

ENERGY

SMPA considers raising access charge

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

It's well-known that worldwide inflation has affected practically every economy, and the market for electrical equipment and tools has not been spared. Business expenses for local power provider San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) have risen and are likely to remain higher than pre-pandemic levels. Additionally, SMPA is anticipating a cost hike of more than 6 percent for its wholesale power, which accounts for approximately 52 percent of the nonprofit cooperative's overall expenses.

With these factors in mind, the SMPA staff is planning to propose a \$2 increase to its access charge. Currently, the single-phase access charge that most residential members pay each month stands at \$23 per month. If approved, the increase would bring the fixed charge, which is intended to cover fixed costs of grid maintenance and system hardening, to a total of \$25 per month — still one of the lowest grid-access fees in the region.

"This \$2 increase will not cover the projected increase in our wholesale power costs," said SMPA Chief Executive Officer Brad Zaporski. "However, through tightening our belt and successful long-term financial planning, we will be able to cover our expenses while giving our members room to adjust to market conditions."

Several times over the past four years, the SMPA board of directors has taken advantage of opportunities to defer revenue. This practice, a rate-stabilization tool, will make up for any losses SMPA may realize next year.

A temporary measure, the deferred revenue mechanism will help SMPA bridge a gap between the current rate environment and a yet-undefined future state. Now, a number of rulings to affect the future relationship between SMPA and its current wholesale power provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission (Tri-State), are under deliberation at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

"While questions remain about the future of our power supply," Zaporski said, "one truth is becoming more and more evident, the timing of electrical power use will be one of our most powerful money-saving tools as we move forward."

To help draw member attention to this fact, SMPA has launched an information campaign called "Timing Matters." Part of the movement can be read on a power bill. The hours of 4 to 9 p.m. have been identified as the system "peak."

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EDUCATION

School construction in final push, on target

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The new school in Nucla is in the final push, and superintendent of West End Public Schools Clint Wytulka said everything seems to be on track for the move over the winter break.

"We are still on schedule to occupy in January," he said over the weekend.

According to the board's construction update, there have been a few changes to the plans, and

those changes have required additional costs. There were two new additional basketball goals added to the plans with eight-inch rims. Those are for the upper playground area and will cost \$4,398. Also, the board has to account for the revised gym logo on the wall mats and also the striping. The revisions add up to \$21,350.

To date, construction process has been smooth and uneventful. FCI remains the lead contractor.

"FCI continues to manage and maintain a safe, efficient, and organized job site. There have

been no issues or interference with the school operations so far this school year," the board stated in its October construction notes.

The following subcontractors completed work in the last month, some local and some regional: HnH Signs, Floorshield, All City Flooring, Grady's Kitchen Equipment, Advanced Contracting, Highline Roofing, Reliance Precast, Eagle Valley Glass, Durango Paint, Ridge Electric, 2H Mechanical, Straight Edge Striping, Asphalt Specialists, TKE Elevator, Powers

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A good year for corn

Stan Galley harvests corn to winter livestock. He said this year is a good year, compared to last year, and depending on the field, he will get about six rows down before he has to unload the tractor. (Photo by Keiran Bray)

WEST END

Flu shots, high school volleyball, festival success, more

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Chris Daniels, on the board of the Basin Clinic in Naturita said the community should plan for another "drive-by shooting." Daniels is not referring to guns, but needles — and in a good way. Daniels wants all to know that the Basin Clinic is giving away flu shots again this fall.

"It's that time of year again, folks," she said over the weekend.

The Basin Clinic is offering free flu shots on Wednesday, Oct. 18, between 3 and 7 p.m.

Those in the West End can get the flu shot to protect themselves against the virus, and without even having to go inside. Recipients of the vaccine are welcome to fill out the necessary forms while sitting in the comfort of their car that after-

noon/evening and receive the shot from there.

They should simply follow the volunteers who will be directing the flow. For those of "a certain age," there are some high-dose flu shots available. Additionally, some "goodies" will be distributed too. For any questions about the drive-through flu shot service, the public may call the Basin Clinic at 970-865-2665.

In other community news, the Nucla High School volleyball team continues with regular season play. The girls have a tournament on Oct. 28, which will mark the end of the regular season. Head coach for the Mustangs Debbie Wytulka said the team will know more after that date.

"Then we will see what the final rankings are to know if we make

it to regionals or not," Wytulka told the San Miguel Basin Forum over the weekend. The state only takes the top 24 teams to regionals. Right now, the Mustangs are sitting at 44th.

Hundreds of people flocked to Nucla Town Park over the weekend for the seventh-annual Heritage Festival. The fall festival served a record amount of community cider using the old crank press from apples donated to the event. Melanie Eggers and Jen Nelson, cofounders of the Apple Core Project that produces the festival, said they pressed 33 bushels of apples. That's 99 gallons of cider.

"Yes, the most we've served," Eggers said on Sunday.

The cider was pressed, but not fermented, which means it

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DARK SKIES

WEDSA group anticipates annular eclipse

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The West End Dark Sky Association announced an annular solar eclipse visible on Saturday, Oct. 14, around noon in the local area. According to NASA, the eclipse will cross North, Central, and South America and be visible in parts of the U.S., Mexico, and many countries in the continents below.

"An annular solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and Earth while it is at its farthest point from Earth," NASA representatives said online. "Because the moon is farther away from Earth, it appears smaller than the sun and does not completely cover the (sun)."

"Basically, the moon is almost entirely blocking the sun, except for the outer edge," said Bree Butler, WEDSA volunteer. "Naturita and Nucla are not in the path of totality for the Oct. 14 eclipse. Places like Lake Powell and the Four Corners are in the path."

Viewers must protect their eyes.

"Be sure to have special eclipse sunglasses for viewing," said Deb Stueber of WEDSA. "Never look at the sun without the proper eye protection. You could cause permanent damage to your eyes."

Stueber said WEDSA has ordered some special eclipse sunglasses. Shipping on those has been delayed, but should they arrive in time, they will be available for \$2 a pair at the Visitor Center in Naturita, and also at Wild Gal's Market in Naturita.

"They will also be useful for another solar eclipse coming up in April of 2024," Stueber said.

Additionally, ACE Hardware, of both Norwood and Telluride, will have eclipse glasses for sale too. Those will be similarly priced at just a few dollars a pair.

NASA said what people can see during the eclipse depends on weather and also a viewer's location. Even with cloud cover though, the "eerie daytime darkness" of the eclipse could still be noticeable.

NASA said that as the moon passes in front of the sun, it will produce a partial eclipse first.

"The moon will slowly block more and more of the sun's light, making the sun appear as a smaller and smaller crescent before it forms a 'C' shape. This phase is also known as first contact," the NASA website says. "About an hour and 20 minutes after the partial eclipse phase begins, the moon will pass completely in front of the sun, leaving a 'ring' of sun visible from behind the moon."

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AG TALK

Be on the lookout

By KEIRAN BRAY

As I mentioned in my last month's column, the agriculture industry plays a vital role in our state's economy, food production and more. Because of this, I was having a hard time deciding what I wanted to write about this month. There are just so many things in the agricultural industry that should be talked about and better explained.

This last summer, I got the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. for an FFA Leadership Conference, and while I was there I was given the opportunity to meet with one of our Colorado State Representatives, Lauren Boebert. Unfortunately, when I went to visit, she was in a session. So, instead of meeting with Boebert, I got to meet with one of her staff members.

During our meeting I asked different questions about what Boebert has planned for the different challenges Colorado agriculture is and might be facing in the future. Overall, I got to learn a lot and had a great time.

At the end of the meeting, she told me to be on the lookout for any upcoming bills that might go to the legislature. That got me thinking: There isn't a better way to start writing than to introduce you to some of the bills that you might see in this year's legislature.

The Colorado Farm Bureau has recently come out with a list of bills you should be on the lookout for in the upcoming legislature this year. Some of the categories these bills are under will include animal welfare, labor, pesticides, private property rights, water, and taxes. Most of what I just listed are things that have been on the ballot before and are now coming back with modifications.

Colorado has seen many attempts to change animal husbandry standards in the past, and it is not going away anytime soon. Having said that, one of the things you should be on the lookout for this year is something called Proposition 12. Much

like Proposition 16, Proposition 12 imposes restrictions on how ranchers can handle their livestock. However, Proposition 12 is a little bit more specific in the fact that it talks mostly about pigs, chickens and cows. These restrictions will pose a huge burden for farm and ranch families that grow food for the world.

Another big issue that Colorado is seeing is public access to rivers through private property through corner crossing. Corner crossing is defined as "when a person steps from one parcel of public land to another at a four-corner point where private and public land meet."

These bills will mandate private landowners to allow the public to travel over privately-owned property.

In short, this bill allows the public to cross over into private property to access another section of public land. This has the potential to cause a lot of issues. For example, coming from a family with a hunting business, I can see potential trespassers saying that they are crossing to get to public land on the other side. That will affect our hunting business and the families that we provide hunts for, and hunting is not the only thing this will affect. But, it is one of the biggest ones on this side of the state.

Finally, I want to mention the child labor bills you have a potential to see. According to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, "no minor under the age of 16 is permitted employment between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., unless the next day is not a school day. Minors may not work more than 40 hours per week or 8 hours in any 24-hour period unless there is a business emergency."

If you look at this as a farmer or rancher, your kids would never be able to help with the family business at all; parents would be all by themselves. This bill is trying to limit what children are allowed to help with on the ranch. Most family farms and ranches rely on their children to help run the business.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society

Walter and Myrtle Cooper settle in Naturita, Part 4

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

The Town of Nucla developed about five miles from Naturita. It eventually served many of the people from the West End of the county, although the Coopers and many others still needed to take their yearly trip to Montrose, the county seat, in order to lay in a supply of staples.

This trip was made with a team of horses and a farm wagon over Highway 90 (County Road 90), a distance of about 55 miles. It took four days to make the trip and do their trading. The first night they camped at Iron Springs on top of the Uncompahgre Plateau. They went on to Montrose the next day and did part of their trading, finished up the following morning and traveled back to Iron Springs for the overnight stay. The roads were hardly more than cow trails and as they journeyed along over the deep ruts, it was often difficult to stay in the seat. But for all that, it was a yearly adventure, which afforded the participants a great deal of pleasure.

A postmaster was needed for the Naturita area, so Myrtle and Walter built a room on the front of their house, and the post office was established in it. At that time, there was no such requirement, as a civil service examination for the postmaster, especially for fourth-class post offices, it usually went to whomever would take it.

Walter built a good-sized barn with stalls for freighters' teams and a large hayloft above. Freighters and cowboys often slept in the loft on the hay when there was no room in the house.

The closest doctor lived about 75 miles away at Telluride and traveled only by horse and buggy, so usually home remedies were used.



This image shows the Naturita Post Office about 1912 with burros carrying mail to the Joe Junior Camp. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

Eventually a doctor moved to Norwood, only 22 miles away, but this was a half-day trip in good weather. Most babies were delivered only with the help of midwives.

When someone died, the neighbors rallied around to dig the grave and build a coffin with plain white pine boards. The neighbor-women lined it with whatever cloth was available. There was no such thing as a mortician in the area, and bodies were not embalmed. Floral offerings were brought from local gardens, but the sympathy from neighbors, no doubt, meant more than the floral offerings. Walter had an excellent bass voice and Myrtle a fair soprano, so they were often asked to sing at funerals. Walter once remarked that he had sung at every funeral in the valley.

Around 1910, Blake and Payson, who owned the ranch adjoining Myrtle and Walter's, laid out a town site on a small area of land about half a mile away from Cooper's house. The post office was moved to this site, and other people had the job for a few years. Myrtle

decided she would like to have it again when the postmaster's job became available.

By this time, a number of changes had taken place. It was necessary to take an examination for the job, so Myrtle took it and was awarded the position. Instead of the old wagons and teams, cars and trucks had come into use, but the roads were still a big problem. When the roads were dry, these vehicles went through easily; when the roads were muddy, their wheels became buried. With the help of chains and some pushing, they eventually went through. The mail stage (no longer the traditional stagecoach) hauled quite a few passengers, as this was the only means many of them had for going to other towns. Men passengers were often asked to push. The Cooper's daughter, Flora, when she became old enough, helped in the post office, but after graduating from high school in 1919, got married and soon left the area. Myrtle gave up the post office, and they made their living mostly on the farm. ... *To be continued.*

West End Events

- **FAMILY LINK CENTER:** Meetings are third Wednesday of each month 1 to 3 p.m. at the airport
- **WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Nucla Middle-High School, in the library
- **NUCLA-NATURITA FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Board meetings are second Monday of the month, 6 p.m., Nucla Fire Hall.
- **TOWN OF NUCLA:** Board meetings are second and fourth Wednesday, except in November and December, at 7 p.m. at Nucla Town Hall.
- **TOWN OF NATURITA:** Board meetings are second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Naturita Community Center.
- **BASIN CLINIC:** Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month.
- **MONTROSE WEST REC:** Board meetings are first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the office of West End Visitors Center, 230 W. Main St. in Naturita; limited hours. See montrosewest.com for programs.
- **FARMERS MARKET:** Thursdays, 4 to 7 p.m., in front of Wild Gal's, starting late June.
- **WEST END DARK SKY ALLIANCE:** No meeting schedule set. Email westenddarkskyalliance@gmail.com to join or volunteer.
- **RIMROCKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Board meetings are third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the museum building.
- **MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE:** Meets first Monday of the month, 6 p.m., at Nucla Airport.
- **VETERANS COFFEE AND DONUTS:** second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., at Nucla Airport.
- **REDALE COMMUNITY BUILDING BOARD:** Meets first Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. in the Redvale Community Building.
- **WEST END TRAILS ALLIANCE (WETA):** Meets third Thursday of month at 6 p.m.; follow WETA on Facebook for meeting locations; contact board to get involved.

West End

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was not true cider and did not contain alcohol.

At the same time, Montrose County held the tire drop for the public on Oct. 7. Up at the airport, in the Road and Bridge building area, representatives were taking old tires for recycling

at no charge to the public. Recyclers were welcome to drop five tires per load.

West End Road and Bridge staff worked all morning. The guys said they had orders to take 470 tires or to stop by noon, whichever came first. By 11 a.m. they'd received approximately 270 tires with traf-

fic still entering the premises to drop more.

Katie Yergensen, communication director of Montrose County, said in total there were 472 tires dropped in Nucla, and 1,229 in the east end of the county.

"We hit the cap at both," Yergensen said.

Solar eclipse on Saturday

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The ring period is called "annularity," or "second contact" and lasts between one and five minutes for most viewing locations.

While the eclipse takes place, the sky will grow dimmer, though not as dark as it would during a total solar eclipse. Still, NASA said some animals may begin to behave as if night is falling, and the air could begin to cool off during that time.

Stueber said WEDSA is not going to have a formal telescope gathering for this eclipse, as board members are going other places to view the eclipse in more totality. She said next year, WEDSA will plan something for the full solar eclipse in April.

And, WEDSA is celebrating the 2024 moon calendars the board is distributing. Those calendars have arrived, and they do

show when all of the solar and lunar eclipses happen.

"They are also handy for planning trips and events, and knowing when the night sky is darkest for stargazing," Stueber said. "They are for sale in our display at the Naturita Visitor Center, Wild Gal's, and possibly other places around the area."

Stueber asks all to enjoy the eclipse, the beauty of fall and the clear night skies.



Crushing it

The Mustangs beat Dolores in four sets last Tuesday. The girls fell to Ignacio on Saturday. Here, Lantry Galley goes for the kill. (Photo by Misty Galley)



The new K-12 in Nucla is still on schedule to be completed around the holidays. (Photo by Regan Tuttle)

School construction on target

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Products, Colorado Floorworks, 579 Construction, IMS Masonry, McKinney Door, Delta Cabinets and West End Mechanical.

The contract sum is currently \$37,096,692.97 for the new school.

Local spending, due to the project and within a 40 mile radius, for the last month has totaled \$82,517. Approximately 46 percent of that was spent at local businesses, while 18 percent went to local subcontractors, and another 18 percent went to meal purchases at food businesses in the area. Another 15 percent was spent on fuel, with 3 percent spent on hotels and rental housing.

As far as the schedule goes,

the contractors are now working on the rough site grading at the upper sidewalks and playgrounds. And, the paint and drywall are still ongoing, as is exterior siding and trim. The wall tile and flooring are also being finished, as is the trim in the mechanical room. The kitchen equipment will be installed very soon, and some ceiling tiles need to go in there.

Additionally, there are hollow metal doors on the list to be installed in a few different spots, along with the corresponding hardware.

“That is what they are still working on,” Wytulka said of the aforementioned items on the board’s construction task list.

There are no new items to permit at this time, but third-party testing of materials is taking place. Yeh & Associates is working on that portion. Foothills Environmental is working as the environmental consultant, and Group 14 is handling the sustainability consultation.

Elementary school principal Sara Bray is enthusiastic.

“I’m very excited for the move to the new school,” she told the Forum. “From the new security to the new facility, we are ready for this change. It will be wonderful to have our entire district in one building, so we can all utilize each other’s strengths to best support all the students.”

SMPA considers increase

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New line items on the bill indicate “on-peak” and “off-peak” power use, and members can now see when their account used the most energy within the billing period.

This information, combined with the announced metric that “on-peak” power costs the cooperative four times as much as power used at other times, can help raise

awareness of the challenge and of the opportunity that it presents.

“The challenges we face are real,” Zaporski said. “However, your democratically-elected board of directors has been and will continue to be vigilant and responsive.”

The SMPA board of directors will consider the proposed access charge increase at their October board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 24,

at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually and in the board room at 170 W. 10th Ave. in Nucla.

Members are invited to attend in-person or as a Zoom participant to provide comment at the beginning of the meeting before the board considers the proposal. Members may also submit written comments to rates@smpa.com prior to the October meeting.

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On the field
The JV team fell to Mancos in their first loss. Last Friday, though, the teams traveled to Altamont, UT, where varsity team won with a score of 28-0 and the JV team won 36-22. Here, Daniel Zurich evades the tackle. (Photo by Brandie McCabe)



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Thank you

Dear Norwood Community,

The ladies of the Norwood Study Club would like to thank the numerous contributors that helped make the 87th Pioneer Day celebration one to be remembered. We hope no one has been missed. It takes a community to pull off an event like this, and we appreciate the time and effort of everyone that pitched in to make it a fun family event.

Thank you to the Town of Norwood for all the support you give to make the day a success. We appreciate the street closure process being taken care of, the lining up of parade entries, providing judging materials for the parade and help to hang the banner across Grand Avenue.

Thank you to the Norwood Chamber of Commerce of Wright's Mesa for providing the plaques for the first place winner of each float category, providing the sound system for the parade and the posters to advertise the day's events. Also, for coordinating the judges for the parade and assisting with banner hanging.

Shout out to Katie and Madison at the Coach's Mother and Becky Hannigan for changing out the date on their donated banner.

Thank you judges, Tricia Lipert, Mary Watson, John and Carrissa Hidy, and Marco Dominguez. They had their work cut out for them this year, as there were many creative floats. Not to mention all of those cute kids, but bootleggers and bank robbers? Oh my! Did you see the \$100 bills just drifting

down Grand Avenue? I think there might be a counterfeiting ring in town too!

Thanks to Mike and Patti Grafmyer for providing the trailer, table and chairs for the parade judges.

Niven Dryborough, thank you for giving the invocation and for reminding us that Norwood is indeed a special place to call home.

Thanks to Norwood Public Schools for the use of the bleachers, the restrooms and the school yard for the street games. The field was so lush and green. Also, to the classes that made and entered floats in the parade. Congratulations, Pre-K and K, those bootleggers, just ahead of the law! They managed to wrangle an ice cream party for their classes!

Thanks to Norwood Fire Department for participating silently in the parade. You are greatly appreciated all year!

Thanks to everyone that rode in the parade. There is not a parade without you!

Thanks to Ernie Marolf, Jerry and Joe Spor for playing the music that sets the tone for the day! Thank you, Stacy Jensen, for the vocals on the "Star-Spangled Banner." A great way to kick off a parade.

Kudos to the Norwood FFA for another authentic chuckwagon dinner. Served with a smile and always delicious.

Thank you, Village Center Cleaners, for donating tablecloths for the royalty's table at the chuckwagon dinner.

Thanks to Clark's Market for donating the eggs for the egg toss. Those were tough eggs, not breaking even after a couple of bounces!

Special thanks to Simon (via cell phone) and Carrie Andrew for helping to set up the sound system.

There sure were a lot of sheriffs in town on Saturday, but the bandits still managed to get quite a payday for the street game fund. Thanks to the Lone Cone Saloon and Sajun Folsom for your generosity, even if it was at gunpoint?

A special shout out to Noah and Christina Gregory of Telluride Wranglers, for providing and driving that great team of Belgium draft horses, Chance and Charlie.

Thank you, Carl McKinney, for being the master of ceremonies. Thanks, Vince Egan and Craig Greager, for posting the colors.

Thanks for everyone's help at making the street games a success, all ages helped manage and participate. Ariston, Nate, John, Hettie and Jacob, we couldn't do it without you.

Thanks to all the families and visitors that attended our dance after a long, windy day. It was quite well-attended, and it is obvious that there are future generations of dancers growing up on Wright's Mesa. Thanks, B Forrest, for the tunes.

Terri Lamers,
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Delta Sales Yard - Market Report

300-400# STEERS	3.20-3.40 HIGH OF 3.74	300-400# HEIFERS	2.90-3.10HIGH OF 3.41
400-500# STEERS	2.80-3.20	400-500# HEIFERS	2.60-2.85
500-600# STEERS	2.55-2.75	500-600# HEIFERS	2.30-2.50
600-700# STEERS	2.45-2.60	600-700# HEIFERS	2.25-2.40
700-800# STEERS	2.40-2.47	700-800# HEIFERS	2.00-2.30
800-900# STEERS	2.20-2.35	800-900# HEIFERS	1.90-2.20
Top bulls	High of 1.33	Medium bulls	1.20-1.28
Young Cows	1.25-1.45	Top cows	1.05-1.15high of 1.17
Medium cows	.95-1.05	Low-yielding cows	1.00 down

NEXT WEEK: Thursday October 12- 60 steers (40- 550#& 20- #650), 15 mixed feeders, 20 mixed feeders, 15 feeder heifers, 12 feeder steers, 10 butcher cows 5 butcher bulls. Along with our usual dock run of 200-300. We will be having a sale every week until November 23 -Thanksgiving

NEXT SPECIAL HORSE SALE - Saturday December 2nd Free Facebook advertising for you horse, you provide a photo, and the information, by November 30 If you are interested, please call us at 970-874-4612. If your horse is not advertised on Facebook feel free to bring them in like normal.

NEXT SPECIAL SHEEP & GOAT SALE - OCTOBER 26TH

FALL FEEDER SALES

Thursday, October 26th - Sheep & Goat Sale ; Butcher cows & bulls, Bred cows, (NO FEEDER CALVES) We would prefer that you sell feeders on Saturday Oct. 28th where there will be more feeder calf buyers available. 20 butcher cows consigned.

Saturday, October 28th First Special Feeder Calf Sale

Thursday, November 2nd - Regular Sale. Butcher cows & bulls, Bred Cows (NO FEEDER CALVES) We would prefer that you sell feeders on Saturday Nov. 4th. More feeder calf buyers available then.

Saturday, November 4th Special Feeder Calf Sale. 4 Blk Angus steers 750-850#

Thursday, November 9th - Regular Sale. Butcher cows & Bulls, Bred cows (NO FEEDER CALVES) We would prefer that you sell feeders on Saturday Nov. 11th. More feeder calf buyers available then

Saturday, November 11th Special Feeder Calf Sale

Thursday, November 16th - Regular Sale. Butcher cows & Bulls, Bred cows NO FEEDER CALVES) We would prefer that you sell feeders on Saturday Nov. 18th. More feeder calf buyers available then

Saturday, November 18th Special Feeder Calf Sale

SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU

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Monday, October 16 ~ Cereal, Oranges, Milk, Juice

Tuesday, October 17 ~ Uncrustable, Mixed Fruit, Milk, Juice

Wednesday, October 18 ~ Breakfast Pizza, Peaches, Milk, Juice

Thursday, October 19 ~ Granola, Pears, Yogurt, Milk, Juice

Monday, October 16 ~ Sloppy Joe, Bun, Green Salad, Baked Beans, Oranges, Milk

Tuesday, October 17 ~ Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green beans, Roll, Pears, Milk

Wednesday, October 18 ~ Grilled Ham & Cheese, Sweet Potato Fries, Tomato Soup, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Thursday, October 19 ~ Lasagna, Roll, Green Salad, Oranges, Milk

* HEARING NOTICE *

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Montrose County Planning Commission in the Public Works Building 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, Colorado, on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to review amendments to the Montrose County Zoning Regulations.

The proposed Amendment will address section VII Enforcement.

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD

The application materials may be examined during regular business hours at the Montrose County Planning and Development Office, 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, Colorado or on the Montrose Citizen Portal: <https://co-montrose-co.smartgovcommunity.com/ApplicationPublic/ApplicationHome>
Search application: AA23-005
Documents will be available in the Montrose Citizen Portal a week prior to the scheduled hearing in the "Notes" section of the application.

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO OFFER COMMENT

Written comment may be sent to the Planning Commission, c/o Planning and Development Director, 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, CO 81401; or c/o trichmond@montrosecounty.net

BY ORDER OF MONTROSE COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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LEGAL PUBLICATION MUSTANG WATER AUTHORITY - NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2024. A copy of the proposed budget is available in the office of Mustang Water Authority, where it is open for public inspection. The proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the Mustang Water plant at 29300 30.5 Road in Nucla, Colorado on 10/16/2023 at 6:00 PM.

Any interested elector within our district may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget on December 18, 2023.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION TOWN OF NATURITA - NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Trustees for the ensuing year of 2024; that a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Town of Naturita, Town Hall, where same is open for public inspection, that such proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held in the Naturita Community Center, 411 West 2nd Ave, Naturita CO on October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. for approval of the Budget and adoption to follow on November 14, 2023.

Any interested Elector within the Town of Naturita may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the proposed adoption of the budget.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION NUCLA NATURITA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2024; that a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Nucla Fire Hall, Nucla Co. where same is open for public inspection, that such proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in the Nucla Fire Hall, 555 Main Street, Nucla CO on October 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. for approval of the Budget and adoption to follow on November 13, 2023.

Any interested Elector within the District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the proposed adoption of the budget.

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OBITUARY

O'Dean Carrigan

Jan. 2, 1937 — Oct. 3, 2023



O'Dean Carrigan, age 86, passed away on Oct. 3.

O'Dean was born on Jan. 2, 1937, with his sister Colleen to Byron and Nina Carrigan.

After high school, he married Molly Sue Madison and resided in Redvale for 25 years. They had three kids: Chris Kendall, Nina Colleen Cook and Tony Carrigan.

O'Dean is survived by his sister, Kem (Rex) Lawrence; his three kids, Chris (Dick) Kendall, Nina Colleen (Dave) Cook and Tony Carrigan; plus four grandkids, Danielle Smith, Janet Kendall, Richard Kendall and Hank Locklear. Also, he leaves four great-grandkids, nieces and nephews, and lots of Carrigans.

He moved to Naturita in 1986 and resided there with his companion, Elenor Ament, until her passing in 2020. He spent the last years in Grand Junction with his son Tony. He will be missed.

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Tri-County Health Network is seeking a part-time Behavioral Health Care Coordinator. Starting salary range is \$21.00 – \$25.00 per hour, based on experience. Great benefits: 13 paid holidays, 10 days vacation, 48 hours sick pay, up to 3% match IRA, and more. To apply: <https://tchnetwork.org/jobs/>.

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Town of Nucla is now hiring a Public Works Director. General duties include managing

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public works employees, planning, organizing, directing, and integrating the Town's public works activities and functions. Provides professional assistance to Town management and leadership to manage the Town's public infrastructure systems. A full description and application can be found at <https://townofnucla.colorado.gov>. Please submit your application and/or resume via email to manager.nucla@mail.com, drop off at 320 Main Street or mail to PO Box 219, Nucla, CO 81424 before October 16, 2023

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VETERAN MEMORIAL SERVICE INFO

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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 4, 2023
RE: WINTER OF 2023-2024 SNOW REMOVAL ON COUNTY ROADS
NOTICE OF "LIMITED TO NO MAINTENANCE"

By order of the Board of County Commissioners, Montrose County, Colorado, the following roads will not be cleared of snow and will receive "Limited to No Maintenance" during the period of November 21, 2023 through May 1, 2024.

Countywide Roads

- 25 Mesa from Delta County line southwest to V36 Road; and all side roads between these points including W32 Road, V36 Road (V36 Road is plowed from 25 Mesa 0.25 miles west to snowmobile parking area) and V37 Road
- 90 Road (old Highway 90) from end of pavement near Shavano Valley Road southwest to Divide Road and then southwest to the Forest Service boundary that is located approximately 3 miles east of the San Miguel River bridge; and all side roads between these points. Private winter maintenance is authorized extending from 3 miles east of the San Miguel River bridge east 7 miles.
- Divide Road from Dave Wood Road northwest to Mesa County line; and all side roads

Maher Area

- 8250 Road from Highway 92 east to end
- A Road from W. Black Canyon Road west to end
- Black Canyon Road from Poison Springs Road south to Park Service boundary
- C77 Road from Black Canyon Road west to end
- F81 Road from Highway 92 east to end
- I83 Road from intersection of J-82 Road to Gunnison County line
- J82 Road from intersection of I-83 Road east to Gunnison County line
- O84 Road Highway 92 east to Gunnison County line
- Poison Springs Road from Black Canyon Road south to end

East End of Montrose County

- 864A (Z84 Road) from Gunnison County line to Gunnison County line
- 5750 Road from II Road south to San Miguel County line
- Bostwick Park Road from Landfill Road east 4.14 miles (to top of hill)
- Buckhorn Road from intersection of 7250 Road east to end
- Dave Wood Road / 5850 Road / JJ58 Road from the southern Montrose-Ouray County line (located 1.34 miles northeast of Divide Road) south to the San Miguel County line. Private Winter Maintenance is authorized on 3.45 miles Dave Wood Road extending from the southern Montrose-Ouray County line south to 0.06 miles south of North Fork Horsefly Creek.
- H54 Road 5425 Road southwest to end of County maintenance
- C37 Road (aka Escalante Canyon Rd), Delta County line southwest to Mesa County line
- G37 Road (aka Dry Mesa Road), from Delta County line southwest to Mesa County line
- II Road from Dave Wood Road west to end
- L37 Road (Sawmill Mesa Road) from Delta County line southwest to Mesa County line
- P49 Road from Transfer Road northwest to end
- P76 Road from Highway 50 south to end
- P77 Road from Highway 50 southeast to 0.8 miles northwest of intersection with Big Cimarron Road
- Q72 Road from 1.90 miles east of Kinikin Road east to end
- Peach Valley Road from BLM recreation parking drive, located 0.8 miles east of 6400 Road, north to Delta County line.
- Rim Road from Shavano Valley Road west and south to 90 Road
- Roubideau Canyon Road (A-49 Road) from Delta County line southwest to end
- Simms Mesa Road from Happy Canyon Road south to end
- Transfer Road from Forest Service boundary near P49 Road south to Divide Road

Sanborn Park Area

- Sanborn Park Road from GG47 Road east to Dave Wood Road; and all side roads including Hanks Valley Road
- HH45 Road from Sanborn Park Road north to end
- HH46 Road from Sanborn Park Road north to end

West End of Montrose County

- All secondary roads off DD19 Road
- All secondary roads off EE21 Road
- All roads on Wray Mesa and area extending north to Highway 90. This includes Y1 Road, Z1 Road, DD1 Road and all side roads.
- All roads in the area located north and northwest of Nucla extending north and west of Z26 Road and bounded by Highway 141, Divide Road and the Montrose-Mesa County line. This area includes roads along Mesa Creek and Atkinson Creek and roads on Atkinson Mesa and Spring Creek Mesa and includes V19 Road and Y23 Road.
- 600 Road from T6 Road north to Q13 Road
- BB36 Road from 90 Road east to end
- BB16 Road from Highway 90 north to end
- CC17 Road from Highway 90 south to end
- EE22 Road from Highway 90 to Highway 141; and all side roads
- GG25 Rd from Highway 90 south and east to HH31 Road; and all side roads
- HH31 Road from GG25 Road south to San Miguel County line and from GG25 Road east 0.62 miles to landfill access drive
- J8 Road from San Miguel county line northwest to end; and all side roads
- Q13 Road from R13 Road west to U5 Road; and all side roads
- R13 Road from Highway 141 west and south to end; and all side roads
- U5 Road from 0.24 miles west of U1 Road northwest to the Utah state line; and all side roads
- W19 Road from Highway 141 south to Y16 Road
- X2 Road from Highway 90 north; and all side roads
- X4 Road from Highway 90 east to end
- Y1 Road from Utah state line east to DD1 Road; and all side roads
- Z26 Road from 0.4 miles north of V19 Road north to end
- Z12 Road from Y11 Road southeast to end
- DD20 Rd from 2nd driveway south of Highway 90 south to end.
- EE28 Rd from last driveway west to end of road.

All roads that are beyond the terminus of plowing operations are included without further reference.

No private maintenance equipment of any kind is allowed to perform maintenance on any of the above-mentioned roads or any County road without the express permission of Montrose County. Such winter maintenance may be permitted by entering into a Private Winter Maintenance Agreement with Montrose County. Entities desiring to perform private winter maintenance on County roads shall notify Montrose County prior to September 1st of each year. Such request shall be made at either:

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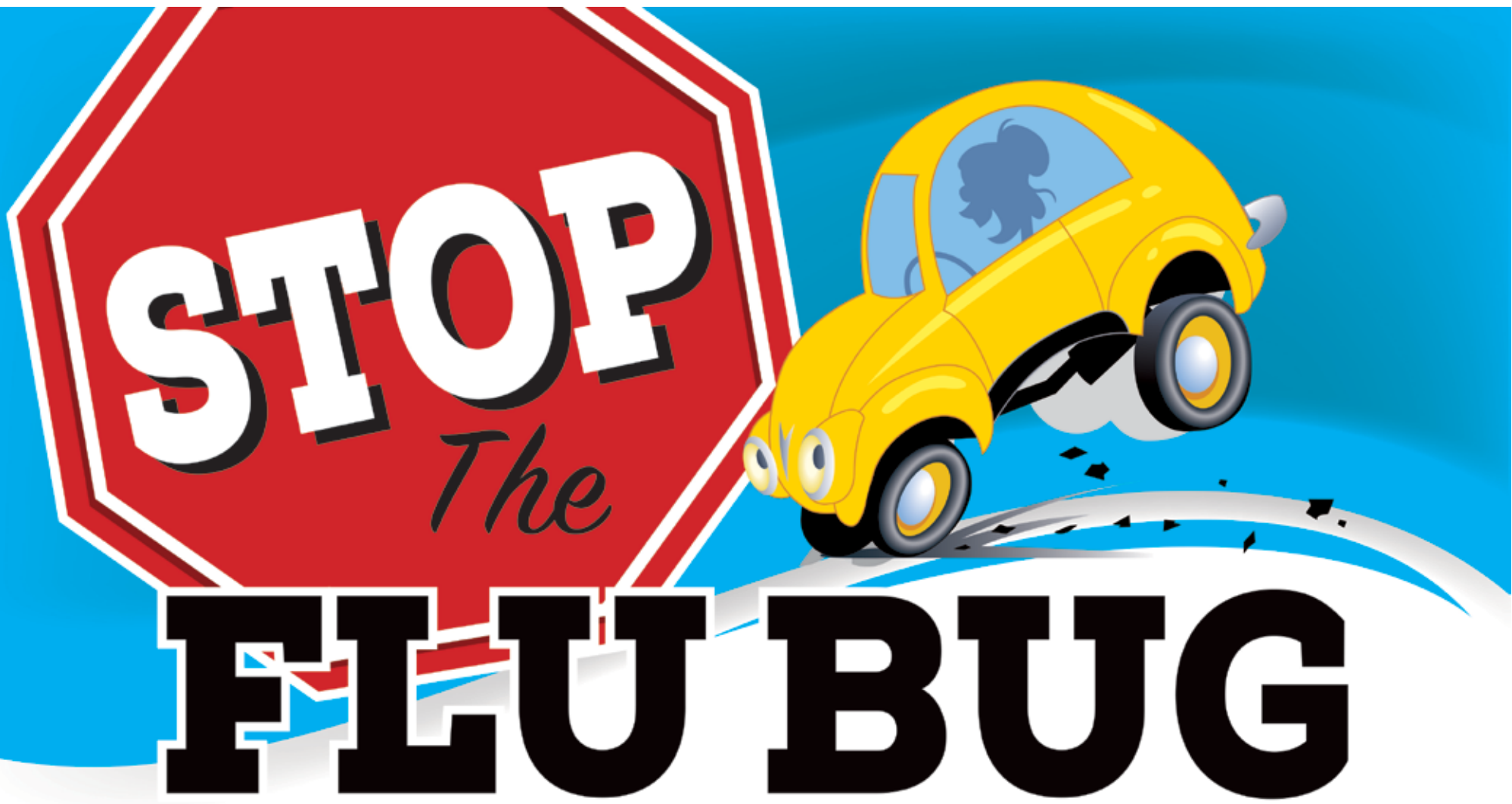
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