

## RECREATION

### WETA resurrects Grand Loop ride

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

West End Trails Alliance's president Tim Tait, along with approximately 13 other bike packers (endurance bike riders) embarked on a challenging adventure last Friday morning. The group left Nucla, at Paul Koski's wood shop on Main Street, and set out to ride 365 miles as quickly as possible in a route that veered out to Utah, went up to Grand Junction and then circled back south onto the Uncompahgre Plateau before returning to Koski's shop.

Although the experience was rather quiet in town, it was a big moment for the endurance riding community. Called the Grand Loop, the trip encompasses the Kokopelli, Paradox and Tabeguache trails. First established by the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA), the loop is what Koski calls the "granddaddy" of other endurance rides. It's inspired other, similar rides in other states — but the Grand Loop might be the most challenging. It's a self-supported event, and riders don't cache food or other items.

Some people have done it as an individual trial time, but until now it hasn't been a group event since 2009.

Last weekend, some of the riders were from places like Utah, California, Durango and even Norwood. Two of the riders were women.

A web app, called trackleaders.com, enabled those with access to the link to follow the riders, monitoring their progress over the weekend.

Tait was bike packing the 365-mile trip quickly, it seemed, and was expected to arrive in Nucla first, ahead of others, on Sunday. On Sunday afternoon, Koski planned to meet Tait with a small group to welcome him home and ride the last stretch with him, from about as far as the Paradox Trail's crossover.

Those following Tait online became confused Sunday afternoon, though, as he seemed to veer off the trail. Some wondered if he had hit snowpack on the Grand Loop.

By Sunday afternoon, Koski reported that he'd heard from Tait personally, and that Tait was experiencing knee pain. Tait made the decision to scratch the race to take care of his body.

He released a statement on social media Sunday evening that stated he was in too much physical pain to finish, and while he was able to keep riding his mountain bike,

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## WATER DAYS

### The Herrings are Water Days king and queen



The Herrings, pictured with daughters and granddaughters, are the Water Days king and queen. (Courtesy image)

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Evelyn and Forrest Herring are the 2023 Water Days king and queen. Evelyn's family moved to the West End from Hotchkiss when she was three years old. When she was a toddler her dad worked for Delta County but was offered a job at Union Carbide, so they moved to Uravan.

Her family returned to Hotchkiss for a bit, since her grandfather was in poor health, but after he passed, they returned to the West End.

"Uravan was a very unique sit-

uation," she told the Forum. "You knew everybody. They all worked for the same company, and you didn't worry about how the neighbors were. For Halloween, we'd run home from school and get our costumes out. Mom and dad waved you out the door and said, 'come home after dark.'"

She added kids trick-or-treated every house in Uravan, because it was completely safe.

"And Union Carbide threw big company parties, costume contests. We were one big, happy family back then," she said.

Forrest's family moved to Naturita when he was 1, first to

Thomson's trailer court next to the high school and then to Naturita. His father was a ranch hand and farmer on the Front Range. He'd come to the Western Slope to pick peaches and heard about jobs in the West End.

He went into Naturita and stopped into Novack's gas station. He asked about employment in the area, and Lowell Staats happened to be inside and gave his father a job on the spot.

The Herrings met in the fifth grade at a church function. They dated on an off all through school and were married the summer of

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## EDUCATION

### Telluride Foundation awards annual college scholarships

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Telluride Foundation has helped students achieve their dream of attending college since its inception in 2000, and this year, the foundation awarded a record number of scholarships through its three primary scholarship programs. At graduation and award ceremonies this spring, the Telluride Foundation awarded almost \$400,000 in scholarships to 15 students. Scholarships to 2023 graduates included 10 Chang-Chavkin Scholar awards, providing up to \$60,000 per student over four years; two Neil Armstrong Scholarships totaling \$30,000; and five \$2,000 Telluride Foundation Scholarships.

At KOTO Community Radio's virtual Telluride High School Awards Night on May 23, graduating senior Taylor Holmes received the 10th annual \$20,000 Neil Armstrong Scholarship. Holmes was selected from a very competitive pool of applicants from the Telluride, Norwood, Ouray, Ridgway and West End school districts. The scholarship committee based their decision on his outstanding academics, strong interest in science, perseverance and financial need. Holmes will be attending Colorado School of Mines, studying applied mathematics and statistics.

The scholarship committee also wanted to recognize the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) academic achievement of Canyon Ishikawa, graduating from Ridgway High School, and awarded him with a \$10,000 Neil Armstrong Merit Scholarship. Ishikawa plans to attend Arizona State University and major in computer science. In Ishikawa's scholarship essay, he noted the coincidence that his grandfather was one of eight inventors who worked on the Apollo spacesuit, specifically on the spacesuit glove.

The Telluride Foundation also provides \$2,000 scholarships to recipients who are selected by the administrations of each of the five regional school districts. Seniors receiving the Telluride Foundation Scholarship include Grace Fourney (Norwood), Anika Saxton (West End), Aaron Pitts (Ouray), Eleni Wallin (Ridgway) and Keaton Zafian (Telluride).

In addition, the foundation also manages the Chang-Chavkin Scholars Program. Every year, the program selection committee looks forward to choosing a new

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## HEALTH CARE

### Miller returns to Basin Clinic

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Physician assistant (PA) Angela Miller is back seeing patients at the Basin Clinic in Naturita after spending a few years at Uncompahgre Medical Center in Norwood. Miller told the San Miguel Basin Forum when she heard Christina Pierce took over the Basin Clinic as the executive director, she wanted to come back.

She returned to the West End on May 1.

Miller grew up on the Front Range in the Denver area. She originally studied electronic engineering in college, and her first career involved working as a hard-drive manufacturer in Longmont.

It was when her grandfather was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease that she became interested in the medical field. She was married with two daughters

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Angela Miller is happy to be back at the Basin Clinic. (Courtesy image)



## GRANTS

# Funding available for nonprofit infrastructure grant program

## SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) announced the Nonprofit Infrastructure (NPI) Grant Program, a statewide grant program for small, community-based nonprofit organizations providing services to communities who have historically been underrepresented, underserved, or under-resourced.

The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, collectively with DOLA, seeks applicants with annual budgets between \$150,000 and \$2,000,000, that have been affected by the infrastructure aftermath of COVID. While the grant is not for programming, it does open doors for other opportunities, such as strategic planning, professional development for board and staff, technology and more.

The application will open on July 5, 2023, and close on August 31, 2023.

The Nonprofit Infrastructure Grant Colorado House Bill 22-1356 was signed into law on June 3 to help underrepresented communities with limited access to state and federal funding and those impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The emphasis on infrastructure and capacity building will help small nonprofits build critical staff and boards, while providing funds to proactively invest in the organization's makeup. The grant is designed for nonprofits in historically-marginalized communities that need more foundational help. Now, \$33,100,000 in grants will be awarded with selected organizations awarded up to \$100,000.

Additionally, if a tax-exempt charitable or social welfare group operating under a 501(c)(3) acts as a fiscal sponsor to small community-based groups (SCBG) that are not registered nonprofit organiza-

tions, those groups are also eligible for this grant funding.

"We are committed to supporting nonprofits in our very own Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties region and are thrilled to collaborate with DOLA to help make our community even better. This grant will extend relief for small charitable organizations in our locality, those that are still affected by the aftermath of COVID-19," said Lauren Kugler, executive director of the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley. "These nonprofits are important to all of us, and we are pleased to help them."

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*Lauren Kugler  
Community Foundation  
of the Gunnison Valley  
Executive Director*

To apply, interested applicants should contact the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, the geographically-appointed Regional Access Partner (RAP), directly for technical assistance and to learn more about the process, criteria and funding. RAPs are collaborating with DOLA to help select and administer grants within their particular regions, emphasizing a hyper-local focus on teamwork and support.

Organizations must provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number from the federal government and meet the eligibility requirements. Applications are submitted directly through one of the eight Regional Access Partners (RAPs), determined by the location of the organization's headquarters. Funding is allocated for infrastructure needs only. Grant awardees will be notified by their RAP by January 31, 2024.

The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley is one of eight Regional Access Partners collaborating with DOLA to help select and administer grants within distinctive regions, emphasizing a hyper-local focus on teamwork and support.

For more information about this program and to find a geographically-appointed RAP, please visit <https://cfgv.org/npi>.

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society The New Deal; Improving the schools in Nucla

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*



This photo shows the old Nucla High School. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was created by President Franklin Roosevelt to relieve the economic hardship of the Great Depression. The WPA, also called The New Deal, beginning in 1939, employed more than 8.5 million people on 1.4 million public projects before it was disbanded in 1943.

The WPA employed skilled and unskilled workers to build many Public Works projects. The old Nucla grade school on Main Street and the old stone building, which was the high school, were both WPA projects. The rocks for both of these grand old buildings were quarried from the stone quarry behind the present-day high school.

Robert Voss wrote about his father, Bill Voss, doing the work on the Nucla Elementary School and high school through the WPA:

"In 1935, WPA started to improve

the Nucla schools ... My father, Bill Voss, drew up the specifications for remodeling the grade school and adding an auditorium ... The workmen quarried the stone, or regular rocks that they called range-rocks. My brother, Charles Milton, cut the jamb blocks and the lintels, all of the real important rocks for the doorways and windows, and bush hammered them down to size. The rocks all had to be numbered for them to be installed properly. It took approximately two and a half years to complete the school."

Voss goes on to say, "The Nucla High School was started after completion of the grade school. I went to work for my father for that job ... Once again, the workmen quarried the range-rocks, and I cut the jamb blocks and lintels for the doorways and windows. Every rock had a certain number and a certain size, and went into the building in a certain

place. Hard work and the pay was poor! ... It took another two and a half years to finish the high school. My family and I were really glad to see the end of that job."

Today we see the old grade school building on Main Street looking pretty forlorn, and we don't know yet what will happen to that old building. The old stone building which was the high school has been torn down to make way for the new school building being built. Fortunately, the rocks were preserved and will be put up at the entrance of the new school building.

I received a message last week that this work has started. It will be nice to have a reminder of the history of that old stone building preserved into the new building. The Rimrockers appreciated being a part of the discussion on how to preserve the old and incorporate our history into the new.

## Water Days king and queen

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1974. They moved to the Front Range for a few months, since Forrest was harvesting there. He eventually went to work for Union Carbide, too, so the family moved back and had their first child in Uravan.

When Evelyn's dad retired in 1980 and moved to Missouri, they bought his place in Naturita, where their second child was born. They lived there until 1992. Forrest's mother had been living by herself in their family home in Nucla that became more than she could handle. They bought her a place in town and then moved into her home and have been there ever since.

Regarding life in the West End, Evelyn said she loves the people. "It's home," she said.

Many people recall the Herrings opened and ran the Mustang, in what used to be the old Dairy Queen, across from West End

Family Link. They sold hamburgers, milkshakes and had the arcade.

"We catered to the youth of our community," she said. "And a lot of adults too. But we gave the kids a place to hang out."

Later they moved to where AeroCare is now until closing in 1992. At the same time that Forrest was running the Mustang, Evelyn also worked for NNTC from 1980-91. Next, they bought the Yellow Rock Cafe in Naturita and ran it for three years.

In 1999, West End Public Schools hired Evelyn to teach music. She's still doing it and just signed her contract to come back

next year. She's also given piano lessons and is involved with the church and various other community projects.

Forrest has been involved with the St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon, and was on the committee that started the local Ducks Unlimited. He's also been involved with the Mule Deer Foundation and the prairie dog shoot. An officer in the local archery club and gun club, he loves to hunt and fish. He was previously on the West End's Chicken Board trying to establish a local poultry industry.

"We've just been part of the community," Evelyn said.

Both of their daughters, Caryn Flores and Charlotte Blevins, graduated Nucla High School, just like their parents. Now the Herrings have two granddaughters, and two great-granddaughters are on the way.

Forrest's mother, Sue Herring, still lives in the West End, as well his sister Jinnie Sue Neely.

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EDUCATION

# Boy with local ties honored in education

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Founded in 1983, the President's Education Awards Program (PEAP) honors graduating elementary, middle and high school students for their achievement and hard work. The program has provided individual recognition from the president and the U.S. Secretary of Education to those students whose outstanding efforts have enabled them to meet challenging standards of excellence. Each year, thousands of elementary, middle and high schools

participate by recognizing deserving students.

William "Liam" James Stanley, age 10, attended George Washington Elementary in Keokuk, Iowa, and was recently honored with the President's Award for Educational Achievement for his outstanding educational improvement, commitment and development in academic subjects. This award recognizes and rewards students who gave their best effort. These students are recognized as demonstrating high motivation, initiative, integrity, intellectual depth, leadership qual-

ities and/or exceptional judgement.

These are the highest awards at the elementary school level. Liam Stanley's family is very proud of his accomplishments. He is the great-grandson of Mona Jones of Bedrock, the grandson of Sherry and James Pribble of Bedrock and Dove Creek, the grandson of Clifford and Rosella Chiles of Nucla, the nephew of Colby and Cindy Chiles of Naturita, and the cousin of Ryan and Mason Chiles of Naturita. His parents are Jamie and Jake Joslin of Keokuk, Iowa, and Jim and Elisa Stanley of Delta.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Proclamation

Dear Editor,

The governor has declared the month of June as Dark Sky Month. This is the proclamation:

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of natural dark skies at night are inherent to the character and allure of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, exposure to artificial light at night has been scientifically linked to negative effects on the health and well-being of virtually all life studied — while natural dark skies at night have been scientifically linked to positive health effects; and

WHEREAS, using responsible outdoor lighting is an easy and effective way to cut out wasted energy use, complementing Colorado's leadership in pollution reduction and climate-smart action; and

WHEREAS, dark sky tourism — with an emphasis on responsible use of the night — is an emerging trend in Destination Stewardship and helps communities to preserve ecosystems, boost sustainable tourism, and protect Colorado's beautiful night skies; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's nighttime environment is treasured as both a natural and cultural resource; and

WHEREAS, restoring the natural night is best accomplished by turning off outdoor lights at night and by only using lighting that 1) has a clear purpose, 2) is shielded and directed only to where needed, 3) is no brighter than necessary, 4) is used only when needed, 5) consists of warmer color lights; and

WHEREAS, Colorado residents can enjoy the night and protect it at the same time, leverage our view of the heavens for economic and environmental sustainability while combatting climate change, improving human and ecosystem health, and contributing to social equity; and

WHEREAS, through dark sky education, outreach, practices and policies, a connection to the natural nighttime environment, which is the shared heritage of all living things, can be reestablished for

present and future generations;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as, Dark Sky Month.

Deb Stueber  
NUCLA

## Property tax, continued

Dear Editor,

The Gallagher Amendment limited how much a county could collect in property taxes and the Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) limited how much a local or state government could spend. The former saved Colorado homeowners approximately \$35 billion since it was enacted in 1982. The TABOR Amendment has saved Colorado tax payers approximately \$8.2 billion since its inception in 1992. Colorado is expected to generate \$2.7 billion in taxes in 2023 above the TABOR limits that it can spend. Thus, that amount would be refunded to Colorado citizens.

The Gallagher Amendment was repealed in 2020, and as a direct result Montrose homeowners will see an approximate property tax increase of 35 percent in 2023. I imagine all homeowners in Colorado will see a similar increase in property taxes. I wonder just how many billions of additional revenues that will generate? What are our leaders planning to do with that, build condos for enough illegal aliens, as friendly voters, for the day when George Soros can no longer buy a Colorado puppet secretary of state and corrupt voting machines will no longer be needed?

Since the brakes have now been released, we can expect more, much more, in property taxes in the years to come.

Fifty one out of 64 Colorado counties have repealed the TABOR Amendment ("de-Bruced." Douglas Bruce, to whom that name honors, was the author and the driving force behind the TABOR Amendment). Two hundred and thirty

out of 274 Colorado municipalities and 177 out of 178 school districts have also "de-Bruced." Only Mesa, Delta, Montrose and Routt counties on the Western Slope have yet to "de-Bruce."

Really!? Dolores County has "de-Bruced!?" I guess raising beans is more profitable than I realized. I am not sure how the repeal of the Gallagher Amendment will affect the "Ag lands" property tax exemption, but I would expect those taxes to increase, steeply upwards, as well.

All of the local schools can and will spend the 35 percent additional revenue that will be generated by the property tax increase and that is a good thing, within reason. Montrose County cannot spend theirs. Montrose County can spend roughly 10 percent of the new revenue. Twenty five percent will have to be returned to home owners.

According to Montrose County officials, all revenue generated by property taxes can only be used in Montrose County. None of that tax goes to the State of Colorado. However, there is a bit of a loophole. The State of Colorado must make up the difference in the deficit in school district operations, by law. But since the school districts have 35 percent more funding than those deficits should disappear; thus the state of Colorado benefits immensely by retaining those funds. Whether they can find a "work-around" TABOR remains to be seen.

"Who is in charge? We the people who earn the money or the politicians that want to spend it?" asked Douglas Bruce.

Looking into my "crystal ball," I see a couple things happening, Colorado will "de-Bruce." Montrose County will "de-Bruce." Why? Why would anyone vote to increase their property taxes 35, 50, 100 percent? There are even limits to those who think the state should take care of them. The answer is because Colorado cheats at the ballot box. No brainer. And that in itself should be sufficient proof, if anyone needs additional proof, that Colorado cheats.

Don Hemme  
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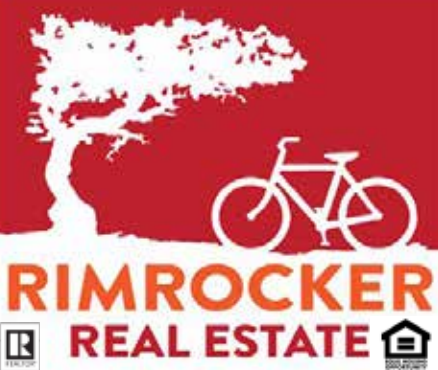
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## WETA's Grand Loop ride

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the Grand Loop requires a rider to be able to walk and carry a bike through some portions that are not rideable.

In fact, though, there was snow on the Love Mesa portion returning to the Nucla area. Tait announced on Sunday that riders were directed to stay on the Divide Road for a detour, reconnecting with the Paradox Trail later.

The first finishers arrived in Nucla on Sunday night. Because of the detour around the snow, there were no "complete finishers."

Tait, who was feeling better by Monday remained enthusiastic.

"It's exciting to have an opportunity to bring back an iconic bike packing race," he said. "From who I've talk to, the challenge and the reward seem pretty equal. They knew it would be pretty challenging, but they were blown away by the beauty, remoteness and while it was really hard, they had a lot of fun. People are talking about



WETA president Tim Tait and 13 others depart for the Grand Loop, starting in Nucla June 2. (Courtesy image)

coming back next year."

Tait said the group stayed at the Vestal House, and feasted at Saucy Mama's afterward.

An endurance rider named Kurt Refsnider holds the record (2020) for the Grand Loop. He completed

it in a little more than two days and five hours. Koski met Refsnider that year when he rode back into town for the finish.

This was the first year, however, that the Grand Loop event started in Nucla for an official group.

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## College scholarships

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round of scholars, currently in their junior year, who will graduate the following year.

“This year we had another remarkable and diverse pool of applicants,” said Valene Baskfield, director of the Chang-Chavkin Scholars Program. “Now that we serve nine regional school districts, we are learning more and more about the strengths and challenges students have, not just in their homes, but also in their schools. This year’s selected scholars persevered, despite obstacles that tested their strength, character and resourcefulness. We are very excited to get to know them better in the coming year as we learn how best to support their commitment to become the first in their family to graduate college.”

The application pool included more than 50 applicants from nine regional school districts: Montrose, Delta, Ridgway, Ouray, Telluride, Norwood, West End, Dolores and Montezuma-Cortez. Rising seniors selected as scholars, who will receive scholarships, include Dilyn Alexander (Norwood), Ana Asavei (Delta), Shandra Findley (Montrose), Peyton Porter (Norwood), Angie Saldin (Telluride), Brett Sanchez (Delta) and Tiffany Wu (Montrose).

Graduating seniors receiving Chang-Chavkin scholarships, who worked with Baskfield over the

past year on their college applications include Andrea Peralta-Villa (Ridgway) attending the College of Wooster, Talon Johnson (Cortez) attending MIT, Morgan Weimer (Nucla) attending Kansas Wesleyan University, Izabella Balfour (Cortez) attending Colorado Mesa University, Jennifer Guiterrez (Montrose) attending Colorado State University, Yoselin Hernandez-Gonzalez (Norwood) attending Whitman College, Gadiel Castillo (Montrose) attending Colorado Mesa University, Trinity Huff (Montrose) attending Reed College, Tony Ordonez Mendez (Telluride) attending University of Colorado-Boulder and Keyla Luna (Montrose), Fort Lewis College.

Additionally, the Telluride Foundation partners with several organizations and committees that provide scholarships to deserving students, including the Elaine Fischer Visual Arts, Sparky/Latina and San Miguel Power Association awards.

“Our scholarship programs are some of the most rewarding investments the foundation makes in our region, and we are continually inspired by the scholars’ passion and commitment to furthering their education,” said Jason Corzine, president and CEO of the Telluride Foundation. “We are also grateful for the generous donors who believe in the importance of empowering the next generation of leaders through these scholarship opportunities.”

*“This year we had another remarkable and diverse pool of applicants.”*

*Valene Baskfield  
Chang-Chavkin Scholars  
Program Director*

## Angela Miller returns

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when she first earned her certified nurse’s assistant diploma and later applied to PA school. She attended A.T. Still University in Flagstaff for her PA degree.

She worked in Montrose at Montrose Memorial Hospital for a while, and then afterward in family medicine.

Now in Naturita, Miller is seeing patients four days a week, Monday through Thursday. Many of her West End patients had previously followed her to UMC, and they’ve reported they’re pleased Miller is back in their home town. They no longer have to commute to Norwood see her.

She is working with infants on up to the elderly, all ages of life. She’s even done some hospice care in the home when needed in the West End. She performs sports physicals for kids and teens, well checks for babies and all of the annual wellness appointments for adults — even

women’s health appointments.

“The only thing we don’t do a lot is prenatal stuff,” she said. “Because we don’t have the equipment for that.”

Anyone who’d like to establish care with Miller may simply call the Basin Clinic and ask to get on her list of patients. She said with two providers on staff now — Robert Tapley is the nurse practitioner — sometimes people can even walk in for urgent needs, since some same-day appointments are now available.

The Basin Clinic has several different payment options available too. Nobody who needs medical care is turned away. The clinic takes all insurance and no insurance, along with Medicare and Medicaid.

“Everyone is welcome,” Miller said.

The clinic doors are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the week, *Cont.*

## Miller

*Miller Cont.*

though they do close for lunch.

Pierce told the Forum she’s grateful to have Miller on staff

once again.

“We are really excited to have her back,” Pierce said. “We have two full-time providers, Robert Tapley and Angela Miller, and Dr. April Randle, MD is the medical director here. She comes

three days a month.”

Miller’s two children are now teenagers. She and her husband live in Montrose. They have three dogs and a cat. In their free time, they enjoy the outdoors, jeeping and hiking.

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400-500# STEERS	2.25-2.60	400-500# HEIFERS	2.20-2.38
500-600# STEERS	2.10-2.45	500-600# HEIFERS	2.05-2.15
600-700# STEERS	1.85-2.15	600-700# HEIFERS	1.87-1.95
700-800# STEERS	1.80-2.02	700-800# HEIFERS	1.70-1.89
800-900# STEERS	1.78-1.88	800-900# HEIFERS	1.60-1.70
Top bulls	High of 1.18	Medium bulls	1.05-1.13
Young Cows	1.05-1.35	Top cows	1.00-1.07
Medium cows	.88-.99	Low-yielding cows	.88 down

**NEXT WEEK: Thursday June 8th.** 6 grass mixed calves, 25 butcher cows, 10 butcher cows, 9 butcher bulls. Along with our usual dock run of 200-300.

**Bubbaduts café is open at the Delta sales yard, serving Breakfast and Lunch. Opens at 8:00 a.m**

**NEXT SPECIAL HORSE SALE - Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next special sheep & goat sale next week - Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Cattle sale.**

**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Cattle Sale.**

**NO SALE JUNE 22**

**JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Sale of Sheep / Goat Sale**

**JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> - NO SALE**

**JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Cattle Sale**

**JULY 20 - NO SALE**

**JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Cattle Sale/ Sheep & Goat Sale**

**AUGUST 3 - NO SALE**

**AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> - Horse sale**

**AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Cattle Sale**

**AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> - NO SALE**

**AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Cattle Sale/ Sheep & Goat Sale**

**AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> - NO SALE**

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**OBITUARY**

**Joan Elliott**

*Nov. 7, 1936 - April 27, 2023*

Joan Mardell Elliott, your beautiful mother, was set free from her earthly toils on April 27 in the comfort of her own home at the age of 86.

She was born Joan Mardell Bryant on Nov. 7, 1936, in Montrose and started her life on Iron Springs Mesa homestead with her mom, Carrie M. Kestner Bryant and her daddy, Dan Bryant, and siblings. Joannie, as she was known to her elders, went on to excel at everything she did in school and graduated Nucla High School with honors.

Marriage to George R. Elliott, motherhood and raising her children covered the next few years. Joan started building an award-winning achievement portfolio early on as Cub Scout leader, 4-H leader, PTA member, trip sponsor. Community brought the Nucla Bell Tower Project, the Domingo Escalante Trail Project, and Colorado's 100 years with a time capsule and celebration. The empty nest brought a sewing business that brought copyrights for the state columbine pattern and sales of her items as far away as Disneyland.

She then decided it was time to go back to college and get her degree at Mesa State University in Grand Junction. She then used the degree to seek mammography work in Phoenix and surrounding areas. She worked in Salt Lake City,



Joan Elliott. (Courtesy image)

and there had the pleasure of experiencing the 2002 Winter Olympics firsthand. Soon after, she chose to relocate to Montrose to be close to family and her mountains. Joan got busy right away with being an adult English tutor, a CASA volunteer, a museum helper, and did secretarial work for HopeWest.

She helped at the voting locations when needed. There was time spent hiking through canyons, across deserts, and up some serious mountains. She found time for several cruises with close family members and even some SCUBA diving. She even tried her hand at being a census taker. Joan wasn't done

yet, as she had several murder novels hidden away that made their way to publication. Joan was a member of the women's union of the Hillcrest Congregational Church UCC for many years and still helping as she was able.

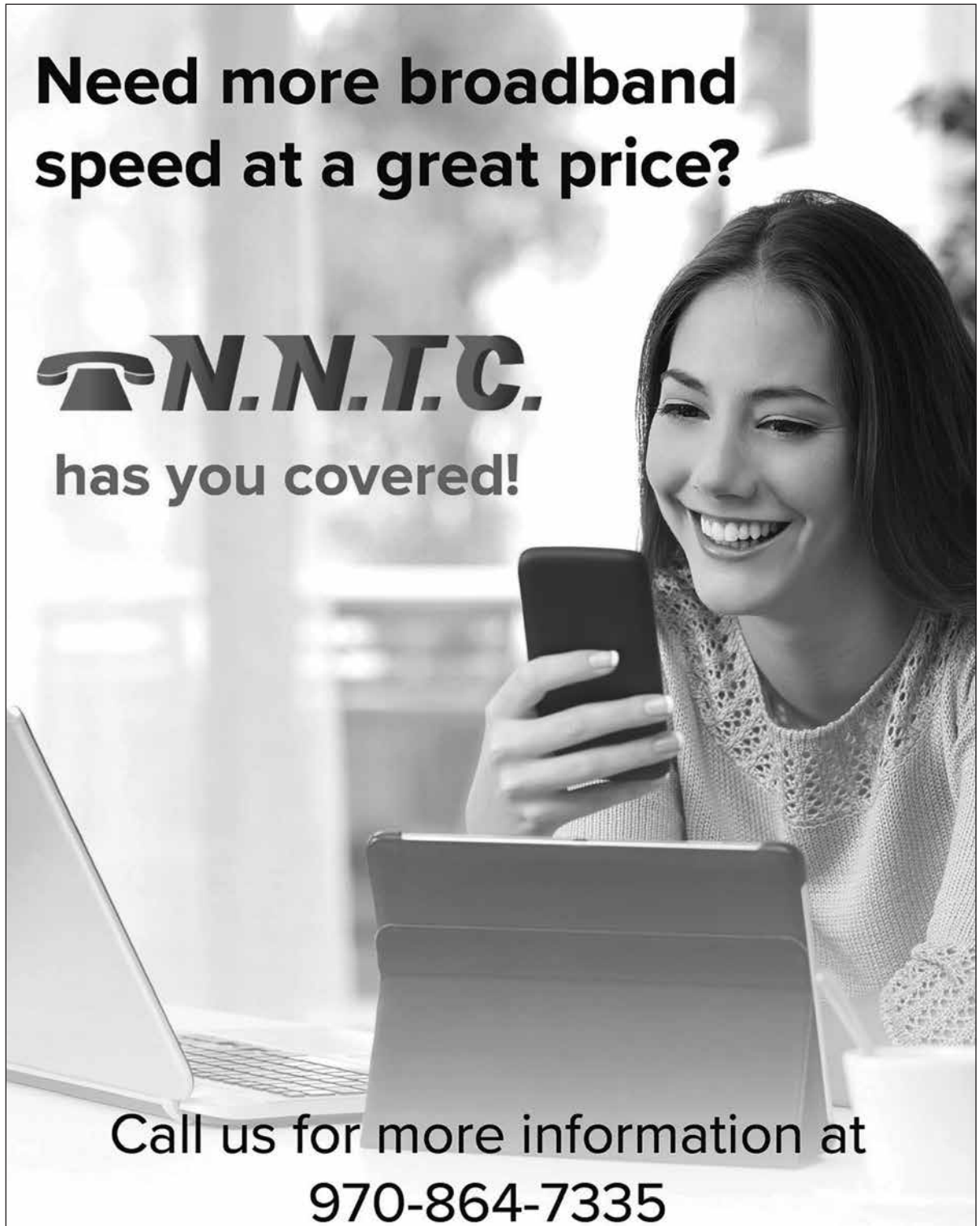
Joan is survived by a son, Corey A. Elliott, and a daughter, Colleen J. Matthews, both of Montrose. Surviving sisters are Virginia Rossi of Phippsburg, Colorado; Romaine Webb and Carol Barker, both of Grand Junction. She also has two grandchildren, Robert D. Wolf III, of Montrose, and Jacob G. Matthews, (married) of Logan, Utah.

Joan M. Elliott, our sweet mother, will be sorely missed. We love you.

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## LEGAL PUBLICATION

WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGETS

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of West End Public Schools, RE-2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and has been filed in the district office located at 225 W. 4th Avenue in Nucla, CO 81424 where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District at the Nucla High School library on June 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The regular school board meeting will follow beginning at 6:00 p.m. Any person paying school taxes in said District, may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget, file or register his/her objections thereto.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

West End Public Schools RE-2  
Clint Wytulka  
Superintendent

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## LEGAL PUBLICATION

BASIN CLINIC, INC.  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD VACANCY

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO ELECT DIRECTORS

Basin Clinic, Inc. will hold its annual meeting and election of Directors on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Nucla Hopkins Field, located at 27696 DD Rd, Nucla, Colorado (Zoom attendance available by emailing Christina Pierce, [cpierce@basinclinic.org](mailto:cpierce@basinclinic.org)). Two Directors' positions are up for election and will serve a three-year term.

Nominations may be made by writing a letter of intent to serve on the Board for the Basin Clinic, Inc. In order to be nominated for director you must be a registered voter and a member/user of Basin Clinic, Inc.

Such letters must be delivered to the office at the Basin Clinic, Inc. or mailed to P.O. Box 14, Naturita, CO 81422. They must be received by Basin Clinic, Inc. on or before 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 23, 2023.

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## LEGAL PUBLICATION

TOWN OF NUCLA, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE 2023-006

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE TOWN OF NUCLA, COLORADO. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROLLING FUTURE LAND USAGE AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF NUCLA, COLORADO

Published in the San Miguel Basin Forum May 31 & June 7, 2023

## LEGAL PUBLICATION

TOWN OF NUCLA, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE 2023-007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 222, 240 AND 2020-002 WHERE CONFLICT WITH THE TOWN OF NUCLA LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE EXISTS.

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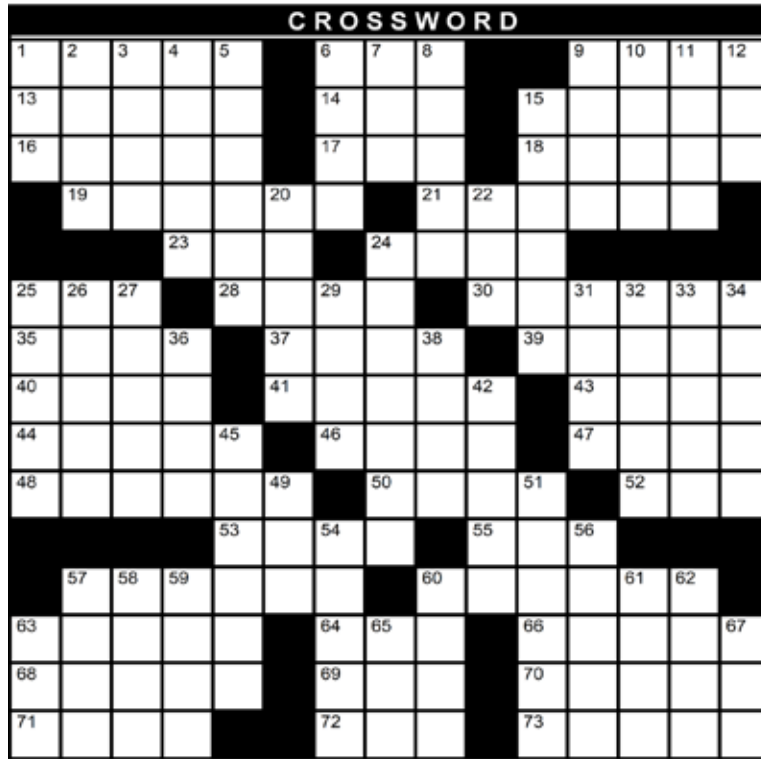
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- "The Tortoise and the Hare," e.g.
- Beer acronym
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- Angler's basket
- Circle part
- "Orange" warning
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- \*Mr. Cunningham in "Happy Days"
- Dad's offspring
- "Jack and the Beanstalk" instrument
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- Not odds
- "Musical" constellation
- Backgammon predecessor
- Louisiana music genre
- Aware of
- Jeans brand
- In a little while, old-fashioned
- Old age, old-fashioned
- \*Mr. White "Breaking Bad"
- \*Mr. Stark "Game of Thrones"
- Ruffle on a blouse
- Determine the sum
- Feline sound
- Bronze, e.g.
- Chasing game
- "All joking \_\_\_\_"
- Big Bang's original matter
- Compass bearing
- Type of stocking



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- Olden-day aerosol can propellant, acr.
- Lawrence, for short
- Aid and \_\_\_\_
- Like gelled hair
- Relating to pelvis
- a.k.a. Xi'an
- Credit card rate, acr.
- Putin's country house, e.g.
- Samoan money
- Deed hearing
- Egghead
- Up to the present time
- a.k.a. melon tree
- Organ swelling
- What organza and forgiveness have in common
- Calm and peaceful
- \*Mr. Addams "The Addams Family"
- Outhouse
- Propelled like Argo
- \*Mr. Winslow in "Family Matters"
- Give the cold shoulder
- Twofold
- \*Mr. Johnson in "Black-ish"
- Glittery stone
- Like certain Ranger
- Seaside bird
- Old hat
- Scatterbrained, in U.K.
- Top seed
- Nickname for dad (2 words)
- Speak like Cicero
- \_\_\_\_ Buchanan of "The Great Gatsby"
- China's Great one
- Often goes with "willing"
- Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
- Upper hand
- Not top-shelf
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- \*Mr. Conner in "Roseanne"
- Skin cyst



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**Watermelon**



**2/5**

6 oz. Pkg.  
**Golden Berries**  
or 11 oz. Pkg. Juicy  
**Blueberries**



**79¢**  
lb.

Juicy Whole  
**Pineapple**



**99¢**  
ea.

Red or Green  
**Bell Peppers**



**\$1.29**  
lb. Sweet & Crisp  
**Gala Apples**



**\$1.29**  
ea. 1 lb. Bag  
**Baby Carrots**



**2/5**  
Nature's Sweet 10 oz.  
**Grape Tomatoes**  
or 12 oz. Classic  
Romano, Spinach or Greener  
Selection **Salads**

## GROCERY

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Select Varieties  
**Coffee**

**99¢**  
Starkist 5 oz.  
Select Varieties  
**Tuna**

**4/5**  
Pasta or Rice-a-Roni  
4-3-7-2 oz.  
Select Varieties  
**Pasta or Rice**

**\$1.49**  
Food Club 12-16 oz.  
Select Varieties  
**Pasta**

**\$1.29**  
Kraft 5-7-25 oz.  
Select Varieties  
**Mac & Cheese**

**\$2.99**  
Gogo Squeez 4 pk.  
Select Varieties  
**Applesauce**

**99¢**  
Arrowhead 1 Liter  
Select Varieties  
**Water**

**\$6.99**  
Bakelite 12 pk. 12 oz.  
Select Varieties  
**Sports Drinks**

**39¢**  
Ramen Express 3 oz.  
Chicken or Beef  
**Ramen Noodles**

**88¢**  
Food Club 10 oz.  
Select Varieties  
**Tomatoes**

**2/3**  
Libby's 28-29 oz. Jumbo  
Crisp Green Beans or Corn  
**Vegetables**

**\$1.09**  
Food Club 10 oz.  
Red or Green  
**Enchilada Sauce**

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Food Club 8-8 oz. Select  
Varieties Shredded or Block  
**Cheese**

**2/6**  
Kellogg's 8 ct. Select  
Varieties  
**Nutri-Grain Bars**

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Food Club 4 ct. Select  
Varieties  
**Pudding Cups**

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Food Club 16 ct. Select  
Varieties  
**Cheese Singles**

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**2/4**  
Food Club 16 oz. Select  
Varieties Frozen  
**Vegetables**

**4/5**  
Michelin's 4.5-9 oz. Select  
Varieties  
**Meals**

**\$2.79**  
Nestle 2 ct. Select Varieties  
**Hot Pockets**

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Pillsbury 8-13.9 oz. Select  
Varieties  
**Roll Dough**

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Boston Market 11-16 oz. Select  
Varieties  
**Entrees**

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Varieties  
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Varieties Frozen  
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Varieties  
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**Chicken**

**2/6**  
Post 6-14.75 oz. Select  
Varieties  
**Cereal**

**\$3.49**  
Doritos 6-10.75 oz. Select  
Varieties  
**Chips**

**\$3.49**  
Tostitos 9-13 oz. Select  
Varieties  
**Tortilla Chips**

**2/6**  
Hostess 5-8 ct. Select  
Varieties  
**Snacks**

**\$3.49**  
Crown Flavor 19-1-20 oz. Select  
Varieties Family Size  
**Cookies**

**\$3.99**  
Jolly Time 6 ct. Select  
Varieties  
**Popcorn**

**\$3.79**  
Townhouse Club or  
Toasted 8-13.8 oz. Select  
Varieties  
**Crackers**

**\$1.79**  
Food Club 64 oz.  
**Apple Juice or Cider**

**\$3.99**  
Nabisco 9.5-13.7 oz. Select  
Varieties  
**Ritz Crackers**

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Lay's 8-12-13 oz. Select  
Varieties  
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Varieties Homestyle  
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**Soda**

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Food Club 48 oz. Select  
Varieties  
**Ice Cream**

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Capri Sun 16 ct. Select  
Varieties Pouch  
**Drinks**

**\$6.99**  
DiGiorno or OPK  
Select Varieties  
**Pizza**

**10/7**  
Yoplait 4-8 oz. Select  
Varieties  
**Yogurt**