

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## BUSINESS

### Naturita blossoms; Nucla goes through shifting

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

There's a lot happening in the Town of Naturita with business appearing to flourish. The main street, what is Highway 141, has two bicycle shops, two grocery stores, a pizzeria, a coffee and espresso shop, along with two marijuana stores and more. The checkout clerk at the Family Market in Naturita said things are busier than ever.

Sadly, the Jaxon Creek consignment shop did close down this fall, with the sign saying that those with items could call to retrieve them. Still, there is the Hoof & Paw thrift store open, though not on the weekends.

On the other hand, things are a little quieter in Nucla with the closing of Redd's Mercantile. But, Makayla Gordon, director of the West End Economic Development Corporation (WEEDC), said reinstating the grocery is important for Nucla, and it's something she's actually working on.

In the meantime, Aimee Tooker told the Forum her liquor store, Spirits of the Tabeguache, will begin to sell grocery staples: milk, bread, cheese and canned goods.

She's also going to be selling some Saucy Mama's meals on the weekends in the liquor store too.

Regarding the old creamery building that the Tooker family bought, plans are not solid at this point.

"We don't know what we are going to do with it yet," she said. "The major thing is getting a roof on that. We can work once it's dried in ... but it may change 10 times before we open the doors to something."

Still, the Tookers are working on interpretive/historical signs for the space to pay tribute to the creamery's origins.

The Aerocare building remains for sale too, making for another vacant space. Gordon said there's been interest in the purchase of that space, but its sale will be contingent on inspection. She said the hardest thing about selling Nucla properties is the age of the building, combined with the price, because renovations are needed for many.

What was formerly Genesis Coffee that's been empty is now up for rent, so it's possible another business could slide into that space.

"They're going to rent that, now that 3 Peaks is leaving," Gordon said.

Anyone interested in starting a business there can reach out to Gordon at WEEDC directly.

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Volleyball girls from across the region are praying for Haylee Smith. Here, Plateau Valley players offer gifts and support. (Photo by Ashley Tomlinson)

## NUCLA

### Communities rally to support Haylee Smith

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

One beloved Nucla High School girl, Haylee Smith, was injured in a car accident the morning of Oct. 15, coming down 25 Mesa Road above the Town of Nucla. The high school senior has been in Saint Mary's Hospital since the wreck with life-threatening injuries. Now community members in various towns are coming together

to show their support.

A varsity volleyball player, Smith is well-known on the Western Slope. To honor her last week, Teya Yeomans, of Mancos, held space before a volleyball game. Yeomans who's faced Smith on the court over the years gave a short speech mentioning that regionally players "are one." Then, fellow volleyball girls put yellow roses into a bucket, and those flowers have since been delivered to Smith in the hospital.

In Norwood, volleyball player for the Mavericks Kendra McCluer has been giving short prayers before volleyball games to honor Smith, acknowledge the tragedy and wish her well. Similarly, twelfth-grader Dilyn Alexander, of Norwood, spoke a few words to honor Smith in her speech for senior night.

The outpouring of love does not cease. At the Mustang's game

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## HEALTH CARE

### Basin Clinic hires provider, receives grants

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

The Basin Clinic in Naturita has hired a new nurse practitioner. Mary Kus recently moved to the West End, sight unseen, from Chicago. She started on Oct. 16 and is currently shadowing the other providers before she starts taking her own patients.

Executive Director of the Basin Clinic Christina Pierce said Kus had researched the area and done live video interviews before arriving. She brings a 7-year-old son.

Pierce added Kus seems to be "adventurous" and that others at the clinic have reported Kus is getting along well.

"I think we made a good choice," said Pierce.

Nurse practitioner Angela Miller is leaving on Oct. 31, in order to

follow her heart working in a pain management setting. Pierce said it's sad for the Basin Clinic to lose her, but Miller will be filling in on Mondays to continue to help out. The clinic won't have to close but maybe one day in November as a result.

Robert Tapley, the other nurse practitioner, is on site three days one week, and then four days the next. Pierce admitted staffing is a challenge in remote and rural areas, but once Kus is up to speed, things should even out again.

Verna Reiva, of the Basin Clinic, recently received her radiology certification. Now, she can do X-rays, and clinic staff don't have to call a retired technician to come in and perform those. Pierce said in the past, a provider would have to call Linda Adkins or Monica

Odom — sometimes Ken Jenks — for help. X-rays will now run more smoothly at the clinic.

Dr. April Randle, MD, and also on staff, has been presented a humanitarian award through the state. She's received \$10,000 to donate to a charity of her choice, and Randle has chosen the Basin Clinic as the recipient.

In other financial news, the clinic just received a USDA grant. The funds must be matched by \$20,000, and Pierce said the clinic will try and fundraise for that portion.

The goal is to replace outdated equipment, like the clinic's defibrillator, which is a 2009 Phillips model. The Basin Clinic really needs a Zoll defibrillator, one like the EMS staff keep in the ambulance. The Zoll AED can be carried room

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## NUCLA

### Investigation for missing person continues

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Many people last week could only guess at what was happening at 6th and Heron streets, on the west side of Nucla. With a variety of law enforcement vehicles and also K-9 units, one could only assume it was a drug bust.

The law enforcement activity went on for days, beginning last Wednesday with street closures too. The authorities were there until the middle of the weekend working on a serious matter.

The San Miguel Basin Forum asked Montrose County for information last week, for a statement on the possible drug bust, but the county did not respond to a few attempts.

On Monday, Oct. 23, the Montrose Press newspaper ran an online story that authorities were actually searching for missing person Dale Williams, last seen in 1999.

After the Montrose story broke, the Forum reached out again to county officials, and then Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard responded to the Forum with an apology. He said he always wants to work with the news, but it's been quite busy in his office.

He described last week's law enforcement work in Nucla as "very tender, which you can only imagine."

Lillard confirmed that on Oct. 18 agents from Colorado Bureau of Investigations and also Montrose County Sheriff's Department responded to a Nucla residence after a "crime tip." That crime tip mentioned that a body may have been buried on the property.

Lillard said a search warrant was written and obtained on Oct. 19. The search was conducted and completed Oct. 21 and 22.

Lillard said he cannot comment on the crime tip or the results. He said the investigation is ongoing, and he cannot say whether authorities are close to solving the case or not.

Lillard also said that he has a responsibility to be "sensitive" to the family and friends of the missing person.

"That is what counts," he said. The sheriff added he understands the "rumor mill" in the West End "might be crazy" during this time, but his office and also CBI cannot compromise their investigation.

"We have to let law enforcement do their job and get this thing solved," he said.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Town of Naturita proclamation

Dear Editor,

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a public health issue of epidemic proportions that impacts our community, consumes vast resources and serves as a form of oppression; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have suffered from domestic violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, 20 percent of all murders in Colorado are committed by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is not simply a “woman’s issue,” but a “human” issue affecting men, women, children, families and communities of all ages, races, religions and income levels; and

WHEREAS, All community members can and should work together to end relationship violence because domestic violence is prevalent in every community, even small ones, and has devastat-

tating consequences that can last a lifetime and cross generations.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Naturita Town Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we urge every member of our community to be part of the solution today and every day. Support and believe survivors. Educate yourself and others. Model nonviolent and respectful behavior through your everyday actions. Speak up about abuse.

We envision an equitable community in which every person has the right and the ability to be safe, respected, empowered and free from oppression, violence and the fear of violence, and we hope you join us in our work to make this vision a reality.

*Mayor Gene Greenwood*  
NATURITA

## Missing person

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Lillard also said he wanted the people of Nucla, Naturita and Paradox to know that the sher-

iff’s office does care about them and their safety.

“Both parties are working in tandem to solve the missing person case,” he said.

## 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.

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society

### The early Chipeta/Naturita post office

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*



The first post office in Naturita was in the home of E. J. Warner in 1887 under the name of Chipeta. The post office name was changed to Naturita in 1888. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

I hope everyone enjoyed the story of Myrtle and Walter Cooper. I felt like it really captured the life that they lived at that time in Naturita, and we are lucky to have been able to publish their story in our Naturita book. I think Naturita must have been a very beautiful place to live at that time with farms right along the San Miguel River, before too many people had moved in.

Rockwood Blake had brought his family into the lower San Miguel River Valley, in order to find gold. There were gold camps along the San Miguel from Cottonwood down to Mesa Creek. On the flat lands out between Naturita and Uravan is where Mr. Blake took his family to live while he searched for gold. The camp there was called Chipeta, and that is where the first post office was, which would later be moved up river, and would eventually become Naturita.

This is from an article by Marie Templeton from the San Miguel Basin Forum in 2003:

“According to the USPS HISTORIAN CORPORATE INFORMATION, Naturita Post Office, Montrose County, Colorado, (originally established as Chipeta in Gunnison County)” is a list of the early postmasters and when they

were appointed. In the early days of 1881, all of these southwestern lands were part of Gunnison County.

The first postmaster of the post office of Chipeta was J. Dulong Smith Jr. appointed Oct. 21, 1881, with Rockwood Blake being appointed June 20, 1882, and then again Sept. 15, 1882. Our part of Gunnison County was changed to Montrose County on Feb. 11, 1883. Emaline A. Warner was appointed postmaster Dec. 17, 1887, and on Sept. 15, 1888, the name of Chipeta was changed to Naturita.

By that time Mr. Blake, or possibly Mrs. Blake, had figured out that the camp on the banks of the San Miguel was not an easy place to live with a family, so he moved his family up river to the beautiful little valley that would become Naturita. Mrs. Blake had come from a wealthy Spanish family, and some stories say she had a flag of Spain hanging on the wall of her small adobe home in Naturita. The Blakes joined Mr. Payson, who was already in this place, and became farmers and loved the little valley. Mrs. Blake proclaimed this place “a little piece of nature,” and the Spanish word, Naturita, (pronounced Na-chur-ee-tuh) and meaning “little nature,” became

the name of this new town in new Montrose County.

The next few postmasters and their appointment dates were as follows:

Lemuel E. Presnell, Jan. 5, 1895  
Eva Brammeier, April 22, 1898  
Presley B. Veatch, May 16, 1902  
Caroline L. Fort, June 26, 1903  
Myrtle I. Cooper, Feb. 15, 1904  
Miss Moss Crabtree, Jan. 7, 1910  
Clarence H. Eaton, Oct. 20, 1913  
Myrtle I. Cooper, Sept. 30, 1915  
Robert S. McNutt, Sept. 9, 1920

Gold mining and farming were the real beginnings of Naturita. An article from The Telluride Republican of August 1888 said, “The Republican’s representative stopped over night at Blake’s. Mr. Blake will begin ground sluicing during the coming week. There are a number of patches of ground which pay very well for such treatment. In one place Mr. Blake took out \$300 in 10 days. This place was washed over three times, the high water filling it up each time. The last time the returns were greater than on any previous occasion. The ground is very rich, and as we panned (we got) three pans producing 25 cents in gold.”

Mr. Blake obviously continued to look for gold as he grew his farm and orchards.

## Basin Clinic

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to room, take blood pressure and has a pulse oximeter too. Pierce said the machine costs more than \$50,000.

In another donation, Alpine Lumber just gave paint to the clinic, so that representatives can start painting the interior of the building. Pierce said the Basin Clinic will

need more paint to finish the job, but Alpine Lumber’s donation is a great start, and she’s grateful. She added it will be some time before the board can build a new medical facility. In the meantime, the space needs to be welcoming for patients.

“We need to make what we have feel good, and where people want to be there,” she said.

The drive-through flu shot clinic,

held last week at the Basin Clinic, was successful. Then, staff administered 74 doses of the flu vaccine, but also 66 high doses for senior citizens. In this way, 140 people were served in the West End with just a few doses left over. Pierce said the turnout was better than last year, and she hopes that more people will start coming annually to receive the flu shot.



OBITUARY

# Ben Morris Robb

Dec. 10, 1935 — Oct. 13, 2023

Ben Morris Robb, born Dec. 10, 1935, in Grand Junction passed away Oct. 13. He married his high school sweetheart, Jean Ecton, on May 26, 1956. He worked as manager of the Nucla branch of the Arrow Gas Propane Company until 1973. Together, they built a dairy farm on his father's land, where they raised their four children in the same house that his father built. In 1988, he and Jean moved to Tucson, AZ, where he retired from the Blue Flame Propane Company in 2003.

Morris's favorite pastimes included fishing, shooting, watching classic westerns and sports, and observing the wildlife in his backyard around the quail block. His hobby was woodworking, and he often made gifts for family and friends, like Jean's cedar hope chest, rocking chairs and benches, and fun wooden figurines. He enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and playing games, especially checkers because he would always win, as well as chess and "who's the weasel?" (Parcheesi). He loved traveling back to Miramonte for family reunions and having family over for Thanksgiving in Tucson. He started attending Praise Center Assembly of God in 2010, where he was baptized, served as usher, participated in men's Saturday



Ben Morris Robb. (Courtesy photo)

breakfasts, and enjoyed joking around with his church family.

Morris was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Verna Robb; his sister, Carol Sue (Robb) Latham; his nephew, Gary Latham; and his beloved Boston Terrier, Abby. Ben is survived by his four children: Victor Robb, Chris Robb Brewer (Doug Hall), Mark Robb and Wanda Sue Robb Hardy (Bo Hardy); his seven grandchildren,

12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at Praise Center Assembly of God on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Praise Center Assembly of God, 12331 W. Picture Rocks Rd., Tucson, AZ (Give (praisecenterag.org). Graveside service will be held in Paradox; date still to be determined.

# Haylee Smith

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against Plateau Valley on Saturday, opponents presented balloons and a sign to the Nucla girls in honor of Smith.

And, on Wednesday, Oct. 25, the Nucla-Norwood volleyball game will be dedicated to her, and all are asked to show up in blue, Smith's favorite color.

Mustang volleyball coach Debbie Wytulka made a statement over the weekend.

"Haylee is in good spirits and is taking on the challenges her medical team is giving her," Wytulka said. "Haylee, her mom, her family, our team and our school are very appreciative of the support and prayers coming in from the other communities."

The Oct. 25 gate fees for admission will go toward the family's medical expenses. Additionally, a bake sale has been organized in the teen's honor. A silent dessert

auction, the volleyball girls themselves are making baked goods for it. And, local dessert makers from Nucla to Norwood are also contributing.

Smith has been a part of both Nucla and Norwood communities and has attended both schools. No doubt she is loved and has much support in both places. All those attending Wednesday's game are invited to make cash donations to help Smith at this time.

Misty Galley, of Nucla and a Mustang volleyball mom, said a fundraiser dinner is also in the works. She said organizers are waiting for the next medical updates, and then they'll proceed with planning the event. Galley said likely an online portal for donations will exist in the near future.

Smith, in addition to being an athlete, is also a horsewoman and lover of all things agriculture. She has participated in gymkhana and junior rodeo throughout her life.

She's also a 4-H member with 4 Stars Livestock and has shown a variety of market animals at the fair over the years.

Her 4-H leader Cimmy Alexander of Norwood said her crew is pulling for Smith.

"Haylee is a strong and determined young lady," Alexander said. "She accomplishes everything she sets her mind to, and I'm sure with that mindset and the unwavering love, support and prayers of our communities she will continue to get stronger and heal. Please join us and help support Haylee wherever you can."

High school-middle school principal for Nucla Malisha Reed released a statement to the San Miguel Basin Forum on Sunday too. Reed said the school community continues to wish Smith well.

"The school family sends Haylee and her family our love, prayers, and support during her recovery," she said.

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# Naturita and Nucla business

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Joseph Hittinger, a real estate broker working in the area, bought the parcel south of the old Nucla grade school. He's talking to town officials about what to do with the property. According to Gordon, it's zoned so that it must be commercial in the front, but it can be mixed with

residential.

Gordon told the Forum while it's been tough to watch certain businesses leave Nucla, or the West End in general, a new business retention program is starting through WEEDC. That program is now waiting on approval and connected with the Just Transition (move away from coal) funds. Gordon said it

should be off the ground and running in a few months, by January. She added a business retention program could also help with the funding of some of the renovations needed for older buildings too.

Gordon agreed she's not worried about business in Nucla. She agreed it's all shifting around, and things will pick up.

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**RECIPE**

# Shortbread with Cypress Roots tea is satisfying

I tend to like sweets, and I typically have a little something every evening after dinner. A week ago, I wanted to make cookies, but was low on ingredients and also time and energy. I found a shortbread cookie recipe a dear friend gave me years ago. It's actually part of her Christmas cookie repertoire, but it seemed like a good idea.

I didn't want to bake all night, and I didn't know how many cookies my daughter and I could eat, so I quartered the recipe. I ended up using all-purpose gluten-free flour,

which turned out just fine. I also couldn't find my rolling pin, so I improvised with a floured drinking glass to roll the cookies out.

Within 30 minutes we were eating warm shortbread cookies. We made about 16 of them. I served them with Cypress Roots Craft Herbalism's fall tea. I'd ordered the wellness box from Nicole Brandt, of Nucla, a few weeks ago. While my cookies baked, I steeped the herbs and let the tea cool a bit. I added the sage honey she made too. It was all very satisfying.

## My dear friend's shortbread recipe (I quartered it. You could halve it.)

- 4 cups flour
  - 1 cup powdered sugar
  - 1 pound butter
- Mix ingredients. Use hands if needed. Roll on floured surface and cut. Roll scraps back into dough and repeat.
- Bake at 325 for 8-10 minutes. Watch closely.



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West Central Public Health Partnership surveyed your community to learn what the big issues are, and each of the public health department's ability to address those issues. We've chosen Behavioral and Mental Health as our top priority to address over the next 5 years (2024-2029). Below you'll see our goal and strategies to address Behavioral and Mental Health issues.

Please give us your feedback: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wcphpphip>

### Community Health Assessment

- In the Fall of 2022, we gathered data from big data sets, collected 1,929 surveys, and interviewed 83 agency members across the region.
- We asked about home life, access to healthcare, health insurance, childcare, citizenship housing, behavioral and mental health, food security, aging in place, and demographics
- Behavioral and Mental Health was the top concern and our chosen priority for the region. To learn more about the data visit <https://www.wcphp.org/20222023-data>

### Behavioral and Mental Health Goal & Strategies

Our **goal** is to improve behavioral and mental health by **promoting holistic individual and community well-being** by **building confidence and trust** in the **public health system** to improve behavioral health outcomes.

**Strategy #1 Internal education:** Educate all local public health staff in the six counties on behavioral and mental health conditions and on available behavioral and mental health resources.

**Strategy #2 External education:** Educate and engage the public about behavioral and mental health topics.



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

**9/28/2023**  
 1134 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a report of threatening.  
 1339 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1000 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a fraud report.  
 1347 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Grape Street in Nucla for an animal problem.  
 1629 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Grand Avenue in Nucla for suspicious activity.  
 1825 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for an animal problem.  
 1917 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Craig Point for a motorist assist.  
 2233 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30000 block of County Road 90 for a welfare check.  
 2254 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 91 near Naturita for an accident.  
 1 civil process attempted/served

**9/29/2023**  
 2003 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of Highway 141 and CC Road near Nucla for a welfare check.  
 2326 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a welfare check.  
 1 directed patrol in Nucla  
**9/30/2023**  
 1412 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.  
 1619 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla for a report of littering.  
 1658 Hours - Deputy located found property on 25 Mesa Road near Nucla. The property was returned to the owner.  
 2014 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a suspicious person.  
 2 directed patrols in County  
 1 directed patrol in Naturita  
 1 civil process attempted/served

**10/1/2023**  
 0913 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.  
 0932 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 24300 block of X7 Road near Bedrock for a civil standby.  
 2051 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a disturbance. Martin Boss, 60, was arrested for domestic violence, menacing, third degree assault, and harassment.  
 1 warrant attempt  
 1 directed patrol in County  
**10/2/2023**  
 0816 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 21300 block of 550 Road near Paradox for a medical assist.  
 1020 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview at the intersection of Highway 97 and Elm Street in Naturita.  
 1110 Hours - Colene Arnold, 68, was contacted at the intersection of East First Street and East Main Street in Naturita and cited for expired license plates.  
 1112 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla for a theft report.  
 1237 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.  
 1340 Hours - Jeffery Ashcraft, 40, was contacted at the intersection of West Sixth Avenue and Grape Street in Nucla and cited for driving with a suspended driver's license and expired license plates.  
 1436 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Cascade Circle in Naturita for found property.  
 1 VIN inspection  
 1 directed patrol in County  
**10/3/2023**  
 0907 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in

Nucla for a medical assist.  
 1129 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35100 block of II Road near Redvale for a civil matter.  
 1340 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Naturita for a report of smoke in the area.  
 1447 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Pine Street in Naturita to relay a message.  
 1448 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 37900 block of Divide Road for an accident.  
 1534 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla for a fraud report.  
 1956 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29300 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for an accident.  
 2012 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 108 near Redvale for an accident.  
 1 directed patrol in Nucla  
 1 directed patrol in County  
 1 directed patrol in Naturita  
**10/4/2023**  
 0932 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 36400 block of 3700 Road near Redvale for an agency assist. Travis Sutherland, 42, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.  
 1330 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an information report.  
 1644 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.  
 1 follow up report  
 1 school zone in Naturita  
**10/5/2023**  
 1227 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.  
 1352 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview in the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla.  
 1720 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Main Street in Nucla for an information report.  
 1955 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for an animal problem.  
 1 VIN inspection  
 2 school zones in Naturita  
 1 directed patrol in County  
 1 directed patrol in Naturita  
 6 civil processes attempted/served

**WEST END SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 BREAKFAST MENU**

*Free For All Kids*  
 Milk Served With All Meals  
**WG: Whole Grain / EC: Early Childhood**

**Monday, October 30**  
 Whipped Cream Cheese, Fruit, Toast (WG), Milk, Juice (K-6)

**Tuesday, October 31**  
 French Toast (WG), Mixed Fruit, Milk, Juice (K-6)

**Wednesday, November 1**  
 Breakfast Bar (WG), Peaches, Milk, Juice (K-6)

**Thursday, November 2**  
 English Muffin (WG), Cheese, Pears, Milk, Juice (K-6)

**WEST END SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 LUNCH MENU**

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**Monday, October 30**  
 Sandwich, Carrots and Tomatoes, Bread Stick, Peaches, Milk

**Tuesday, October 31**  
 Meatball Sandwich, Green Salad, Pears, Milk

**Wednesday, November 1**  
 Chicken Nuggets, BBQ/Ranch Dip, Roll, Beans, Pears, Milk

**Thursday, November 2**  
 Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Roll, Oranges, Milk

**DELTA SALES YARD - MARKET REPORT**

|                 |              |                   |           |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 300-400# STEERS | 3.20-3.40    | 300-400# HEIFERS  | 2.90-3.10 |
| 400-500# STEERS | 2.80-3.10    | 400-500# HEIFERS  | 2.50-2.60 |
| 500-600# STEERS | 2.45-2.55    | 500-600# HEIFERS  | 2.28-2.38 |
| 600-700# STEERS | 2.35-2.45    | 600-700# HEIFERS  | 2.25-2.35 |
| 700-800# STEERS | 2.18-2.30    | 700-800# HEIFERS  | 2.00-2.15 |
| 800-900# STEERS | NO TEST      | 800-900# HEIFERS  | 1.75-2.00 |
| Top bulls       | High of 1.20 | Medium bulls      | 1.10-1.16 |
| Young Cows      | 1.25-1.45    | Top cows          | 1.00-1.04 |
| Medium cows     | .90-1.00     | Low-yielding cows | .90DOWN   |

**NEXT WEEK: Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - Sheep & Goat Sale & Special Bred Cow Sale; Butcher cows & bulls, Bred cows.** kids goats 8-10 months old have been on ground corn and hay since April. **(NO FEEDER CALVES)** We would prefer that you sell feeders on Saturday Oct. 28th where there will be more feeder calf buyers available. 17 red angus bred cows, 20 bred cows consigned, 20 Simx bred cows 2-3yr old. **BRED COWS SELL @ 1:30**  
 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 : FEEDER SALES STARTS AT 11:00**

**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> First Special Feeder Calf Sale.** 50-60 feeders, 11 feeder steers (#500-600, fully vaccinated & weaned).

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

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> Special Feeder Calf Sale.** 4 Blk Angus steers 750-850#  
**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - 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 11<sup>th</sup> Special Feeder Calf Sale**  
**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - 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 18<sup>th</sup> Special Feeder Calf Sale**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

*NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO THE WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION*

The Board of Education of the West End School District is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Board of Education from the date of appointment on November 13, 2023 until the regular biennial school election in November 2025. To be eligible for appointment, each candidate must be a registered elector and a resident of the school district for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of appointment. Any persons who meets the qualifications and who desires to be considered for the appointment is invited to file a written notice of such intention with the secretary of the Board of Education no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 9, 2023 at the District Office, 225 W. 4th Ave./P.O. Box 570, Nucla, Colorado 81424.

The Board will interview prospective candidates on November 13, 2023 at the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m., which is open to the public. For further information, contact Shari Nelson, Administrative Assistant/Designated Election Official. (970-864-7350)

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# Fun Corner

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: THE 1940s

### ACROSS

1. Sylvester Stallone's "\_\_\_ King"

- 6. And so forth, abbr.
- 9. Mongolian desert
- 13. Uniate church member
- 14. Additionally
- 15. Modified "will"

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| 72        |    |    |    |    |    |    | 73 |    |    | 74 |    |    |

- 16. Heart surgery prop
- 17. Remains container
- 18. Follow
- 19. \*Thor Heyerdahl's raft
- 21. \*Jackie Robinson's new team, 1947
- 23. \*Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., born in 1942
- 24. Animal prod
- 25. Give a nickname
- 28. Dwarf buffalo
- 30. Edible corn part
- 35. Functions
- 37. \*\_\_\_ Strip on Mediterranean Sea, 1948
- 39. Roman goddess, patroness of hunters
- 40. \*Moscow \_\_\_ cocktail, created in 1940s
- 41. Beach souvenir
- 43. Inspiring horror
- 44. Not long
- 46. Home to Bryce Canyon
- 47. Smoothie bowl flavor
- 48. Become available (2 words)
- 50. Links hazard
- 52. Mozart's "L' \_\_\_ del Cairo"
- 53. Back of the neck
- 55. Transgression
- 57. \*Carmen of "The Gang's All Here"
- 61. \*United \_\_\_\_, established 1945
- 65. Popeye's sweetie
- 66. \*The BAA and NBL merged,

- forming this ball org., 1949
- 68. Battle royal
- 69. Denigrating statement
- 70. What divots and divas have in common
- 71. Audience's approval
- 72. Lad's counterpart
- 73. Number on a birthday cake
- 74. Not o'er

- 34. a.k.a. vampire ter
- 36. Espied
- 38. \_\_\_ a.k.a. \_\_\_
- Daminozide
- 42. \_\_\_ Apso
- 45. Tornado visual
- 49. Helicopter landing
- 51. Coal miners
- 54. Bear of bamboo forest
- 56. Brother's daughter
- 57. Gangster's gal
- 58. Hip bones
- 59. Barbecued anatomy
- 60. Birds
- 61. Part of cathedral
- 62. Cantina cooker
- 63. Sans mixers
- 64. Comedian Meyers
- 67. \*"The \_\_\_ Sleep," 1946

## DOWN

- 1. Poacher's trophy
- 2. "Do \_\_\_ others..."
- 3. Bank claim
- 4. \*1947's "Here Comes \_\_\_ Claus"
- 5. King of the Huns
- 6. Purse for the red carpet
- 7. High craggy hill
- 8. Type of dwelling
- 9. "The \_\_\_ Show" (1976-1980)
- 10. Yorkshire river
- 11. Hangover memory?
- 12. 15th of March
- 15. Tied the knot
- 20. \*Leopold III of Belgium and Christian X of Denmark, e.g.
- 22. Acorn producer
- 24. Common newspaper name
- 25. \*"When I See an Elephant Fly" elephant, 1941
- 26. Steal a throne
- 27. Misrepresent
- 29. \*Pearl Harbor location
- 31. Capital of Latvia
- 32. Narcotics agent
- 33. \*Considered first general-purpose computer, acr.

### Solution to Last Week's Crossword

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### Solution to Last Week's Sudoku

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# Football celebrates senior players



The combined Maverick team played Olathe last weekend.



Seniors Owen Dinsomre, Steele Arnold, Arthur Connelly, Hemmy O'Brien and JW Nasland are honored. Missing is Joseph Casillas.



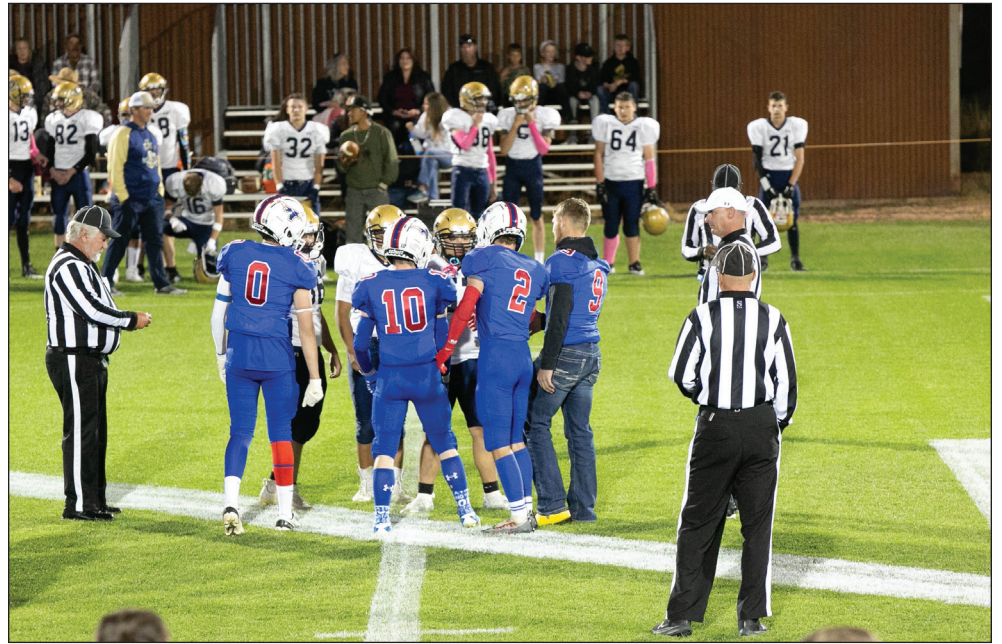
The Norwood-Nucla guys beat the pirates 36-8.



No. 1 Owen Tackett works to outdo the pirate defense.



Hemmy O'Brien (10) receives the ball.



The guys' record as of press time was 6-2.



Quarterback Brycen Rummel (15) is on a roll.



Owen Dinsomre (0) goes for it. (Photos by Brandie McCabe)