

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## NUCLA

### Town trustees: Vote 'no' on Prop. HH

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Nucla Town Board of Trustees passed a resolution at their meeting on Oct. 25. Town Clerk Melissa Lampshire told the San Miguel Basin Forum last Thursday that town officials want voters to know about Proposition HH, which is on the ballot for the November election — and that trustees encourage them to vote “no” on it.

“It would reduce our property tax revenue substantially next year and over the next several years,” Lampshire said. “While it seems like an OK way to reduce property taxes, it takes the control away from the local governments.”

Lampshire added that if Proposition HH passes, it would result in an “approximate 17 percent reduction of Nucla’s property tax.”

“In addition, it would reduce our citizens’ TABOR refunds, because the state would retain some of the funds, and (those) would not be reimbursed to the local government,” she said.

Lampshire told the Forum that the Colorado Municipal League (CML) has also done a summary and analysis of Proposition HH. The CML is an organization that has been around for the last 100 years, helping local governments across the state with various legislature items, Lampshire explained.

The Town of Nucla is taking the recent guidance from the CML seriously. So is the Town of Norwood. At Norwood’s monthly meeting, trustees also voiced opposition to the ballot measure.

Overall, the CML has said Proposition HH is not good for Colorado municipalities. The CML has explained that the ballot measure temporarily lowers valuation rates by \$50,000 for 2023, and then \$40,000 for 2024. And, in 2025, it creates a distinction between homes that are owner-occupied and not owner-occupied. Owner-occupied valuations could be reduced by \$40,000. There’s also a senior discount for elders and their primary residence for up to \$140,000.

The 2025 discounts are not automatic, however, and homeowners would have to seek approval through their county assessor’s office to receive those.

The CML has said while the breaks in assessed valuation might sound tempting, in the big picture, they’re not good for local governments.

And, the CML said that in years when property taxes increase, homeowners will still see an increase in their bill under Proposition HH.

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## NATURITA

### Discussion begins for Naturita school’s future

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Chairman of Citizen’s State Bank Doug Price has said the new school in Nucla is extremely important for the West End community and its resiliency. When the BEST grant process was starting, Citizen’s bought the \$100,000 bonds to help West End Public Schools. Next, the bank bought the Naturita Elementary School for \$500,000, so the district could move forward with the new K-12 facility construction. Last week, on Oct. 26, the first meeting began to start the process of determin-

ing the old school’s future, which will be vacated in 2024.

At the meeting, school superintendent Clint Wytulka was present and said he was grateful for the bank’s ongoing support. Naturita Mayor Gene Greenwood also spoke. He said there are so many uses for the school property, which totals five to six acres. He said the town has offered to handle outdoor maintenance at the site in the future. He hopes whatever happens is inclusive of Nucla and Paradox, too.

Makayla Gordon, director of West End Economic Development Corporation, spoke. She said WEEDC wants the site to

contribute to property taxes, which is not happening now since it’s a public building. Property taxes have suffered since the coal plant closed, and that’s affected the special districts severely. WEEDC has no preference as to what the school site should become. Gordon said WEEDC is in the back seat and ready to help, however, and that DOLA and USDA grants are available to fund certain things.

Chris Hawkins, a planner the bank has hired, said the zoning needs to be updated at the school site to allow for commercial and

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Bette Nickell, far left in the front row, is sworn in as municipal judge for Naturita. Also pictured is Mayor Gene Greenwood, Kathy Cooper, Diana Starks, Sharon Different, Jeff Sonnenberg and John Gist. (Photo courtesy of Tonya Stephens)

## NATURITA

### There’s a new judge in town

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

On Oct. 24, the Town of Naturita swore in a new municipal judge. Now, Bette Nickell will be holding court the first Wednesday of every month, beginning this week. Nickell replaces Judge Susanne Ross.

Nickell won’t have much of a learning curve. She was a judge for Montrose County from 2000-06, until she moved out of the district. While she’s not a licensed attorney, becoming a judge appoints someone to the bar immediately and requires meeting certain standards. Needless to say, Nickell has completed much academic work, probably between 50 and 60 hours of college credit, in the law field.

This is stacked on top of the other

degrees she holds. She’s got a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree, and an administrator’s license for public schools, as well as a superintendent’s license.

Over the years, she’s seen tough cases in court, especially related to domestic violence. While she worked in Montrose County, she also stepped in and served in San Miguel and Ouray counties too, to give other judges vacation time or to exempt them from a case they didn’t want to hear.

Nickell told the Forum she has no fear at all in serving as Naturita’s municipal judge.

“You don’t mess with a judge,” she said, “There are strong penalties against that. Democracy needs laws and needs order. That’s why we have courts.”

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## ECONOMY

### Tooker, for JTAC, updates West End

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

In 2016, Tri-State Generation and Transmission announced the closure of the coal mine and coal plant, and in September 2019 the doors were permanently shut — two years ahead of the scheduled closure date.

How did that affect the local area economically?

In 2013, the total spending by the Nucla Station was about \$38.8 million, and \$19.8 million of that was spent locally for goods and services (including labor). The plant was a partner in the community and supplied high-paying jobs with benefits and direct and indirect jobs, sales tax, and property-tax generation. The mine, the plant and its employees donated to local events and most importantly to local nonprofits.

In 2019, the Colorado General Assembly made a “moral commitment to assist workers and communities that have powered Colorado for generations” by supporting a transition away from coal with HB-19-1314. Also created by legislation, the Just Transition Action Committee (JTAC) guides the office to fulfill their obligation with the Just Transition Action Plan created in 2020. That’s currently being updated by the JTAC and should be compiled and approved by the end of 2023.

The JTAC is made up of office staff, state representatives, state senators, county commissioners, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Excel Energy, various state agencies along with community and worker representatives. Within JTAC there are also various subcommittees that dedicate time to form budgets and create roadmaps by identifying progress, lessons and current conditions for transition communities and their workers.

The West End is considered a “Tier One Just Transition Community,” along with communities in the Yampa Valley (like Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt Counties) and Morgan County and Pueblo, which will face more significant challenges and risks and will see impactful declines in economic activity, employment base and property-tax revenues.

The West End Task Force started meeting regularly, prior to the local closure. That’s made up of clerks and deputy clerks from Nucla, Naturita and Norwood, and also Montrose

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Basin Clinic update

Dear Editor,

Basin Clinic is working to provide our community with the best patient care, and at the same time, keep our expenses to a minimum. One way we have been able to cut our costs for 2023-24 is on insurance coverage. Clinic Direc-

tor Christina Pierce reached out to Town and Country Insurance in Naturita. Working with them, the Basin Clinic was able to save \$7,800 on insurance. Savings like this immensely help the Basin Clinic to continue operating.

*Basin Clinic Board of Directors  
NATURITA*

## 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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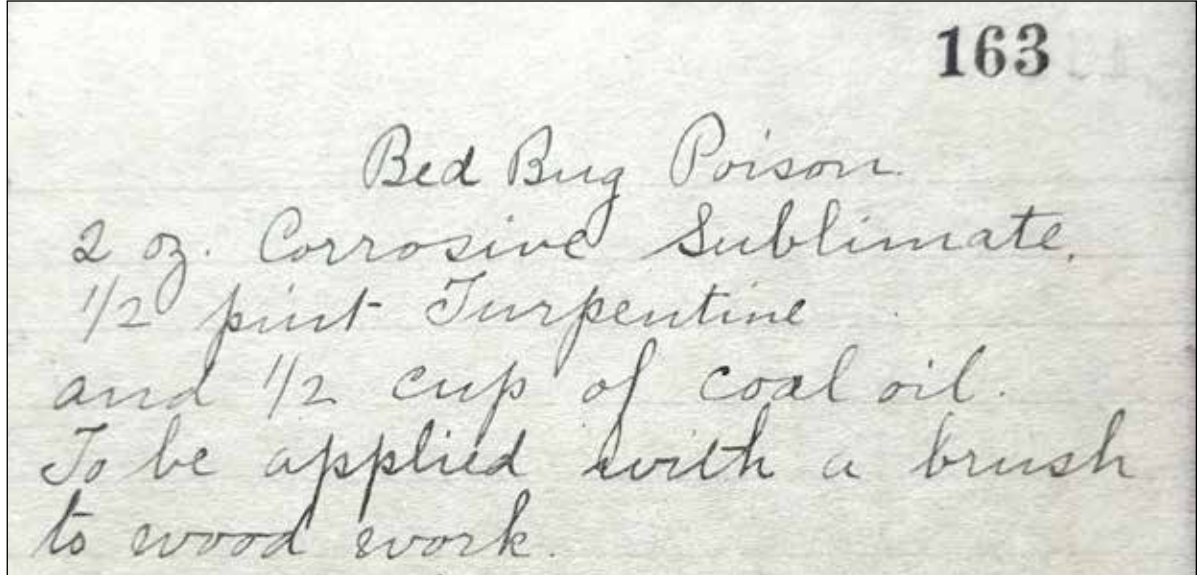
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## History: Rimrocker Historical Society

# A recipe for bedbugs

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*



This image shows a recipe for Bedbug Poison from Rockwood Blake's handwritten recipe book. Blake was one of the earliest pioneers of Naturita. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

We recently had a wonderful visit with Sally Wood Kichelman. Her family are long-time pioneers of Pinon and Nucla, and she is a joy to visit with. We talked about many things, but when the conversation turned to the uncomfortable topic of bedbugs, we had quite a giggle. I was so intrigued about Naturita's Myrtle Cooper and her problems with bedbugs, and no matter how hard she tried, she could not get rid of them in her lodging rooms. It became such a battle that she had to finally burn her big wooden bed. Sally and I had quite a laugh over the story, and she told me her mother knew just how to get rid of bedbugs.

There are many good stories about her mother, Jessie Wood, but I was impressed with her ability to completely rid her home of those nasty creatures. Granted, she was a bit younger than Myrtle Cooper, so she had some different things to work with. Sally remembers how awful the dirty buggers were when they moved from tents into their "new-to-them house" — and how they fought them off as best they could.

Jessie Wood had a gas-powered wringer washing machine. She emptied every living thing out of the house — cats and kittens, dogs, kids and herself — sealed up the windows and doors and proceeded to put her plan into place. She ran a hose from that old gas engine on her wringer washing machine into the house and the family and ani-

mals stayed away for the whole day with that engine running. When Sally's dad came home at the end of the day and they all went back to the house, there was not a bedbug anywhere and never again did they have bedbugs.

Bedbugs seemed to be a problem for everyone back in those days. I remember my grandmother's little sister, my great Aunt Fern, telling about the bedbugs in their little one-room shack down on the San Miguel River at the foot of Norwood Hill. She always said they about ate her alive. The family had moved to that place from a big, nice home in Iowa, and none of them had very good memories of their time in that shack. Aunt Fern was 4 years old at the time of the move, and her significant memory was of the bedbugs. I guess it is something you never forget.

I dove into the old newspapers to see what I could find out about bedbugs. There were many remedies. One advertisement was from a lady from Iowa who had discovered a remedy "which absolutely rids a house of all bedbugs." If you would "send her 15 cents and the price of postage, packing, etc., she would send you a large sample, enough for 3 beds." The newspaper ended with, "Every reader ought to send at once."

Another story told of a 4-year-old boy in Telluride who "missed death last night by a narrow margin as the result of drinking a mixture of bedbug poison, which was in a bottle." An older boy had induced

the younger fellow to drink some of the liquid. After becoming deathly ill, "it took two physicians all night to keep him from dying." That probably was not a pleasant experience and a reminder for all of us to keep the bedbug poison out of the reach of children.

Then there was the story of the preacher who, during a sermon, "compared the saloon keeper to a bedbug, in that both were parasites. He did not approve of the methods by which the saloon man or the bedbug gained their livelihood, but he did not blame either much for being what they were." That would have been a fun sermon to sit through, don't you think?

But the best story was called the INDOMITABLE BEDBUG: "The boarder complains of the bug, but it is the boarder who goes; the bug continues to occupy his old quarters. The bug has more lives than a cat, and like the cat, if driven out, he comes back. He flourishes on coal oil and insect powder, and burning sulphur only stimulates him to fresh efforts. The bedbug is an institution, and is here to stay. A short time ago, a man tried to banish his crop of bedbugs. After carefully smearing the furniture with the fluid, he lit his pipe while he awaited developments. He was taken to the hospital minus his hair, his whiskers and much epidermis. The bugs stayed to keep house."

How many of you had to scratch an itch while reading this "historical article"? Have a great week!

## New judge

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other towns, we have a drug problem. We are really hoping to clean things up and are trying to make this a community that's going to be great for our kids. This is part of it all."

Nickell said there are many people working to celebrate Naturita and make it even better. She praised local attorney Sara Bachman for work with the Naturita Town Park improvements. She also said Brock Benson and Troy Masters are work-

ing to establish a family-friendly environment with family movie night, among other things.

"I am amazed at the people and what they put into their town to make it a community," she said. "I want to make this a community that people want to move to. It will happen."

In the past, in addition to working in the field of education and also law, Nickell has served on the Just For Kids Foundation board of directors, the Uncompahgre Med-

ical Center board and San Miguel Resource Center's board. She's now running in the election to serve on the board for San Miguel Power Association (SMPA). She's pretty familiar with the way electrical cooperatives work, since she attended Delta-Montrose Electrical Association's (DMEA) meetings for years and even spoke to their advisory board.

"I'm a big believer that you can do a lot in serving on a board," she said.



Some of the "midnight kitties" are still available. (Image courtesy of Hoof & Paw)

**NONPROFITS**

## Hoof & Paw gives update on 'midnight kitties'

**SPECIAL TO THE FORUM**

In the wee hours of the morning on Aug. 12, two people dropped off 16 cats and kittens at the Hoof & Paw Animal Shelter in Naturita. These animals — now referred to as the "midnight kitties" — were most likely from a local colony, and while they were generally thin, the felines were in OK condition. In an effort to find out more about this situation, the incident was shared with the West End community. Due to the public nature and community interest, Hoof & Paw wants to now offer an update about those cats and kittens.

Once the animals were presumed healthy, all 16 needed to be vaccinated and spayed or neutered. Second Chance Humane Society, of Ridgway, in a remarkable offer of support, volunteered to cover the cost of the felines' medical care.

"Their generosity was a tremendous gift, as the fees for these services was approximately \$2,500,"

Hoof & Paw representatives said in a news release. "This sum would have been a tremendous burden on the finances of (our nonprofit)."

In the 14 weeks since these animals were abandoned, five have been adopted by local residents, eight were transferred to the care of Montrose Animal Shelter, and three of the "midnight kitties" remain in the care of Hoof & Paw and are available for adoption now.

Volunteers agree this situation was a difficult one for Hoof & Paw. Abandonment of an animal is always shocking, but the quantity of animals that were left at the shelter was unsettling.

Hoof & Paw continues to work with local communities to secure funds to spay and neuter cats (and dogs), but it isn't a problem that can be solved without support from all animal lovers in this region.

"If you, or someone you know, has an animal that you are no longer able to care for, please reach out to someone at Hoof & Paw,"

representatives said. "We do offer subsidized spay and neuter vouchers, a pet food pantry if feeding an animal is a challenge, and we can offer support to re-home an animal."

Hoof & Paw does have a very limited space for animals at the local shelter, but if the nonprofit has available space, it might be possible for the shelter to take the animal in.

Hoof & Paw representatives know that most care for their animals very well. They hope for better communication regarding shelter animals going forward.

"The West End is an amazing place full of people who adore their pets," representatives added. "Let's look out for one another, and for our animals, so in the future a situation, such as the one with the 'midnight kitties,' is no more."

Anyone interested in adopting one of the remaining "midnight kitties" should contact the nonprofit directly.

## West End updates

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County. The West End Task Force's goals and objectives are to "rebuild the lost property-tax base, return high-paying jobs to the region and diversify the economy of the West End to ultimately support the West End's transition away from coal."

The task force is currently creating a budget for the second round of funding and will be submitting applications to the Office of Just Transition soon for various projects to support these goals. Projects that will be prioritized for the second round of funding are the West End Facade Improvement Grant Program, a West End Business Retention and Expansion Program, workforce development, and capacity building to put these efforts in

motion. The first house bill was used for infrastructure support to all three towns for various projects and funding to the West End Facade Improvement Grant Program.

Prior to 2022, Paul Major served on the JTAC committee representing professional economic development. His work and commitment to the West End had a direct positive impact for the area and leave very large shoes to fill. In fall of 2022 Aimee Tooker, West End Economic Development Corporation board president since 2014, was appointed to a four-year term on the JTAC and serves on the Community and Funding Subcommittee.

"Each community's transition is deeply personal, and my goal in serving on the JTAC is

to make sure that those strategies are community-driven and that state agencies work hand-in-hand with the communities to bring those to fruition," Tooker said.

She added she is excited about the "positive, locally-driven progress" toward diversifying the local economy.

"The local and value-added agriculture, our growing outdoor recreation economy, and the further interest in uranium and vanadium activities, along with the interest by the State of Colorado in Advanced Energy Solutions ..." Tooker said, "I see a mix of year-round, great paying jobs that bring families to our communities and a thriving hospitality industry to service the visitors to our vast public lands."

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Come chat with us about the county's Master Plan Update! We are hosting an **Open House for the West End on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** at the **Naturita Community Center**. All county residents are welcome to join. The workshops will explore various topics in the Master Plan, and we would love to hear your thoughts on how we can improve Montrose County for the future!

Can't make the Open House? We are also offering a **Lunch Hour Event** for folks to drop in to talk about the Master Plan process. Feel free to join us for the event that works best for you!

**West End Lunch Event**  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 11AM-1PM  
Naturita Community Center  
230 W Main St

**West End Open House**  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 4PM-6PM  
Naturita Community Center  
230 W Main St



# Naturita school's future

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residential. He's also concerned about the property taxes estimated at \$60,000 annually.

Price doesn't want the site to sit abandoned, like the old elementary school in Nucla. He wants to listen to all ideas. He said there could be 50 good ones, but may only two to three of those are possible.

Montrose West Recreation's Bri Bonacquista spoke at the meeting and said her organization would like to take management of the gym, for youth programs but also public, and especially senior programs, like pickle ball. Already, the weight room equipment will stay and has been donated by the school. Montrose West Rec is interested in the commercial kitchen, too, and using the gym for benefits, concerts, funerals and more.

Must Love Seniors, a new orga-

nization supporting elder care, said the property would make a good assisted-living space. They see the potential for an eight-bed facility with a day center in the gym.

Someone suggested a vineyard and winery. Price said to be mindful of transportation costs, but a type of artisan business could work. Aimee Tooker brought up restaurants or a brewery. Several brought up workforce development in the school site.

George Glazier said the uranium industry is coming back "big-time." His company has 25 employees today, and they're looking to interview three more.

He's wondering where the people who are coming will live, due to a lack of housing. He said more retail, restaurants and a bar is needed. He said other uranium companies are also going to start emerging, even though no processing plant will exist locally.

He's got a plant started that will be ready in 2026 in Green River, Utah. He said Nucla and Naturita will be the center for mining, however. He votes for multiple uses at the school site in Naturita.

Price has said the bank won't develop the property; that's for someone else to do. Still, he wants the community to be excited about what can happen there. Of course, a new bank could also exist on site.

Another private meeting will happen Nov. 1 with county and state leadership to discuss what's possible for Naturita Elementary School's future. Another public meeting will take place some time after, so the community can also give comments.

Price told the Forum on Oct. 25, the day before the meeting, that Citizen's is "humbly starting a process."

"We are big believers in the West End," he said.

## Prop. HH

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Could governments still receive some revenue under the ballot measure if it passes? Yes, but the CML has said that amount will be way less under Proposition HH.

What's more is that the CML has said their studies are based on

the existing mill levies remaining as they are, and those mill levies don't typically stay the same for towns.

"Proposition HH limits growth in property-tax revenue for local governments," the CML said in a statement.

Election Day is Nov. 7, though


mail-in ballots have already been in the hands of voters. Anyone who'd like more information on Proposition HH may visit [leg.colorado.gov/ballots/reduce-property-taxes-and-retain-state-revenue](http://leg.colorado.gov/ballots/reduce-property-taxes-and-retain-state-revenue). For more information on the Colorado Municipal League, the public may visit [cml.org](http://cml.org).



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**9:10 AM ROGER PIELKE, JR.**  
Five Things Everyone Should Know About Climate and Energy

**10:15 AM CONNIE WOODHOUSE**  
Tree-rings and Colorado River streamflow: Is the record of past streamflow useful for water resource management today?

**11:15 AM DAN DALLAS**  
Where Water Meets the Forests

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10/6/2023

1013 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a report of threatening.

1252 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

1405 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 2000 block of County Road 43ZN near Norwood for a welfare check.

1607 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 37600 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a theft report.

1722 Hours - Wyatt Elder, 20, was contacted at the intersection of County Road 90 and Mailbox Park Road near Nucla and issued a warning for no license plates.

1759 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31400 block of Highway 97 near Naturita for found property.

2025 Hours - Deputy conducted a motorist assist near the intersection of Ash Street and 2900 Road near Nucla.

2105 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1 VIN inspection

1 directed patrol in Nucla

1 directed patrol in Naturita

3 civil processes attempted/served

10/7/2023

1357 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a report of a protection order violation.

1453 Hours - Deputy conducted public relations in the 900 block of Grape Street in Nucla.

1511 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Ivy Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

1756 Hours - Hongda Zhou, 39, was contacted in the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1830 Hours - Antonio Myers, 51, was contacted at the intersection of West First Avenue and Payson Street in Naturita and cited for no insurance, no registration and fictitious license plates.

1859 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a traffic complaint.

2003 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for a juvenile problem.

1 civil process attempted/served

10/8/2023

1026 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a disturbance.

1700 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the

28200 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for suspicious activity.

2131 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

10/9/2023

0012 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

1418 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the Thunder Road area to relay a message.

1705 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

2011 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Cascade Circle in Naturita for an unwanted person.

2034 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for suspicious activity.

1 VIN inspection

1 school zone in Naturita

1 directed patrol in Nucla

1 civil process attempted/served

10/10/2023

0552 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a report of threatening.

0919 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for a fraud report.

1008 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 near Naturita for a traffic complaint.

1349 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

1541 Hours - Deputy took a report for a civil standby in the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla.

1856 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1 follow up report

1 school zone in Naturita

1 directed patrol in Naturita

1 civil process attempted/served

10/11/2023

0435 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

0731 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for a traffic complaint.

0952 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

0954 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900

block of Main Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

1023 Hours - Deputy took a found property report in the 900 block of Main Street in Nucla. A bicycle was brought to the Sheriff's Office and placed in found property.

1249 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Naturita for a traffic complaint.

1305 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1548 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a 911.

1631 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

1927 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

1 Directed patrol in Nucla

## 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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**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. 11<sup>th</sup>. More feeder calf buyers available then

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Special Feeder Calf Sale.** 100 mixed feeders.

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**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Special Feeder Calf Sale**

**Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Special Bred Cow Sale.**

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- \*Many scientists have this
- Alpha Centauri B, e.g.
- Measured in kilowatt-hours, on electric bill
- Ring of flowers
- TV's "\_\_\_ Blinders"
- Make believe
- Public promotions
- Appropriate for Halloween
- \*F unit of capacitance named in whose honor?
- \*Marine biologist and "Silent Spring" author
- L.A. baller
- Not on a rolling stone?
- Value added reseller
- New Zealand fruit
- Option at a hot dog stand, adj.
- One's final notice
- Without, in French
- Time being
- Toy construction set brand

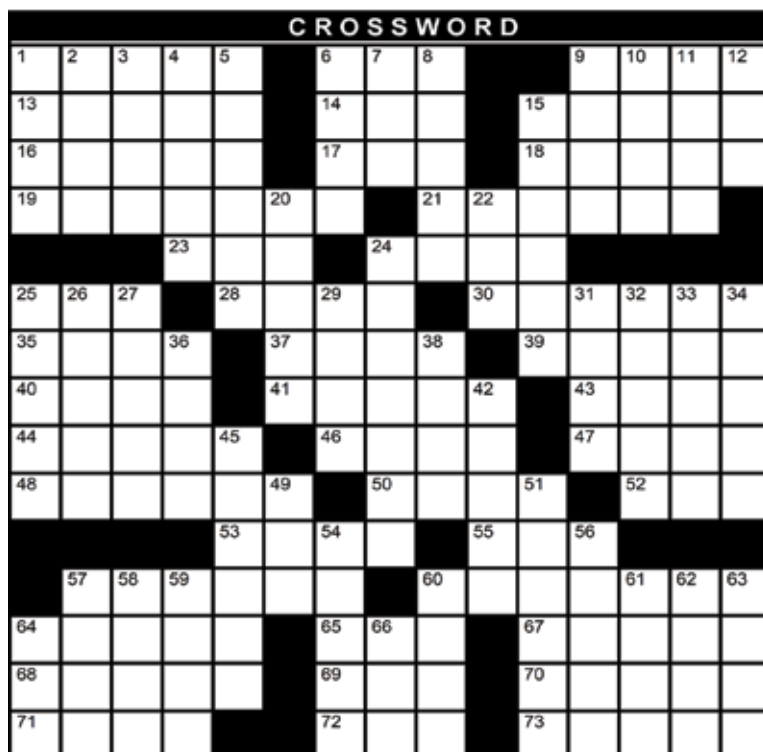
- Turning token taker
- Jewish month
- Jab on field of play
- A ride up ski hill
- Short for Milton
- \*A unit of electric current named in whose honor?
- Home to Zion National Park
- Wood-shaping tool
- Morays, pl.
- One little piggy
- \*A telescope was named in his honor
- \*Primatologist and world's foremost expert on chimpanzees
- Popular snorkeler's attraction
- Have a cold
- Sphere in Las Vegas, e.g.
- Pond buildup
- To and \_\_\_
- Gives off
- Goes with a rod
- Small dog's bark
- Tears down

### DOWN

- Take into custody
- On a deck?



- So-so
- a.k.a. tent caterpillar or lappet moth
- Maurice of "Where the Wild Things Are"
- Eugene O'Neill's creation
- He had
- Popular 70s genre
- Witnesses
- Hawaiian tuber
- Similar
- Kind of bourbon
- P in POI
- Out of whack
- Cleopatra's killer, according to legend
- Not a full size bus
- \*V unit of electric potential named in whose honor?
- Crosswise, on deck
- Build temporarily (2 words)
- \*W unit of power named in whose honor?
- Type of rich soil
- Most populous country
- Burn with water
- \*Synonymous with unit of frequency and a car rental company
- Muscle quality
- Floor plank
- Muse of love poetry
- The \_\_\_ makers of "Pitch Perfect"
- #53 Across, sing.
- Vacuum cleaner, in U.K.
- Like kale or spinach
- Swelling of human organs
- Golfer's destination
- Desires
- Ancient Semitic deity
- Lump of stuff
- Black tropical cuckoos
- Guitar forerunner
- Is it really more?
- \*Carl Benz invented the first practical modern one in the 1880s
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# FFA and Nucla Co-op work together



The Nucla FFA chapter recently helped the Nucla Co-op with its annual membership dinner. Representatives from the co-op came to the school Oct. 25 to present a monetary donation for the kids' service. From left to right are Derrick VanDellen, Hemmy O'Brien, JW Naslund, Keiran Bray, Shania Joseph, Ruby Waldron, Mylee Rasltin, Truman Tooker and Drake Long. (Photo by Malisha Reed)

YOUTH

# Grant money furthers dressage skills for young riders

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Thanks to a grant of \$1,000 from the Lone Cone Legacy Trust (LCLT) board for riding lessons, young equestrians with the Lone Cone Dressage Club will be able to continue to hone their skills on horseback. Additional sponsorship is sourced from the dressage club's own earnings, plus a line item from the San Miguel Basin Fair Board.

For the last nine years, the club has produced a series of 10 three-day clinics annually taught by Deborah Hindi from Gunnison. Hindi is a U.S. Dressage Federation-certified instructor and trainer with 36 years of instruction experience.

Participants of all ages and riding disciplines have received hundreds of hours of instruction during the Norwood clinics. They usually start in April and end in October, with an October performance to cap off the series of clinics.

On Oct. 15, the club hosted a special "quadrille" performance of youth with their mounts at the San Miguel County Fairgrounds Event Center. The performance featured eight riders and their equines doing movements to music "If I Was A Cowboy" by Miranda Lambert and "Memory Lane" by Old Dominion. The songs were appropriate for the event and its participants.

Formed in 1992, the Lone Cone Dressage Club's founding members' focus was horsemanship and mentorship. Several years ago, the club and the San Miguel Basin Fair



Lone Cone Dressage Club finish a quadrille performance at the San Miguel County Events Center Oct. 15. From left to right are Chloe Sherman on Sailor, Emma Herlend on Casper, Josie Herlend on Playboy, Hennessy Discoe on Bailey, Nora Herlend on Jack, Bryyna Bonaquista on Poquito, Savannah Norris on Sassy Man, and Illiana Henderson on Kiddo. (Photo by DeeAnna Burbridge)

Board started sponsoring a group lesson specifically for youth participants and free to them.

The club's champions include Fairgrounds Coordinator DeeAnna Burbridge, who worked to bring the club's members certified instructors on a regular basis, and also Andrya Brantingham, whose grant writing skills have garnered awards from the Lone Cone Legacy Trust to fund those lessons.

Brantingham spoke to the Forum

about the kids' work in dressage.

"I wrote last year's, and this year's, Lone Cone Legacy Trust (LCLT) grant to maintain, and hopefully build, the kids' lessons program," she said. "The free lessons for kids have been going on for several years, and the Lone Cone Dressage Club absorbed the cost of the lessons, until our first grant from LCLT last year. This year we doubled our ask, and received \$1,000. That, along

with a donation from San Miguel County for \$500, and the kids' free lessons are fully funded."

Brantingham said the parents are also pleased. She said one equestrian's parent reported to her the kids have improved their horsemanship through working with Hindi, and every girl has been personally helped along with their horse in the areas they were struggling. Parents are saying it also helps the kids in their gymkhana

series too.

"The 4-H horse show this year at the fair was evidence of the growth and confidence of these kids," Brantingham said. "Every single member who showed at the fair was part of Deb's lessons. ... The kids put on a 'quadrille' the last clinic in October this year, and it was awesome. It has been such an honor helping the Lone Cone Dressage Club continue the free kids lessons by writing the grant."