

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## HOLIDAY

### Dec. 7 is the West End's Elfin Eve

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Elfin Eve, the West End's community holiday event, is Thursday, Dec. 7, in Naturita and Nucla. This year's theme is "The Music of Christmas." Representatives of the Nucla-Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce want all to know that local businesses will be extending their hours to welcome holiday shopping and encourage folks to spend their money in the West End.

The parade starts at dusk that evening at the Naturita Community Center and will run up the hill to Main Street in Nucla, ending at the fire hall.

There will be awards for the parade contestants in the following categories: family/private entry, clubs/organizations/groups and also government/business.

Various discounts, door prizes, appetizers and more will be happening at local shops and restaurants in the West End. Wild Gal's Market, in Naturita, will have a bonfire and serve hot chocolate, as well mulled cider. Owner Galit Korngold told the Forum, the market will stay open until 8 p.m. for those on Elfin Eve.

Walk-In Liquor and Coffee is happy to participate, as usual.

"We always do a spirit tasting ... snacks ... a drawing for percentages off at the counter, and free swag," said owner Laura Sherman. "All the fun stuff. ... And, we have a pretty good view of the beginning of the parade."

Virginia Ericson of Flying Bear Pizzeria at Naturita Bicycle Company will host live music with local Jon Bud singing country and Americana classics. They'll have holiday inspired cocktails too. Additionally, the bike shop portion will have discounts on gear and other retail.

"We look forward to seeing the community and having our fireplace going with warm drinks," Ericson said.

Up the hill in Nucla, Saucy Mama's has been so busy the owners have not had time to think about Elfin Eve. They've been cooking for hunters after hours, in addition to their regular hours. While Saucy Mama's doesn't have details yet of their Elfin Eve plans, they're working on it and will be open for sure. Bobbie Calhoun, owner of the 5th Avenue Grill, echoed that her business will be open and participate with a special meal that evening. She's just not sure of her exact dinner plans as of press time.

Also participating will be 333 Arts and potentially Tabeguache Trail Riders.

Rosella Chiles and Cassandra  
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## PEOPLE

### Sabra Grierson completes farrier school

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

After graduating Nucla High School less than six months ago, Sabra Grierson — the not-so-little girl who's done gymkhana and rodeo her whole life — has already completed one post-secondary education program. She trained at Oklahoma Horseshoeing School in Purcell, Oklahoma, for 12 weeks and just received her diploma.

Grierson told the Forum over the weekend that she's always been around farriers because of her own horses. She figured she

could attend school to learn how to do their job, save money for herself, but also make money by shoeing for others.

She left Aug. 3 for Oklahoma, lived in the dorms on site and studied six days a week with morning classes and hands-on work using tools, a forge and more. She and her classmates were shoeing a horse on the first day of training.

There were some females in the program, but way more men, she said. Students start the program at different times, so the numbers fluctuate depending on the week. She said the ages of students varied greatly too. Some students were still teens; others were much

older.

Grierson is happy with the education she received. The hardest part for her was being persistent in everything she was asked to do. She had to find her own routine for forging and shaping horseshoes. In the beginning it was a struggle, but it did get easier for her.

She of course had to study equine bones, tendons and hoof structures. She learned about corrective shoeing and other issues that cannot be solved by the work of a farrier.

She said her teachers were "the best," though at times they had

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## COMMUNITY

### Fund for Norwood swimming pool started

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A public swimming pool for Norwood, an idea that has been a frequent topic of community discussion over the years, may be a step closer to reality, thanks to the generosity of a local couple. Lisa Foxwell and Paul Finley, owners of the Many Ponies Outfit horse ranch in Norwood, have donated \$53,000 in seed money to start a fund aimed at getting a pool built here.

"It will take a number of years, but we need to get the public interested in it and excited," said Foxwell. "Every journey starts with a single step."

The swimming pool fund will be administered by the Lone Cone Legacy Trust, a community endowment established to support Norwood and Wright's Mesa, in conjunction with the Telluride Foundation. Foxwell serves on the Legacy Trust's board of directors.

Members of the public who wish to donate to the pool project can send checks to the Lone Cone Legacy Trust at P.O. Box 565, Norwood, CO 81423. All the money will be invested, so that it can appreciate in value over time.

The Legacy trust asks people who want to donate to mark "swimming pool fund" on the memo line of their checks, so that the money is properly allocated.

"Norwood has always wanted and needed a swimming pool, and Lisa and Paul have started a process that could make it a reality," said Legacy Trust board member Gretchen Wells. "Thank you, Lisa and Paul."

Other board members mentioned how a pool in Norwood could help local children learn to swim.

"I have a young child, and this past summer my family drove her to Ouray for swim lessons," said Jennifer Wheeler, who recently joined the board. "I think a pool will not only be great for people to learn to swim in the West End, but for recreation for all age groups."

In 2007, the Norwood Park and Recreation District proposed a \$12 million, 30,000-foot recreation center that included plans for a four-lane swimming pool, as well as a play area for children and a full-sized gym. The project was to be paid for largely with tax revenues from oil and gas drilling by EnCana Corporation, a Canadian energy company. But, EnCana later spun off its interests in western Colorado, and the oil and gas money never materialized, forcing Norwood to abandon those plans.

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### A STEM showcase

Naturita kids take a second place title at a robotics competition in Durango over the weekend.

(Photo by Ellen Metrick)

## NORWOOD

### SMC supports ag over solar; summer concerts planned

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

At last week's Norwood Town Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor Candy Meehan told the board San Miguel County will send a letter to the State Land Board to support agriculture and grazing on the parcel of land that was being discussed for a 600-acre solar project. Meehan said the community wasn't necessarily anti-solar; it's anti industrialization, and the Lone Cone property is not a good spot

for a solar installation.

Town Clerk Amanda Pierce told trustees she and Deputy Clerk Becky Hannigan had a meeting with the West End's Task Force for the Office of Just Transition. Just Transition is a state program that supports communities affected by the coal shut-down.

Pierce said now, the local area — Nucla, Naturita, Norwood — will share a regional grant writer who will work in all three communities and support the West End Economic Development Cor-

poration. It's a pilot program. The grant writer will split time in all three towns, and work for three years at a minimum. Pierce said the grants for such things work especially well when local entities apply as a whole region.

Daiva Chesonis, of Norwood Park and Recreation District (NPRD), attended the meeting to speak about a summer concert series that is being planned for 2024. Called Music on the Mesa, the event will showcase ciders

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## TIPS FROM THE WEST END POSSE

## Knot tying

By MARK RACKAY

For most of us, the first knot we learned how to tie was in our shoelaces. And that is where it stopped for a large portion of the human population. Generally, people can't tie knots for anything.

I had a tough time with the shoelace thing. After a session of attempting to tie my shoelaces, usually my feet were tied together, and the laces were one big ball that my grandmother had to attack with scissors and a pocketknife.

I believed that granny knots would hold anything, if you used enough of them. Seven or eight grannies could be used as a tow rope for a semi-truck, and I was secure in that knowledge until I got into fishing. Anyone person who fishes knows the importance of properly tied fishing knots. A bad knot in monofilament line means a lost fish. I can't tell you how many times a knot has failed and lost a fish because of it.

If you want to add a little bit of insult to injury, scientists believe the first knot was not even a human invention. Apes and gorillas are most likely the first knot-tyers. I guess even a baby ape knew how to tie his shoes. The knot has been around long before the invention of the wheel.

It can be very overwhelming to someone like me. A mathematician in Stockholm by the name of Mikael Vejdemo-Johansson led a team of folks to determine how many tie knots are possible. Their results say there are 177,147 different ways to tie the knot of a necktie. I never could figure out one, the Windsor, so I quit wearing ties, unless they had that little plastic clip on them to hold the tie to my shirt.

Tying knots in rope gets a little bit easier. There are only about 4,000 known knots for rope, ranging from simple to unbelievable. To put this into some easier perspective, knots can be divided into three different categories by their uses.

The first is knots. Basically, a knot is used to tie two pieces of rope or cordage together, simple as that. Wrap a rope around something carried on the roof of your car, and a knot keeps the two ends together securely.

The second is hitches. Hitches are used to tie a rope around something.

Tying up your boat to a mooring at the dock is a good example. You can also use a hitch to secure a bundle of things, such as a pile of firewood.

The third category would be lashings. Lashings are knots used to tie two objects together, like poles for a shelter, or fixing up a broken fence post. You can also lash tarps to a pole when you need a roof from the elements.

Start out by learning a few of the basics, and you will be ahead of the game. Learn the overhand knot and the square knot, which you probably already know. Jump into the sheet bend and the bowline, and you will have a good selection of knots.

Two half-hitches, and the taut line-hitch will fill most of your needs in the hitch department. When it comes to lashings, the round and diagonal lashing will get you through most any situation.

I won't even try to make this a "how-to" column, as there is not room, nor do I have the skill set. There are many books with black-and-white diagrams available to further confuse the would-be student of knots. Ah, but we are in modern times, and there are resources available to us.

There are scores of videos on the internet, but if you have a cell phone, you are in business. Download the free app called Useful Knots-Tying Guide, by Neptune apps. With this app, and a couple of four-foot sections of rope, you can learn all the basic knots, hitches and lashings, plus dozens of others you probably did not know even existed.

Countless other free apps are available, but this one gives really clear directions, history of the knot, and its many uses. You can practice these knots at home, in your easy chair, or at your desk at work when the boss isn't around.

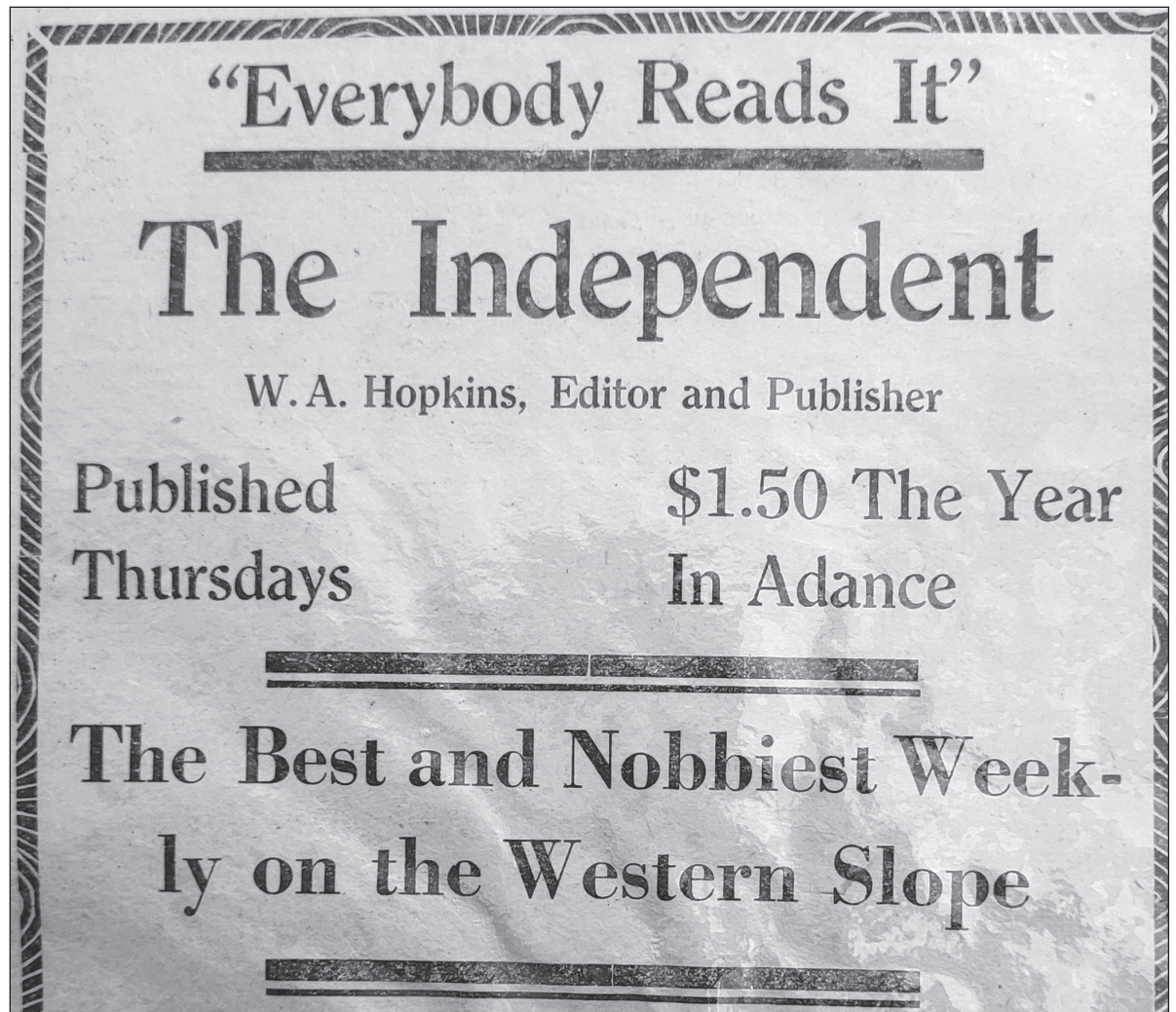
For you folks who fish, there are dozens of apps teaching fishing knots as well. Years ago, when I lived in the Florida Keys, I was pretty good at about 30 different knots for fishing and ropes on the boat. I had to learn all of them from black-and-white diagrams or other people. This app really makes it easy. I might even finally learn how to tie my shoes correctly, so I don't need scissors and a pocketknife anymore to get them untied.

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History: Rimrocker Historical Society  
Old news from  
The Nucla IndependentBy JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

The Rimrocker Historical Society members are enjoying sifting through old newspapers. (Courtesy image)

Unpacking at the museum has been so fun. We recently came across a box full of Nucla Independent newspapers, and as usual I tend to get "lost" in them. They are so interesting to read. I thought I would share the news of Nov. 11, 1915.

Front page news brings the story of the Nucla Mercantile Company having business problems. The company was assigned to W. P. Johnson, of Coventry, as trustee: "Mr. Johnson has assumed charge of the store and will operate the business with a view of paying one hundred cents on the dollar to the creditors if possible." The article goes on to say, "The many friends of C. E. Williams, manager and principal owner of the mercantile company, will regret to learn of this business failing."

How interesting that 100 years later we would find our grocery store with the same problem and all of us feeling sad for the owner of our mercantile.

A business meeting of the Pioneer Club was scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. and a "full attendance (was) requested." The club was celebrating the anniversary of the C. C. Co. on Nov. 25 with a short entertainment and a dance.

A benefit dance, picture show and supper were held at the Town Hall the past Saturday for the A. B. Green family. The home of the Green family burned and was a total loss. Mr. Sly sold \$19 in tickets, and Myrtle Cooper

sold \$13. The Nucla Pharmacy sold tickets, minus the \$3.25 for ice cream. The dance, show and supper raised \$75.90. Mrs. Ray donated a cake which sold for \$1 and another half cake by Mrs. Anderson for 25 cents. "A large dancing crowd was out and a number of people were present from the river, Naturita and the Coke Ovens," the story said.

A social was to be held at the Congregational Church, given by the high school girls for the purpose of raising money to start a basketball team: "There will be ten cents admission at the door, and ice cream and cake will be served at ten cents a dish. We hope everyone will come and help the girls out."

In the classified ads section, the Tarkoff 80-acre ranch with orchard and ample ditch stock was offered for rent for the season of 1916. The U.S. Geological Survey was looking for pasture, shelter and hay, when necessary, for nine animals from about Nov. 20 through the winter, and the stock had to be kept in good condition. Eugene Schaeffer offered a \$5 reward for one dark red heifer, 2 years old, which had strayed from home. A 10x12 tent and one small cook stove were for sale by Everett Gibbs.

News from Ute says that Mrs. Rice will go to Montrose to live for the winter leaving Mr. Rice to hold down the homestead. A light snow fell but melted quickly. School was getting along fine with two new students bringing the enrollment to 20.

Water was to be turned out of

the C. C. Co. ditch, as soon as the slush ice commenced to float in the river. From the 12th to the 18th was the usual time the water has been turned out. The stork visited at Second Park the previous Sunday and left a fine baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hutchins. Dr. Nordland was the delivering doctor.

Some of the business advertisements of the day were The Nucla Planing Mill. Mr. Preston was the proprietor, and he did cabinet work, sash, screens, bee hives and apple boxes for local use. Mr. Nietzsche had a tin-smithing shop and also advertised for machine work. Ubell and Lockwood did cement and concrete work with cisterns as their specialty. Mr. Wittern would do painting, paper hanging and sign painting.

The Naturita House provided excellent meals, and all boarders and roomers were given every attention usually found in an up-to-date hotel. Mrs. Swan who was generally called "Ma" Swan was the proprietor. You could buy a lump of coal at the Knaus Coal Mine for \$2.25 or have it delivered for \$4, and they would take hay, grain or pork in exchange for the coal. The Pastime Billiard Hall and Barbering, with S. L. Howard, the proprietor, offered vibratory massage for 35 cents, as well as a full line of candies, tobaccos and cigars.

That was life in Nucla and the surrounding area 108 years ago. Except for the prices, it really hasn't changed much if you think about it.



Cowboy poet John Nelson will read his work in Norwood Nov. 15. All in the West End are invited. (Courtesy image)

**ARTS**

# Cowboy poet featured at Lone Cone Library

**SPECIAL TO THE FORUM**

This month, on the third Wednesday of the month, the Stories & Poems series at the Lone Cone Library welcomes word wrangler John Nelson, of Gunnison, to perform his original work Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

"I first met John when we both appeared in David Rothman's 1998 anthology 'The Geography of Hope: Poets of Colorado's Western Slope (Conundrum Press)," said Talking Gourds Director Art Goodtimes. "He's a fine storyteller in lyric form."

Nelson recently retired from 40 years of leading horseback pack trips and trail rides into spectacular Rocky Mountain wilderness country as the owner and operator of The Gunnison Country Guide

Service.

In the early years of that career, he began reciting cowboy poetry from his favorite authors to entertain guests and wranglers around the evening campfires. When one guest inquired, "Hey, John! You're pretty good at reciting other people's poetry, but have you ever written any of your own?," it spurred him into action.

Since then, he has authored a pack load of his personal writings. In addition, he has performed and entertained at numerous gatherings, celebrations, banquets, guest ranches, hunting camps, clubs, outdoor sports shows, school classrooms and on TV and radio. His work has been published in a couple of anthologies, and in many outdoor sports magazines and newspapers.

Stories & Poems follows a simple format. There will be a performance of a featured storyteller or poet, followed by a question and answer session and then a Gourd Circle.

At that point, everyone present will be invited to tell a story, perform a poem (an original or a favorite written by someone else), sing a song, read a short section of prose, or simply pass the gourd to the next person.

Stories & Poems is free and open to all ages, sponsored by private donors and the Fischer Cantor poetry contests. The public is welcome to visit [tellurideinstitute.org/talking-gourds](http://tellurideinstitute.org/talking-gourds) to hear more about the program. For more information, folks may also text 970-729-0220 or email Goodtimes at [shroompa@gmail.com](mailto:shroompa@gmail.com).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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from Mancos that are prepared using apples from the Apple Core Project, of Nucla. Chesonis is now working with a music promoter on bands, dates and more.

Dahlia Martens, of Telluride, appeared at the meeting to announce she's moving to Norwood after having purchased the Royer Building. She'll now move her business Mary Jane's Medicinals, as well as her personal home, to Grand Avenue.

Mary Jane's is a topical cannabis company that creates salves, lotions, and more. She said the business is low-impact, since there aren't really smells or commotion.

The town clerk said Martens follows the law impeccably. Martens will likely be hiring one to two Norwood employees. The hair salon currently in the same

building will remain.

Norwood Youth Organization has been approached to start a co-ed volleyball rec league. The nonprofit has reached out to Montrose West Recreation to see about their plans for adult volleyball play. The league is supposed to start up in late November.

Plans are underway for the ice rink, too, which ideally happens at Pig Palace at San Miguel Basin Fairgrounds in the winter. Trustee Shawn Fallon said there's been a situation with the shade cloth, since the roping club chopped it up over the summer to create shade over horse stalls. He agreed the cloth was old and someone told them they could use it. Still, the ice rink needs a new shade cloth. The town is now donating approximately \$300-\$350 for that.

Public Works Director Randy

Harris lost one great employee, Wade Garvey, and is now short-handed. Trustee Niven Drybrough asked Harris how the crew would get along without Garvey, especially regarding snow plowing. Harris said he hopes to hire someone soon.

Trustees acknowledged that fellow trustee Morgan Rummel, also a football coach for the combined Mavericks, was elected to Norwood's school board.

The mayor also reported the Norwood Food Bank needs \$1,500 for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The food bank feeds people all the way in Paradox.

Town Administrator Patti Grafmyer's job has been posted throughout the region, and many people are waiting to see who is applying and who could possibly replace her.

## Swimming pool fund

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Now, Foxwell and Finley hope to revive the idea, although they realize it will take time and a lot more money to turn it into a reality. The couple say they plan to keep donating to the fund on an

annual basis and encourage others to do the same.

"It could take 10 to 20 years," said Finley, "But it will be a huge benefit for our community."

Foxwell and Finley started the Many Ponies Outfit in 1990, giving English and Western rid-

ing lessons for youngsters and adults, offering adventure rides, boarding and support raising horses. They've been active in community affairs in Norwood and are hoping that someday, their legacy will include that swimming pool.

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## Elfin Eve

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Farmer, of Art at the Apothecary, will have a combined space made up of artisans with handmade goods and more.

Rimrocker Historical Society will have the new museum open on Main Street in Nucla, and NNTC will be open until 8 p.m. with a special for that night only.

And, Santa Claus will be at Nucla Fire Hall receiving children and hearing their wishes

this holiday season. Photo opportunities with Santa are welcome.

Also, happening later in December will be the chamber's holiday lighting contest. Then, there will be a residential category to include Naturita, Redvale, Nucla and also Bedrock and Paradox. There will be a business-commercial category too. The Nucla-Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce will make announcements soon on the holiday lighting contest details.



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Sabra Grierson, second from left with diploma, stands with friends as she is recognized for graduating from Oklahoma Horseshoeing School. (Courtesy image)

## Sabra Grierson

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to be firm, especially if people appeared to be slacking. Some of the horses were big drafts that needed to be sedated. Other horses had not been shod in some time. She also got to work with nicer horses, though, that had been more maintained by their owners.

She got to meet other people in the rodeo world and also other horseshoers who are talented in their work. She sat through various demonstrations and talks given by expert farriers.

She's not sure what she'll do at this point. She's been back home in the West End for a week and a

half. She's been working already and even shod for her former employer Roudy Roubush. Grierson said "Roudy" expressed his approval at her work this last week and said she did very well with his horses. Grierson agreed her mother Michele Zurich, also a horsewoman, is proud.

She now has the opportunity to apprentice with a farrier in the Denver area, a man who is quite good at his craft. She might also attend a junior college for equine business management.

At only 18 years old, Grierson has a trade under her belt and a way to make money, no matter what route she goes in the future.

She's happy she's done it, and she realizes how she's grown as a horsewoman.

"Looking at the hoof before I went to school and looking at it now, it's so different," she said. "Now I can actually look at the hoof and know what's there and know how to trim (and shoe)."

She recommends Oklahoma Horseshoeing School to anyone willing to work hard at it and meet the rigorous requirements of the program there.

In the meantime, she's got her own tools and a forge and is working away in the West End. To reach Grierson, horse people may call 970-497-0556.

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**OBITUARY**

**Debra Lyn Williams**  
 Feb. 15, 1956 — Nov. 8, 2023

Debra Lyn Williams was born on Feb. 15, 1956, and passed away on Nov. 8 at the age of 67 at HopeWest Hospice Care among family and friends in Grand Junction.

Debra was born to Wesley Cornforth and Donna (Campbell) (Cornforth) Richards in Gunnison. She grew up in rural southwestern Colorado in the Nucla, Naturita and Norwood area. Debra was very energetic, outgoing, athletic, friendly and involved as a young girl. She went to state competition in 4-H for several years with her sewing. Deb also took part in band, track, cheer, and was Grand Worthy Matron and Worthy Advisor for Rainbow Girls and a member of Silver Star Chapter 40 of the Eastern Star.

Debra married James Williams, of Redvale, on March 2, 1974, and they lived in Norwood for a short time before moving to Crawford and then Grand Junction. Deb started working in the medical field, where she earned an A.S. degree in computer accounting. Later she worked as an office manager for a printing firm. After their children were born, Debra spent lots of time with baseball, wrestling, track, soccer, band, fishing and boating. Debra always had a beautiful, onery smile. In 1988 the family moved to Winnemucca, Nevada, and Deb worked as office manager for Schmueser & Associates Inc. They relocated to Rifle in 2001 and in 2012 moved to Loma.

Debra is survived by her husband, James Williams; her step-mother, Coy Cornforth; and her two children, Brock (Moriah) Williams, of Loma, and Alexa (Matthew) Bryan, of Charlottesville, VA. Debra was the oldest of six children: Deanna (Richard) Rambo, Brian Cornforth (deceased), Cindy (Tim) Arrasmith, Ty (Theresa) Cornforth and Gwyn Goebel. Debra has seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Deb was preceded in death by her parents, Wesley Cornforth and Donna Richards, and her brother, Brian Cornforth.

A service will be held for Debra in Grand Junction at Browns Funeral Home, 904 N. 7th Street, at 1 p.m. on Dec. 14 with refreshments to follow at the Masonic Center at 2400 Consistory Court in Grand Junction.

Interment will be at the Norwood Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Dec. 16 with refreshment to follow at the Redvale Community Center in Redvale.

In lieu of sending flowers, we invite you to make a donation in Deb's honor to the Redvale Community Building, P.O. Box 66, Redvale, CO 81431, or the the Ute Trail Study Club, P.O. Box 63, Redvale, CO 81431, or HopeWest Hospice of Grand Junction at [hopewestco.org/donate/](http://hopewestco.org/donate/).

**West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter**

**10/19/2023**  
 0047 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Main Street in Nucla for suspicious activity.

1541 Hours - Giovanni Ortiz, 20, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla and issued a warning for impeding traffic and failure to maintain a single lane of travel.

1702 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 18500 block of 25 Mesa Road near Nucla for a fire.

1953 Hours - Sheamus Croke, 28, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 62 near Naturita and issued a warning for expired registration.

1 follow up report

1 school zone in Naturita  
 1 directed patrol in County  
 1 directed patrol in Naturita  
 1 civil process attempted/served

**10/20/2023**

0807 Hours - Deputy took a harassment report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1909 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a traffic complaint.

2008 Hours - Harley Naff, 21, was contacted and issued a warning for no license plates.

2119 Hours - Deputy conducted a bar check in the 200 block of East Main Street in Naturita.

**10/21/2023**  
 0907 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 5600 block of U5 Road near Paradox.

1434 Hours - Debra Hall, 57, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 62 near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1450 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1553 Hours - Carl Sullivan, 64, was contacted in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

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600-700# STEERS	2.35-2.45	600-700# HEIFERS	2.25-2.35
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**NO SALE NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

**Wednesday NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL WEIGH COWS/BUTCHER BULL SALE**

**NEXT SPECIAL SHEEP & GOAT SALE - November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Wednesday, Nov. 22**

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**Thursday, Nov. 23**

Thanksgiving Break

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#### Position Summary:

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The Manager position will be based at the Norwood Town Hall at 1670 Naturita St., Norwood, Colorado, and reports to the Personnel Committee comprised of representatives from Sanitation, Water, and Town Boards.

This position exercises direct supervision of the Division/ Department Heads and adminis-

trative support personnel.

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All interested candidates must submit an application, resume and cover letter and submit it to [hiring@norwoodtown.com](mailto:hiring@norwoodtown.com). Full job description and application can be found on the Norwood Town website, [norwoodtown.com/applications-permits](http://norwoodtown.com/applications-permits). Applications are being accepted from Nov. 7 to Dec. 6, 2023. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Town of Norwood at 970.327.4288

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## LEGAL PUBLICATION

District Court, Montrose County, Colorado  
1200 N. Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401

Case No. 2023CV30088

Plaintiffs: LLOYD C. LAKIN and SHAYNA BELL  
Defendants: BRISA FELIX and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS

### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

**TO THE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to file with the clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the Complaint filed in the above-captioned case within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35 days of the last publication, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiffs in and to real property situate in Montrose County, CO legally described as:

SW¼NW¼, SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; EXCEPTING A TRACT OF LAND GRANTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS BY DEED RECORDED JUNE 14, 1961 IN BOOK 510 AT PAGE 465; ALSO EXCEPTING A TRACT OF LAND GRANTED TO JOHN W. REAMS AND DIANNA L. REAMS IN A DEED RECORDED DECEMBER 17, 2009 AT RECEPTION NO. 809460, COUNTY OF MONTROSE, STATE OF COLORADO.

Dated November 13, 2023.

/s/ Sara Bachman

Plaintiffs' Attorney, #50363

Bachman Law, LLC

PO Box 158, 140 E. Main Street, Naturita, CO 81422

970-865-2440

Published in the San Miguel Basin Forum November 15, 22, 29, December 6, and 13, 2023

# West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

1615 Hours - Robert Thomas, 45, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 60 near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1627 Hours - Jerroll Koskie, 84, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 60 near Naturita and cited for speeding.

1700 Hours - Victoria Stafford, 34, was contacted in the 300 block of West Main Street in Naturita and cited for speeding.

1711 Hours - Thomas Pitterle, 60, was contacted in the 300 block of East Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1747 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Main Street in Naturita for a harassment report.

1752 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Payson Street and Highway 97 in Naturita for a disturbance.

1 directed patrol in Naturita  
**10/22/2023**

1121 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 300 block of Adams Street in Naturita.

1210 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 20700 block of T5 Road near Paradox for a traffic complaint.

1721 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for an information report.

1929 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Brinkley Avenue in Naturita for a disturbance.

**10/23/2023**

0111 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Grape Street in Nucla for suspicious activity.

0250 Hours - Christian Linville, 20, was contacted at the intersection of Main Street and West Seventh Avenue in Nucla and issued a warning for expired registration.

0708 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 16200 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a 911.

0758 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

0859 Hours - Deputy took a report for

a civil matter in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1135 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1340 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an alarm.

1900 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Main Street and Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a traffic complaint.

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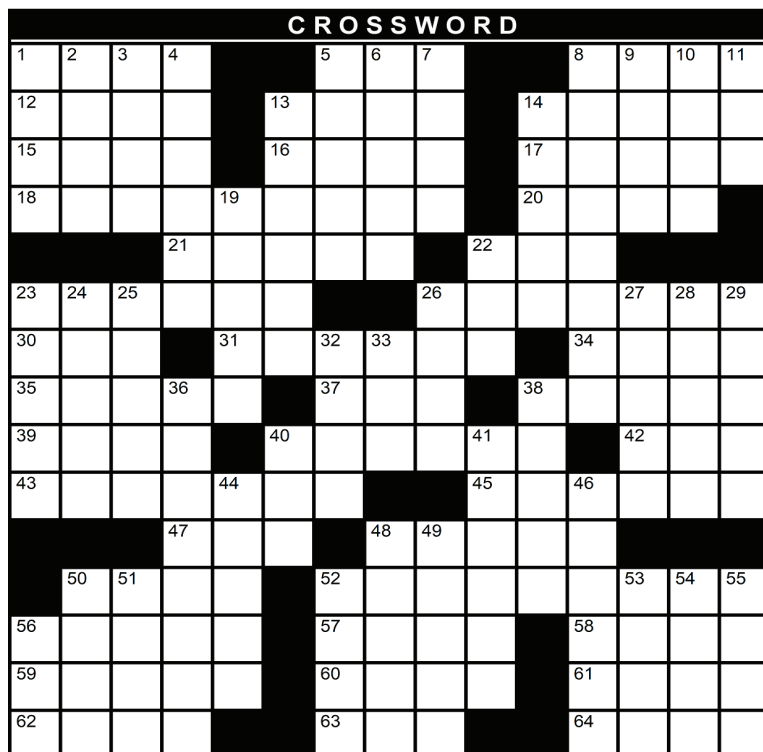
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Archery class is back, thanks to Bri Bonacquista.



Ryann Reams is in the money barrel racing in Farmington.



Mr. McCabe's government class attends the 2023 Western Slope Economic Leadership Conference.



National Honor Society inducts Kyra Redd and Truman Tooker. From left to right are Hemmy O'Brien, Shania Joseph, Redd, advisor Aurhianna Sandifer, Tooker, Keiran Bray and Steele Arnold.



Ag class continues to study range management with the National Resource Conservation Service. (Courtesy images)