation. Since 2014, they've made it to the state's final eight. Coach admitted that's an achievement, but said it's not fair to compare the current team to the past.

"They need time," he said. "That's our motto: try to improve and get better everyday."

This season's weather didn't

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## MONTROSE COUNTY

# Commissioners decline funds

## SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Montrose County Board of County Commissioners approved a letter to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) declining the acceptance of congressionally directed funding to be passed through the agency. In 2022, the county was awarded \$7.725 million via a congressionally directed spending request approved by Congress. Since being notified of the award in March of 2022, the county has worked continuously to finalize documentation required by USDA. Unfortunately, the terms and conditions required by USDA have been determined to not be in the best interest of the project, the county or the community as a whole.

“Disappointment is an understatement for how I am feeling now,” said Commissioner Roger Rash two weeks ago in a press release. “The courthouse is near and dear to my heart. I was hopeful that this funding would be a big boost to the project, but it is just more federal red tape that could potentially cause issues in the end. We are continuing to look at alternative ways to make this project happen.”

Although the award was announced as totaling \$7.725 million, the USDA chose to utilize a “last dollar” approach to funding, whereby any savings under estimated construction cost would belong to the USDA. This approach differs from typical grant awards where funds are awarded on a prorated basis. The end result for the courthouse project was that, depending on project cost, the county may have received little if any of the awarded amount, despite having to accept all federal requirements.

Additionally, USDA required all contracts, including those between the county and its own

architect and contractors, to be reviewed and approved by USDA. Project oversight was to be assigned to a USDA architect based in Hawaii with any project change orders, including those during construction, to require their approval. Assigning this level of authority to a remotely located architect unfamiliar with the building and project would most certainly cause further project delays.

Another major concern was that of qualified bidders. USDA staff informed the county to expect only firms located in urban areas to qualify as bidders due to contract requirements. Awarding to distantly located firms would have escalated project costs without the guarantee of federal funds to offset added expenses. As a local project, funded with local dollars, the county wants to preserve the opportunity for local and regional firms to participate in the project. The county firmly believes there are qualified contractors in the region that deserve the right to bid on a locally funded project. The county is not willing to accept the requirement to send project dollars out of the community without affording local firms the opportunity to bid.

Montrose County is greatly appreciative of Senator Hickenlooper’s efforts to secure this funding for the project, but after significant debate believes it is in the best interest of the county and community to decline the funding. The cumulative effect of USDA requirements could have resulted in increased expenses without corresponding revenue. The bottom line result could have been a financial net negative for the project.

At this time, the county is exploring options to advance the courthouse renovation utilizing standard bidding and contracting practices.

## Baseball team

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help matters, since snow and mud prevented use of the fields. The guys had to find patches of outfield that were good enough to practice on, but they did get outside and get to work.

Coach said he’s grateful for the kids on the current team. He’s proud of their work ethic.

“That’s all we can ask,” he said. “Just try to improve and get better every day.”

He’s also appreciative of Arnold and Kirk. He said Arnold was instrumental in taking the reins in 2021, when Gabriel suffered a car accident. Arnold stepped up and handled regionals and more to get the team through the end of that season.

“He’s always there with any-

thing I need help with,” he said, “and being athletic director does a great job.”

Kirk has been on board since 2017 and drives kids from Norwood to Nucla for practices.

“He does everything we need,” coach said. “He’s very loyal to Nucla baseball. These (coaches) definitely contribute to our success.”

Gabriel will be coaching all day Saturday and miss another important game, his son’s. Will Gabriel’s college baseball team, the UCCS Mountain Lions, will face Colorado Mesa University this weekend. They play Friday through Sunday, though, and coach said he will be attending the other days, especially since if things go as planned, Will Gabriel will get to pitch Sunday.

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society The Vestal House, Part 3

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*



This image shows the first load of grain hauled into Nucla in 1905 by M. D. Bowen. On the load is Bowen holding the reins with an unknown child beside him. Next is Joe Weimer and Johnny Cooper. Standing is Lincoln Vestal with children, Clifford Cooper and Evelyn Cooper. Johnny Cooper is the son of John Cooper, and Clifford and Evelyn are the children of Cornelius Cooper. Joe Weimer would grow up and marry Mr. Vestal’s daughter Leah.

(Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

The Vestal family and the Cooper brothers’ families had joined the Colorado Cooperative Company and had all assumed important positions in it. In 1904, the Colorado Cooperative Company celebrated, after their hard work of 10 years, the water finally arriving on the Tabeguache Park. In the spring of 1905, the colonists would make a mass move to the Park and would begin building up the new town of Nucla.

But a tragedy would strike the Cooper family. From the Montrose Press of January 7, 1904: “James Cooper, an old member of the Cooperative colony at Pinon, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1904, of pneumonia. Mr. Cooper drove one of the four-horse teams over the divide and was well known by the business men of Montrose. The sympathy of many is given to the wife and son who are both seriously ill with the same disease. His brothers, John and Con Cooper, architects of Pueblo, arrived Monday to be with the bereaved family.”

A week later from the Montrose Enterprise: “Mr. John Cooper of Pueblo paid a pleasant visit to the press office, and we are glad to learn that Mrs. James Cooper, his sister-in-law, and son who have been so seriously ill with pneumonia at Pinon are very much improved. Mr. Cooper left for Pueblo Tuesday.”

Although James Cooper has nothing to do with the Vestal House, he is an important part of the story, because it his descendants, against many odds, who have remained in the community,

and we will talk more about them as we end this story.

Up until James died, he was the brother who was written most about in the newspapers, and brother John was in the news some. But after James’ death, Cornelius became one of the important names in the news, and he and Lincoln Vestal became very important Nucla businessmen.

In September 8, 1905: “C. O. Cooper has now the neatest and most up-to-date store building in town. He expects to stock up with hardware and builders’ supplies.”

September 26, 1905: “C.O. Cooper has completed his contract of lumber hauling for J. C. Swan’s new residence on 8th Ave. and W. 2nd St.”

October 13, 1905: “Dr. Cross has made several trips to Nucla ... attending the case of C. O. Cooper, who has an attack of typhoid pneumonia.”

February 16, 1906: “C.O. Cooper is now convalescing rapidly ...”

Lincoln Vestal was also making news at this time. July 14, 1905: “The board of directors recently elected by the stockholders of the Colorado Cooperative Company at the annual meeting ... has chosen L. Vestal as general manager of the company ...”

Aug 25, 1905: “The lumber for the C. C. Co. office, to be located on S. E. Corner of Center Avenue and E. Second Street, is on the ground ready for erection. Lumber is being delivered for L. Vestal’s two-story residence, the upper story to be used for rooms.”

September 8, 1905: “Mr. Vestal says the company mill is cutting lumber right along, and that there is about 40,000 feet of clear and second-clear lumber in the mill yards now, all of which is good.”

September 26, 1905: “Manager Vestal and his family have moved into their new house on Center Ave.”

By 1907, L. Vestal had resigned as manager of the C. C. Co. and was devoting his time to his own businesses. He added a warehouse on the north end of his residence and store building where he had his furniture store. He stocked furniture, carpets and curtains.

Also, by 1907, C. Cooper was making his mark with his businesses. He had a decent freighting business, and his hardware store was booming. In June of 1907, he had brought in a train carload of mowers and rakes.

In an article from the Norwood Record, “Alex Haroldson, who has recently bought out Mr. Lee of Naturita, was a caller at Nucla Wednesday, not far short of buying out the entire town. A goodly supply of groceries from the C. C. Company’s store, considerable furniture from L. Vestal’s and a range with innumerable other small stuff from C. O. Cooper, made a good wagon load of stuff in all, which Mr. Cooper delivered on Thursday. Come again, neighbor.”

We continue to see the lives of both of these families as they become more settled into the business of growing Nucla. Next week, their businesses and influence continue to grow ... To be continued.

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OBITUARY

# Daniel Ralph Morgan

Dec. 22, 1931 — April 9, 2023

Daniel Ralph Morgan was born in Nucla on Dec. 22, 1931, to Frank L. and Mary E. (Ainsworth) Morgan. He was raised on Second Park and talked most about the good and simple life they lived there and the adventures he and his best friend, Vernon Impson, had when they were teenagers. It's amazing that those two were neither killed or jailed during those years ...

Daniel met Jacqueline J. Montgomery when her family moved to Naturita for her dad's mining job and she started school in Nucla. Daniel said that the first time he saw Jackie walking across the street, he turned to Vernon and said, "I'm going to marry that girl." And he did. They were married on June 1, 1952, in Nucla and lived on the Second Park ranch in the winter, and were sheep herders on the Little Cone mountain place during the summer.

Daniel was drafted into the Army in 1955 during the Korean conflict and was a communication center specialist stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. Daniel was less than thrilled when he was drafted into the Army, but was very proud to be a veteran in his later years. Jackie and their two children, Valerie and Mark, eventually joined him at Fort Benning and lived in base housing until Daniel's discharge in 1957, when they moved

back to Nucla. They lived in Nucla until 1961, when they moved and bought Daniel's Aunt Grace Wagner's ranch south of Norwood.

Daniel and Jackie raised their family, farmed the ranch and raised cattle until the late 1970s when Daniel also went to work for the Norwood Sawmill and then William's Construction. They sold the ranch and moved to Redvale in 1984. Daniel then farmed his Redvale farm and worked for his good friend, Mario Zadra, for the next 25 years until he lost his sight to macular degeneration. He often said working for Mario was his ideal job — he could do what he loved to do (farm) and not have to worry about the money (or lack thereof) part of farming.

Daniel's lifelong loves were farming and ranching, visiting with friends and family, reading and attending the sheepdog trials in Meeker, Colorado every fall. He attended the trials for 34 years and was a dog sponsor for the last 15 years. He especially enjoyed visiting with the dog handlers and sheep people that attended.

After he lost his sight, Daniel continued to read, listening to the books sent by the Colorado Talking Book Library until his death on April 9, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Frank, and sister, Gracie; his wife



Daniel Ralph Morgan.

of 61 years, Jackie; and five of his children, Valerie, Mark, Katrina, Morene and Joe.

He is survived by his daughters, Twyla (Jay D.) Jensen and Danie Hewlett; and his son, Thomas; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Daniel's name to the Colorado Talking Book Library, which provides free books and publications at no charge to sight-impaired and blind Coloradoans.

OBITUARY

# Trent Christopher Linville

Oct. 7, 1972 — March 23, 2023

Trent Christopher Linville was born Oct. 7, 1972, in Grand Junction to Michael Linville and Clara Fe Story. He had four sisters, Tuesday, Phyllicia, Melodie and Debbie; and two brothers, Travis and Anthony. He married Maggie Nally in 1990, and they had five children, Natasha (Punky), Christopher, Amanda, Christian and Jazzmin. He and Maggie divorced after 20 years of marriage. Trent was a heavy-equipment operator for most of his life and took pride in his work; however, after sustaining an injury, which caused him to become disabled, he spent the remainder of his time being a wonderful, supportive father to his children and a loving grandfather to his granddaughter, Kaidynce Stewart, who was the light of his life.

He enjoyed simple things like gardening, coin collecting, and watching classic movies. He was very active in Kaidynce's life, and she often asked to spend every weekend with him. She has said many times that her grandpa was the man in her life because he helped raise her. Trent was a devoted father and grandfather, and though he did not have much to offer financially or physically, he understood and practiced loving his family unconditionally, and there was nothing that he wouldn't do for them.

Trent was preceded in death by his sister, Phyllicia, and daughter, Jazzmin.

A memorial to celebrate the life of Trent Linville took place at the Nucla Fire Hall on April 8.

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# Gordon Brock

Nov. 23, 1925 — Dec. 15, 2022

Gordon Raymond Brock passed away Dec. 15, 2022, at his home in Mesquite, Nevada. He was 97 years old. Gordon was born on Nov. 23, 1925, in Norwood. He was the ninth child of 10 born to James and Edna Merle Brock. Gordon's childhood was not idyllic. His mother died when he was nine, and his father abandoned the family soon after. His life before that had been a series of moves from place to place and very little money to live on. Not much changed for Gordon during his years growing up in the West End of Colorado. He even lived alone at 10 years old for a summer in Nucla. He had a milk cow for his use and a charge account at the Nucla Mercantile for bread that his older brother Bill had set up. Something extremely unusual was in his heart and soul, for despite his difficult circumstances, Gordon always worked very hard. He graduated Nucla High School in 1943 and then joined the U.S. Navy in the winter of 1944 and served two years in the Signal Gang onboard the USS Attu, a small supply aircraft carrier that went all over the South Pacific during WWII. Gordon got home to Nucla in May of 1946.

He married Julia Eva Cooper on June 15, 1947, at her parent's home in Nucla. Gordon worked



Gordon Brock.

as a uranium driller until the couple moved to California in 1951, where he worked in the heat-treating industry in LA and then San Diego. Their daughter Debra was born in 1951, and their son Earl was born in 1954. They spent the 18 years they lived in California dune-bugging in the desert, and boating on the Colorado River at Yuma, AZ.

In 1973 they moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, and Gordon went to work for Ready Ice until he retired in 1986. They then traveled with friends in their fifth-wheel camper all over the U.S. and spent time with their children, grandsons

and extended family.

In 1994, they sold the Las Vegas house and moved back to their roots in Nucla. Gordon helped his brother-in-law on the Cooper Ranch, where they enjoyed picnics, family reunions, card parties, dances, gardening and rodeos.

In 1999 they decided to move back to the desert to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They bought a new house in Mesquite, Nevada. Gordon could not stay idle for long. Once he got his new yard set up, he went to work at the El Rancho Market in Mesquite, bagging ice part-time. This turned into an almost full-time job that lasted 12 years, stocking shelves and unloading trucks. His work ethic was still strong at age 86. He only quit working because the store closed.

Gordon is survived by his son, Earl Brock, of Mesquite, Nevada; three grandsons, Jake Torre (Vanessa) of San Marcos, CA, Joe Torre of Sitka, AK, and Pat Torre (Sarah) of Wheaton, IL. There are nine great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings; his wife of 68 years, Judy; and his daughter, Debra. Graveside services will take place June 17, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Nucla Cedar Ridge Cemetery.



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**Peewee wrestling**



Rob McCabe coaches peewee wrestling in Nucla for the little ones. (Photo by Sara Bachman)

**On the field**



**Above:** Nucla's Steele Arnold (2) pitches during 2A/1A San Juan Basin League varsity action last Friday afternoon, April 14, at Ignacio.

**Below:** First baseman Paxtin Caruso lands upon the bag and retires Ignacio's Rylan Maez. (Photos courtesy of Joel Priest, Southern Ute Drum)

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# PVS shut down

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Interested community members are encouraged to attend. Questions for the PVS board of directors and leadership team must be submitted in advance, no later than April 17 and May 8, respectively, for consideration. The PVS board and leadership team will not answer questions that are not submitted by these deadlines.

Gunn told the Forum last Friday that families are feeling sad. She said they're "obviously upset about the closure." She said at the same time, the majority of them also understand the reasons.

Gunn said she's not sure what

the future holds for her personally. She said she moved to Paradox last summer to run the school and with the shut-down she's not sure where she'll be going forward. Still, she has options and the freedom to relocate. But, she will be staying in the local area through the summer season to wrap up Paradox Valley School's final business. She told the Forum she will stay until September.

West End Superintendent Clint Wytulka gave a statement to the Forum last Friday afternoon.

"The Paradox Valley School board has recently made the decision to voluntarily close the charter, due to trending low enrollment numbers, and finan-

cial responsibility," Wytulka said. "This was an incredibly difficult decision for them to make, and it did not come lightly or without tremendous effort and heartache. I can say that this has been a very difficult process for everyone involved, and the PVS board has been diligent in finding ways to keep the school open."

Wytulka acknowledged the change might be difficult for those having to leave PVS.

"We also understand that the families of the current students at PVS are being impacted by this decision, and we will work with those families to create a smooth transition moving into the upcoming school year."



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# Dark Sky Week

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inated field is unfit for just about anything useful.

Awareness of the need to reduce light contamination began in 2015 when some folks in Norwood began the process to make the town the first Dark Sky Community on the Western Slope, and second in the state in 2019. Ridgway and Nulca-Naturita followed in 2020 and 2021, respectively. An umbrella organization, the Western Slope Dark Sky Coalition was formed in 2021 to help raise funds and support groups who have Dark Sky designations, or are applying for them.

Currently, the coalition is supporting a citizen's group working to turn all of San Miguel County into a

Dark Sky Reserve, something never done before. Other groups in Colorado are working on community and reserve designations.

This June will be the fifth year of a Dark Sky Month proclamation by the governor. The Colorado legislature has passed a bill providing financial support for the state's organization, Dark Sky Colorado, and other bills are being considered. All representatives in the U.S. Congress support Dark Sky efforts.

Highlighting the importance of reducing excessive light, Dark Sky Colorado has sent a letter to CDPHE asking that light pollution be added to the list of environmental threats. Right now, massive bird migrations are crossing Colorado; they navigate by moonlight. Excessive light

confuses them, sending them off course to certain death. That's why we ask that outdoor lights be turned off if at all possible for at least the rest of April and first part of May.

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# Local scholarship

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and impress organizations such as The Colorado Grand," Reed said. "At graduation, we will have the honor of announcing which graduating senior was chosen for their \$10,000 scholarship."

Thompson said in addition to the new scholarship award that is now underway, The Colorado Grand previously invited non-profits in the West End to apply for private grants. Then, the Rimrocker Historical Society was a recipient of a \$10,000 grant, which is helping with the move of the nonprofit's museum from Naturita to Nucla.

Thompson said the Rimrock-

ers "so appreciate the wonderful grant that came from The Colorado Grand."

"The whole community enjoyed meeting everyone, and the Rimrockers were honored to sponsor your coffee stop," she said.

The Colorado Grand was established in 1989 by Bob Sutherland, of the Front Range. The tour generates more than \$500,000 in annual grants for small communities. The Colorado Grand holds its tour in September, during the peak season of the fall colors. The event is noncompetitive, includes approximately 85 cars, covers 1,000 miles and is completed in about five days.

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**4/7/2023**  
2051 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Elm Street in Naturita for a 911.  
2052 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a disturbance.  
2240 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Elm Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint.  
2318 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Main Street in Naturita for multiple noise complaints.  
2356 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita for an alarm.  
1 VIN inspection  
1 directed patrol in Naturita

**4/8/2023**  
1005 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for trespassing.  
1436 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.  
2224 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for multiple noise complaints.  
1 directed patrol in Nucla  
2 directed patrols in Naturita

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1637 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31200 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a medical assist.  
1754 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35600 block of Highway 145 near Norwood for an agency assist.

**4/10/2023**  
1023 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a theft report.  
1208 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a harassment report.  
1458 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 29900 block of DD Road near Nucla.  
1551 Hours - Deputy took a lost property report in the 800 block of Grape Street in Nucla.  
2137 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pool Avenue in Naturita for an information report.  
1 VIN inspection  
2 directed patrols in Nucla  
1 directed patrol in Naturita

**4/11/2023**  
0757 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint.

0906 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Porter Street in Naturita for an abandoned vehicle.  
1048 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 7200 block of W5 Road near Bedrock for a trespassing report.  
1110 Hours - Sarah Lewiecki, 27, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 59 near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.  
1121 Hours - Deputy took an information report the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita.  
1133 Hours - Jonathan Pfifer, 44, was contacted in the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita and arrested on two outstanding warrants and for prohibited use of a weapon, possession of a weapon by a previous offender, possession of a financial transaction device, possession of identification documents, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence of drugs, driving under restraint, failed to provide insurance, and failed to provide registration.  
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3 VIN inspections  
1 school zone in Naturita  
1 directed patrol in County  
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**LEGAL PUBLICATION**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION**

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety proposes to approve Technical Revision Application No. 106 (TR-106) for the New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008), submitted by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, L.L.C. TR-106 proposes to reduce the permit boundary to remove Phase III released areas.

The New Horizon Mine is a/an surface coal mine located in Montrose County, approximately 1.7 miles NW of Nucla, Colorado. Coal interest is private, and the surface affected is private land. The permit area encompasses approximately 345.85 acres.

This proposed decision is based on a finding of whether the proposed operation will comply with all requirements of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act, Section 3433101, et seq., C.R.S., and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

The revision application, as well as all other permit documents, can be viewed at <https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/drms/search.aspx> by searching C1981008 in the "Permit No" field. A user guide is available to help first time users of the imaged document system and can be viewed at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/118OUdf\\_Mpjo3kxIHkP5hMH-w7MeBtxX7/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/118OUdf_Mpjo3kxIHkP5hMH-w7MeBtxX7/view).

Persons with an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may request a formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board on the proposed decision. Such request must be made within ten (10) days of the date following initial publication of this notice, must be in writing, and must state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and the objections to the proposed decision.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**2023 REAL PROPERTY NOTICE OF VALUATION**

For tax year 2023, county assessors throughout Colorado are required by law to reappraise all real property to reflect a June 30, 2022 level of value.

By May 1, 2023, the Montrose County Assessor will mail Notices of Valuation to all real property owners in the county. Properties are classified and valued according to the use and status of property characteristics that existed as of January 1, 2023. Residential property values are derived strictly from the market approach to valuation. Property owners are encouraged to carefully review their 2023 Notice of Valuation, keeping in mind that the 2023 actual values reflect the difference between the June 30, 2020 and the June 30, 2022 levels of value, not current market values. Values were based on sales of comparable properties within your property's local real estate market.

From May 1 through June 8, owners of real property may appeal the value or classification established by the assessor. Appeals may be filed by mail, email, fax, or in person between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday. The Montrose County Assessor's Office is located in the Montrose County Courthouse at 320 S. 1st St., Room 9 (Courthouse - lower level), Montrose, CO.

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To better serve you, we are requesting appointments be made. To schedule an appointment, please call 970-249-3753. Appeals can also be mailed to PO Box 1186, Montrose, CO 81402, emailed to [HYPERLINK "mailto:assessor@montrosecounty.net"](mailto:assessor@montrosecounty.net) assessor@montrosecounty.net or faxed to 970-252-4559. To view property/assessment information online, please visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.montrosecounty.net/assessor"](http://www.montrosecounty.net/assessor) <http://www.montrosecounty.net/assessor>.

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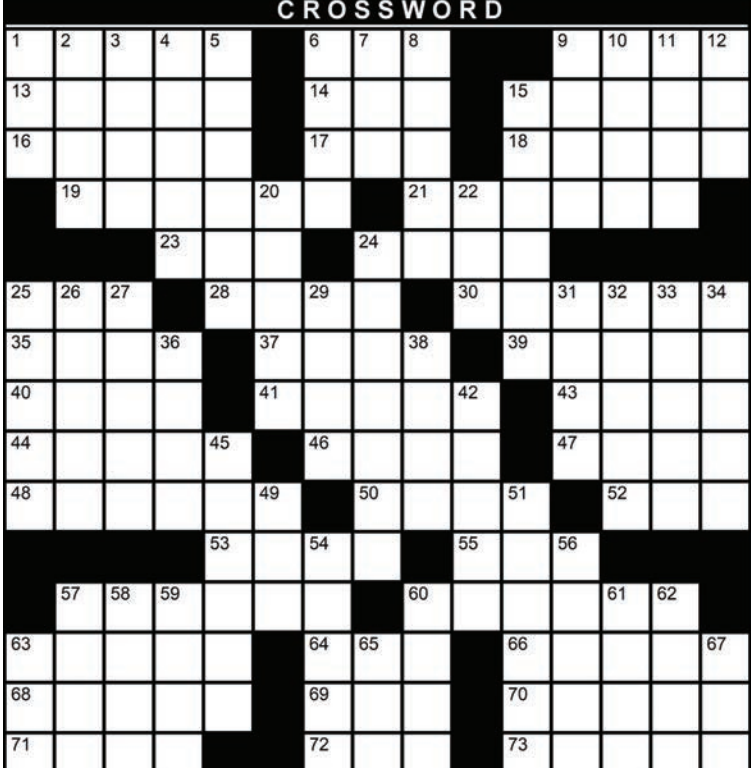
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  - \*Rose \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ variety
  - LDS missionary
  - Cacophony
  - Goodbye, to amiga
  - Gaelic-speaking Celts
  - Mozart's "L' \_\_\_ del Cairo"
  - Courage to go on
  - Fitness centers
  - Drenched
  - Not a trick
- DOWN**
- On behalf of
  - "Fine by me"
  - \*Basket \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ study
  - \*Adam's \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ pie
  - Finely-spun cotton threads
  - Eagle's foot
  - Workout unit
  - Slightly drunk
  - "Doggone it!"
  - College drilling org.
  - 1/36th of a yard
  - "\_\_\_, humbug!"
  - #15 Down, pl.
  - Come to pass
  - Feline
  - Fissure
  - \*Silly \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ down
  - Church part, pl.
  - Antiquity of the past
  - \*Southwest \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ Minor
  - Lou of The Velvet Underground
  - Rainbow swimmer
  - \*Free \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ hour
  - Glorify
  - Weighted weapon
  - Nevada Wolf Pack's home
  - Cuban dance
  - 1.094 of a yard, pl.
  - \*Doctor \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ knows?
  - Description of a fool
  - Irish name of Ireland
  - Give qualities or money
  - Very bright star
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Solution to Last Week's Sudoku

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3	4	1	7	9	5	2	6	8
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<p><b>\$5.49</b> Best Foods 30 oz. Select Varieties Mayonnaise</p> <p><b>2/7</b> Food Club 48 oz. Select Varieties Premium Ice Cream</p>	<p><b>\$2.99</b> Food Club 16 oz. Select Varieties Block Cheese</p> <p><b>\$2.99</b> Oscar Mayer 3.3-10.7 oz. Assorted Lunchables... <b>2/\$4</b></p>	<p><b>\$3.79</b> Nabisco 7.04-10 oz. Select Varieties Snacks</p>
<p><b>\$5.99</b> Cheez-It or Ruffles 21 oz. or 12 ct. Select Varieties Snacks</p> <p><b>\$3.99</b> Doritos 8-10.75 oz. Select Varieties Chips</p> <p><b>3/7</b> On the Border 4.6-5.7 oz. Select Varieties Chips</p> <p><b>\$3.79</b> Lay's 8.12-13 oz. Select Varieties Party Size Chips</p> <p><b>\$3.79</b> Cheez-It 5.75-12.4 oz. Select Varieties Crackers</p> <p><b>\$7.99</b> Welch's 40 ct. Select Varieties Fruit Snacks</p>	<p><b>\$3.79</b> Ritz Toasted Chip</p> <p><b>\$3.79</b> BelVita</p> <p><b>\$3.79</b> Newtons</p>	

**Pepsi 12-Pack Cans ..... 3/\$15**

**Pepsi 6-Pack Bottles ... 3/\$10**

## HAPPY EARTH DAY 4.22.23

<p><b>\$3.99</b> LB. Boneless Beef Rump Roast</p> <p><b>89¢</b> LB. All Natural Chicken Drumsticks or Thighs</p> <p><b>\$4.99</b> EA. Bar S 32-48 oz. Select Varieties Franks or Sausages</p> <p><b>\$7.99</b> EA. Fast Fixin' 22.75 oz. Select Varieties Breaded Chicken or Steak</p>	<p><b>\$1.99</b> LB. Bone-In Boston Butt Pork Roast</p> <p><b>\$9.99</b> LB. Beef T-Bone Steaks</p> <p><b>\$1.79</b> LB. Bone-In Assorted Pork Chops</p> <p><b>\$1.59</b> EA. Bar S 16 oz. Select Varieties Franks</p>	<p><b>BUY 1 GET 1 FREE</b> OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE Ad Retail \$4.99 lb. Boneless Pork Tenderloins</p>
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<p><b>2/4</b> 11 oz. Pkg. Juicy Blueberries</p> <p><b>\$1.29</b> LB. Large Crisp Pink Lady or Fuji Apples</p> <p><b>\$2.99</b> Moriani 6 oz. Raisins</p> <p><b>\$1.50</b> Large Whole Celery</p>	<p><b>\$1.29</b> LB. Red Cluster Tomatoes</p> <p><b>89¢</b> LB. Large Choice Navel Oranges</p>	<p><b>\$1.49</b> LB. Crisp &amp; Sweet D'Anjou Pears</p> <p><b>\$2.99</b> EA. 6 oz. Pkg. Sweet Blackberries or Golden Berries</p> <p><b>\$2.99</b> EA. 16 oz. Mini or 9 oz. Popper Cucumbers</p>
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**2/6** Local Bounti 4.5 oz. Select Varieties Salads

## I BREAKFAST

<p><b>\$1.19</b> Food Club 12 oz. Select Varieties Frozen Juice</p> <p><b>\$1.19</b> Food Club 6-12 ct. Select Varieties Instant Oatmeal or Toaster Pastries</p>	<p><b>\$1.19</b> Food Club 24 oz. Select Varieties Syrup</p> <p><b>\$1.19</b> Food Club 28-32 oz. Select Varieties Pancake Mix</p> <p><b>\$3.99</b> Food Club 12 oz. Squeeze Bar Honey</p>	<p><b>\$2.99</b> Food Club 12 oz. Hickory Smoked Bacon</p> <p><b>\$8.99</b> Folgers 22.6-25.9 oz. Select Varieties Coffee</p> <p><b>\$2.99</b> Food Club Gallon 2% 1% or Skim Milk ..... <b>\$3.59</b></p>
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