

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## NORWOOD

### Town works on senior lunches, needs new trustee

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Town of Norwood is working on bringing back senior lunches, which have been paused for months. Leila Seraphin of the FRESH Foundation appeared before town trustees at Norwood's monthly town meeting to discuss. Seraphin has been managing for the FRESH Foundation, and her organization is ready to take on senior lunches; it's already helped fund the program for some time.

Now, FRESH Foundation and the Town of Norwood will work on finding potential cooks and volunteers to resume the meals one day a week. Anyone interested should email Seraphin at leilafli@yahoo.com.

In that meeting, Norwood trustees also approved a motion to support Norwood Public School's bond proposal, as the district has worked on a BEST Grant through the state the last two years to build a new school.

Trustee Morgan Rummel resigned from Norwood's board, leaving a vacancy, and town trustees have to fill that spot now. They're choosing to run an election, rather than appoint someone. Already, the town is having an election in December, though, for the purpose of letting the community decide whether or not to recall the mayor. The trustee seat will also be voted on then, and anyone who wishes to run as a trustee candidate should see Town Clerk Amanda Pierce at Norwood Town Hall to pick up the packet and start getting the required number of signatures.

Related to the recall election, Mayor Candy Meehan questioned Pierce serving as election director, since Pierce was involved in this past summer's mayoral investigation, when Meehan looked into dissolving the sanitation district and used town funds to seek legal counsel.

Trustees expressed Pierce should remain in place and will oversee the election properly.

The town is now dropping the investigation of potential hacking of the town's technology, per local IT expert Jason LaFlamme's suggestion.

On the agenda, Meehan requested money be returned to her. In June, when questioned about seeking counsel and using town funds to discuss the sanitation district's future, she wrote a check to cover the amount she

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## MONUMENT

### CORA request angers opposition

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Last Thursday, the Forum was sent, by a few different citizens, a link to a website called Medium, through which a series of texts were published in a story called "Abuse of power and privilege by the proponents of the Dolores River National Monument Proposal."

The story, or blog, states that someone requested to view conversations through the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), conversations between representatives of the Colorado Wildlands Project, specifically Scott Braden, and city council members in Grand Junction, specifically Anna Stout.

CORA requests are made through the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition. And, the coalition defines public records as "all 'writings' made, maintained

or kept by the state or any agency, institution or political subdivision 'for use in the exercise of functions required or authorized by law or administrative rule or involving the receipt or expenditure of public funds.' This means the content of the record must discuss some public business, as opposed to purely private matters. The definition of public records also includes the 'correspondence' of elected officials, with some exceptions."

"Writings" are defined by the coalition as "books, papers, maps, photographs, cards, tapes, recordings or other documentary materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, as well as digitally stored data, including electronic mail and text messages. The definition excludes computer software."

The Medium story is mostly a thread of text messages between Braden and Stout, their discussions

about the monument. Personal discussions have been redacted, but what's visible appears to be collaborative support for the monument and working to get it designated in 2025.

The thread states confidence that Senator Michael Bennet is on their side: "Bennet is our main ally."

It indicates enthusiasm for monument status: "Think of how it's going to feel when you're standing beside the president when he signs the proclamation here in 2025!"

Regarding Braden's request of writing op-eds for bigger media sources in support of the monument, Stout said, "I am your tool. Use me as I'm useful."

The Medium story says this about the texts: that they show unethical behavior, "perceived power" over state senators, unreported gifts and political favors, and unethical

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## SENIOR CITIZENS

### MLS needs workers; may close doors

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Must Love Seniors, a home care business that was established in the West End in 2023, is at a crossroads. Owner and operator Diana Conner has a small office in the Bachman Building in Naturita, but finding and keep employees has been a challenge.

She has the ability to pay someone about 40 hours per week, but admitted she can only pay them based on the Medicaid reimbursements, which is about \$18 an hour. Still, employees with Must Love Seniors get travel time, paid time for traveling from one client to the next in 15-minute increments. And, there's a \$30 fuel reimbursement weekly too.

Conner said there's a way the employee could see Nucla clients one day, Naturita the next, and then Bedrock the last day. Some office work is involved.

She said she could also use two employees, if two people wanted to work part-time. While she's had a few good employees in the last year, one left due to having a baby and one moved. Now, she's not getting any applicants.

Conner is contemplating closing the doors of her office, something she doesn't want to do. There are folks living in local communities who need support in the form of housekeeping and some personal care; she wants to serve them.

She's talked with representatives from Region 10, Basin Clinic, UMC and more, but she's not sure how to network and find the right people with the territory being so spread out.

"If we can't serve that area, we can't do it ... but I hate giving up," she said. "It's not in my DNA. I've met those clients personally, and I hate the thought that they're going without care."

What does an applicant need to be hired?

They must have a drivers license, car insurance, the ability to pass a drug test and work independently, and they must have a desire to work with others who need help. Compassion is a requirement.

The West End office is managed out of Delta at this point. Victoria Olivas manages Montrose, Delta and the West End. She's bilingual and can support anyone applying who speaks Spanish. For applications and more information, applicants can email v.olivas@mlseniorcare.com or call 970-399-1001.

Olivas and Conner travel to the

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### Northern lights travel south

Aurora Borealis, typically seen only in the top of the Northern Hemisphere, was visible throughout much of the U.S. over the weekend. This image shows the pink night sky in Nucla. (Photo by Rusty Scott)

## COMMUNITY

### WE Sustainability Plan group holds community dinner

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Everyone in the West End is invited and encouraged to attend a community spaghetti dinner at the Lone Cone Library in Norwood on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Town of Norwood, West End Economic Development Corporation (WEEDC), Community Builders and the rest of the West End Sustainability Plan team are meeting with folks from across the region to talk about the plan's goals, and hear from the public about their

values, hopes and fears for the West End community.

"This is an important opportunity to provide your input," representatives said in a news release. "We hope to see you there. Dinner and a kid-friendly activity will be provided."

For those that can't attend the spaghetti dinner, there are other ways to share feedback. That includes in-person and virtual small group "Community Conversations." The public may visit bit.ly/WE-Convos for more information and to register. Times are available throughout

October and November.

People can also fill out a community values worksheet online at bit.ly/WE-Values or a paper version at drop boxes in West End libraries and businesses, including Clark's Market, Mesa Rose, Lone Cone Saloon, Co-op Country, Good E's Grocery, Family Market and Wild Gal's Market.

For more details on getting involved, the public may contact Makayla Gordon (mgordon@chooswestend.org or 970-417-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Why I am voting for Larry Don Suckla and Cleave Simpson

Dear Editor,

The reason I am voting for both of these gentlemen in November is, they both are honest men with integrity. If they tell you something, it is the truth. If they say they are going to fight for the people of Colorado, they will. Both of them understand the struggles that the rancher, farmer, logger, construction worker, small business owner fight for every day. They both have first-hand felt and saw what the barricades in Denver and Washington have done to all of us. They feel our pain, because they themselves had to put up with the regulations and mandates forced upon us all.

Larry Don's opponent Kathleen Curry has not and will not vote to protect yours and my rights. Look at her past voting record. She voted with the Denver Democrat 90 percent of the time. She does and says what she thinks you want to hear, just to get your vote. She was a Democrat, and when she lost a primary to another Democrat, she changed to unaffiliated on Dec. 28, 2009, to become an Independent (stating that it would be misleading to voters to run as a member of the Democratic Party when she was not aligned with the party's ideology, due to her fiscally conservative stances.) But now she is a Democrat again. She goes with however the wind blows, changing her statements and ideology to fit the moment. Do you want someone who does not care how we feel to represent us?

If Larry Don says something, he means it, and he stays true to his grassroots. You may not like how he says something, but at least you know how he feels and thinks. He does not sugarcoat anything.

Cleave Simpson is running against Vivian Smotherman. She is from Durango and wants to do away with TABOR, as she said at

the Club 20 debate in Grand Junction. Vivian will vote with the Democrats, if elected, and will not fight for western Colorado. Check out her website to see just how radical this person is.

Cleave cares about the people in his district and not some special interest group, or what the new buzzword of the day is. He cares and has fought for our rights four years and will continue to fight for us.

Both of these gentlemen have fought to "Halt the Dolores Monument." They have talked to the people in the West End of Montrose County and have heard our voices saying we do not want a monument in our backyard. They both have come and talked to the people, attended the listening sessions, and you never saw or heard from either of their opponents.

I can pick up the phone and call both of these gentlemen at anytime, and they answer their phones, and hear what I have to say. They will do the same when elected. Please, everyone, do your homework, and you will find that both Larry Don Suckla and Cleave Simpson are the right ones to vote for.

*Doris Van Ness*  
WEST END

## Thank you

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the Norwood Study Club members for my participation in the 2024 Pioneer Day celebration. Thank you as well to the San Miguel Basin Fair royalty that carried the flags. Also, I would like to add, Bill's grandfather Andrew Barrett and son Clarence homesteaded on Hamilton in 1916 and First Brand was in 1917 for \$1.25.

*Joy Barrett*  
REDVALE

# History: Rimrocker Historical Society Letter to 'Friend' Cady

By JANE THOMPSON, Rimrocker Historical Society



This photo shows the Club Ranch in the early 1900s. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

I realized last week when the paper came out that you were not going to be able to read the letter that R. W. Johnson wrote to 'Friend' Cady. Jean Zatterstrom (wife of Buzz) was a Cady before she married, and I am assuming this man was a grandfather, an uncle or possibly her father. We don't have any details on exactly who Mr. Cady was, but the letter is worth reading, so I am coming back this week to rewrite the letter.

Uravan was a rough and tumble place back in 1888. There were no roads into the area of Cameville until much later. Obviously, the owners of the San Miguel Cattle Company, who mostly came from big cities back East, didn't think there were women who were prepared for the rough life that they would have to endure. It was easier to just tell their cowboys, "No wives allowed."

The letter is as follows:

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Friend Cady:

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talked the matter over, and stated my objections to having any ladies on the range. Our Company has been disposed to help you in every way, and I think that our acts ought to convince you of our willingness to do so. Under the circumstances, I can see no other course for you but to resign. I regret that it is necessary to state this to you, but you will understand that I am a mere agent for the Company, and must carry out their wishes. I can only assure you of my regard for you, and good wishes for your prosperity.

Hoping I may see you during the summer, and that you will readily find something more desirable than chasing cows. I remain

Your friend,  
R. W. Johnson

I would love to hear the rest of this story, but I guess we will have to leave it to our imaginations. Thank you for indulging me in adding this letter to the end of my story of Cameville.

# WE Sustainability Plan

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1976) or Mackinzi Taylor (mackinzi@communitybuilders.org) and follow the Facebook page for updates: bit.ly/WestEndPlanFB

Representatives said the plan is off to a great start; they're excited to share progress. More than 200 West End residents have been reached so far, and the group hopes to engage with many more by the end of the year.

The focus of this first phase is on identifying the values that matter most to the community. Those will guide the sustainability plan, helping preserve what makes the West End special, while planning for an even brighter future.

Engagement efforts will continue through the end of the year, and all are encouraged to get involved.

"This is just the first step on an exciting journey for the West End, and we hope people will help us continue this momentum as we discuss important issues, community vision, and tangible strategies through 2025," representatives said. "The foundation of this process is input from the community, so the ideas in the plan will come from

you, the people who live and lead in the West End. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to engage with us so far."

## Who's guiding the work?

The West End Sustainability Plan's working group is made up of representatives from WEEDC, each of the three towns and Montrose County. The team came together through a Building Better Places Training and partnered to apply for assistance through Community Builders' community assistance program.

This group is taking on the day-to-day project management, but the plan will be fully guided by the community. There is also a project ambassador team (the "A-Team") that is made up of key local organizations and community volunteers. The A-Team is helping to steward the process and assist with community outreach and engagement. The group has open membership and encourages those who are interested to apply by simply sending a brief note of interest to Gordon.

## How is the process being funded?

Currently, half of the project

funding is from local sources (WEEDC, fundraising and contributions from each of the West End communities and counties), and half is from the project's nonprofit partner, Community Builders (through Colorado-based foundations).

Community Builders assistance projects are rooted in a unique partnership that leverages philanthropic resources raised by them with local funding contributed by project partners, usually around a 1:1 match. In this way, Community Builders is not acting as a "consultant" that is "hired" by partner communities. Instead, all parties agree to work together based on shared goals, responsibility and resources.

## A note on naming

We've received some questions about the name "West End Sustainability Plan," and whether that means the plan will include specific environmental policies or interests. The answer is "no." In this case, we are referring to "sustainability" as our ability to sustain ourselves as a community, so that the West End can be livable and thriving now, and for future generations.

## Correction

In the Oct. 2 edition of the Forum, the editor misspelled Damara O'Connell's name. It was actually Damara O'Connell that was fourth place in ages 7 to 10 for the Tabeguache Trail Riders year-end high-point gymkhana series.



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The Harvest Celebration was held Oct. 12 and gave away \$20,000. (Photo by George Lewis)

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# LCLT announces 2024 grant recipients

**SPECIAL TO THE FORUM**

The Lone Cone Legacy Trust (LCLT), a community endowment focused on improving life in the Wright's Mesa area, has announced 16 recipients of \$20,000 in grants for 2024, a record amount. The announcement was made Saturday, Oct. 12, at the trust's annual Harvest Celebration Dinner in Norwood.

Two grants of \$2,000 each go to the FRESH Foundation, which operates the Norwood Food Hub and encourages people to consume locally produced, healthy meals; and to the N3 Theater and Music Club, a project of the Norwood Park and Recreation District, staging youth performances by seventh to 12th graders from Norwood, Nucla and Naturita.

A grant of \$1,600 is awarded to the Pinhead Institute, for its robotics workshops for youngsters.

Three grants of \$1,500 apiece go to the Lone Cone Library, offering free lunches for any child under age 18; to the Prime Time Early Learning Center for scholarships; and to the Uncompahgre Medical

Center's Neighbor to Neighbor program, providing transportation for people who need medical care.

A pair of grants of \$1,200 apiece go to the San Miguel Resource Center to help victims of domestic violence; and to the Norwood Youth Organization for its football and basketball programs.

Six grants of \$1,000 apiece go to Hoof and Paw, for its animal rescue work; to the Norwood Cemetery, for maintenance of its grounds; to Norwood Nordic Association, for maintaining the skis and other equipment it lends to the community; to One to One Mentoring, for its programs guiding youth; to the Norwood Park and Recreation District, for a new dishwasher; and to the Town of Norwood, for park improvements.

Two grants of \$750 apiece go to the Lone Cone Dressage Club for youth riding lessons; and to Music on the Mesa, providing free outdoor concerts in Norwood.

"We're pleased that we can offer a record amount of grants once again this year," said Lone Cone Legacy Trust Secretary Sheila Grother, "and we hope to keep the

amount growing in the years to come."

"Our goal is to reinvest in local nonprofits that will enhance the quality of life for our community now and in future generations," added treasurer Emily Haight.

Besides Grother and Haight, the LCLT board members include Andrew Kauffmann, chair; Gretchen Wells; George Lewis; Sue Reynolds; Lisa Foxwell; Jenny Wheeler; Vivian Russell; Caroline Duncan; Joel Sevic; Zita Surprenant; and Laurel Henderson. April Montgomery, of the Telluride Foundation, serves as an ex-officio board member.

Since its founding in 2013 by local visionary citizens with an assist from the Telluride Foundation, the Lone Cone Legacy Trust has raised more than \$250,000 and has given out more than \$84,000 in grants.

Thanks to the generosity of Norwood philanthropists Lisa Foxwell and Paul Finley, the trust is also building a fund, now containing more than \$100,000, dedicated to building a public swimming pool in Norwood sometime in the future.

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# CORA request

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media coverage.

West End leader and monument opposer Aimee Tooker said the CORA documents point to collusion.

“The perceived control over the senators is probably the most disturbing part of this document,” she said. “Government officials, like the senators and former mayor and current councilwoman Anna Stout, are supposed to protect the people ...”

Tooker said the texts point to a lack of impartiality and a lack of listening to the people and what they want. She wants those in the Dolores River Valley to be heard, and for government to work for the constituents.

She added she feels larger news outlets are not covering those living in the small Western Slope communities, those most affected by the monument proposal.

“They tout unbiased reporting,

impartiality, credibility and the pursuit of truth. It is now time for the media to get the answers and speak for the voiceless,” she said.


The Forum contacted both Braden and Stout to give them a chance to address the matter. Braden told the Forum that everyone has the right to the First Amendment and “the ability to educate and petition our elected leaders and reach out to the press about issues in the public interest, such as protecting the Dolores River and its surrounding public lands.”

He said he assumes that monument opposers are doing the same thing with elected leaders that share their viewpoints. He said he’s done nothing wrong.

“There’s nothing improper or unlawful about that conduct in either instance.”

He added Colorado Wildlands Project didn’t pay for Senator Benet or his staff to visit the West End.

“For fifty years Coloradans have been working to safeguard the Dolores Canyon country. That work continues to this day and I’m proud to be part of a community-led coalition that reflects the diversity of the West Slope, from small businesses in Montrose County, to Colorado’s hunters and anglers, to under-represented communities in Grand Junction,” he said. “Finally conserving the Dolores Canyons National Monument will not, and never will be, about one person, one elected official, one business owner, or one conservationist, but rather about the vast majority of Coloradans who value public lands and understand that some places just deserve to be protected.”



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### Hearing concerns

This image shows Larry Don Suckla listening to voters on Oct. 11 in Naturita with Cleave Simpson. (Photo by Tanner Nelson)

## Senior lunches

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spent during that process. Now, she's had further legal advice that she didn't need to pay that money to cover those costs. Trustees agreed to give her back the \$3,743.

Meehan also has letters from CBI and the 7th Judicial District that she wants all to be aware of. Those state she's exonerated from any crime. Still, some citizens don't agree that Meehan's probe was ethical, including former mayor Kerry Welch, who read a statement that the current

mayor is not following the code of conduct in various ways.

"Just because it's legal doesn't make it right," Welch said.

In other town news, Norwood will now use ASAP's accounting services for payroll, and Patti Grafmyer, former town administrator, has been coming in to do some work part-time for water and sewer tasks, since there's no town manager at this time.

Deputy Sheriff Michael Donnellon addressed some concerns about speeding and said fellow deputies aren't seeing the high rates of speed in the core district

that some people think they're witnessing. Though, he said there's a trend of crime escalating, and it involves substance abuse and alcohol, as well as assault. He encouraged trustees to do a ride-along in his car to see what a typical day looks like.

The San Miguel County Sheriff's Office is increasing their rate of coverage by 6 percent for next year.

Pierce told trustees that Norwood's parks are up for some big grants this year, as much as \$800,000, through Great Outdoors Colorado.

## MLS needs workers

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West End about every two weeks, check in and take employees to lunch. They like to see what the current needs are.

Conner said some of the perks are setting one's own schedule, getting a a 401k at 3 percent after the first year, receiving life insurance, and maybe health insurance in the future. And, it's a W-2 paycheck, not a 1099.

"In a perfect world, we'd have a worker bee who sees clients and gives them the best service — and a gung ho office employee who wants to meet the needs of the community," she said.

No experience is needed; neither are credentials. Conner just wants someone with a good heart to take the reins in the West End. Conner said the next few weeks will be telling. She may indeed close the doors of Must Love Seniors.

"There's no sense in keeping an office if I can't serve the community," she said. "I'm just sad, because I really want to serve those residents there. I had hope it would be a good opportunity to offer services to those who really need them."



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- Amend H -Judicial Discipline Procedures and Confidentiality, establish judicial review board
- YES** Amend I -Constitutional Bail Exemption for First Degree Murder
- NO** Amend J -Repealing the Constitutional Definition of Marriage
- NO** Amend K -Modify Constitutional Election Rules
- NO** Amend 79 -Constitutional Right to Abortion & Removes the Constitutional Prohibition on Taxpayer funding of Abortions
- YES** Amend 80 -Constitutional Right to School Choice in K-12 Education
- Amend JJ -Retain Additional Sports Betting Tax Revenue for Water Conservation Projects
- NO** Amend KK -Firearms & Ammunition Excise Tax
- NO** Prop 127 - Prohibit Bobcat, Lynx & Mountain Lion Hunting
- YES** Prop 128 -Parole Eligibility for Crimes of Violence to serve 85% of sentence imposed
- Prop 129 - Establish Qualifications & Registration for Veterinary Professional Associate to practice under supervision of Vet
- YES** Prop 130 -Funding for Law Enforcement
- NO** Prop 131 -Establishing All-Candidate Primary & Ranked Choice Voting in General Elections
- NO** Issue 5A -Montrose School Dist RE-1J - \$198M Bond for New Montrose High School
- NO** Issue 5B -Norwood School Dist R-2J - \$10M Bond
- NO** Issue 7A -Norwood Fire Protection Dist - Mill Levy Increase of additional 13.2 mills annually

**Note: — means Neutral**

## EMERGENCY CALL BOXES INSTALLED IN MESA COUNTY

NNTC has a total of 6 Emergency phones installed along Highway 141 with plans on still adding more!

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

NNTC is providing this complimentary service within our service area to help Montrose and Mesa County First Responders to get to accident and fire scenes quicker.

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



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# West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

**9/23/2024**  
1210 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1457 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an accident.

1547 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Reed Drive in Naturita for a medical assist.

1738 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 25000 block of Z26 Road near Nucla for a suspicious vehicle.

**9/24/2024**  
1103 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Maple Street in Naturita for a fraud report.

1440 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla for a 911.

2 school zones  
1 VIN inspection  
1 warrant attempt

**9/25/2024**  
0657 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla for an animal problem.

0723 Hours - Deputy was dis-

patched to Highway 141 mm 59 near Naturita for a traffic hazard.

0807 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

0906 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the Paradox area for a welfare check.

1513 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 19600 block of T5 Road near Paradox for a 911.

2017 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 block of Lookout Drive in Naturita to relay a message.

1 directed patrol in Nucla  
1 directed patrol in Naturita

**9/26/2024**  
0825 Hours - Howard Chadd, 59, was arrested in the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita on an outstanding warrant.

1014 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Highland Drive in Naturita for a fraud report.

1145 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

1233 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31400 block of EE26 Road near Naturita for a found property report.

1603 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 25000 block of AA Road near Nucla for a lost property report.

1616 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 106 near Norwood for a traffic complaint.

2 civil processes attempted/served

**9/27/2024**  
0821 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 36700 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a welfare check.

1019 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

1254 Hours - Deputy took an information report on Sanborn Park Road mm 10 near Norwood.

1813 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla to relay a message.

1814 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla to relay a message.

1817 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28800 block of DD Road near Nucla for a medical assist.

## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF NUCLA - NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET 2025

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget was submitted to the Town of Nucla Board of Trustees for the ensuing year of 2025 on October 9, 2024, a copy has been filed in the office of the Town of Nucla where it is available for inspection. A hearing to consider adoption of the proposed budget will be held on October 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Any interested elector of Nucla may file any objections to the proposed budget until its final adoption on December 11, 2024.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE SAN MIGUEL WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

Please take notice that applications for one appointment to the Board of Directors of the San Miguel Water Conservancy District (the "District") from San Miguel County, to fulfill the remaining term through December 8, 2026, of a Director who has resigned, will be received at the address below until November 15, 2024. To be considered, you must have resided within the District for one year, must be the owner of real property within the District and must be knowledgeable in water matters. A letter or resume, which references Case No. 95-CV-2009, setting forth your qualifications to serve should be sent to:

District Court, San Miguel County  
Attn: Clerk of the Combined Courts  
P.O. Box 919  
Telluride CO 81435

With a copy to Adam T. Reeves, Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Sheftel, LLP, 835 E. Second Ave., Durango, CO 81301. This notice is provided by the District's President.

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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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### WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS Breakfast Menu

*Free For All Kids*

Milk Served With All Meals

#### Monday, Oct. 21

Cereal, Oranges, Milk, and Juice

#### Tuesday, Oct. 22

Crackers, Breakfast Pizza, Mixed Fruit, Milk, and Juice

#### Wednesday, Oct. 23

Oatmeal Round, Peaches, Milk, and Juice

#### Thursday, Oct. 24

Granola, Pears, Yogurt, Milk, and Juice

### WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS Lunch Menu

*Free For All Kids*

Milk Served With All Meals

#### Monday, Oct. 21

Sloppy Joes, Bun, Baked Beans, Salad Bar, and Milk

#### Tuesday, Oct. 22

Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Salad Bar, and Milk

#### Wednesday, Oct. 23

Grilled Ham & Cheese, Tomato Soup, Salad Bar, and Milk

#### Thursday, Oct. 24

Tater Tot Casserole, Roll, Salad Bar, and Milk

# West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

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1906 Hours - Deputy conducted public relations in the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla.  
 1928 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35000 block of 3590 Road near Redvale for a disturbance.  
 2128 Hours - Patrick Hallacy, 38, was contacted at the intersection of Payson Street and Wilson Street in Naturita and issued a warning for a defective headlight and expired registration.  
 2217 Hours - Brienne Bonacquista, 41, was contacted in the 900 block of Main Street in Nucla and issued a warning for a defective headlight.  
 1 follow up report  
 1 directed patrol in Nucla  
**9/28/2024**  
 0348 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 25400 block of CC Road near Nucla for an accident.  
 0818 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of GG25 Road and Highway 90 near Naturita for an abandoned vehicle.  
 0928 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 52 near Naturita for a traffic hazard.  
 1047 Hours - Shoaib Qureshi, 50, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 50 near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.  
 1126 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview in the 35000 block of Highway 145 near Redvale.  
 1222 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.  
 1543 Hours - John Metcalf, 68, was contacted at the intersection of West Main Street and Crystal Drive in Naturita and issued a warning for no front license plate.  
 1552 Hours - Kenneth Smith, 49, was contacted in the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla and issued a warning for no visible front license plate.  
 2001 Hours - Deputy conducted

public relations in the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla.  
**9/29/2024**  
 0952 Hours - Tim y Jones, 43, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 60 near Naturita and issued a warning for operating an OHV on the Highway.  
 1002 Hours - Wendy Hampton, 52, was contacted in the 100 block of Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.  
 1015 Hours - Abhisar Gupta, 43, was contacted at the intersection of Highway 97 and Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.  
 1034 Hours - Zachary Oletree, 34, was contacted at the intersection of Highway 97 and Pinion Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1103 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.  
 1153 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for an information report.  
 1304 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for an agency assist.  
 1603 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Main Street in Naturita for an unwanted person.  
 1709 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a theft report.  
 1809 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of 25 Mesa Road near Nucla for a traffic complaint.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION HELD IN MONTROSE COUNTY, COLORADO ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

The Voter Service Polling Center located in the NATURITA COMMUNITY LIBRARY - 107 West Main St, Naturita is able to assist with all election services during the following hours:

Thurs., Oct. 31; Fri., Nov. 1; and Mon., Nov. 4 – 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
 Saturday, November 2 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
 Election Day, Tuesday, November 5 – 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

24/7 (Video Surveillance) MAIL BALLOT DROP BOX  
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Montrose County Clerk & Recorder's Elections Office  
 317 South 2nd Street, Montrose, Colorado 81401  
 (970) 249-3362 ext. 3, elections@montrosecounty.net

All voted mail ballots must be RECEIVED in the office of the Montrose County Clerk & Recorder by 7:00 pm on Election Day, November 5, 2024

To track your voted ballot visit [Colorado.BallotTrax.net](https://Colorado.BallotTrax.net)

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## NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NOW HIRING FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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- Activity Driver

The full job postings are located on our website. Please follow the link/URL <https://www.norwoodk12.org/domain/181> and click on "Click here for job listings and to apply online."

### School Bus Drivers

Norwood School District is willing to pay for CDL training and certification. Must pass a Class B CDL with S&P endorsement, CDL Drug Test & Physical. The full job description is located on our website. Please follow the link/URL <https://www.norwoodk12.org/domain/181> and click on "Click here for job listings and to apply online."

### Small Bus Drivers (Non-CDL Bus Driver Position)

The full job postings are located on our website. Please follow the link/URL <https://www.norwoodk12.org/domain/181> and click on "Click here for job listings and to apply online."

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We will be accepting applications on an ongoing basis until positions are filled.

## DELTA SALES YARD - MARKET REPORT

### RESULTS FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> CATTLE SALE:

300-400# STEERS	3.10-3.50	300-400# HEIFERS	2.90-3.20
400-500# STEERS	2.90-3.35	400-500# HEIFERS	2.70-3.00
500-600# STEERS	2.60-2.83	500-600# HEIFERS	2.45-2.60
600-700# STEERS	2.58-2.70	600-700# HEIFERS	2.32-2.45
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
Top			1.25-1.35
You			1.20-1.30top of \$1.33
Medium cows	1.05-1.18	Low-yielding cows	1.00 Below

### NEXT WEEK: Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> - 1 semi load

butcher cows, 70 strs from Montrose, 40 mixed feeders from

Olathe, 20 mixed feeders, 20 butcher cows, 9 butcher bulls.

Along with our usual dock run of 200-300.

### UPCOMING SALES

**Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>** - Special Alternative Animal Sale. 30 pair miniature Herefords, 10 Dexters, 2 Llamas, 3 Alpaca, mini mule, and some Highlanders, donkey with baby, Emus, Yaks.

**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.

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# At work and play in the West End



**Top left:** Young Guns Riding Club hit the Nucla loops last week.

**Top right:** Ash Lamoreaux jumps her mare, while Abigail Williams observes at JTC Ranches.

**Left:** This Friday for Norwood's homecoming, the senior class will host a bake sale during the volleyball games. A silent auction, the winner of each dessert will be announced before the end of the games.

**Above:** For Nucla, Lantry Galley plays tough for the Mustangs. They faced Ouray last night. (Courtesy images)

EDUCATION

# DEEEP Colorado website is live

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

In 1776, two Spanish friars embarked upon an adventure that would lead them through the southwest corner of Colorado and along the Western Slope. In anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the expedition, the Domínguez-Escalante Expedition Education Project (DEEEP) is keeping their story alive via its educational website: [www.Deep-colorado.com](http://www.Deep-colorado.com).

The Domínguez-Escalante Expedition of 1776 was conducted for the church in order to find a way to link Santa Fe, New Mexico, with the missions of California.

They entered Colorado at Carracas by Navajo State Park on the New Mexico border on Aug. 5, 1776, and spent 38 days in Colorado, before they entered Utah by way of what is now the Dinosaur National Monument on Sept. 12, 1776. They never did find a route all the way to California.

The expedition was led by two Franciscan priests, Domínguez and Escalante, accompanied by 10 others, including a mapmaker, Don Bernardo Miera y Pacheco. This important but forgotten Colorado story started in the southwest corner of our state, and then it turned north along the Western Slope. They reported on what they

saw and experienced in a journal. Other explorers, including Lewis & Clark, later used Miera's maps from Domínguez and Escalante's Journal.

As the 250th anniversary of the expedition is coming in 2026, it is a wonderful opportunity to promote the history of the 1776 Domínguez-Escalante Expedition in conjunction with Colorado's America 250 Colorado 150 celebration in 2026. Remember it is also the 250th anniversary of the United States and 150th anniversary of Colorado's statehood.

The Domínguez-Escalante Expedition Education Project (DEEEP) is made up of more than

85 volunteers from the four states the expedition traveled through. Its purpose is to create a website telling the story of each day the expedition was in Colorado and includes a translation of the original journal, the bicentennial research of 1976, and field notes from DEEEP's field teams, along with maps and photos.

The site includes articles and stories by DEEEP team members that provide additional information related to the journey. An in-depth resource list includes digital copies of publications that are no longer available in print, thanks to generous partners. The list also includes information about the expedition's

travels in New Mexico, Utah and Arizona.

This valuable resource is DEEEP's gift to the school children of Colorado, but is shared with the communities along the expedition route, as well as anyone wanting to learn more about this important Colorado adventure.

The second phase of DEEEP has begun, which is creating teaching aids in conjunction with our website. We welcome all who would like to part of this new team.

For questions or to join our new team, contact us at [DEEEPCoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:DEEEPCoordinator@gmail.com).

The new website can be accessed at [www.deeepcolorado.com](http://www.deeepcolorado.com).