

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## WATER

### Norwood, Montrose hold water conferences

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

All are invited to join Montrose County, the Colorado River District and Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association for the sixth-annual West Slope Water Summit, held on Nov. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Montrose County Event Center, located at 1036 North 7th St. in Montrose.

Doors for the summit open at 8 a.m.

The West Slope Water Summit is a free event and includes lunch, though registration is required.

"This year's West Slope Water Summit promises to be a valuable learning experience for anyone interested in the future of our most precious resource," Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen said in a news release. "By exploring the past, present and future of water in our area, we can gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities we face."

Hansen said she was especially excited for Robert Sakata's presentation on the future of water and agriculture in Colorado.

"Our area and economy benefit greatly from agriculture," she said. "I am glad we are adding ag into the water discussion, because you can't talk about one without the other. I encourage everyone to register and join us for a day of informative presentations and discussions."

The main speakers this year, in addition to Sakata, include Andy Mueller of the Colorado River District, Brody Wilson with a historical picture of the Gunnison Tunnel, and Becky Mitchell of the Colorado Water Conservation Board discussing negotiating for water.

A livestream of the West Slope Water Summit will be available at [westslopowatersummit.com](https://westslopowatersummit.com). Lunch is provided for those attending in person with an RSVP. Attendees can register online at <https://www.montrosecounty.net/FormCenter/West-Slope-Water-Summit-11/2024-West-Slope-Water-Summit-62> or call 970-964-8701.

Local water information and resources are available online at <https://westslopowaterinfo.com/>.

West End community leader Aimee Tooker, of Nucla, told the Forum she will be attending the Montrose meeting on behalf of herself, plus the Colorado Cooperative Company (the local ditch board) and the Southwest Basin Roundtable. She said she will not be presenting, but listening to the conversations taking place in order to learn. She said she absolutely recommends that others attend the West Slope Water Summit.

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## EDUCATION

### Nucla welcomes new hires

By SARA BRAY,  
West End Public Schools

West End Public Schools has hired several new staff members for the 2024-25 school year and would like to welcome those joining the district. They are as follows:

#### Keoni Souza

Keoni Souza comes to Nucla from Jeffco Schools most recently, but hails from Hawaii by birth. He has a passion for teaching young children and has four years of experience teaching preschoolers, prior to coming to our district and agreeing to teach kindergarten.

"If you have met Mr. Keoni, then you already know that he could be the most calm and kind teacher we

have in the district, who instinctively practices restorative teaching and discipline, which fits beautifully into the WEPS philosophy," Bray said. "You will also know that he loves sports!"

Keoni has jumped into coaching as the middle school assistant football coach and has recently been approved to be the middle school boy's basketball head coach.

Keoni has a wife, Destiny, and together they have a third grader, Willow, and a baby on the way in December.

"We are so happy to welcome this family to the West End," Bray said.

#### Kate Andrews

Kate Andrews has come as a very experienced paraprofessional from Norwood. She has many years of experience working with students of all age groups and ability levels.

"She brings that expertise into the kindergarten room in the mornings and as a special education paraprofessional in the afternoons," Bray said. "Her kind, but firm approach works wonders with some of our most challenging students, and she has already developed deep relationships with her students."

"Mrs. Kate" is married to Bo Andrews, and they have two daughters, Cooper (eighth grade) and Maggie (10th grade), who joined the Nucla school as well this year.

"We are so lucky to have such a great family join our school family," Bray said.

#### Jennifer Perkins

Jennifer Perkins was born and raised in the state of Nevada, but lucky for Nucla, found herself in a relationship with someone who

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## NUCLA

### Heritage Festival holds biggest event yet

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

There are two big holidays in Nucla, the first being Water Days, celebrated for the last century near the July 4 holiday, which honors the hard work of the pioneers who brought water to the park through their efforts of building the CC Ditch. And, then the Heritage Festival, having happened for eight consecutive years now, shares a common thread with the former. Established by the Rimrocker Historical Society and the Apple Core Project, the Heritage Festival also honors the pioneers, and the fruit they brought with them more than 100 years ago, fruit that folks in the West End are still enjoying to this day.

For the last decade, representatives of the Apple Core Project have worked to make sure the community understands the importance of orchards on local farms, and in yards and parks. They hold educational events, graft and sell heirloom tree varieties, map local orchards for historical purposes and more. And, the festival aims to celebrate those fruits, perpetuate them, identify them and get them into people's hands, and it includes vegetables and other items too.

Over the weekend, on Oct. 5, the Heritage Festival seemed to be bigger than ever. It's come a long way since the first event happened in Naturita in 2016. Melanie Eggers, co-founder of the Apple Core, confirmed with the Forum that as many as 28 vendors were on site.

She had a table showcasing heirloom apples and the many varieties present in the West End. Near her station, James Thornecroft kept the old-fashioned apple press cranking. With help from local volunteers, Eggers told the Forum the festival pressed at least 30 bushels of apples, and there are 40 pounds in a bushel. That means 1,200 pounds of different apples created Saturday's fresh cider — free to all who were present.

In the name of local food, Wild Gal's Market, based in Naturita, was on site and sold out of beef skewers just after lunch at approximately 1 p.m. Still, Wild Gal's Market carried on with chicken satays and other sides and salads.

Yvette Henson, retiring from her position as executive director of the Colorado State University-Extension Office, held her last heirloom vegetable display. She also showcased the best of local vegetables, cabbages, onions, tomatoes and more.

The West End's pizza shops were there too, Saucy Mama's and

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#### One last time ...

Yvette Henson, who is retiring from the CSU-Extension Office, holds one last heirloom veggie display for the Heritage Festival Oct. 5. See additional photos on Page 8. (Photo by Regan Tuttle)

## COLORADO

### Frisch, Hurd respond to specific West End concerns, Part 2

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The San Miguel Basin Forum reached out to both candidates running for U.S. Congress, Colorado District 3, for with just four questions that were based on survey results specific to the West End. Last week, the Forum ran Adam Frisch's responses to those questions. This week, in Part 2, readers hear from Jeff Hurd.

Mackenzie Younker, Director for Public Policy for the Jeff Hurd campaign, shared the responses, and those are as follows:

**Forum: What does democracy and good government mean to**

**you?**

**Hurd:** Democracy is about empowering the voices of the people and ensuring that government operates transparently and remains accountable. Good government serves the people by being efficient, fair and responsive to their needs. It's essential that communities, especially those in rural areas like the West End, have a say in how their resources are managed.

My goal is to bring that kind of leadership to Washington, D.C. — one that listens to and acts on the concerns of rural communities. I firmly believe that local control and community-driven solutions are the

most effective, because those closest to the issues understand them best. The concerns of the West End matter, and I am committed to making sure areas like this are not overlooked.

**Forum: Those in the West End of Montrose County are also worried about the economy and cost of living. What would you say to those in the West End with these concerns?**

**Hurd:** I understand the challenges the West End is facing when it comes to the economy and cost of living. Rising prices for housing, energy and everyday goods are

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## I encourage everyone

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the nice write up of the awards ceremony for this year's events.

I was here when the Tabeguache Trail Riders (TTR) started as a kid back in the 1970s. Although I grew up riding horses, it was for hunting, round-ups and the occasional camping trip. I never did get the chance to participate in gymkhana. I loved going to the rodeos, but it never crossed my mind that I could have done this as a child.

Looking back, I'm pretty sure if I had joined, it would have kept me out of some of the trouble I caused growing up. Fast forward 40 years, the first organization I joined after coming home was the TTR. It wasn't long after that the board asked me to be a more formal part of them. I signed my grandkids up and just watching them participate and grow is worth the while. This

year was the first time they rode a horse by themselves through different obstacle courses. They did awesome! I can't wait to see what the future brings them by being a part of this wonderful organization.

I encourage everyone to be a part of this. We live in a part of the world that has generous people willing to share their knowledge and their resources. Without people like Sam Rich, Michelle Zurich and Blaine Tedder, this world would be a sadder one.

I, for one, will continue to do everything I can in support of and with my wonderful team — Brandie Richardson, Tina Barrett, Destiny Reed, Sam Rich, Michelle Zurich and Blaine Tedder — to help this organization grow to become an even larger part of this great community.

John Reed  
NUCLA

## Heritage Festival

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Flying Bear Pizzeria. And, Jay and Dana Saxton kept the hard cider and beer flowing, much of which was also sourced locally and through Esoterra Ciderworks, of Durango.

Other vendors showed up too: Cypress Roots, Nucla's herb farm; West End Dark Sky Alliance, promoting the dark sky resource; Face Painting by Rae, bringing art to the local children; plus more, including two bands that played bluegrass and country music throughout the afternoon. And, students had fundraising booths too.

Many from Norwood traveled to the Nucla Town Park for the festival, and some came from as far as Tellu-

ride, New Mexico and even Arizona. In all, Eggers said the Heritage Festival was a success.

"My heart is full, and I am still on Cloud 9 from Saturday," she said. "There was great attendance and the vendors 'shined,' including all of our local kids at their fundraising booths. The local food was outstanding, and the music and company were fantastic. I couldn't be more pleased."

She added that the settlers, and even the Indigenous cultures, played a crucial part in saving the heirloom apple genetics.

"And, in the next best world, we came together as a community in the park to honor our heritage, but also help carry on their work by simply celebrating our local apples," she said.

## Frisch, Hurd respond

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squeezing families.

My focus is on creating jobs, reducing energy costs and making it easier for businesses to thrive. Supporting our energy industry, which provides high-paying jobs, and fighting inflation through responsible fiscal policies are key ways to help.

I also want to support affordable housing initiatives and policies that bolster small businesses in the West End, so that families can not only make ends meet, but also build a prosperous future.

**Forum: My readership has commented on the drama and the noise in politics. Do you also see this/feel this? Or have a plan to work on this?**

**Hurd:** I see the noise and polarization in politics, and it's a problem that gets in the way of solving real issues. My focus is on practical, results-driven policies that directly benefit the people of Colorado's 3rd District.

Instead of engaging in drama, I want to bring people together —

whether it's working on water issues, energy independence or job creation. My approach is to listen to constituents and keep the focus on what matters most to them, not the noise of Washington.

**Forum: How will you connect with constituents on the Western Slope, or even a small place like the West End — Nucla, Naturita, Norwood, and the outlying regions?**

**Hurd:** I believe in the importance of being accessible to every community in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, no matter how small or remote. I plan to spend time in areas like the West End, holding town halls, meeting with community leaders and ensuring that constituents feel heard.

I will also stay connected with those who may not be able to meet in person through virtual town halls and consistent communication on social media. My goal is to be a representative who is approachable, listens to concerns directly from the people and takes action on those concerns in Washington.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society  
Cameville, a gold mine camp,  
Part 6

By JANE THOMPSON, Rimrocker Historical Society

The last several weeks, the Rimrockers have been retelling the story of Cameville, and the man for whom the old town was named. This is now the end of that series, however.

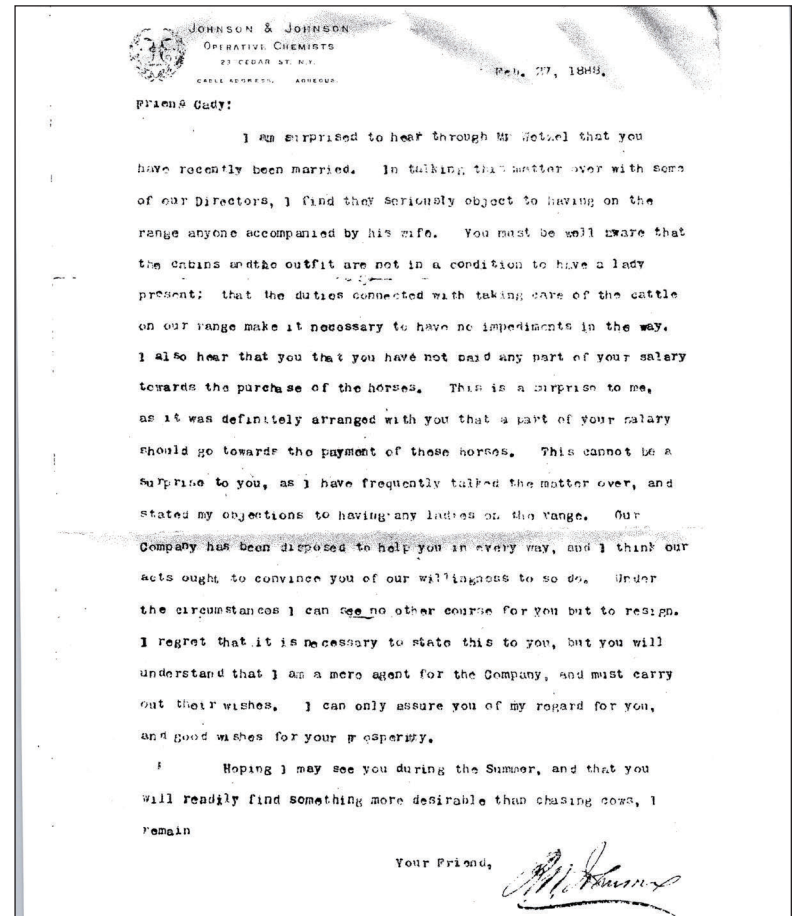
This story of Cameville has been a very interesting one to uncover. It is fascinating to think of all that was happening in the future town of Uranvan — before there was even a road into the area. From early gold mining and then building a big cattle ranching operation ... And, 140 years later, there is nothing there.

But, the things that have happened there over those years are pretty remarkable.

In 1888, R. W. Johnson and C. E. Wetzel were in charge of the San Miguel Cattle Company and had already grown it into one of the largest cattle ranches on the Western Slope. It would continue to be a successful ranch for many years to come.

The Rimrockers are in possession of a letter written to "Friend" Cady from R. W. Johnson in February of 1888. The letterhead of the Johnson and Johnson Chemists, from New York, is fascinating. This is the Johnson brothers who also started Johnson & Johnson BAND-AIDS.

Evidently, cowboy Cady took himself a wife, and that was not acceptable in 1888. I guess it took a while to civilize Cameville enough to bring



This image shows the old Johnson & Johnson letter. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

a wife. Notice Mr. Johnson doesn't tell Friend Cady he's fired, but that it would be a good idea for him to resign.

I hope you have enjoyed learning

about Cameville as much as I have. This does conclude this part of the story of our West End area, but there is always another story to learn about at the turn of a page.

## New hires

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lives in the West End. When her son graduated high school in Nevada last spring, she began looking for work that would bring her to Colorado to work on developing her relationship.

With her experience as a mother of a son with special needs, she was drawn right away to an ad online for paraprofessionals at the school.

"Ms. Jennifer" has a passion for helping students with special needs succeed in the classroom, and that has become obvious as she works with our students," Bray said. "We are so fortunate she found our area and that we were able to bring her on board at WEPS."

## Melinda Bowen

"Mrs. Mindy," as she likes to be called, has been a long-time parent in the West End. Her two children began their school career in Paradox and then moved into the elementary school a few years ago. Now, those children are sixth-graders, and Mrs. Mindy was looking for a way to stay involved with their schooling, while also making a living.

"It was a perfect fit for the West End, as we found ourselves in need of another paraprofessional after the school year began," Bray said. "Mrs. Mindy comes to us with personal experience of raising a child with special needs and also a passion for working with young people. We are so glad to welcome her, husband Curtis, and their two children Orianna and Matthew to the West End Schools."

## Katey Herland

Katey Herland joined Nucla this

school year as a part-time teacher to help fill gaps in middle and high school electives. She is teaching a high school home economics class, a middle school PE class, and a middle school agriculture class.

"Her versatility of skills made her the perfect candidate to fill so many gaps we found ourselves with at the beginning of the school year," Bray said. "She is doing a fantastic job of lesson planning, building relationships with students, and passing on her many skills to the students in the West End."

Herland with husband, Brandon, and their three children, Josey (eighth), Emma (seventh), and Norah (fifth) "make a fantastic addition" to the West End team.

## Dana Saxton

Dana Saxton is not new to West End schools, but she is playing some new roles.

"We were ecstatic to welcome her back as our middle school home economics teacher at the beginning of the school year," Bray said. "Since then, she has also stepped up as a substitute for our elementary music program, while we are trying to hire a new music teacher."

Bray said her love of young people coupled with her incredible creative abilities has made Saxton "a huge blessing" to the school. She and husband, Jay, have watched two children, Eli and Anika, graduate the West End, and they are raising one more Mustang, Eden (eighth). Their passion for, not only the school, but the entire community is obvious with the many positions they take on to help students and the community succeed.

"We are so fortunate to have Mrs.

Saxton back in our schools," Bray said.

## Ann O'Neal

Ann O'Neal was a Nucla High School graduate years ago and made a career in the health science administration industry. Recently, she was ready for a career change and saw our ad for a science teacher.

"With her degree in biology, and her strong background in health sciences, she was the perfect fit," Bray said.

Now she is teaching high school biology, chemistry, intro to health sciences, and environmental science, as well as a middle school astronomy elective.

"She has brought new life back into the high school science department, and we are so happy to welcome her and her daughter, Violet, (kindergarten) to the West End," Bray said.

## Rachel McNeil

Rachel McNeil joined the Colt Care team as the new lead infant teacher. She comes all the way from Chicago and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience working with children and youth in many different roles.

"She has jumped right into the infant teacher role and has been amazing," Bray said. "There's no doubt that she loves the babies and they love her. We are incredibly blessed to welcome Rachel, and her wife Olivia, into our community and our school."

**FIRE AND EMS**

# Norwood Fire's mill levy meeting is Oct. 17

**SPECIAL TO THE FORUM**

In preparation for the upcoming vote to increase the Norwood Fire Protection District's (NFPD) mill levy, the organization will host a community informational meeting on Thursday evening, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Firehouse, which is located at 1605 Summit St., across from the The Livery.

This is one of several meetings that have taken place over the last few months to educate the public about the issues that local fire and EMS are facing, what it means for the public, and how the community make a difference.

Residents of the recently

expanded district, which straddles San Miguel and West Montrose counties, are encouraged to attend to learn more about ballot issue 7A, and to bring their questions to Norwood Chief John Bockrath and his team.

Election Day is coming up on Nov. 5, and county mail-in ballots start being distributed on Oct. 11. The NFPD has not gone to the voters since 2015 for a mill levy increase. Nearly 10 years later, the district faces significant operational, budgetary and human resource challenges with its growing emergency call volume and the specter of state-mandated property tax reductions.

"A YES vote on ballot issue 7A

is mission-critical to community safety," said Bockrath. "The NFPD cannot afford to lose this election."

The district is also working to be inclusive. Bockrath also said he encourages the Hispanic community to attend, and a translator will be on hand to assist in sharing information and to answer questions for Spanish speakers.

The NFPD provides emergency medical services (EMS), structural and wildland fire suppression and prevention services, search and rescue, motor vehicle extraction, home health care checks, and hazardous material response across nearly 900 square miles on Colorado's West End.

**NONPROFITS**

# 'Nium' needs a home; grants help shelter work

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Executive director for Hoof & Paw Tonya Stephens told the Forum the local animal shelter in Naturita has close to 30 cats that need homes at this time. She said some are a bit too young to be adopted just yet, since they're being bottle fed.

And, to add to the mix, while doing patrol Saturday for the Hanging Flume 50k race in Uranvan, another cat showed up. Stephens thinks likely the cat was abandoned; she's very domestic and wants attention.

"And I have a small hunch she is pregnant," Stephens said.

A tiger kitty with white patches, Stephens will post her picture online in an attempt to locate the owner, but Becca Mendisco, local deputy, has offered to foster the cat for a bit — and luckily too, since the shelter is running out of cat crates for homeless felines at this time.

Stephens will get the cat — whom she's named "Nium," short for uranium — a proper vet visit this week. It's safe to say that Nium will need a forever home soon.

Stephens agreed adoptive pet parents and volunteers are needed at this time. She's been posting pictures of cats who need a home for the last few weeks. Pet food donations, especially kitten chow, are something Hoof & Paw continuously need.

And the dogs?

A few days ago, the shelter in Naturita had 11 dogs in a six-dog space. Two canines — Ace and Ranger — were adopted Saturday though.

"What a blessing that is," Stephens said, of the two dogs who went together and happen to be brothers.

Representatives of Hoof & Paw have been participating in the Ridgway Farmers Markets and also events at Chow Down in Montrose. They typically take dogs who need adopted to these types



This image shows "Nium," currently being fostered by the Mendisco family. (Photo by Tonya Stephens)

of things.

Someone recently brought up to Stephens the idea of doing an open house for pet adoptions in Naturita, something she is open to. Yet, she said an open house takes planning and volunteers.

"But I think it would be a good thing," she said.

Anybody who wants to help with such an event should contact Stephens.

The Forum asked her about any grants that are forthcoming to help with expenses. Hoof & Paw just received a \$4,000 grant from the state for overpopulation mitigation. The funds are to be used for spay and neuter clinics now through August of 2025.

Additionally, Hoof & Paw has applied for a grant through the Telluride Foundation for a shed, something that would help house

empty crates and other equipment on site and keep things clean and out of the weather.

Another grant in the works, currently being written by Susan Kelley, is a West End Pay it Forward Trust grant for the purpose of establishing a roof over the dog runs. As they are now, the dog runs don't have shelter, and Stephens said it can get challenging during the rain and snow. The dogs get wet, their bedding gets wet, and she wants to be able to take better care of the animals and their items.

"The roof will be really appreciated," she said. "It's not expensive. It's just a frame with tin." Stephens reminds all that the Hoof & Paw Thrift store supports the animals, but no animals are on site there. Anyone who wishes to meet animals for adoption should make an appointment.

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# Water conferences

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And, she encourages that people attend the Water Law in a Nutshell class in Norwood too. The Norwood class takes place Oct. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lone Cone Library. Realtors, assessors and attorneys are eligible to receive CEUs for their professional licenses. Though, landowners, teachers, water board members and others are welcome to attend the session.

Topics in the Norwood water meeting include water rights and ditch

rights as applied in Colorado, but also specifically appropriation, perfection, use, limitations, attributes, abandonment and enforcement of various types of water rights. Additional subject matter will include special rules for groundwater, public rights in appropriated water, interstate compacts, and more.

Cost for the Norwood class is \$125 and includes a lunch, plus materials. For those seeking CEUs, it's \$160. The Norwood class is produced by the Water Information Program, and

Aaron Clay, who is an attorney and former water referee in Colorado Water Court, will be the presenter.

"Our lives and livelihoods depend on water," Tooker said. "Managing and conserving for future generations of our community is of utmost importance to all of us. Allocations and efficiency in the lower basin of the Colorado River is an important part of that equation not just for us, but for the tribes as well. I intend to learn all I can to help shape the decisions for southwest Colorado."

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Look for these RED Boxes next time you drive Highway 141 towards Grand Junction.



**Obituary**

**Ruth Marie Archer**

March 29, 1945 - Aug. 30, 2024



Ruth Marie Archer, age 79 and of Nucla, went to be with God on Friday, Aug. 30. Ruth was born on March 29, 1945, in New Castle, Colorado. She is preceded in death by Harry Archer, her best friend and husband of 59 years. Ruth enjoyed fishing and working puzzles with her family, as well as sewing and upholstery work. She is survived by her daughters, Malea Berg, Louise Barker and Eva Archer; brother, Waite; sisters, Mary and Minnie; nine grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. We honor and dearly love you, Ruth, for your journey. May you be in God's love and light.

Ruth Marie Archer.

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

9/10/2024

1518 Hours - Deputy took a criminal mischief report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1713 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 25 near Bedrock for a fire.

1822 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of CC Road and Highway 141 near Nucla for a traffic hazard.

1 school zone  
1 civil process attempted/served

9/11/2024

0945 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Main Street in Nucla for a 911.

1210 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 97 and East Main Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint.

1210 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Broad Canyon near Naturita for multiple fires.

1411 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of GG25 Road near Naturita for a fire.

1703 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 9200 block of U29E Road for an agency assist.

1 school zone  
1 VIN inspection  
1 civil process attempted/served

9/12/2024

0005 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Sanborn Park Road and GG51 Road near Norwood for an overdue party.

0716 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35600 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for an information report.

1851 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Elm Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint.

2105 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the Paradox area for overdue party.

1 school zone

9/13/2024

1729 Hours - Gordon Leist, 63, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 60 near Naturita and cited for driving with a suspended driver's license and no insurance.

2009 Hours - Wyatt Elder, 21, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 62 near Naturita and cited for driving with a revoked driver's license.

3 follow up reports  
1 directed patrol in Nucla  
2 directed patrols in Naturita

9/14/2024

0621 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for an alarm.

1120 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla for an information report.

1215 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29600 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for a civil matter.

1256 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a report of an assault. An arrest warrant is being sought for Howard Chadd, 59, for third degree assault x2, criminal mischief, theft, domestic violence, reckless endangerment, and reckless driving x2.

1305 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of Heron Street and West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for a parking problem.

1505 Hours Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint.

2000 Hours Deputy was dispatched to the 1000 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

1 directed patrol in Nucla  
2 directed patrols in County

9/15/2024

1246 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of King Street in Naturita for a harassment report.

1248 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

1322 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the area of 25 Mesa near Nucla.

1506 Hours - Deputy took a fraud report in the 27600 block of BB Road near Nucla.

1826 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of FF26 Road and Crabtree Road near Naturita for an accident.

9/16/2024

0653 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a 911.

0928 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

1422 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28200 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for a fraud report.

1532 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 97

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MUSTANG WATER AUTHORITY - NOTICE OF BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2025. A copy of the proposed budget is available in the office of Mustang Water Authority, where it is open for public inspection. The proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the Mustang Water plant at 29300 30.5 Road in Nucla, Colorado on 10/21/2024. Any interested elector within our district may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget on December 16, 2024.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Dolores County Road & Bridge Department - PO Box 426 - 8477 Road 7.7 - Dove Creek, CO 81324, 970-677-2328; has filed an application for a Construction Materials Limited Impact (112) Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. The proposed mine is known as the Disappointment Valley Pit, and is located at or near Sections 19 & 20, Township 43N, Range 17W, NM Prime Meridian.

The proposed date of the commencement is April 1, 2025 and the proposed date of completion is December 31, 2035. The proposed future use of the land is Native Grass Rangeland.

Additional information and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the Dolores County Clerk and Recorder's Office; 409 N. Main Street, Dove Creek, CO or the above-named applicant. A complete copy of the application is available at the above-named County Clerk and Recorder's office and at the Division's Office.

Comments concerning the application and exhibits must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety by 4:00 p.m. on November 5, 2024.

Please note that under provisions of C.R.S. 34-32.5-101 et seq. Comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

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700-800# STEERS	2.40-2.55	700-800# HEIFERS	2.20-2.35
800-900# STEERS	2.30-2.45	800-900# HEIFERS	1.95-2.17
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**Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>** - **Special Feeder Sale.** 1 semi load of Char x str. & hfrs. 700#, 1 semi load of butcher cows.

**Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>** - **Special Feeder Sale.** 150 steer calves.

**Saturday November 2** - **Special Feeder Sale.** 150 mixed feeders.

# West End Montrose County

## Sheriff's Office Blotter

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and Highland Drive near Naturita for a traffic hazard.

1537 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29900 block of CC Road near Nucla for a fire.

1603 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of V24 Road near Nucla for a fire.

1930 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

2 school zones

1 follow up report

9/18/2024

0832 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 25200 block of Z26 Road near Nucla for a medical assist.

1259 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

1408 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1000 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a disturbance. James Wilkerson, 28, was cited for disturbing the peace.

2125 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29500 block of V24 Road near Nucla for a fire.

2 school zones

9/19/2024

1221 Hours - Jacob Formberg, 41, was contacted at the intersection of Highway 145 and 3575 Road near Redvale and issued a warning for speeding.

1403 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a theft report.

1511 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1614 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a juvenile problem.

2 school zones

1 directed patrol in County

1 directed patrol in Naturita

9/20/2024

0930 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for an animal problem.

1000 Hours - Marie Kiser, 63, was contacted in the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla and cited for driving without a valid Driver's license, expired registration and no insurance.

1012 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 33000 block of Mailbox Park Road near Redvale for a fraud report.

1055 Hours - Deputy took a trespassing report in the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita. Darron Clark, 36, was cited for second degree trespassing.

1243 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28000 block of O27 Road for a 911.

1502 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for an accident.

1652 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the Columbine Campground for a welfare check.

1816 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a harassment report.

9/21/2024

0910 Hours - Deputy took a report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

1009 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 61 near Naturita for a medical assist.

1121 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 24200 block of X7 Road near Bedrock for an information report.

1207 Hours - Casey Kanikowski, 33, was contacted in the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla and cited for driving with a revoked driver's license, expired registration and no insurance.

1349 Hours - Casey Jones, 33, was arrested in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita on an

outstanding warrant.

1 follow up report

1 directed patrol in Nucla

1 directed patrol in Naturita

9/22/2024

1015 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Ivy Street in Nucla for an animal problem.

1143 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 82 near Naturita for an information report.

1657 Hours - Lucas Neil, 37, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla and issued a warning for texting while driving.

1 follow up report

1 directed patrol in Nucla

2 directed patrols in County

1 directed patrol in Naturita

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The Grand Avenue Ramblers were the opening band. (Photos by Regan Tuttle)



### Kids with local ties

**Far left:** Joe Garvey's grandchildren are excelling in distance running events. Hunter Johnson, No. 192 and running for Ridgway, took first place last week in cross country.

**Right:** Mya Garvey, in eighth grade and of Billings, Montana, just won three of five cross-country races this season. (Courtesy images)