

San Miguel Basin Forum

NORWOOD

Solar energy open house scheduled for Oct. 10

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

San Miguel County's Planning Department has announced an open house to gather public input on solar and other major utility projects to aid planning staff as it develops new land-use code regulations. The open house is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lone Cone Library in Norwood.

With several entities expressing interest in developing utility-scale solar in San Miguel County, the board of county commissioners imposed a moratorium on commercial solar and major utility projects in the county in May of this year.

San Miguel County must now work diligently to prepare and adopt the necessary regulations, as there are currently no specific regulations in the land-use code for solar and other large-scale utility developments. Current regulations are overly broad and do not address the particulars of any potential major utility projects, county officials have said.

Officials added in a press release last week that while renewable energy is a priority for the county, the lack of specificity in current regulations must be addressed.

"It is important to have regulations that address potential commercial-scale solar projects. Currently, there are no specific regulations in the land use code," said board of county commissioners chair Lance Waring. "Renewable energy is an important part of meeting the county's greenhouse gas reduction targets. However, we must balance public health, safety and welfare with these environmental goals."

Included in San Miguel County's work on crafting land-use code language that will guide planners as they receive any future applications for solar and other renewable projects, efforts are being undertaken on updating regulations related to natural resources, including oil and gas, mining and logging.

"There have been significant changes in state regulations related to natural resources in the past several years, as well as shifts in best practices and local environmental concerns," explained county planning director Kaye Simonson. "The intent of the land-use code amendments is to give us up-to-date, comprehensive tools, so we can consider and fully address impacts on the natural environment and on our communities."

County officials remind the public that there are currently no pending applications filed with the

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EVENTS

Heritage Festival happens in Nucla Oct. 7

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

It's time for the Heritage Festival in Nucla this weekend. The seventh-annual celebration honors the history of the heirloom fruit that the old settlers brought with them and perpetuated through the grafting process more than a century ago, and it also celebrates other local food too. Held at Nucla Town Park, and produced by the Apple Core Project, the festival is free for the public and takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All are invited to bring their home-grown produce to the festival from 10 a.m. to noon for a produce show. Judging of local produce will take place at 1 p.m. Each variety counts as one entry. All produce and fruit must be labeled. For more information, the public should see the Colorado State University-Extension Office's website.

Various vendors will be on site with lunch for festival-goers, including Flying Bear Pizzeria, Saucy Mama's, the FRESH Food Hub of Norwood, Wild Gal's Market and more. A large farm and craft market will be ongoing

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Bodie Johansson picks apples with his family for the community's cider. (Courtesy image)

COMMUNITY

Mrs. Knickerbocker's request for news audio begins this week

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

When Brock Benson moved to Naturita in 2022 from Denver, he had the desire to start a podcast about the West End. He said he always loved podcasts, and having a degree in theater with training for voice made it seem like a natural thing to do.

He added coming out of the COVID pandemic, when there was such high tension and political unrest, encouraged him to begin the work. He also said watching the mines close and the economy suffer inspired him to take the opportunity to help the West End find its voice. He explained the podcasts were about giving the community a place to pause and appreciate what it has.

"When the world falls apart, we have each other and this community," he said. "We can be clear about that — and who we are."

The WEcast Colorado began in January 2022, and those have continued. Nearly two years later, though, Benson said his goal of a monthly podcast has been challenging — especially since he opened a bike shop, Paradox Cycle, and also started teaching theater at Nucla High School. The podcasts also don't produce income, and it takes time to select topics and write the material.

Now, though, the WEcast Colorado will have an addition to the history and culture it focuses on: local news. And that's because of the request of one of Nucla's most beloved personalities, Charlene Knickerbocker.

"Mrs. Knick," as she is commonly known, is now 101 years old and living in Grand Junction. She still loves keeping up with West End news, and has reportedly been reading the San Miguel Basin Forum for decades.

Recently, she made a request to Benson that he read the paper and record it, since that is one of his talents. In this way, she could simply listen to the newspaper.

Benson said he considers Knickerbocker a dear friend and wishes to accommodate any request she might have. Additionally, he said recording the Forum news could support commuters in the car, or those who are busy with household chores.

While the audio version is

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EDUCATION

School conferences and homecoming are coming right up

By MALISHA REED,
Nucla High School

Fall is here, and along with it comes many school-related activities and festivities. Nucla Middle School-High School will have parent-teacher conferences on Oct. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m., and on Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The middle and high schools will have an open house during these times, where families can come into the office to get a student's progress report and then visit each of their teachers in classrooms. The conferences are designed to help families understand what students are learning at school, their academic and social-emotional progress, as well as what families and teachers can do to best support students.

Some questions to ask when attending the conferences and open house are, "How is my child doing? Is there anything you would like to share with me about

what you have observed regarding my child since school started?" Other questions are, "What is my child expected to learn, know and do by the end of this school year, and is my child on target? How will my child's grade be calculated? Does my child have any outstanding assignments, and if so, can you please provide me a list of those assignments and a timeline of when they need to be turned in?" It's also good to ask, "What does my child do well, and is there anything they are struggling with? How is my child doing socially and emotionally? What can I do to support my child?"

And, it's almost time for Nucla High School's homecoming. This year's theme is "superheroes." Each class was able to choose a superhero to decorate their hallway with and use as the theme for their float. The seniors chose Spider-Man, the juniors selected Batman, the sophomores picked Ghost Rider and the freshmen

have Groot. The eighth grade has Green Arrow, and the seventh chose The Incredibles.

Students also selected their royalty court for homecoming. Senior attendants are Steele Arnold, Keiran Bray, Nolan Cressler, Shania Joseph, Hemmy O'Brien, Haylee Smith, JW Naslund and Jessica Wilhelm. Juniors are Hunter Rowe and Merilee Gallagher. Sophomores are Jose Zunich and Noni Yardley. Freshman are Jacob Davis and Annie Anton.

The homecoming schedule for the week is as follows: Oct. 9 is Pajama Day, and Oct. 10 is Twin Day. Oct. 11 is Crazy Hair Day, plus the powder puff game at 7 p.m. at the high school football field. A bonfire will follow on the north end of the field. Oct. 12 is Blue & Gold Day, and the pep rally starts at 1:30 p.m. in the high school gym. The peach fuzz warm-up game is at 2:30 p.m.

On Oct. 14, the homecoming parade begins at 10 a.m.

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TIPS FROM THE WEST END POSSE

Tides

By MARK RACKAY

Living in the Florida Keys, our lives revolved around the tides. Flowing water from either incoming or outgoing tides determined where and when you should go fishing. Many anglers had a preference for incoming or outgoing, and it often was a heated dispute as to which one was better, but they all agreed that slack tide (no movement) was the worst.

It wasn't just fishers who cared about the tides. The tides cause major fluctuations in the depth of water, and in an area like the keys, this made a big difference. Normal tides would raise or lower the depth 1 to 2 feet. When you have a cut or channel that is only 3 feet deep to start with, a low tide could put an end to all your forward motion. Sitting hard aground with a million-dollar yacht, looking like the SS Minnow, does not usually fit the "yacht club" image those people strive for.

Tides are very long waves that move across the world oceans. They are caused by the gravitational forces exerted on the earth by the moon, and to a lesser extent, the sun. When the highest point in the wave, or the crest, reaches a coast, the coast experiences a high tide. When the lowest point, or the trough, reaches a coast, the coast then experiences a low tide. As the earth spins, different areas of the planet face the moon, and this rotation causes the tides to cycle around the planet.

Tides on the ocean generally fluctuate between 2 and 6 feet. Some areas of the world experience much greater fluctuations. Normally, there are two high tides and two low tides each day, at roughly six-hour intervals. Winds can alter tidal rises and falls, depending on the direction and velocity. Hurricane storm surges are an extreme example of how much wind can alter tidal levels. The highest tide in history was recorded at springs in Leaf Basin in Ungava Bay, Quebec, Canada, in 1953, measuring 54 and a half feet.

The oceans, being essentially one massive, connected body of water, have tides because they are so vast that they can be moved by gravity. Unlike the oceans, the tides do not occur in freshwater lakes and streams. Even the Great Lakes don't experience tides because they just aren't big enough. Well, maybe they do, but just smaller ones. Water levels in the Great Lakes are mostly affected by wind.

Wind creates a natural phenomenon called a seiche, a change in water level across the lake because of wind or atmospheric pressure. A seiche can last several hours at minimum, and up to 14 hours in the extreme. People often think this is

a tide, but it is not. Wind can also cause meteotsunamis, waves up to 10 feet in height, generated by wind or atmospheric pressure, lasting up to several hours.

The tides in the Great Lakes do occur, but on a very small level. Water fluctuations generally are between 4 or 5 centimeters. Movement that low can often be overtaken by the winds, so the tides are usually not noticeable.

The moon affects the waters by fluctuating the levels, even to the minute amounts it moves freshwater, but the phases of the moon often affect fishing. Fish, both salt and freshwater, tend to come to the surface during the full moon cycle, mainly because the bright lunar light attracts them.

From many years of fishing both fresh and salt water, I have found that fishing is fair the week of the full moon, all the way to the actual day of full, but drops to a standstill for the week thereafter. This was especially evident during the tarpon seasons.

Fishing has always come back to life on the weeks of the new moon. On the other hand, many species really become active on the full moon cycles, such as largemouth bass. Water insects and crawfish emerge in hordes during the full moon times. This can throw the bass into a feeding frenzy.

Tides are predictable, and most coastal areas offer tide predictions. Predictions show the time of the high or low tide and how much the water is predicted to rise or fall. They are called predictions, because nature can alter the times and depth with such things as wind. Similar tide predictions are available for inland areas, called solunar tables.

The problem I found with the tide and solunar tables was that the best days of the month were always days that I had to work. My boss did not accept the "I feel sick" routine, so I always had to stay. That left weekends for hunting and fishing, but as luck would have it, the tables typically showed weak tides for the weekend. That was my luck. At least I had an excuse for not catching anything.

Mark Rackay is a columnist for several newspapers, as well as a feature writer for multiple salt-water fishing magazines. He is an avid hunter and world-class salt-water angler, who travels around the world in search of adventure and serves as a director and public information officer for the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse. For information about the posse, call 970-765-7033 (leave a message) or email info@mcspi.org.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society Walter and Myrtle Cooper settle in Naturita, Part 3

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

A one-room schoolhouse was built with lumber from the Colorado Cooperative Company. This building was used not only for school, but also for all social gatherings as dances, box suppers and potluck dinners. Music for the dances was furnished by anyone who could fiddle a violin, accompanied by someone playing chords on an organ; Walter was the one who often played the organ.

Water in southwestern Colorado was a problem for the early settlers in the winter, as well as in the summer. Since water was shut out of the ditch in the winter, because flumes would freeze and burst, all water used for the home had to be hauled from the river in barrels. Walter usually had a farm wagon by the back porch with a couple of barrels in it, and when they became empty, he hitched a team to the wagon, went down to the river and filled them up. In extremely cold weather the barrel would be kept inside the house, for if left outside it, too, would freeze solid.

In summer, if the ditch water was muddy when wash day came, Myrtle would take a few prickly pear cactus, burn the spines off, pound the cactus with the hammer into a mass and stir it into a barrel of water. In a few minutes the juice from the cactus would absorb the mud and settle it to the bottom of the barrel, leaving the water clear.

Keeping food in the summertime was difficult, and without a supply of ice would have been impossible. So, a building was erected in which ice was stored in sawdust. This ice would last all summer if put up properly and at the right time. In those days ice would freeze 18 inches thick on the San Miguel River, and the men would saw out big chunks, haul it with a team and wagon, and store it in the sawdust. The ice had to be hard and clear, and this meant cutting it during the coldest weather before it started to melt. Putting up ice was



Harry Cooper cuts blocks of ice out of the San Miguel River to store in the ice houses for summer. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

a mean and hazardous job. It was cut out with an ice saw, pulled out with large tongs and lifted into the wagons. More than one man had to be rescued over the years from the ice-cold river.

The Naturita post office was the distribution point for several even smaller post offices. This meant that all of the first-class mail for these smaller offices came in a locked sack, and then the Naturita office put the mail for each of these other offices in other sacks, and carriers would pick them up and take them to the other offices. The postmaster also put mail in sacks to be dropped at ranch mailboxes along the routes. For this extra work, they were paid a wage of a few dollars a month. Besides this income, they got fifty percent of the first hundred dollars' worth of stamps they canceled during the month; first-class postage at that time was two cents on letters and one cent on postcards. They never canceled anywhere near a hundred dollars' worth of stamps a month, so their wages didn't amount to much. To compute the amount, they had to count and keep track of postage on letters, cards and parcels.

Myrtle and Walter kept the post office for four or five years and then turned it over to her sister, Moss, and the Coopers started boarding transients, which were mostly freighters and cowboys. When Standard Chemical Company

started operating the mines and a mill, with offices a few miles from Naturita at a place called the Coke Ovens, a few of the white-collar workers stayed with the Coopers. Practically all who stopped at the Coopers, whether white-collar worker, cowboy or whoever, had healthy appetites, and this meant a lot of cooking. Since Myrtle was an excellent cook, and always served good meals, people liked to stop or stay with them. However, the profit didn't amount to very much.

She also tried to have clean beds, and this was not easy, as most of those who stopped over never carried a suitcase or overnight bag containing things such as pajamas or clean clothes. They slept in long-handle underwear, and as they went from one place to another, they often picked up bedbugs and carried them along in their clothing, as well as the plain ordinary dirt they collected as they went along. Most of the travelers took a bath only when they got home. One of the chores when changing beds was to carry an oil can along and spray places in the mattresses or beds where vermin might hide. Myrtle had a fairly nice wooden bedstead, with carving on it, which got infested with bedbugs, and even after she quit keeping people, she never got rid of the bedbugs until she burned the bedstead. ... 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.

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Middle school Mustangs play tough

The girls lost to Dolores last week, but remain positive. (Photo by Brandie McCabe)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Come see us this weekend

Dear Editor,

After a busy spring and early summer, West End Dark Sky Alliance took a break from meetings and events to catch up on other ongoing Dark Sky projects and personal lives. Check out our new display at the Visitor Center in Naturita!

Now it looks like we are finishing the year with the Apple Heritage Fest on Oct. 7, and a solar eclipse Oct. 14. (More on that next week.) Come see us at the Apple Fest. Our tent is dark blue, and our logo banners will be on display, as well as free educational materials. Also, be sure to check out our fundraising items: star finders, photos, logo shirts, hoodies, hats, decals and more.

We can answer questions, and sign you up as an active or supportive member, so you can be informed of our ongoing activities and interesting information. We will bring our telescope with our special solar filter lens, so you can observe the sun and sunspots safely. (Remember to never look directly at the sun without proper eye protection, as you can permanently damage your vision!)

It will be fun to celebrate our heritage of apple and fruit orchards, and also think of our founding pioneers enjoying our same beautiful and rare star-filled skies. Speaking of that, I enjoyed sitting out under the half moon and starry

sky at Nucla Town Park during the West End Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Many of the stories and songs from the gifted musicians and poets mentioned looking up at the star-filled skies. We are so very lucky to still be able to see and enjoy them. There aren't too many places left on the planet where the viewing is this great!

Hope you are enjoying the waning harvest moon and fall colors. Keep looking up!

Deb Stueber
NUCLA

Russian Knapweed is Weed of the Month

Dear Editor,

Invasive species are no joke, and when it comes to noxious weeds, San Miguel County is vigilant. However, without public awareness and a concerted effort to eradicate invasive species, it's an uphill battle. This month's noxious Weed of the Month is the Russian Knapweed (*Leuzea* or *Rhaponticum repens*).

Identified by its single, purple, thistle-like flowers on the end of each stem and clear, "papery" bracts under the flower head, Russian Knapweed has green, alternating basal leaves that are linear at the bottom with smaller, flattened oval shapes toward the top. The plant can grow to about 3 feet in

height. Each plant reproduces via 1,200 nickel-sized seeds each year. Those seeds are viable for about 8 years and spread through wind, animals, rivers and contaminated hay. Peak bud production is June through August. If pulled, the root is black and vigorous. It's a perennial, which means it returns year after year ad infinitum.

A vigorous grower, Russian Knapweed wreaks havoc on the environment, and once established, requires extensive control efforts. It easily out-competes native vegetation and grasses with roots toxic to favorable species. Highly invasive, it reduces forage and wildlife habitat and leads to declines in native plants and native animals.

Russian Knapweed has taken hold in the county, specifically in the Norwood area. It grows in large colonies in areas such as orchards, cultivated fields, pastures and roadsides. Introduced to the United States in contaminated alfalfa from countries around the Caspian Sea in western Asia, as well as China and Mongolia in the late 19th century, Russian Knapweed can be found everywhere in the U.S., save for the Southeast. It is a particular scourge here in the West.

Please help eradicate this species, and report sightings to the San Miguel County Vegetation at 970-327-0399 or juliek@sanmiguel-countyco.gov.

Julie Kolb, Vegetation Manager
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planning department.

The San Miguel Basin Forum asked Simonson about a Zoom

option to attend the meeting remotely. Simonson said because the meeting is an open house, there is not a Zoom option. Participants must attend live and

in person.

"We will post our display boards online shortly after, as well as a summary of the input we receive," she said last week.

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Heritage Festival

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throughout the day.

Other vendors include Cypress Roots Craft Herbalism, Giggling Goat Farm, plus additional cottage food producers at the Heritage Festival showcasing and selling items they've created.

"This year is going to be very special because we have so many new, local vendors and nonprofits coming. They really make the festival ambiance feel community-oriented," said Apple Core Project co-founder Melanie Eggers.

Some other local organizations will be present to share information, like the West End Trails Alliance, West End Dark Sky Advocates and True North Youth Program.

Renown musician B Forrest, who also lives in the area, will

perform live music, in the style of folk, bluegrass and Americana.

"Even our band, B Forrest & Friends is local," Eggers said.

Kids face-painting will take place, and dancing is encouraged.

Folks are welcome to bring their own apples to the Heritage Festival to discuss, share with others or inquire about. There will be a large apple variety demonstration. An heirloom vegetable display will also happen alongside.

As always, the apple press and vintage press will be cranking apples into cider, so that the tastes of the season may be celebrated. Eggers said her family went apple-picking over the weekend in order to be ready. She especially enjoys involving the children in making cider.

Eggers said the apples harvested for the community cider were

from a local donor who wishes to remain anonymous. At least 25 bushels—a bushel weighs 40 pounds — will be available for the West End to have cider on Saturday.

And, hard cider too will be available for purchase for those of legal drinking age.

"Esso Terra Ciders from Mancos is coming to help us at the hard cider booth," she added, "so if you want to learn about local hard cider, this is the year to come."

What's more is anyone looking for heirloom apple trees to purchase for their property will be in luck. The Apple Core Project will have approximately 20 trees for sale to the public.

Sponsors of the festival are Rimrocker Historical Society, San Miguel Power Association, Alpine Bank and Basin Electric.

Conferences and homecoming

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"This year, there will be an alternate route, the parade will start at the Nucla Arena, float judging will take place at Kenny's Tires, and the parade will turn left at the park

to head back to the school for the royalty ceremony," administration said in a news release.

The homecoming royalty ceremony will take place immediately after the parade and will take place on the football field. The high

school volleyball team will face DeBeque at 2 p.m. All in the West End are invited to come out and support the Mustangs.

The homecoming dance will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. for the students.

Mrs. Knickerbocker's request

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especially for Knickerbocker, it will be for all who wish to hear the news.

The recordings start this week and include the front page stories, along with the Rimrocker Historical Society's column.

Already, the Wecast Colorado is a partnership with the Rimrockers.

The audio file will be available on Apple, Spotify and also Goo-

gle. There will be a link on the San Miguel Basin Forum's website too.

"I am super excited about it," Benson said. "I feel really positive about it. When I started the podcast, I thought it would be fun to do news stories. The dream was big, but there are time constraints."

He said reading the news will also inspire him to produce his podcasts more frequently. It's

something that he believes in.

As the Wecast Colorado expands, he invites the community to tune in. He said it's a way for locals to keep the roots and culture in tact, but remain modern and current at the same time.

"It's about getting out there who we really are in the West End and continuing to broadcast how great we really are," he said, "if not to the world, at least to each other."

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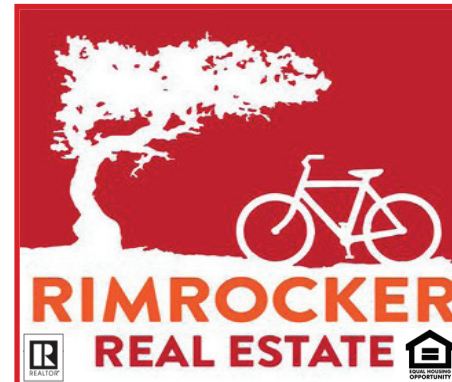
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OBITUARY

Clark Cross

March 29, 1973 — Aug. 18, 2023



Clark Cross left the limitations of his physical form on Aug. 18 after a brief illness. He was laid to rest in Nucla Cemetery on

Aug. 25.

Clark was fiercely loyal to his friends and loved ones, and his kindness and generosity knew no bounds. His views and ideas were generally uncorrupted by political affiliation, and instead rooted in compassion and rationality. Those who knew him well saw rare brilliance and creativity, and his ideas and input are memorialized in various projects and events throughout this community.

Clark was born on March 29, 1973, in Chattanooga, TN. He was a talented athlete and a shop-sponsored skateboarder. He worked for years as an audio engineer for several punk and post-punk bands. He was an accomplished chef who

worked for many high-end restaurants throughout Colorado.

Clark is preceded in death by his mother, Patsy Rose, and survived by his girlfriend and common-law partner of 12 years, Kira Brown.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

West End Montrose County

Sheriff's Office Blotter

9/7/2023

1021 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1029 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35500 block of 3900 Road for a welfare check.

1133 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

1259 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1430 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a harassment report. Austin Sullivan, 27, was cited for harassment.

1514 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for an agency assist.

1634 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 109 near Redvale for a citizen assist.

1732 Hours - Dion Yardley, 20, was arrested in the 200 block of East Main Street in Naturita on an outstanding warrant.

2039 Hours - Deputy conducted a security check in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

2207 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a noise complaint.

2 school zones in Naturita

2 directed patrols in Naturita

9/8/2023

1012 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West First Avenue in Naturita for found property.

1000 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1115 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1318 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 26700 block of V19 Road near Naturita for an information report.

1325 Hours - Brady Donahue, 30, was contacted in the 300 block of East Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for passing on the right where prohibited.

1450 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28000 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for an abandoned vehicle.

1552 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla for a traffic complaint. Jose Torres, 34, was contacted and issued a warning for failure to maintain a single lane.

1611 Hours - Dillon Bosch, 36, was contacted in the 31100 block of Highway 141 near Naturita and cited for driving with a suspended driver's license, fictitious license plates, and no insurance.

1706 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1707 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

1740 Hours - Kira Brown, 53, was arrest-

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Thursday, October 12

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Fruit, Milk

Thursday, October 12

Cheeseburger Pasta, Green
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LEGAL PUBLICATION

NUCLA-NATURITA CEMETERY DISTRICT - NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to Nucla-Naturita Cemetery District for the ensuing year of 2024. A copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the District at 300 Main Street in Nucla where same is open for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the Nucla-Naturita Cemetery District Board of Directors to be held at the Montrose County Annex, 300 Main Street, Nucla, Colorado 81424 on October 10th, 2023, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. Any interested elector of such District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

John Nelson President 9/29/2023

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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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West End Montrose County

Sheriff's Office Blotter

ed in the 100 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per Se, and failure to maintain a single lane.

2024 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 22300 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a criminal mischief report. 2101 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27100 block of CC Road near Nucla for a traffic complaint. 9/9/2023

0937 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27600 block of BB Road near Nucla for a welfare check.

1140 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1545 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Fox Street in Nucla for found property.

1707 Hours - Thomas Sullivan, 29, was arrested in the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla on 3 outstanding warrants.

1811 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1929 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a criminal mischief report.

1947 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a protection order violation. Gary Squires, 72, was arrested for violating a protection order x2, harassment, and trespassing.

2210 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist on Highway 62 mm 13 near Placerville.

1 follow up report
2 directed patrols in County 9/10/2023

1044 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of East Fourth Avenue and Ash Street in Nucla for a traffic complaint.

1629 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

2011 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 33000 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a medical assist. 9/11/2023

1112 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1455 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla to relay a message.

1642 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for suspicious activity.

1816 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28000 block of 25 Mesa Road near Nucla for found property.

2029 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for found property.

2 VIN inspections
2 follow up reports
1 school zone in Naturita
1 directed patrol in Naturita 9/12/2023

0648 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Adams Street in Naturita for a fire.

1356 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the Mailbox Park area for a fire.

1454 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.

1652 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

1725 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 near Norwood for a traffic complaint.

1859 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a harassment report.
2 VIN inspections
1 civil process attempted/served 9/13/2023

0818 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28000 block of 25 Mesa Road near Nucla for an abandoned vehicle.

1052 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1604 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Main Street in Nucla for a 911.

1811 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

2 school zones in Naturita

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800-900# STEERS	2.10-2.25	800-900# HEIFERS	1.85-2.10
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Thursday, November 9th - Regular Sale No Feeder Calves sold on this day

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