

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## EDUCATION

### TNYP connects teens, employers for summer jobs

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

**T** rue North Youth Program will be launching their sixth annual Teen Summer Jobs Connect with a jobs board that will go live on their website, [truenorthyouthprogram.org](http://truenorthyouthprogram.org), at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 12. The resource aims to connect teens with employers throughout the watershed. The Summer Jobs Connect has been sponsored by Alpine Bank since its inception in 2018. In the past three years alone, this program has helped more than 65 regional high school students find summer jobs.

As this region continues to experience a busy summer season, teen employees have become an integral part of the local workforce. It is a symbiotic relationship, as local employers get to take advantage of increased demand and local students get to make money, learn new skills and begin establishing ethics of hard work and reward.

Last summer saw record levels of youth summer employment as the labor market recovered from the COVID pandemic. True North's Summer Jobs programming was mentioned in a New York Times article about the trend. The strong post-pandemic workforce market often led to higher-paying jobs, or jobs with increased flexibility.

"Young people should be opportunistic," New York Times writer Ann Carrns advised, "and search for a job that best fits their needs."

All businesses in West Montrose and San Miguel counties that are willing and able to hire teens are invited to participate in True North's 2023 Jobs Connect. An employment opportunity can be a paid position, apprenticeship, or internship — including unpaid positions. True North will work to connect qualified students for these positions and support them with resume writing, interview preparation and job etiquette.

Bradley Rambo, a 15-year-old Norwood High School freshman and active True North volunteer, has been working with program and development director Loren Knobbe on his resume, interviewing skills and professional outreach.

"True North helped me create a resume to use with every application process and for future college applications and scholarships, which has helped open multiple doors for me," Rambo said.

Historically, offerings include recreational positions with Montrose

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## ARTS

### Nuclear Quilters have big plans in the West End



This photo shows a quilting retreat in February in Nucla. (Courtesy image)

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

**T** he Nuclear Quilters in the West End are hard at work. Inside of Art at the Apothecary, the ladies have a full-service quilting studio, complete with two full-size long-arm quilting machines. Retreats have been ongoing the last year, and the Nuclear Quilters have big plans for the future.

Rosella Chiles, first of Pennsylvania and then most recently of Montrose, married a Nucla rancher and found herself in the West End a few years ago. An

experienced quilter with a studio still in Montrose at the time, she was at Hoof & Paw Thrift Store eyeing a cedar hope chest when the fates brought her together with Cassandra Farmer, another experienced quilter in the West End.

The two ladies hadn't met beforehand, but were united in friendship when they stood in front of the hope chest in Naturita. Farmer commented to Chiles that the chest could be quite useful. When Chiles responded, "you could put quilts in it," Farmer's eyes widened.

What happened next was two quilting ladies realizing they were not alone in the West End, but had a

quilting companion right down the road. Both are experts in their craft.

They talked all things quilts into the evening hours that day, and soon they were planning an art and business space to make a shared dream a reality. Farmer had worked for Don Colcord for a decade as a compounding tech in the old pharmacy. Farmer knew they could talk "Dr. Don" into renting the building that was vacant.

February of last year, they accomplished their mission, transporting Chiles' studio from Montrose, and began restructuring the interior space. Last fall, they held

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## THEATRE

### Nucla kids sell out high school play performances

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

**T** he stars came out at Nucla High School as the Mustang Theatre took to the stage on April 20 to mount a long anticipated and desperately needed revival of the theatrical arts in the West End Public Schools District. "Much Ado Out West" by Wade Bradford was produced and directed by Brock Benson, featuring a star-studded cast of the West End's finest actors.

Centered around "the boys" returning home to Aunt Sue's ranch after the Civil War, this comedy touched on themes of sexism, romance, mistaken identities, and cattle rustling, as the girls forced the boys to earn their place back on the ranch, which had "been running just fine without them" for the past four years. Audiences enjoyed two sold-out performances with around 100 people attending each night.



This image shows the cast from last week's play. (Courtesy image)

The group set out about 85 chairs last Thursday and had to add more seats as folks kept coming in the door. The feedback from the audience was tremendous, and the producers are proud of all of the students that committed to putting on such a great performance.

The play was the final project

for the theatre students that signed up for the elective course taught by Benson last fall.

"I'd also like to mention how fortunate we are that everything came together so perfectly, given the challenges of finding a script that meets the demands of having

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## REAL ESTATE

### Tremendous valuation increases happen on West Slope

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

**T** he Montrose County Assessor's office said property owners in most of Western Colorado can expect tremendous valuation increases when they receive their 2023 Notice of Valuation on or about May 1. Over the past two years, a strong demand for real estate, increased building material costs, historically low mortgage rates and a steady migration from larger cities into Western Colorado have all contributed to recent historic valuation increases.

Western Colorado has been discovered, and people are paying much higher prices for properties for the opportunity to live here.

Under Colorado law, county assessor offices throughout the state conduct a complete revaluation of all properties in their county every two years. The previous valuations were based on a June 30, 2020 level of value. These valuations used market sales data from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2020. The new 2023 valuations are based on a June 30, 2022 level of value and were established using market sales data from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2022.

These new valuations will be used for tax years 2023 and 2024 (payable in 2024 and 2025, respectively). Any sales transactions occurring after June 30, 2022, cannot be used or considered until the next reappraisal in 2025. The Colorado Legislature sets the appraisal date, the market sales data collection period and the annual calendar for the assessment process.

The state has provided median valuation percentage increases between the June 2020 level of value and the June 2022 level of value for residential properties and commercial/industrial properties for several Western Colorado counties. For Montrose County, value increases are 47 percent for improved residential properties and 32 percent for improved commercial/industrial.

In Colorado, three factors determine the level of taxes on a property: the market valuation, the assessment rate, and the mill levy.

The assessor's office is solely responsible for establishing valuations, not taxes. To accomplish this, the assessor uses actual market sales transactions to build a mass appraisal valuation model that is then used to set the values on all properties within the county.

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WEST END VOICES

# A spring update

## Hoof & Paw

Well, it has almost been a year at our new location on the east end of town. We are excited for the coming of spring — so much so that we have been doing some spring cleaning and rearranging here at the Hoof & Paw Thrift Store.

The sale rack is back and larger than ever, and we will soon be adding a sale table. Talk about sales: We will be having an anniversary sale in honor of our first year in the new location. The first week of May, May 1-5, almost everything will be 50 percent off, though all sales exclude DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes, and a few select items.

Our formal wear and men's tops will be discounted for high school students through the end of the school year, so kids should come in and look for some prom attire here.

Please note that we are no longer taking kids toys, because there just is not enough space to display them in an orderly manner.

The Hoof & Paw Thrift Store runs on the power of volunteers and donations. We always need volunteers for both the store and kennel.

We are now accepting donations and, with the help of volunteers, are hoping to be able to continue accepting them without delays. New items are out every day.

And, don't forget to come visit the store kitties, Markie and Wil-

low. They love when you come to see them.

Hoof & Paw, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501-C-3. It's a no-kill rescue organization serving the west end of Montrose County and surrounding areas. Our mission is to care for lost, abandoned, neglected, and surrendered animals.

Some of the things we do are to host a low-cost spay and neuter clinic and a low-cost vaccination clinic several times a year to help the communities we serve. These are held at the Nucla Fire Hall. These clinics are put on with the assistance of the Moab Vet and Second Chance Animal Shelter. The next vaccination and wellness clinic will be on Friday, June 2.

Donations to Hoof & Paw can always be made via PayPal, Venmo, inside the store, or through the mail, at PO Box 292, Nucla, CO 81424.

Hoof & Paw thanks everyone in the community that supports the animals and the mission. We are located at 321 E. Main St. in Naturita. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To contact us by phone, call the store at (970)-865-2236.

All proceeds from sales go directly to the care of local animals at the Hoof & Paw Kennel, those within foster homes, and also community pets in need.

## TNYP

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West Recreation, food service positions with the Lone Cone Restaurant or the Divide, hospitality opportunities at Camp V, or a range of opportunities in Telluride with restaurants, landscape businesses, child care facilities and more.

A full list of last year's participating businesses and available positions is available on the jobs board under the programs drop-down menu on True North's website — until the 2023 positions go live on May 12. Any employers wanting to participate again or list a new position should register and submit all necessary information no later than May 5. The link to register is included on the jobs board page.

The minimum working age in Colorado is 14. All eligible students are encouraged to apply for positions they are interested in by following the specific instructions under each business listing. Any students curious to learn more

about the Teen Summer Jobs Connect or interested in accessing True North's workforce preparedness services can reach out to the team at [truenorthyouthprogram@gmail.com](mailto:truenorthyouthprogram@gmail.com) or 970-708-1986. Thus far during the 2022-23 school year, True North has supported 31 students with resume writing, interview practice and workforce preparedness programming.

The Jobs Connect Program is an extension of the previously-held Teen Summer Jobs Fair. It works to fulfill True North's vision of students graduating with a plan on how to navigate their path into adulthood by encouraging self-advocacy, offering opportunities for growth outside of school, and ultimately giving local students whatever supports they need to find success after graduating high school.

For more information or to register a job listing, the public should visit [truenorthyouthprogram.org/jobsconnect](http://truenorthyouthprogram.org/jobsconnect).

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society

### The Vestal House, Part 4

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*



This photo shows the west side of Center Avenue, and the first building is the Nucla Mercantile owned by the C.C. Co., the two story white building is the Cooper Hardware Store with his family home most likely to the left of the store. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

Throughout those early years of the Town of Nucla, Lincoln Vestal and Cornelius Cooper were very busy. They were both growing their businesses and were active members of the community. Although wives were not mentioned in the newspapers very often, and when they were they were always mentioned by their husband's names, both Mrs. Vestal and Mrs. Cooper were very involved in the social events. Both of these ladies were part of the social scenes in Nebraska and Pueblo where they came from, and they most likely felt they needed to bring that bit of culture to their new homes.

By 1909 Mr. Cooper was busy with many things. He attended the Retail Hardware Dealer's convention in Denver. Several freight teams loaded with machinery and other stuff were delivered to Nucla for his hardware store, and he received a train carload of cement.

In 1910, the well at Nucla had been fitted with a new force pump furnished by Cooper. The newspapers called C. O. Cooper, the "Nucla Hardware Hustler," and he made many trips to Denver in the interests of his business. We also see where Cooper had delivered two loads of pork to Placerville, for shipment to Telluride. Besides his stock of hardware, he was adding groceries, which he was hauling for Telluride. At this time Cooper built an addition onto his store and was improving

the building in order to expand his business.

1911 would be an important year for C. O. Cooper. He would put in a sawmill up at Bucktail on the tract of land he had bought from the Colorado Cooperative Company. Lumber was in great demand at this time. His new sawmill machinery had arrived, and his brother John Cooper and family would move to the new mill site to oversee the operations there.

Mr. Vestal was also busy building up Nucla. Mrs. Vestal seemed to be involved in the running of the furniture store as an article in 1908 states, "Mrs. Vestal bought a fine lot of furniture while in Montrose for their increasing trade in that line." Also, an article says that the Nucla hotel was "heavily patronized," and you know that probably fell mostly to Mrs. Vestal, since the first Nucla hotel was in the home of the Vestals. In 1908, Mr. Vestal ran for county commissioner on the Socialist ticket, which he did not win, but that didn't slow him down. He was managing the work of the new road between Dry Creek and Paradox.

Mr. Vestal was instrumental in getting a telephone system into Nucla, and in 1909 he oversaw the building of the addition onto Town Hall. He and a group of carpenters would build on a club room, library and kitchen with the goal of being ready for the 4th of July celebration.

In 1910, Mr. Vestal received the

contract for carrying mail between Naturita and Nucla. He was able to arrange for the storage of express packages at Nucla. He was also instrumental in the improved stage service, according to the Naturita Valley Record.

Mr. Vestal's name appears often in the papers of 1911, as he had gotten his mortuary business up and running by then. He provided the coffin for the infamous "bad guy" Axel Peterson, of Paradox. He also provided the coffin for Mrs. Lou Jacobs, long-time pioneer of Shenandoah, and "served as the undertaker for Mr. Abzetz at his Coventry funeral" — just another side business to keep him busy.

These men were two of the important leaders in the building of the Town of Nucla. They obviously came into the Colorado Cooperative Company with more money than many of the colonists had, but they used their funds to make the community a better place. Of course, they were shrewd businessmen and also made money in the new town. Capitalism was looking pretty good by then, but they still embodied the cooperative, socialist spirit which they had started out with.

As these two families worked hard and continued to grow their businesses and settle into life in the new town of Nucla, another disaster would strike and would change the future of the town and of one of the families forever.

To be continued ...

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### Branding season

Cody Carver, of Nucla, ropes one in a branding in East Paradox. (Photo by Sage Carver)

### POLITICS

## Rep. Marc Catlin's bill to move \$10M to CMU, WCU

#### SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin is bringing long-overdue funding to Western Slope universities. Catlin introduced and passed the bill, Transfer From Severance Tax Operations Cash Fund, SB23-250. The bill requires the Colorado State Treasurer to transfer \$10 million into the capital construction fund.

The bill appropriates \$6 million to Colorado Mesa University for implementation of the geothermal exchange system, and \$4 million is appropriated to Western Colorado University to provide additional teaching and laboratory space for its petroleum geology program and to allow for expansion of the Natural and Environmental Sciences Department.

The bi-partisan bill received 95

percent approval from all state legislators and is set to be signed by Governor Jared Polis.

The prime sponsors in the Colorado House of Representatives are Shannon Bird (D-HD29) of Adams County and Marc Catlin (R-HD58) of Montrose County. The prime sponsors in the Colorado Senate are Barbara Kirkmeyer (R-SD23) of Weld County and Kyle Mullica (D-SD24) of Adams County.

"Over the last several years, Western Slope universities have repeatedly asked the legislature to finish funding specific programs, but were denied any allocations," Rep. Catlin said in a news release last week. "This year, my colleagues and I brought attention and weight to bear on this issue. We were able to find a pathway for funding. On the Western

Slope, opportunities for expanding education should be taken seriously. Mesa's geothermal program is expected to lower the cost of tuition, while expansion of the Natural and Environmental Sciences Department will bring more educational opportunities to Western. Our number one export on the Western Slope is our kids. This money will increase opportunities for our kids to stay and thrive at home."

Rep. Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel. He vice chairs the Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Committee, is a member of the Capital Development Committee and also is a ranking member of the Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee.

### OBITUARY

## Harry Kenneth Archer

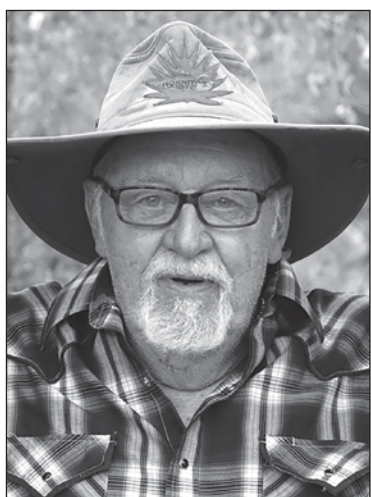
Aug. 23, 1944 – Nov. 16, 2022

Harry Kenneth Archer, a resident of Nucla, passed away on Nov. 16, 2022, at 11:25 a.m., at Saint Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction.

Harry was born in Redvale on Aug. 23, 1944. He was the third child of Harold "Harry" and Elva Louise (Mitchell) Archer. He married Ruth Marie Reynolds on Jan. 6, 1963, in Naturita.

Harry was active in his community and previously worked on the board for the Basin Clinic and Nucla Town Council. He had a great love for the community and enjoyed talking with everyone when going to the grocery store or post office.

Harry is survived by the love of his life for the last 59 years, Ruth; his daughters, Malea Berg



Harry Kenneth Archer  
(Courtesy image)

and Louise Barker, both of Nucla, and Eva Archer, of Williamsburg, Va.; younger sister, Leona Archer, of Hayden, Colo.; nine grandchil-

dren: Troy Jones, Travis Jones, Mike Sandoval, Hector Sandoval, Nicholas Sandoval, Logan Barker, Amber Williams, Cameron Benson and Brianne Davis; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Harry will always be a mentor for his daughters and grandchildren. He was a great example of unconditional love. Harry will be missed, but we will all celebrate the beautiful life he shared with us all.

We love you.

Harry's celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Redvale Community Center, located at 35016 3575 Road in Redvale.

The family will be providing meat and beverages and encourages guests to bring their favorite dish to share.

## Nuclear Quilters

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their first quilters retreat. They've had six since then. Sometimes the retreats include local ladies — from Cortez, Montrose, Grand Junction and surrounding areas — who spend the weekend working on quilt projects. Sometimes the ladies come from even farther away.

They've had up to 14 women at one time inside Art at the Apothecary working away on quilts.

Chiles and Farmer are grateful for Aimee Tooker. When the Nuclear Quilters hold a retreat, they rent the Vestal House, so the guests have a nice place close by to stay.

"That's been a lot of fun," said Farmer in an interview last week with the Forum.

In a little more than a year of being open, the quilters are just getting started. They do have options for people to come in and finish their own quilts, or the Nuclear Quilters are able to finish quilts for others who need assistance.

Next will be visiting artists coming in to lead educational sessions at Art at the Apothecary. They'll

have a place to teach and work inside the building. A gallery space is also in the works, which will feature a variety of mediums — not just quilts.

Chiles and Farmer are so grateful for the community support. For their tribute to Colcord, they've featured a mortar and pestle image outside their building, complete with Colcord's initials. That image is a "barn quilt," an example of similar images that pepper the rural U.S. Many barns and buildings in rural spaces have a barn quilt image painted on the outside of them. It's part of quilting folklore that Chiles and Farmer plan to educate the community about this spring. They've already spoken to the Rimrocker Historical Society, and are close to speaking to the Nucla-Naturita Chamber of Commerce about the barn quilt images and how special they are.

Anyone who wishes to learn more, ask questions or join the Nuclear Quilters should call Chiles at 970-209-0463, or Farmer at 970-209-0385.

The ladies will have more to announce this spring.

## High school play

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enough roles for all the actors, while also telling a story that is entertaining and relevant to our small community," he said in a news release. "To find such a funny script that had a perfect role for all of our actors that was also on-brand with what our community would like to see on stage was nothing short of an act of God."

Also, only having two men to work with made for some interesting casting decisions.

"Anton Pierce and Paxtin Caruso did an absolutely outstanding job carrying all of the masculine energy through the performance, while also killing us with comedy," Benson said. "Destiny Spor, Kylie Smith and Berlynn Tomlinson deserve an honorable mention for playing roles traditionally cast as men."

The rest of the cast included Sophia Anderson, Ashlee Meeks, Akyma Rynn, Marrisra Rhoades, RyLee Rankins, Anika Saxton,

Natalie Anderson and Alyssah Johansen. Kira Rowan stepped up as the assistant director and did an outstanding job keeping things on track.

"We want to thank everyone who came out to support the students and enjoy some live theatre and to let everyone one know that they can expect bigger and better shows, now that we know how much raw talent there is within our student body," Benson said. "I also want to thank everybody from this community, and the many people who are not, who gave so generously to the program."

Benson raised more than \$1,500 to produce the show and take his classes on three field trips in this last year to see performances at Colorado Mesa University. Anyone who would like to support the program can make a donation to the Nucla High School Theatre fund at any time during the school year.

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the 2023/2024 Tax Years**

The public is invited to a presentation by Montrose County Assessor Brad Hughes to discuss the tremendous valuation increases that have occurred in Montrose County and most of Western Colorado. Participants will learn how the legislature has attempted to offset these unprecedented valuation increases across the state, and how these increases may affect the 2023/2024 property taxes.

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**Valuation increases**

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With the 2020 repeal of the Gallagher Amendment to the State Constitution, assessment rates are now dictated by the Colorado Legislature for all 64 Colorado counties.

In an attempt to off-set the tremendous valuation increases across the entire state, the Legislature has made reductions in state-wide assessment rates for several property classes for tax year 2023.

In addition to lowering assessment rates, the Colorado Legislature has also provided an actual value exemption of \$15,000 per residential property and \$30,000 per improved commercial property for tax year 2023. These actual valuation exemptions will not be reflected in the Notices of Valuation, but will be applied prior to the 2023 tax bills being sent.

The last component used to calculate taxes is the mill levy. Mill levies are established by the

county commissioners, school districts and the boards of the various taxing entities (fire, recreation, library, sanitation, cemetery and more). A summation of these various individual levies is applied to the assessed value to determine the taxes due. It is undetermined at this time what the 2023 mill levies will do, since the taxing entities will not set their 2023 mill levies until later this fall during their budget hearings.

Ultimately, the assessor's goal is to equalize property values and ensure that the tax burden is distributed fairly and equitably among property owners within the statutory and constitutional guidelines of the State of Colorado.

"If you have questions or concerns after receiving your new Notice of Valuation in early May 2023, please contact your local County Assessor's Office," representatives said.

**Nucla Middle/High School events calendar**

May 4:.....Ag Day

May 9:.....middle school awards banquet

May 10:.....high school awards banquet

May 11: .....senior tea

May 11: .....baccalaureate

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May 16:.....8th grade speeches

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LETTERS

# Thank you

Dear Editor,

The Nucla-Naturita Chief would like to thank Norwood Fire Chief John Bockrath and send appreciation and many thanks for the aid they have given the Nucla-Naturita Fire Department in the last two weeks.

Knowing they are a phone/radio call away in the time of need is a load off our shoulders here. I would like the Norwood board, crew, and Fire and EMS to know that their willingness, fast response, and commitment to all of our communities is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

The mutual aid they have given in the last two weeks has shown Norwood's professionalism and commitment toward working together to make our communities safer. We let them know we have help when needed. We have used Norwood Fire and EMS on more than one occasion.

We had a medical call on April 9, and Chief John was notified to come and assist. He responded very quickly and was in communication throughout his trip to the scene. If he was not available, we would have had to do a flight-for-life with a patient. We appreciate Norwood's response to this.

We also had a house fire on April 18. We had one fully engulfed in flames and two structures within the area to protect. Norwood showed up

on scene ready to go to work. The officer made contact with incident command (IC) and came up with what was needed from Norwood. Hoses were pulled, and assignment went into action within two minutes upon arrival. The fire crew surveyed the surroundings and went to work immediately, and the Norwood officer was in constant contact with IC, helping keeping eyes on all personnel. The safety factor was an awesome thing to see between the departments. We appreciate the use of the tools Norwood Fire brought to the scene, the thermal image gun, the truck, and personnel.

With the equipment that was brought down, we were able to spot our hot spots and control them in a very efficient manner. This equipment helped in water usage, manpower, and man hours.

The Norwood crew did an amazing job on both incidents, and we were very glad to have them here and show us a few new techniques.

This happened later at night and Norwood's fire crew stayed until dismissed early in the morning. To be honest, it was hard to make them go. They wanted to stay until the last hose and trucks were all put up. We appreciated that, the offer to stay, the help, and the common brotherhood of firefighters. Thank you.

Nucla-Naturita Fire Chief  
Bryan Keeton

# A HUGE SHOUT OUT

## To each Business that advertised in the 2023 NNTC Telephone Directory.

With the internet these days, we know a lot of people no longer use the telephone directory to look up numbers, but we know several in our community that still rely on our book. We would like to say

**THANK YOU**

to everyone that makes it possible for us to still publish the NNTC Directory. We sincerely appreciate each of you!

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| AT's Meatblock             | Packrat Minnie Storage, LLC       |
| Basin Clinic               | Redd's Mercantile                 |
| Blondies                   | Rimrock Hotel                     |
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| Co-Op Country Store        | West End Family Link              |
| Community Bible Fellowship | West End Spa , LLC                |
| Hoof & Paw Thrift Store    |                                   |



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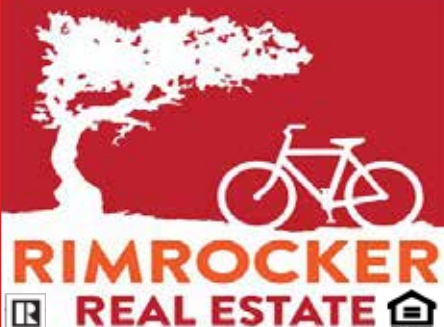
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**4/12/2023**  
0632 Hours - Deputy took an information report on Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla.  
1254 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an information report.  
1530 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an information report.  
1538 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30000 block of FF31 Road near Naturita for a civil matter.  
1640 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a harassment report.  
1806 Hours - Deputy responded to the 200 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a burglary.  
1822 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a harassment report.  
1 VIN inspection  
2 school zones in Naturita

**4/13/2023**  
0500 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 62 near Naturita for an abandoned vehicle.  
0907 Hours - Deputy reported flooding on Y11 Road.  
1309 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a report of trespassing.  
1746 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 44200 block of 90 Road near Nucla for a motorist assist.  
2028 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of DD Road and Highway 97 near Nucla for an accident.  
1 directed patrol in Nucla  
1 directed patrol in County

**4/14/2023**  
0724 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35000 block of 3590 Road near Redvale for a medical assist.  
1200 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31600 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for an accident.  
1433 Hours - Howard Chadd, 58, was arrested in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla on an outstanding warrant.  
1449 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for an information report.  
1923 Hours - Deputy conducted an agency assist in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.  
2118 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a noise complaint.  
2320 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Lincoln Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

**4/15/2023**  
0037 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West

Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.  
1115 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28300 block of 25 Mesa Road near Nucla for an animal problem.  
1850 Hours - Deputy conducted a security check in the 28000 block of DD Road near Nucla.  
1909 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to relay in message in the area of Highway 141 mm 84 near Naturita.  
2045 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 26000 block of CC Road near Nucla for an abandoned vehicle.

**4/16/2023**  
0243 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.  
1139 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 46 for an agency assist.  
1143 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 5700 block of U5 Road near

Paradox for a trespassing report.  
1827 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30100 block of EE30 Road near Nucla for an overdue party.  
1938 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Payson Street and West First Avenue in Naturita for a traffic complaint.  
2110 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an information report.  
4/17/2023  
1611 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 16700 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a report of a burglary.  
1749 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a report of threatening.  
1 directed patrol in Nucla  
1 directed patrol in Naturita

**OBITUARY**

**Patricia June Brown (Littlejohn)**  
*Feb. 12, 1941 – April 16, 2023*

Patricia June Brown (Littlejohn), age 82, passed away April 16 at Hope West in Grand Junction. She was born Feb. 12, 1941, in Nucla to June Lillie Littlejohn (Rice) and Ivan Ellsworth (John) Littlejohn. She graduated Nucla High School in 1959 and completed one year of college at Western State College in Gunnison.

In 1962, Patricia married the love of her life, Luther Patrick (Pat) Brown. They began their lives together in Marysville, Cali., where Patrick was stationed in the U.S. Air Force. Their first child, Paula June Brown, was born in March of 1964.

After Patrick finished his enlistment, they then returned to Nucla the same year. Their second child, Penni Earon Philbrick (Brown), was born September of 1966. Patricia began her career as Nucla Town Clerk in 1968. She loved her job and the people she met. She retired in 2006 after 38 years of service.

Patricia had many interests and talents. She was an accomplished seamstress, sewing all of her own clothes and dresses for her girls' piano recitals and much more. She enjoyed ice skating, roller skating and playing saxophone in her younger years. She loved four-wheeling, picnics with family and friends, family reunions, Broncos football and everything grandkid and great-

grandkid related. Some of her most cherished memories were of family vacations. She volunteered as a member and president of Spruce & Columbine Garden Club 2008-2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, June and John Littlejohn, and her brother, Lawrence Kent (Butch) Littlejohn.

She is survived by her husband of more than 60 years, Pat Brown; daughter,

Paula Brown (Don); daughter, Penni Philbrick (Martin); grandson, Seth Patrick Knob (Micaela); granddaughter, Brittany Earon Berry; grandson, Derrik Allen Brown; granddaughter, Sarah Marie Brown; great-grandchildren, Danielle Marie Knob and Landyn John Brown; and 20 beloved nieces and nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and treasured extended family.

Funeral services were held April 22 at the Nucla Congregational Church and were officiated by Leroy Archer. A graveside service followed at Nucla Cemetery.

Donations in Pat's memory may be made to Hope West, located at 3090 N. 12th St., Unit B, Grand Junction, CO 81506, or Nucla-Naturita EMS, PO Box 740, Nucla, CO 81424.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION 5TH AVENUE GRILL/BOBBIE L. CALHOUN*

A Public Hearing for the Liquor License Application received for 5th Avenue Grill/Bobbie L. Calhoun. will be held at 6:30 pm on May 10, 2023  
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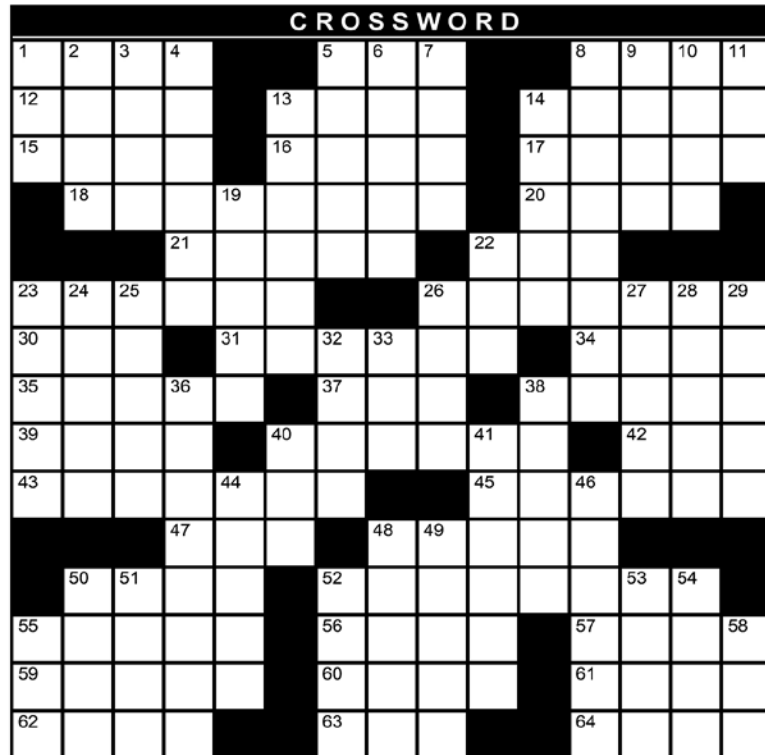
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8. Type of pit, at a concert
12. \*Nevada's "biggest little city in the world"
13. October birthstone
14. Don't do this to words?
15. Elusive Himalayan
16. Poet Sandburg Trail
20. Not us
21. Winds to a ship captain
22. \*Dish popular in the 50th state
23. \*Largest state, by area
26. Dick \_\_\_\_ of "Bewitched"
30. Tombstone acronym
31. Spews

34. Succulent medicinal plant
35. Cast member
37. Greek "t"
38. Gibson garnish
39. Evade payment
40. Like certain pentameter
42. Lenon's wife
43. Fashionable
45. Barely audible words
47. Casino's pull
48. Bear down under
50. Sound bounce-back
52. \*a.k.a. Commonwealth
55. Sing like Sinatra
56. Not working
57. Lymphatic swelling
59. Flourishing
60. Commotions
61. Type of pitcher
62. Not in port
63. Chop off
64. What the phone did



### DOWN

1. Have a bowl
2. Potato's soup partner
3. Initial stake
4. Happenings
5. Lickety-split
6. Shenanigans
7. Friend in war
8. \*State with longest freshwater shoreline
9. It's enough?
10. Pond gunk
11. Joaquin Phoenix 2013 movie
13. Relating to eye
14. \*Michigan's "\_\_\_\_ City"
19. Selfish one
22. Pavlova's step
23. Middle East natives
24. Permissible
25. In a fitting way
26. Half a ticket
27. Sober Ness
28. Not a soul (2 words)
29. Operatic voice
32. \*Home to Arches National Park
33. Tucker of "Modern Family"
36. \*State with panhandle
38. Round openings
40. School of thought suffix
41. Google search category
44. Often-missed humor
46. Hide craftsman
48. Little one
49. Lowest deck on a ship
50. Timeline divisions
51. His was a merry old soul
52. Tiny bottle
53. \*"Field of Dreams" movie setting
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