

## WEST END

### Facade improvement grant applications now open

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The West End Economic Development Corporation (WEEDC), along with the West End Facade Improvement Task Force, opened the third round of facade improvement grant applications on Monday, July 1. Those applications are due Friday, Aug. 2, by 5 p.m.

WEEDC promotes the communities of the West End and their unique character through the redevelopment and revitalization of existing buildings throughout the community, historic preservation, community involvement and by providing educational and technical assistance to businesses and property owners. These efforts created the West End Facade Improvement Grant Program.

The West End Facade Improvement Grant Program is a pass-through grant program that allows businesses in the West End to apply for funding to improve their facades. Eligible projects include signage, Dark Sky-compliant lighting, minor facade repairs and updates, paint, new windows and doors and much more. This year, the task force also added roof repair, HVAC and other building repairs to the eligible projects.

The West End Facade Improvement Grant is a 50:50 matching grant, with a max award of \$5,000. Businesses located in the main business districts of Naturita, Norwood and Nucla are the focus of this grant.

In 2023, WEEDC and the West End Facade Improvement Task Force awarded 17 applications a total of \$57,148.06 for signage updates, new paint, facade repairs and new windows and doors. In 2022, \$74,063.10 was paid out to 16 applicants. The task force is anticipating a similar amount for awards in 2024.

"The West End Facade Improvement Grant was created just after the COVID pandemic was ending. At the time, our goal was to provide businesses with additional funding to update their facades, funding that they were needing to spend elsewhere due to rising costs. By providing a matching grant to businesses, they were able to do both, cover their rising costs and update their facades," Makayla Gordon, executive director of WEEDC, said in a news release last Friday.

Gordon added that it's thanks to a Rural Economic Development Initiative Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and a

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## YOUTH

### Pinhead's STEAM Discovery Camp is July 15-18 in Naturita

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Pinhead Institute, a Smithsonian affiliate established in Telluride, has offered many free programs in the past to West End students, and beginning this summer it will begin offering a lot more. Made possible because of a grant from the Colorado Department of Education, the community should be aware than a

range of free STEM programming is coming to Nucla starting now.

First is the STEAM Discovery Camp July 15-18. STEAM is a universal term that stands for "science, technology, engineering, art and math." Jessica Tenenbaum, representative for Pinhead, told the Forum that three years of programming are starting now, and she wants the community to know these opportunities are ramping up for kids. She said it's a great sup-

port for math and science development, as well as preparation for the state testing that happens every year. She said the work will be enriching for students and also engaging for family members too.

Math tutoring, NBA Math Hoops, Math Olympiads, robotics, family STEM nights and more will be announced in the near future, and all of the programs will be free.

Because of the recent grant, the

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## ENERGY

### JOLT celebrates 2nd annual conference in Montrose

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen told the Forum that the JOLT energy group she helped co-found (Joint Organizations Leading Transition) had a "really robust conference" in Montrose last week. More than 200 people were in attendance June 27-28 at the Montrose Pavilion, and Hansen said the audience had a vast knowledge of energy subject matters, making for high-caliber questions and discussions.

A number of expert speakers — professors, researchers, engineers, climatologists — gave presentations about different energy sources and their recent advancements, including one from Wyoming who spoke about wind energy and the turbine project there.

Hansen said there was a big discussion panel on nuclear energy and how it can meet modern-day energy needs. She said the nuclear session piqued the audience's interest and many questions were posed.

She said the only energy area not thoroughly covered was solar energy, but otherwise, "it was a good mix on all forms of energy." The program showed sessions on geothermal energy, oil and gas, hydrology, some solar and more.

Looking at all energy sources is something Hansen said her group believes is necessary. The JOLT group maintains that Colorado has taken an unrealistic stance in its renewable goals and time frame, especially since the state is still dependent on fossil fuels.

"This group is passionate," she said of the self-described "energy nerds."

"We are people that fervently believe in 'all of the above,'" she said. "Solar doesn't serve as many as we would like ... and we believe in nuclear ... we believe in using all forms of energy."

She added the JOLT group is trying to also effect policy at the state level, and in fact, at least 10 legislators from the state capitol made an appearance at the conference. Senator John Hickenlooper was there, along with Representative Cathy Kipp and others.

"It was impressive, and speaks to our impact at the state and local levels," Hansen said.

Hansen also said she was pleased that some from the West End attended the JOLT conference, including John Reams and Aimee Tooker.

Tooker told the Forum the con-

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### The winning shot

Tim Tait, of Nucla, has won the Water Days photo contest the Forum held over the weekend with this photo that shows Kathy and Chuck Zunich, the 2024 royalty, parading down Main Street in Nucla. Tait also wins a free pizza from Saucy Mama's. (Photo by Tim Tait)

## EDUCATION

### Auction items are online; personnel shifts in local schools

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Auctioneer Jimmy Flowers told the San Miguel Basin Forum last week that he has all of the items for the West End Public Schools District auction uploaded to the AuctionTime website. The online auction opens July 31, but all items can be viewed now by accessing the following link: [auctiontime.com/listings/auctions/online/consignment-package/west-end-school-district-inventory-auction/186595](https://www.auctiontime.com/listings/auctions/online/consignment-package/west-end-school-district-inventory-auction/186595). The items available are from the old Naturita Elementary School and the old middle school-high school in Nucla. The items up for auc-

tion have been kept inside the old Nucla school on main street that's been abandoned for some time.

Flowers also gave the Forum instructions for navigating the website. He wants West End locals to be familiar with it and feel comfortable.

"Many interested buyers may be new to the AuctionTime website," Flowers said, "so I thought a 'how-to' link for the website might be useful for them. If they click the following link, it will give them easy tutorials on how to register, view and bid on the items on AuctionTime."

The instruction link is [auctiontime.com/info/how-to](https://www.auctiontime.com/info/how-to).

Flowers added that there are important dates to remember. Bidding opens on Wednesday,

July 31, after 4 p.m. Until that date, the items can be viewed online, but no bids can be placed. Bidding will then close for all items throughout the day on Aug. 7, but bid closing times will be staggered. The bids begin closing at 9 a.m. and others continue throughout the day.

He said all should know the "load out" and payment date will be Aug. 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We will be on site to assist in any way possible with load out during that time," he told the Forum.

He said he has his fingers crossed for a successful auction.

In other West End Public Schools District news, superinten-

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**PUBLIC HEALTH**

# West Nile prevention

**SPECIAL TO THE FORUM**

Montrose County Public Health is encouraging the public to take precautions to prevent West Nile Virus during active mosquito months. In 2023, there were two reported human cases of West Nile Virus in Montrose County and 634 in the state. Currently, there are no confirmed cases in Montrose County.

West Nile is a virus transmitted to humans by the bite of a female mosquito seeking a meal to nourish her eggs. It has been common in Africa, western Asia and the Middle East for decades. It first appeared in New York in 1999 and traveled westward across the U.S. It's been in Colorado since 2002 where mosquito season starts in the late spring and ends in mid-September.

"I appreciate the public's diligence in prevention efforts last year. Two cases in 2023 was an improvement from 38 cases in 2022, but one case is one too many," said Montrose County Community and Public Health Manger Jim Austin. "West Nile Virus has potential to become neuro-invasive West Nile virus, which can cause hospitalization or even death. Proper prevention is quick and easy, and can limit and possibly prevent exposure to mosquito-transmitted viruses such as West Nile."

People are most at risk for West Nile from June through early September when mosquitoes are most active. However, Colorado often continues to see West Nile reports through the month of October, until cooler temperatures cause mosquitoes to go dormant until spring. Anyone living in an area where West Nile is present in mosquitoes can get infected. The risk of infection is highest for people who spend time outdoors, because of greater exposure to mosquitoes.

The time between when a person is bitten by an infected mosquito and when they experience symptoms is usually two to six days, but can be up to 14 days. Most people who are infected with West Nile Virus will not have any symptoms. About one in every five will develop an illness that may include headache, muscle aches, joint pain, rash or gastrointestinal symptoms. Older adults and those who are immunocompromised are

at increased risk of severe illness.

Representatives of public health said to talk with a health care provider if a person were to experience new or worsening symptoms of illness, including severe headaches or confusion.

There is no treatment for West Nile Virus, but mild illness usually improves on its own. Prevention is key, especially for people at higher risk. Rest, fluids and over-the-counter pain medications may relieve some symptoms.

To learn more about the illness, the public may visit CDPHE's webpage.

Montrose County Health and Human Services would like to remind residents to follow personal protection measures: avoid mosquitoes by staying indoors at dawn and dusk when bugs are most active, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants while outdoors and apply insect repellent that contains DEET. Additionally, representatives said to install or repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out, and have horses vaccinated against West Nile Virus.

Mosquitoes lay up to 250 eggs at a time in still water, which hatch in seven to 10 days. The following tips help reduce the number of breeding mosquitoes and reduce the need to use chemical pesticides: remove standing water in ponds, ditches, clogged rain gutters, flowerpots, plant saucers, puddles, buckets and cans; check for items that might hold water, including wheelbarrows, tires, hubcaps, toys, garden equipment, pool covers, tarps, plastic sheeting, pipes, drains, flat roofs, boats, canoes and trash. It's recommended to drill drainage holes in tire swings.

Additionally, people should completely change water weekly in birdbaths and wading pools. They can also stock ponds and fountains with fish that eat mosquito larvae and use mosquito "dunks" in small ponds.

Dunks are natural bacteria that kill mosquito larvae but are harmless to other animals, and are available at local hardware or home and garden stores.

Montrose County Public Health has a limited supply of mosquito dunks available free of charge for residents. Those with questions about West Nile Virus or mosquito dunks should call 970-252-5011.

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society

# Water Days 2024: What a celebration!

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

The West End folks really know how to have a party ... There was lots of socializing and lots of ice cream at the Rimrockers' 11th annual ice cream social last Friday night. The dance put on by the Water Days Committee was amazing. It was wonderful to see families out visiting and enjoying the great music. The Nucla-Naturita Fire Department cooked up lots of burgers and hot dogs, and I don't think anyone left hungry! Lots of locally grafted heirloom apple trees went to new homes.

Saturday was every bit as much fun. The parade was great — so many participants. The park had lots of fun activities and good food and of course plenty of water! And, it sounds like the 1974 Class of NHS 50th reunion was a hit. The new Rimrocker Historical Society Museum had steady visitors over the two days, and it was just a wonderful weekend for everyone, topped off with the always-beautiful fireworks. Kudos to everyone who made it all happen.

Over the last several months, I have tried to share some of the joys and hardships that those early colonists went through to start the Colorado Cooperative Company and then the Town of Nucla all those years ago. I think Nucla has done pretty well for itself and has a lot to be proud of, as all of our communities in the West End do as well.

I don't think we've shared the poem "The Land of Tabeguache" for a while, so I thought I would do so this week. The poem was written by Alice Boyer Douglas in 1906. I believe many of us have fallen under the spell of the Tabeguache. (From Ellen Z. Peterson's book, "The Spell of the Tabeguache," ... "Tabeguache is pronounced TAB-ah-watch; it is a Ute word meaning sunny side, or land of the turquoise sky, or open sky."):



This photo shows Alice Boyer Douglas c. 1900. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

Long ago the Utes departed  
Their brave chiefs most  
broken-hearted  
And the women and the children,  
Gathered round them while  
they wept,  
Folded blanket, folded teepee,  
Rounded up their herds  
and ponies;  
All the young braves and  
the maidens  
Set their faces toward the West;  
Left the land of wonderous beauty,  
Left the mystic, happy valley,  
Left the game grounds of  
their fathers,  
Left the land of Tabeguache.

But they left a charm upon it;  
Charmed the valley e'er they  
left it;  
Wrought a spell of Indian magic,

Cast it surely o'er the land,  
That whoe'er should follow after  
Ne'er could leave it nor forget it.  
On his mind the charm  
would settle  
As he wandered o'er the world,  
That whoe'er should follow after  
Should not rest, or should  
not falter  
'Till he came to dwell upon it  
On the Land of Tabeguache.

Now the breeze comes o'er  
the prairie  
With its old seductive moaning,  
Whispering softly of an empire,  
Of an empire now at hand,  
Telling of the empire builders,  
Of the sturdy men and women  
Who would keep the desert  
blooming  
On the Land of Tabeguache.

**OBITUARY**

## James Kenneth Johnson

Aug. 27, 1923 – June 25, 2024

James Kenneth Johnson, age 100 and of Cortez, died June 25 at Vista Grande Inn. He was born Aug. 27, 1923. A service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 6, at Nucla-Naturita Cemetery, where a grave-

side service will be held. Services are being conducted through Ertel Funeral Home. To send condolences or to view the full obituary, log on to [ertelfuneralhome.com](http://ertelfuneralhome.com) and click on the "obituary" section.

**OBITUARY**

## Dillon Reid Bosch

Dec. 2, 1986 – June 17, 2024

Dillon Reid Bosch, age 37, passed away on June 17 in Grand Junction. Born on Dec. 2, 1986, Dillon grew up in a vibrant household and attended Norwood Elementary School, followed by Telluride High School, and then graduated Norwood High School. Dillon was known for his adventurous spirit. He was an avid hiker, biker, hunter and an all-around sports enthusiast. His zest for life and the outdoors brought joy and inspiration to those around him.

He is survived by his mother, Kimberly Bosch; father, Steven Bosch; brother, Robert Oberdank; and

stepbrother, Sammy Downs. He leaves two children, Darringer Bosch and Braylee Bosch. Dillon was preceded in death by his grandparents, who played a significant role in his upbringing.

A celebration of life for Dillon is scheduled for Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. at The Livery in Norwood, located on Summit St. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the cancer society, honoring Dillon's compassionate spirit. Dillon's life, marked by his vibrant personality and love for the outdoors, will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him.

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**The newly elected**

Municipal officials from around the state elected representatives to the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Executive Board during CML's annual business meeting, held in Loveland on June 20 during the organization's 102nd annual conference. Norwood's Candy Meehan, third from right, was elected. (Courtesy image)

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## Pinhead

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Pinhead Institute was able to hire a full-time coordinator for the West End, something that's not been done before. Now, Jeanna Jaspersen is overseeing Pinhead for the West End. Jaspersen, who graduated Nucla High School, worked in Montrose for 20 years teaching math, science and engineering; specifically she's worked with middle school students. She's also taught math intervention.

While the upcoming programs are for all students in all grades, the community will notice an emphasis in opportunities for kids in grades four through eight.

For the July STEAM Discovery Camp, the program is designed for fourth through eighth graders in the West End. But it's not just Jaspersen working with kids. At least three West End teachers from the new Nucla school are partnering to help oversee the July camp.

It takes place at Camp V, just down the road, at the intersection of Highway 141 and Highway 90.

The camp lasts from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. those days, and the cost is free to the families who sign up. Snacks and lunch are provided daily for the kids.

During camp, students will be investigating water quality, building prototypes and sculptures, measuring the height of a tree using a tree's shadow, completing compass activities and learning to cook using a Dutch oven. Students will keep field journals and document their experience. When camp ends on the last day, students will have prepared a meal in the Dutch oven they'll share with families that evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Their field journals will be on display too.

"We will study water quality, different measurement techniques, do art activities, nature sculpture using measurements, have a stick-tower challenge and work with efficiency ratios," Jaspersen said. "Math is incorporated into everything."

Anyone who wants to enroll their student should register before July 12 by emailing [jeanna@pinheadinstitute.org](mailto:jeanna@pinheadinstitute.org). She'll send the registration form to those interested.

Jaspersen, who's again living full-time in the West End, agreed her new role is exciting. A retired teacher, she's back to working with youth and sharing her knowledge.

"It's an exciting thing," she said. "I love working with kids, I have a passion for the field of math and science, and it's really been a perfect fit."

She added that the Pinhead Institute is an important nonprofit that has much to give to local communities. She knows Pinhead, which exists through donations and grants, has done much for the Telluride community. She's thrilled the institute now has "a new footprint in the West End."

"We are so fortunate for that," she said.

She also said she was grateful for Camp V for donating the venue for the STEAM Discovery Camp in July.

## Auction

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dent Clint Wytulka told the Forum he has received four candidate applications for the middle school-high school principal position. He is reviewing those now to replace Malisha Reed, who resigned at the end of the school year.

Sara Bray will continue as elementary school principal for the 2024-25 school year.

Reed, who served in Nucla for eight years and also ran the FFA program there, has committed to working in Norwood Public School in a similar role.

"I took the secondary 6 through 12 principal position in Norwood," she told the Forum.

She said she will support all programs that Norwood offers, which include veteran science teacher Catherine Kolbet's agriculture and FFA programs.

"I have met the new superintendent and am very excited for this

upcoming school year," Reed said over the weekend.

Norwood's new superintendent, replacing Todd Bittner, who retired at the end of this last school year, is Todd Bissell. Bissell has worked in education for 35 years and was previously a principal in Nucla. He's moving back to the West End area from Windsor, CO.

Sara Rasmussen, longtime administrator and originally of Nucla, is again working at Norwood Public School as the pre-K through fifth grade principal.

## Grants

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community grant from the Office of Just Transition that WEEDC has been able to offer such pass-through grants to West End businesses for the last two years.

WEEDC currently has funding to offer this program at least one more time in 2024. As the West End Facade Improvement Grant Program incentivizes existing and prospective businesses to do business in the West End, WEEDC considers this a priority project and will still continue to seek future funding for this program.

"Not only do facade improvements generate more revenues for the business, we also see an increase in sales tax collected," Gordon said. "This increase in sales tax and revenues emphasizes the importance of the facade of businesses and the correlation of improvements to traffic."

The 2024 application can be obtained by stopping by The Collective Mine, located at 217 W. Main St. in Naturita, though business owners may email Gordon at [mgordon@chooswestend.org](mailto:mgordon@chooswestend.org) or call her at 970-865-2499.

Gordon said the West End Facade Improvement Grant Program is a vital piece to the economic development puzzle of the West End, and WEEDC is grateful to support local businesses through it for the last two years.

# MORE EMERGENCY CALL BOXES COMING SOON

Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company (NNTC) has been working on an Emergency 911 Phone Box Project. This project will provide emergency phones along Highway 141, starting at Uravan, continuing through NNTC's service area, to Mile Marker 136. These phones have off hook routing directly to 911 Dispatch, including location information.

NNTC currently has in service 2 Emergency phones, one at the Uravan Ball Park and one at Mesa Creek near the intersection of Rimrock Trail and Highway 141, with more to be installed soon.

Gateway-Unawep Fire Department is currently working with CDOT to provide signage along the Highway in Mesa County for each Emergency 911 Phone Box.

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Paul Szilagyi, center, is the CEO of Nuvemco, and he attended the JOLT energy symposium last week in Montrose. (Photo by Aimee Tooker)

## JOLT 2nd annual conference

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ference was informative.

“... And one that I will continue to attend annually,” she said. “As a Just Transition Advisory Committee Member, networking with energy and legislative colleagues was a huge benefit. The main subject of discussion was nuclear power, which is super encouraging.”

Tooker said she was able to “really reiterate to the entire conference and especially (Attorney

General) Phil Weiser, the importance of the Uravan Mineral Belt to nuclear power and energy independence. Being a Tier One Just Transition Community, we are ready and able to provide critical minerals for our country.”

Tooker said she also referenced the national monument that has been proposed, and why the opposition is important as it relates to the future and energy.

“I was sure to mention that our huge asset of the Uravan Min-

eral Belt is being threatened by non-governmental organizations’ wishes to lock us out of those possibilities, and how many counties and towns have supplied resolutions of opposition to the proposed monument.”

The JOLT energy conference will happen in Rifle, Colorado next year.

For information on the JOLT energy symposium, the public may visit montrosecounty.net/1160/JOLT-Conference-2024.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The parade winners

Dear Editor,

The Water Days parade winners were Llama Lodge, which took the adult float category, and Paradox Cycle, for the kids category. The king and queen

got honorable mention for getting into the spirit of Water Days.

*Tina Carver,  
Water Days Committee  
NUCLA*

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# West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

**6/13/2024**  
 0702 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35100 block of 4000 Road near Norwood for a civil matter.  
 1258 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.  
 1 VIN inspection  
 1 directed patrol in Naturita

**6/14/2024**  
 0156 Hours - Deputy conducted a motorist assist in the 45700 block of County Road 90 near Nucla.

0948 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a protection order violation.

1005 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a disturbance. Warren Smith, 39, was cited for harassment.

1311 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1407 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 7300 block of V Road near Bedrock for a fire.

1426 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 97 and Main Street in Naturita for flooding.

1543 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

2131 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Y9 Road in Bedrock for an information report.

1 directed patrol in County

**6/15/2024**  
 0454 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Sanborn Park Road and GG52 Road near Norwood for an accident.

1139 Hours - Christopher Eilertsen, 70, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 3 near Nucla and issued a warning for failing to maintain a single lane.

1158 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 59 near Naturita for a welfare check.

1645 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a protection order violation.

1807 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita.

1841 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a juvenile problem.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

1 directed patrol in County

**6/16/2024**  
 0805 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a protection order violation.

1022 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Montana Street and

West Eleventh Avenue in Nucla for a traffic complaint. Tanner Whren, 21, was issued a verbal warning for failing to stop at a stop sign.

1437 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35500 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a traffic complaint.

1943 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 26600 block of 2700 Road near Nucla for a suspicious person.

1 directed patrol in County

**6/17/2024**  
 0001 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35500 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a medical assist.

0833 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

0843 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 20700 block of T5 Road near Paradox for a civil matter.

1 VIN inspection

**6/18/2024**  
 0655 Hours - Tracy Totty, 67, was arrested in the 500 block of Lincoln Street in Nucla on an outstanding warrant.

0821 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Main Street in Naturita for suspicious activity.

1143 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a fraud report.

1529 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla for a 911.

1825 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Grape Street in Nucla for an animal problem.

1914 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 19600 block of T5 Road near Paradox for a disturbance. Merry Marion, 62, was arrested for domestic violence and harassment.

1 VIN inspection

2 follow up reports

1 directed patrol in County

**6/19/2024**  
 0319 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28200 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for an unwanted person.

1004 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1241 Hours - John Hayes, 65, was contacted in the 29000 block of CC Road near Nucla and issued a warning for speeding.

1306 Hours - Deputy conducted a security check in the 26000 block of 2700 Road near Nucla.

1633 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a civil standby.

1656 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28200 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for a civil standby.

2029 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West

Main Street in Naturita for a report of threatening.

**6/20/2024**  
 0118 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for suspicious activity.

1946 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 22300 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for an unwanted person.

1 VIN inspection

**6/21/2024**  
 0855 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an accident.

0907 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a lost property report.

1005 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 31 for an agency assist.

1302 Hours - Ashley Steele, 21, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 4 near Nucla and cited for speeding and expired registration.

1328 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita for a harassment report.

1511 Hours - Patricia Taber, 54, was contacted in the 1100 block of Cedar Avenue in Naturita and cited for driving with a suspended driver's license.

1805 Hours - Deputy conducted a security check in the 26600 block of 2700 Road near Nucla.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

1 directed patrol in County

**6/22/2024**  
 0542 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Pine Street in Naturita for an animal problem.

0758 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 19300 block of T5 Road near Paradox for a medical assist.

1245 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 38000 block of Highway 145 near Norwood for a civil matter.

1602 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 38000 block of Highway 145 near Norwood for a harassment report.

1728 Hours - Deputy took a found property report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

**6/23/2024**  
 0816 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 in the Uravan area for an agency assist.

1908 Hours - Deputy conducted a security check in the 26000 block of 2700 Road near Nucla.

2 follow up reports

2 directed patrols in Nucla

1 directed patrol in County

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- Shape with an axe
- Arctic floater
- Court bargain
- Dashboard window
- \*Claude Monet's "Water Lilies," e.g.
- Petri dish gel
- Noble gas
- \*Post-1919 drinking establishment
- Not hit
- More than a scuffle
- "That is to say"
- Jewish village
- One's full DNA sequence, pl.
- Interesting person, acr.
- Cord made from animal intestines
- Type of tide
- No such thing as a free

one?

- Credit card rate
- Boatload
- St. Louis' Gateway, e.g.
- Cast-off skin
- U.N. working-conditions agcy.
- \*"Unsinkable"?
- Violent protester
- Golfer's goal
- Puts behind bars
- Samoan money
- \*Armed conflict (3 words)
- \*Famous Bolshevik
- Storm centers
- Bob \_\_\_ of boxing world
- Neural transmitters
- High school breakout
- Speech defect
- 1968 hit "Harper Valley \_\_\_"
- Grassland
- Trousers

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- The Muppets' street
- Lake scum
- Razz
- \*\_\_\_ Pickford, "America's Sweetheart" of silent film era
- Comforting gestures
- Prima donna problems
- Skin cyst
- Saffron-flavored rice dish
- Street urchin
- \*48th State
- Sailing vessel with two masts
- Animal doctor, for short
- Water balloon sound
- Alluring maiden
- Add a touch of color
- Spiritual leader
- \*Boy Scout's \_\_\_ badge
- Two under par on a hole
- Animal trail
- After-bath powder
- General Post Office
- \*"Little Tramp" portray-er
- Chef Julia \_\_\_
- Address for a man
- Salmon at a certain stage
- Indian breads
- Lee Harvey \_\_\_
- \*"A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" author James \_\_\_
- Circus venue
- Modern message
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COMMUNITY

# Water Days



Llama Lodge takes the winning float entry in the Water Days parade June 29.



The Tabeguache Trail Riders and others proudly ride their horses down Main Street.



Brock Benson organized the children's biking portion.



Children enter the bike portion of the parade.



Spectators prepare to gather candy from the sidewalks. (Photos by Tim Tait)

MONUMENT

## Halt the Dolores applauds end of 'Chevron deference'

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Leader of the Halt the Dolores Monument group that is based in the West End but spreads regionally, Sean Pond is continuing his work. Since February when discovering a proposed national monument along the Dolores River, he's been an activist for the opposition. Pond told the Forum Monday his group is relieved that the "Chevron deference" had been struck down by the Supreme Court, 6-3.

Since 1984 until last Friday, the Chevron deference meant that judges had to refer to ruling federal agencies, like the BLM, to interpret

statutes that were unclear. Now, federal agencies will not have that authority going forward, and that power will fall into the hands of the court system.

The Chevron deference has been politically controversial, with Democrats tending to support it and Republicans generally opposing it. Pond's opinion is that Friday's decision "gives a significant amount of power back to the people."

Experts, as well as Pond, agree that in the future the U.S. will see more litigation, with corporations challenging agencies and asking judges to make decisions.

The Scientific American reported Monday that the Supreme Court's

decision would likely impact the energy industry in the U.S., specifically as it relates to power plant emissions, vehicle emissions, transmission lines and more.

Pond told the Forum he knew the results of the Chevron deference ending wouldn't be immediate, but would be seen in the next few years.

Pond has no speaking engagements for Halt the Dolores Monument in the near future, but the Grand Junction public meeting happens in early August. He said he's nearly ready to announce the keynote speakers, who are well-known.

He said though the West End has received Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet for

listening sessions and public comment, and while those senators have said they were undecided on the monument issue, locals cannot relax. Pond said he knows people in the West End are back to working, paying bills and raising kids, but all should know that the advocacy is still pushing to establish a monument locally.

"It's not a time to sit idle," he said, especially when the proponents have "stepped on the gas" with paid advertisements and are amply funded with money.

Pond encourages the opposition to keep writing letters and emails to elected officials, and to also remember that the sitting president

of the U.S. can designate a local monument by simply signing it into existence.

Pond told the Forum he does have a meeting in a few weeks with the "Trump transition team," and his intention is to make sure the Dolores Monument issue is on the former president's radar. Pond will also be traveling to Washington, D.C., but has not had dates confirmed at this time.

His plan is to submit a petition to officials in D.C. when the three counties — San Miguel, Dolores and Montezuma — sign the national conservation agreement, something he said he believes may happen soon.