

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## NUCLA

### Input needed for reservoir

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Many in the West End have seen the survey that asks for input on the Rainbow Reservoir in Nucla. That survey is part of a town upgrade process that is taking place. Town Clerk Melissa Lampshire said Nucla officials are working with the University Technical Assistance (UTA) Program held through the University of Colorado-Denver. Through the program, students obtaining degrees in architecture and planning offer their services for design, supervised by licensed professionals in the field.

"This work has been funded by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for several decades and has provided technical services to rural and small local government units in nearly every county of the state," the UTA Program website says.

"The UTA the program is supported by DOLA to help communities with pre-planning for future grants," Lampshire said. "We utilized them for the Main Street improvements and the Nucla Community Center upgrades."

It's the same program that the Lone Cone Library in Norwood used when the library district built their new library facility.

Now, the Town of Nucla is looking to complete additional upgrades to parks and recreational facilities. Working with the UTA Program can build a foundation and open doors for funding.

"We would obtain grant funding from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and possibly DOLA to complete these upgrades," Lampshire said.

But community feedback is required and part of the process.

"We want the public's input," Lampshire said. "We held a meeting last year to gather the initial info which they, the UTA, turned into a survey for our community members."

The clerk said the Town of Nucla will hold additional public meetings in the future. UTA Program students will complete an assessment and then create a recommendation plan for the town to use for applying for future grants.

"The reservoir is one of our favorite recreational areas," Lampshire said. "We are looking at connectivity to all of our rec facilities as well. Public input is essential for the town board to move forward."

To access the survey, the public may visit [tinyurl.com/26f5pta3](https://tinyurl.com/26f5pta3) online. The survey takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. The survey closes Feb. 26. All responses are kept confidential and are used in a combined form with other responses.

To read more about the UTA program, all may read more at [architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/utap](https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/utap).



Clint Wytulka is the West End's Citizen of the Year. (Photo by Regan Tuttle)

## WEST END

### Wytulka named Citizen of the Year at chamber dinner

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Nucla-Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet over the weekend, and chamber members gathered at the new Nucla Community Center and VFW post to celebrate in the new interior.

Longtime chamber member Doylene Garvey emceed the evening, and various door prizes from local businesses were awarded: T-shirts from the library district, boxes of chocolates from Ruth's Toffee, glassware and memorabilia

from Walk In Liquor, hats from Western Uranium-Vanadium and more.

High Country Catering handled the food for the evening, which included a happy hour pairing of cheese, dates and crackers. Members of the VFW were present to serve beer and wine. Local 4-H kids worked as wait staff delivering the salad portion and bussing tables. The entree was served buffet style with an option of chicken piccata or beef with chimichurri sauce. Roasted potatoes and glazed carrots were the sides, along with bread and butter.

Many community leaders,

who are a part of the chamber, were present, including Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard, Commissioner Keith Caddy and West End Commander Bruce Schmalz. Superintendent of West End Public Schools Clint Wytulka was on the agenda to give an update regarding the new k-12 school. Makayla Gordon, executive director of West End Economic Development Corporation, addressed the crowd to inform them of new bills in the legislature that affect small businesses.

Jack Lee introduced candidate visitors that are campaigning for election, and those guests — J.

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## NONPROFITS

### Tony Adkins offers expertise for DEEEP

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Nucla's Carol Hunter has been working on a project for some time for the Colorado 150, a celebration of the state's anniversary that also coincides with the nation's 250th anniversary. Called DEEEP, which stands for the "Dominguez — Escalante Expedition Education Project," the work aims to bring an interactive educational piece to the 150/250 celebration that happens in 2026.

When Hunter became acquainted with Tony Adkins, of Nucla, she learned about his life's work in geology. Hunter then brought

Adkins on board to assist with DEEEP's mapping work.

Adkins is by profession a geologist. He found the West End in the 1970s during the big uranium days when he was "fresh out of college," with a bachelor of science degree from Georgia State University. He said it was an exciting time back then, and "lots of fun" when the uranium industry was booming.

When things went bust locally, he moved to Nevada for a bit and worked in gold. After some travel, some of which was international, he and his wife wanted to come back and live in Nucla because of their appreciation for the local area. They returned to the West End in

1996. For a time, Adkins worked as an engineer for the New Horizon Mine, which taught him much in the coal industry too.

His specialty is in the study of rocks, though, specifically metals, and as a result he knows a lot about maps; he is a mapmaker.

"Geologists know how to map," he agreed.

He has GIS software and the knowledge to create maps that are specialized. About a decade ago, he assisted local nonprofit the West End Trails Alliance (WETA) with their trails mapping initiative. The work then was big for the local biking organization, and it remains so.

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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

### Wrestling finishes strong; Postseason b-ball begins

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Mustang wrestlers who qualified for the state tournament left Nucla last Wednesday to head to Denver in hopes of capturing state titles. There, senior Arthur Connelly took third place in his bracket. He'd pinned every opponent he'd faced, except in the close match he lost in overtime in the semifinals.

Senior JW Nasland took second in his bracket, losing a match to a Cedaredge guy in the finals. Nasland is the first to make it to the finals since 2019 when Wil Gabriel won a state title.

Junior Paxtin Caruso and freshman Jackson McCabe both contributed to the team score with a win each, pinning their opponents. As a team, the Mustangs took 15th place out of 55 teams with 49 points. They were the top scoring 1A team, the smallest, highest placing school.

Head Coach Rob McCabe said it's the best the Nucla wrestlers have done since 2017, when the Mustangs combined with Norwood and took fourth in 2A with four state finalists.

"It was a fun tournament to go there and see all the fans, it was a really good crowd, it's always exciting," coach said Monday. "The guys wrestled really well, we were kind of disappointed in our ending, each guy lost their last match. Jackson and Paxtin, we had high hopes for them to get on the podium and thought Arthur and JW were going to win it, but we fell short of some goals ... Overall, it was a really good tournament. Arthur showed what it takes to be a winner. He lost the semifinals and dominated to take third and had a smile on his face ... That was fun."

McCabe confirmed he will coach again next year.

In Norwood, four wrestlers also traveled to the state wrestling tournament, though the Mavericks didn't get any placings. Head coach for Norwood Kyle Dinsmore said he was still proud. And, his team is young. His four were only freshmen and sophomores.

"The guys wrestled hard and gave it their all, but came up short," Dinsmore said. "It was a good eye-opener for the guys to see what it takes to place at state. ... This is just the first step in this team's promising future."

In high school basketball, the boys varsity team — made up of Nucla and Norwood students — beat Dove Creek last Friday evening, 66-47. The JV boys also won their game, 53-26. For the girls,

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Trisha Murray is running for Montrose County Commissioner for District 3. (Courtesy image)

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Trisha Murray, the Independent choice

Dear Editor,

Trisha Murray is running for County Commissioner for District 3. Trisha is running so that she can represent all the citizens of Montrose County and be the voice for the people and not politics. Trisha currently works for the Montrose County Attorney's Office as their legal assistant. Prior to moving to Colorado in 2011, she worked at the Missouri State Capitol, interning with a House Representative, followed by appointment as a drug court administrator with the courts, implementing the first circuit-wide drug court program in the state of Missouri. While Trisha moved to the area in 2011,

she spent her childhood traveling back and forth visiting her grandparents, who were both born and raised in Delta and retired from ranching in Ridgway. This is where Trisha inherited her love, respect and appreciation for agriculture. Trisha raised her two daughters single-handedly, while working and going back to school part-time to earn her degree. After her girls graduated from high school, she was finally able to move home to Colorado in 2011, where she met her husband, Jeff. To learn more please visit her webpage [www.murray-4montrosecounty.com](http://www.murray-4montrosecounty.com).

*Trisha Murray's team*  
MONTROSE

## Tony Adkins

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To this day, Adkins is still working in geology. He's consulting for a firm in the uranium industry part-time locally. He said he has enough time, though, and the skill to help the DEEEP organization with their maps now.

While the WETA maps were initially for print (now they're also going online), the DEEEP maps will be part of the project's website. Hunter has provided Adkins with the tracks of where the Dominguez-Escalante expedition traveled, and he's basically overlaying those tracks and the explorers' nightly campsites onto the maps. He said it takes some time to do, and there have been some questions about the expedition's route.

Soon, Adkins' work will be loaded onto the website, so that it becomes interactive for the teach-

ers, students and others who want to experience the history through the project's site.

Hunter told the Forum Adkins' work has greatly increased the educational project.

"What first comes to mind is his knowledge, skills, professionalism and patience," she said. "But Tony also brings the ability to think outside the box to meet our objective for an excellent tool for school children, as well as the general public. Our website with Tony's map can be used in preparation for the 2026 celebration across Colorado, but especially for the small, Western Slope communities found along the expedition route."

Adkins work is all volunteer, something Hunter remains grateful for. Donations to the DEEEP non-profit work, as well as WETA, are always welcome.

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society Flour mills come to the West End, Part 4

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

The Redvale Flour Mill started making flour in 1912, and farmers were bringing in wheat from all over the West End. The Norwood mill was expecting to have their new mill ready in the spring of 1914. Farmers had been perfecting the growth of their wheat crops, and the future looked bright for everyone.

But, suddenly a headline in the Montrose Daily Press of Jan. 19, 1914, read, "J. D. MOWRY, OF REDVALE, SHOT FROM THE DARK, MILL AND HOME BURNED." Another headline from the press on Jan. 21 said, "BAFFLING FIRE AND SHOOTING AT REDVALE IS STILL UNSOLVED." From the Telluride Journal of Jan. 22 came this headline, "REDVALE FLOUR MILL PROPRIETOR VICTIM OF CONSPIRACY."

The Norwood Post of Jan. 23, 1914, had the most detailed article titled, "MOWRY FLOUR MILL AND RESIDENCE FOOD FOR FLAMES, LOSS TOTAL, James D. Mowry Shot by Incendiaries."

It read, "Between four and five o'clock last Monday morning, the Redvale flour mill, owned and operated by James D. Mowry, together with the Mowry residence were totally destroyed by fire, and Mowry shot and seriously wounded by the men who fired the mill.

"...the (story) that seems to have the most directness and is reported to have come from the Mowrys is the following: At about 4:30 Monday morning, Mowry went to the mill, somewhat earlier than had been his custom, for the purpose of building a fire under the boiler, and this done, he returned to the

house, where he built a fire in the kitchen stove. Mr. Mowry says that at this time, it occurred to him that one of the doors of the mill that was supposed to be kept closed by a system of weights was open. His attention having been drawn to this open door, he returned to the mill, where two men, who were located in an elevator some distance above the engine room floor, opened fire; one of the shots taking effect at the upper third of the left leg of the inner side ... Having fired the shots, the men attacked Mowry, beating him up severely and taking from him a knife with which he was attempting self-protection. These men escaped from the mill through a second-story window, leaving him, as Mowry thinks they believed, dead. Mowry, on recovering from the half-conscious state in which he had been left by his assailants, dragged himself to the house, where falling just inside the door, he called for help, crying out at the same time that he had been shot. He was placed on a bed by Mrs. Mowry, aided by her brother Floyd Powers; and it was just at the time when he was being made comfortable in bed that Powers noticed smoke in the room. Alarmed by this smoke, Powers went to the southwest door of the house to investigate, and opening this door, was driven back by the inrush of smoke and flames. Rushing to Mowry's bed, Powers together with Mrs. Mowry dragged the wounded man outside; Mrs. Mowry, well-nigh frenzied, returned to the house and seizing her young child succeeded in reaching the outer door where, suffocated by the smoke, she fell headlong into a snow bank; both

she and the child being nearly buried. So rapid had been the progress of the flames that in rescuing her child, her own hair, as well as that of the child, was badly singed, in fact burned from the head of both the child and mother.

"Mowry can give no description of the men found in the mill, nor has he any idea why he should have been made the victim of the murderous assault which nearly cost him his life.

"Mason Totten of Coventry, who was stopping at the home of his brother-in-law Harry Johnson, located about a quarter of a mile from the mill, chanced to look in the direction of the mill and saw the flames burst forth. Mr. Totten says that the flames seemed to spring up from both house and mill at one and the same time.

"After the fire, tracks such as would be made by two men wearing overshoes were discovered, these tracks leading in a southwesterly direction from the house toward the road leading from Redvale down into the Naturita canyon. In running away, these men left behind a knife, thinking, it is supposed, that they were throwing away the knife they had taken from Mowry, and it is reported that this knife gave the officers one of the clues upon which they were working at last account."

What a blow to the Redvale flour mill. We'll see if they found the culprits, and if Redvale came back from this horrible incident. To be continued ...

*(Article taken from The Norwood Post, Jan. 23, 1914, Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, Colorado State Library.)*

## Citizen of the Year

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Mark Roeber for Colorado House District 58 and Scott Riba and Rick Dunlap, both for Montrose County Commissioner — were invited to give five-minute talks.

Lee presented the annual chamber awards, with the assistance of board members Tim Tait, Ashley Tomlinson and Kelly Tomlinson on stage. The board presented various businesses with certificate awards that acknowledged their first dollar of profit.

For the big annual awards, the board recognized the EMS ambulance drivers collectively as this year's Community Star Award winners. On stage to receive that on behalf of all ambulance drivers were Erin and Cody Jones. Lee said their work often goes unnoticed, but they give back to so many people with their service.

Walk In Coffee, owned by Laura Sherman, was honored as the Community Business of the Year. Lee

said Walk In Coffee is an esthetically pleasing space that has excellent coffee drinks and breakfast items, along with the West End-related merchandise. He said the business always supports the "Perk Before Work" quarterly chamber gatherings and other events.

Sherman and her family could not attend the banquet, since her son was competing at the state wrestling tournament in Denver over the weekend.

"That is so awesome," Sherman told the Forum late Saturday night when she heard the news. "I wish we could have been there."

And, the Citizen of the Year award went to school superintendent, Clint Wytulka. Lee when reading the award nomination said that Wytulka doesn't seek recognition, but has worked tirelessly on helping Nucla get its new school. He said the superintendent has been in ongoing meetings for years, on top of his school duties, to see the project through, and it's

not over yet.

Wytulka told the Forum Sunday he was honored.

"There are so many great people, doing so many great things in our community that I'm sure this could have gone to many," he said. "I had a coach in college that told me that if you surround yourself with good people, good things will happen. ... I am surrounded by great people. This community is amazing in the way that they get behind people and initiatives with unwavering support. I also believe that we have an amazing staff in our district that go above and beyond on a daily basis for our students. The building project itself would not have happened without so many people working together to make it happen."

He said from the bond committee, to the executive committee, the design advisory group, and school boards, both past and present, that is where the credit is due.



**MONTROSE COUNTY**

# Turf Replacement Program applications due March 1

**SPECIAL TO THE FORUM**

Montrose County announced added funding for the 2024 Turf Replacement Program to help conserve water, one of the community's most valuable resources. This year, Montrose County, the City of Montrose, the State of Colorado, Department of Natural Resources and Colorado Water Conservation Board have all contributed to help increase overall funding that is available for projects.

Inspired by House Bill 22-1151, the county budgeted for and created a Turf Replacement Rebate Program in 2023. The bill was sponsored by local Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin and is intended to incentivize landowners to develop water-wise landscapes.

While there were several applicants in 2023, only five projects were selected due to the limited budget. This year, officials are hopeful 15 projects will be selected to move forward with the increased funding available. This program is available to all homeowners in Montrose County.

"We had a great first year of this program and I'm looking forward to seeing expanded results," said Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen. "Water-wise landscaping is important for helping keep water in the river for agricultural and potable uses. Looking holistically at water conservation, every little bit helps. Converting water-thirsty landscaping to more native plants and grasses is a small move that can make a big difference in the long run."

The program reimburses approved landowners for up to \$2,000 in project costs and as much as \$2 per square foot to replace turf. There is limited funding available, and a competitive award process will reimburse plans that best accomplish the criteria.

The application deadline is March 1. Applicants selected will have 30 days to submit a full landscaping plan, along with the required paperwork. It is important that projects help showcase the beauty of landscaping that is well-adapted to Western Colorado climate, as well as water-wise landscaping.

To learn more about the criteria and to apply, please visit the project page at [www.montrosecounty.net/1121/Turf-Replacement-Program](http://www.montrosecounty.net/1121/Turf-Replacement-Program).

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**Late winter ranching**

Cole Bray and Zandon Bray saddle their horses, in order to move cows for the arrival of calving season.

(Photo by Keiran Bray)

**High school sports**

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the Nucla-Norwood varsity team lost to Dove Creek, 32-47. But, the JV girls won 36-4.

Athletic Director Kelly Arnold

said district play happens this weekend in Olathe. Regionals will happen the following weekend.

The middle school girls basketball team, a recreation league through Montrose West Recreation, made up of fifth and sixth graders and coached by Misty and Stan Galley, had a winning season. The girls, who also hail from both Nucla and Norwood, went undefeated in the league.



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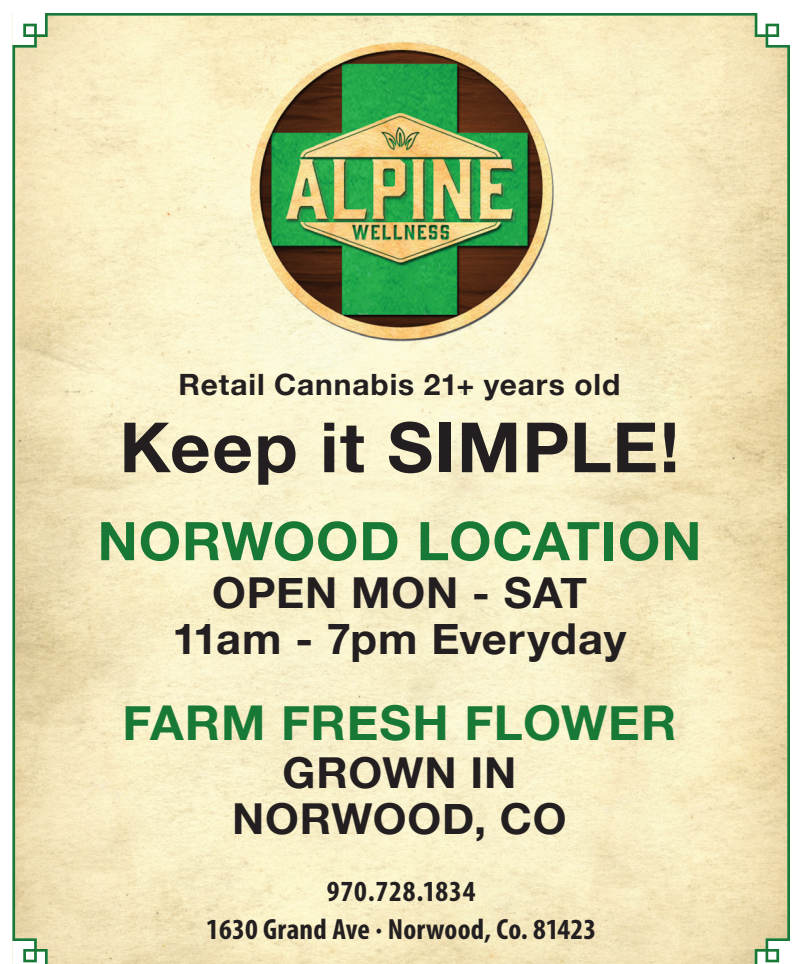


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## West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

2/8/2024

0506 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an alarm.

0757 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a fire.

1612 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

1723 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1813 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31400 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a 911.

2346 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of Highway 141 and Highway 145 near Naturita for a motorist assist.

1 VIN inspection  
3 civil processes attempted/served  
2/9/2024

1312 Hours - Sharon Norton, 72, was contacted in the 26200 block of Z26 Road near Nucla and issued a warning for speeding.

1402 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a trespassing report.

1457 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 26700 block of AA Road near Nucla for a smoke report.

1631 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35600 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a

disturbance. Tyleigh Pine, 21, was arrested for criminal mischief and domestic violence.

2101 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

1 school zone  
1 directed patrol in Nucla  
1 directed patrol in Naturita  
2/10/2024

1 VIN inspection  
2/11/2024

0640 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a civil matter.

0948 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35600 block of Highway 145 near Redvale to relay a message.

1318 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30700 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for an information report.

2025 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Grape Street in Nucla for an information report.

2/12/2024

1534 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 141 mm 53 near Naturita for a traffic complaint.

1935 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31400 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a disturbance.

2201 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Sunny Circle in Naturita for a disturbance.

1 school zone  
1 VIN inspection

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## It's family-friendly

Dear Editor,

The Flying Bear Pizzeria and Naturita Bicycle Company are co-hosting a special in-person event with local author and adventurer Craig Childs. Come join us for a night of storytelling of his latest adventure and be prepared to share in some of your own storytelling. This is an interactive and collaborative event. Half of the \$5 cover charge is donated to West End Trails Alliance, who will be present, along with West End Dark Sky Alliance. Come out to meet your pals or to make some new pals. Hear about what is happening in our community and here at the Flying Bear! This is a family-friendly event so bring the kiddos, and grandma too!

Virginia Ericson  
NATURITA

### WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS Breakfast Menu

Free For All Kids

Milk Served With All Meals

WG: Whole Grain / EC: Early Childhood

#### Monday, Feb. 26

Cereal (WG), Oranges, Milk,  
Juice (K-6)

#### Tuesday, Feb. 27

Crackers (WG) (EC), Breakfast  
Pizza (K-6), Mixed Fruit, Milk,  
Juice (K-6)

#### Wednesday, Feb. 28

Oatmeal Rounds (WG), Pears,  
Yogurt, Milk, Juice (K-6)

#### Thursday, Feb. 29

Granola (WG), Pears, Yogurt,  
Milk, Juice (K-6)

### WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS Lunch Menu

Free For All Kids

Milk Served With All Meals

WG: Whole Grain / EC: Early Childhood

#### Monday, Feb. 26

Corn Dog, Sweet Potato Fries,  
Pasta Salad, Salad Bar, Milk  
EC/PK (Peaches)

#### Tuesday, Feb. 27

Taco Salad, Corn Chips, Salad  
Bar, Milk  
EC/PK (Pears)

#### Wednesday, Feb. 28

Chicken Alfredo Pasta, Salad  
Bar, Milk  
EC/PK (Mixed Fruit)

#### Thursday, Feb. 29

Beef Stew, Breadstick, Salad  
Bar, Milk  
EC/PK (Oranges)

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## HELP WANTED

### Part-time Custodial/Grounds/Maintenance Position -

#### Naturita Community Library.

We are currently seeking a part-time (24 hours per week) custodial/grounds/maintenance specialist. This position is responsible for all custodial and grounds keeping duties at the library, including snow removal and light maintenance. Hours are flexible. Must be able to lift 40 lbs. Position may be found online at [www.montroselibrary.org](http://www.montroselibrary.org). Applications may also be picked up at the Naturita Community Library. Resumes are encouraged. Please submit to Amanda Scott at [ascott@montroselibrary.org](mailto:ascott@montroselibrary.org) and direct questions to the same email or call (970)275-3747 if you have questions.

**Pay:** Starting at \$16.50 an hour  
**Benefits:** Paid leave, retirement after 1 year.

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### Town of Nucla is now taking application for a full time code enforcement/animal control officer.

Full benefits. Apply at Town of Nucla 320 Main Street, application can be found on our web-

site [townofnucla.colorado.gov](http://townofnucla.colorado.gov). Contact Melissa for more information.

38-IT-C

### The Town of Nucla is now hiring a public works employee.

The position is full time with a rotating weekend on call schedule. Class B CDL preferred or a willingness to obtain a plus. Pay negotiable depending on experience and abilities. Starting Pay Range is \$18-20/per hour. Benefits include Health, Dental and Vision Insurance, employer contributions to Roth IRA, PTO and Vacation. Please submit an application (available on

our website at [www.townofnucla.colorado.gov](http://www.townofnucla.colorado.gov) to manager.nucla@mail.com or drop off at 320 Main Street.

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### VETERAN MEMORIAL SERVICE INFO

Memorial Services for Veterans - Contact Tom Loczy and VFW at: (970) 428-2268

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### CHANGE TO OBITUARY COST

We will no longer charge for black and white obituaries under 500 words.

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## HELP WANTED (HOUSEKEEPING CREW)

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## WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS - JOB OPENINGS

### Grounds/Maintenance Position

West End Public School District RE-2 is currently seeking a full-time, Grounds/Maintenance position immediately.

**Salary:** Starting @ \$17.00

#### Benefits include:

- PERA Retirement
- PERA 401-K
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Applications can be obtained and viewed on our district website at [www.westendschools.org](http://www.westendschools.org) and dropped off at our district office located at 225 W. 4th Avenue in Nucla, CO 81424. Please include resume with your application. Applications and resumes may also be sent to Candellera Franklin, Business Manager at [cfranklin@westendschools.org](mailto:cfranklin@westendschools.org) and Clint Wytulka, Superintendent at [cwytulka@westendschools.org](mailto:cwytulka@westendschools.org). Please direct any questions to Clint Wytulka, Superintendent by calling 970-864-7350 or by email.

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### Part-time Custodial Position

West End Public School District RE-2 is currently seeking a part-time, Custodial position immediately.

**Salary:** Starting minimum wage

#### Benefits include:

- Paid leave
- Retirement

Applications can be obtained and viewed on our district website at [www.westendschools.org](http://www.westendschools.org) and dropped off at our district office located at 225 W. 4th Avenue in Nucla, CO 81424. Please include resume with your application. Applications and resumes may also be sent to Candellera Franklin, Business Manager at [cfranklin@westendschools.org](mailto:cfranklin@westendschools.org) and Clint Wytulka, Superintendent at [cwytulka@westendschools.org](mailto:cwytulka@westendschools.org). Please direct any questions to Clint Wytulka, Superintendent by calling 970-864-7350 or by email.

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## Fun Corner

### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: THE OSCARS

#### ACROSS

1. Anti-seniors sentiment
6. \_\_\_ PErignon, Champagne

9. Big Bang's original matter
13. Prefix for earliest
14. Call to Maria
15. Bob and \_\_\_
16. "Peter, Peter Pumpkin

CROSSWORD															
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17. "Le \_\_\_ des cygnes"
18. Like yesteryear
19. \*Greta Gerwig's Oscar nominated movie
21. \*He's nominated for playing Leonard Bernstein
23. Nothing
24. White \_\_\_ shopping event
25. Federal food safety agency, acr.
28. It ran away with the spoon
30. ROTC happenings
35. Figure skating jump
37. Grad
39. Arrogant one
40. Archaic preposition
41. PassÉ
43. Scrubbed
44. Sugarcoating
46. Money in Mexico City
47. What DJs do
48. Trickery
50. Swerves
52. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
53. \*Typical number of nominations in one Oscar category
55. Emergency responder, acr.
57. \*"Nyad" nominee
60. \*What kind of moon?
63. "Finnegan's Wake" author
64. Mother load offering
66. Java cotton tree
68. Artemis' companion
69. Fat of olives
70. \*What actors do

#### Solution to Last Week's Crossword

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71. Spinner's product
72. Wisecrack
73. Like Phoenix

#### DOWN

1. Cornelius of the movies
2. Snap up
3. 'I' in Greek alphabet
4. Howard of radio fame
5. Death-related
6. One of the Earnhardts
7. Spermatozoa counterparts
8. Muhammad's birthplace
9. Review service, with .com
10. Use a ladle
11. At any time
12. \*"No Country for Old \_\_\_" multi Oscar winner
15. Suitors
20. Trojan War story
22. "Just an \_\_\_-fashioned love song"
24. Slumber
25. Fl., as in fl. oz.
26. "A Confederacy of \_\_\_," sing.
27. Place above a ceiling
29. Dueler's strike
31. Overnight lodgings
32. Shoelace bunny ears
33. Divine saying
34. \*Producer and star of "Poor Things"
36. \*"The \_\_\_ of Interest"
38. Table hill
42. Wooden pin

45. \*Like nominat- ed ones
49. Love-love, e.g. material
51. Meat-cooking contraption
54. Roaring of an engine
56. Hindu religious teacher
57. Forum, pl.
58. Deed hearing character
59. Medical diag-
60. Abe Lincoln's hat
61. #20 Down, e.g. ing method
62. Traditional learn-
63. \*Da'Vine \_\_\_
65. Orinoco or Grande
67. \*Ryan Gosling's character

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

#### Solution to Last Week's Sudoku

6	9	8	5	4	2	3	7	1
3	1	5	8	7	9	2	6	4
2	7	4	3	1	6	9	8	5
9	2	7	6	5	8	1	4	3
4	5	6	1	9	3	7	2	8
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# Endings, beginnings in Mustang sports



The 5/6 rec league, girls from Norwood and Nucla and coached by the Galley family, finishes the season undefeated. (Photo by Punky Linville)



Nucla's Viviana Zunich (32) takes contact from Telluride's Tori Saunders while shooting during the Lady Mustangs' 49-12 road win Feb. 9. Zunich and senior Keiran Bray each scored a game-high 11 points.



Darcy Bray (22) prepares for a tough shot against Telluride's Fianna Ahern.



The Mustangs' Brycen Rummel (11) looks for a screen from teammate Hemmy O'Brien (left) to shake Telluride's Townes Merritt (0) during the Mustangs' 61-55 win Feb. 9.



Steele Arnold seeks a way around Telluride's Jay Ellison. (Photos courtesy of Joel Priest, Southern Ute Drum)



JW Nalsand makes it to the final round and wins second in the state.



Paxtin Caruso helped the team get to 15th of 55 teams.



Freshmen Jackson McCabe remains a state qualifier.



Arthur Connelly takes third at state. (Photos by Brandie McCabe)