

San Miguel Basin Forum

NONPROFITS

Family Link receives \$13k from Montrose women’s group

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

West End Family Link received a special bonus last month. The Women’s Giving Club of Montrose donated \$13,000, as part of their program protocol. In the last month, Family Link has wasted no time and is already using the funds for maintenance and repairs.

Doris VanNess, chair of the Family Link board, told the Forum the way the program works is that the Giving Club meets four times annually in Montrose. Participants pay \$100 to attend the meetings, plus \$10 per person to cover the drinks and appetizers.

Then, nonprofit organizations put their names into a hat, and three names are drawn during the meeting for the opportunity to present.

As it happened at the May 1 spring session, Family Link was drawn to present. Representatives from Family Link, along with those from two other nonprofits, got to speak. Then, VanNess and Barbara Edwards let the crowd know what Family Link does and why they needed the money. In addition to running the food bank and other social programs and educational classes, they shared data about how many they serve. They explained they could use the money for repairs and that grants usually don’t cover needs for building maintenance.

When the 130 women in the room voted, Family Link was the winner. Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen, who helped start the organization approximately 15 years ago, presented the check to Family Link representatives.

VanNess told the Forum the Family Link building is more than 40 years old and needs work. It was a county building recently deeded to the nonprofit. Already, the board has replaced the front door, torn out some old cabinetry and had Jeff Sonnenberg do a few repairs. They’re now ripping down the 1980s wallpaper and retexturing the drywall in preparation for painting. VanNess said the staff and board will do the painting part. They’ve also fixed the air-conditioning.

The sidewalks also need work, since cracks are becoming a trip hazard, and that is part of the repair plan.

In August, at the summer meeting, the Family Link board will report to the Montrose Giving Club about how they spent the funds.

VanNess said Family Link joined

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ENERGY

SMPA, Tri-State announce additional support, investment in Montrose County

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association announced last Wednesday at a meeting in Nucla a series of projects, donations and a workforce development program to support Montrose County.

“San Miguel Power Association is one of the largest employers in the West End of Montrose County,

and we are gratified to be part of these significant developments, which will support new jobs and the local tax base,” said San Miguel Power CEO Brad Zaporski.

Tri-State CEO Duane Highley said the new projects and donations are a continuing effort to support Montrose County and the Nucla-Naturita area.

“Tri-State’s and our members’ investments will continue to support communities across Montrose County, with new employment

opportunities and significant contributions to the local tax base,” Highley said.

Working with local communities and stakeholders, SMPA is proposing a 20-megawatt solar facility on the local electric distribution system in Montrose County. The project is part of Tri-State and its members’ innovative Bring Your Own Resource program. SMPA intends to use \$9.8 million in U.S. Department of Agriculture

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EDUCATION

Telluride Foundation awards annual college scholarships

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Telluride Foundation has helped students achieve their dreams of attending college since its inception in 2000, and this year the foundation awarded an impressive number of scholarships through its three primary scholarship programs. At graduation and award ceremonies this spring, the foundation awarded scholarships to 16 graduating seniors around the region: seven Chang Chavkin Scholars were awarded up to \$420,000 over the next four years, if needed; two Neil Armstrong Scholars were awarded \$20,000 each, two Neil Armstrong Merit Scholars were awarded \$5,000 each; and five students received Telluride Foundation Scholarships of \$2,000 each.

The Neil Armstrong Scholarships recognize seniors planning to major in a science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) field during college, and scholars are chosen not only for achievement but also for need and character. At this year’s area high school’s senior awards nights, graduating Telluride senior Keelie Wayland and Ridgway senior Ian Snapp each received the 12th annual \$20,000 Neil Armstrong Scholarship. Both candidates were chosen out of a vast pool of stellar applicants among five regional school districts. Wayland will be attending University of Colorado-Boulder, studying psychology. Ian will be attending Colorado Mesa University, studying mechanical engineering.

The scholarship committee also wanted to recognize the STEM achievements of two other Telluride students, awarding them each a \$5,000 Neil Armstrong Merit Scholarship: Bjorn Cristol attending University of Colorado-Boulder, studying chemical engineering, and Wylee Drew attending Amherst College, studying biochemistry.

The friends and family of Neil Armstrong created the Neil Armstrong Scholarship Fund to honor the achievements and character of the late American hero and astronaut who died in 2012. The Neil Armstrong Scholarship is awarded each year to a regional high school student pursuing a bachelor of science degree in a STEM field. Students from Telluride, Norwood, Ouray, Ridgway and Nucla/Naturita school districts are eligible to apply.

The Telluride Foundation also provides \$2,000 scholarships to

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Celebrating all things Naturita

Nucla-Naturita Fire Department members cool off the crowd at Naturita Days on May 31. (Photo by Tanner Nelson)

NUCLA

School mom requests moratorium on cell tower; town waiting on word from Vertical Bridge

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

An estimated 20 people attended Nucla’s Town Board of Trustees meeting on May 28, many of them still questioning the contract of a new cell tower in Nucla at the top of town. One mom, who lives in Paradox but has kids in the Nucla school, requested a moratorium on the tower. The woman, Mimi Johnson, said she’s conducting an investigation, needs at least 12 important questions answered

and is ready to speak, or already has spoken, with the Attorney General.

Johnson said the town’s contract with Vertical Bridge, the tower owner, is “terrible” at 50 years and \$800 monthly, even if 5G were safe. She said everyone deserves to know why the protections in the contract to cancel it or renegotiate it were omitted.

Mayor Paula Brown in the meeting said the town already had a public hearing and is now trying to bring in Vertical Bridge

to help answer questions. Brown said at this point, the town is legally bound to the contract and had legal counsel.

Town Manager Melissa Lampshire said the tower was on town agendas for two years.

Johnson said those agendas were not made public, however. She also said there was no public meeting prior to the town signing the cell tower contract either. She wants to know if the upcoming Vertical Bridge meeting will

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NORWOOD VOICES

FWDC: Understanding Wright’s Mesa water

By CANDY MEEHAN

When the conversation of water comes up, one of the first things that comes to mind is our potable supply. The luxury of walking up to a faucet and turning it on is something that I can personally say I’ve taken for granted most of my life. That’s largely a result of living in town for most of my adult years. I’m not a farmer or a rancher. But ironically, it’s the farmers and ranchers in this community who make our water work for all of us.

The potable water supply, along with a significant portion of the agricultural water on Wright’s Mesa, is provided through the Farmers Water Development Company (FWDC) and sourced from the Gurley Reservoir. That reservoir, fed by Beaver Park, Groundhog and the Lone Cone watershed, has a storage capacity of roughly 10,000 acre-feet and is distributed across about 35 miles of ditch line. There are approximately 212 shareholders managing over 7,000 shares of water.

FWDC’s history reflects more than a century of tenacious commitment to water access and stewardship. In 1884, the Naturita Cattle and Land Company established the Naturita Canal and Reservoir Company, the very first formal water development on Wright’s Mesa. By 1911, the Gurley name was being used to refer to the reservoir, in honor of Charles Gurley, who had moved to the area from Denver in 1881 and served on several of the original water boards. His years of service are widely considered to have influenced the name change.

From 1884 to 1913, the reservoir changed hands and reorganized several times before ultimately becoming the Farmers Water Development Company. Since then, FWDC has managed the resource for more than a century, with multiple upgrades and improvements over the decades. The reservoir was expanded four times — in 1906, 1915, 1948 and 1961 — to increase its holding capacity. In 1987, significant maintenance was carried out to address seepage and a sinkhole.

More recently there was a surface slip in May 2023 which required maintenance. The board has worked with its engineer and

multiple partner organizations to ensure that needed repairs are made safely and efficiently. Funding assistance was secured from regional water partners, and FWDC committed both labor and financial resources to the work, which is scheduled for completion summer 2025.

At the same time, Wright’s Mesa has taken a proactive step toward long-term water planning through the Wright’s Mesa Water Coalition (WMWC). This collaborative includes the Town of Norwood, San Miguel County, the Norwood Water Commission, FWDC, the Lone Cone Ditch Company, the Norwood Fire Protection District, the San Miguel Watershed Coalition and the West End Economic Development Corporation. Together, these organizations are working to assess current infrastructure, identify vulnerabilities and prepare for the future.

In 2022, the coalition secured a planning grant to fund a comprehensive engineering analysis. The goal is to understand our water systems better and build a coordinated approach that meets the needs of both agricultural and domestic users, while preparing for long-term resilience in the face of drought and population shifts.

The Gurley Reservoir continues to be a lifeline for Wright’s Mesa, supporting agriculture, fire protection and household use. But growing demands, recurring drought, and infrastructure strain are real challenges. Public discussions in recent years have highlighted concerns from hauled water users, and the need to balance access while prioritizing long-term stability for current and future tap holders.

As we look ahead to this year’s growing season, there’s no way to know exactly what kind of year it will be. But we do know this: being proactive, rather than reactive, about our water habits, our infrastructure and our policies will put us in a much better position to thrive as a community. No matter where we live or how we use water, we each play a role in conserving and protecting it.

We are a community of neighbors, relatives and friends. Let’s meet these challenges head-on and together.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society Letters to the boys, Part 2

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*



Locals read letters from the West End boys and work on the newsletter, which would be sent out to all of them. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

Last week’s column told the story of a group of locals who wrote newsletters to those serving in WWII. The Rimrocker Historical Society now gives more news of the local boys in the service, as told in the “Newsletter to service boys” Oct. 3, 1943:

“S.Sgt. C. E. Proctor, Minneapolis, Minn. — Chuck wrote us a mighty interesting letter, as well as expressing his appreciation for the News Letter. He got quite a kick out of the fact that he received Ike Miller’s letter ... There was a big family that used to romp thru that old house on the hill and we will be glad to have you look us up if you get that furlough you want this fall. After all, Alaska is quite different from here, or is it? He also says Albert Brown of Moab (formerly of Uravan) is home on a 20 day furlough, after a year and a half in Greenland.

PFC Arden Ayers, Laredo, Texas — writes that things are a little better down there now as the weather has cooled down to where they can almost keep from smothering during the day and can almost sleep at night — no mosquitos there like in Naturita. Just goes to show you, says Arden, that the climate is so bad in Texas that it even kills the mosquitos off.

Joe H. Cooper, Camp Peterson, Idaho — writes he is out of the hospital where he has been for two weeks with a small piece of coal dust in his eye. He says the hospital there is not so hard to get into, but just try getting out. He saw Gene Krill once since he has been there and is trying to look up Johnny Oberding. Joe says he has signed up for submarine duty, and if he passes the rest of the physical exams he expects to take off soon. Best of luck to you, Joe,

old boy.

S.Sgt. Charles W Woods, writes from the South Pacific — they have had two bombings and their attacks keep them dodging. He says his legs are in first-class shape and he can make a fox hole in nothing flat — also the same old gripe — he hates the washings he has to put out. Well, I guess we would have more washings to do here at home if some one was dropping bombs on us. \$10.00 is his offer for a glass of Coors beer. We were sure glad to hear from you, Chuck, and good luck to you.

Sgt. George W Hester — George’s letter from somewhere in India was very interesting. His News Letter had been in a plane that crashed in Arabia — the letter was burned some, but was readable. This letter is the first we have received from India.

H. Richards, c/o Fleet P.O. Frisco — writes from New Caledonia that he has found several of the boys from here thru the News Letter and he surely hangs on to all the letters with the addresses in them.

Pvt. Andrew Kadie, Camp Hale, Colorado — writes that he had K.P. the last two days, so he missed his pass that weekend, and K.P. is really rough as they have a tough mess sergeant. It is really cold up there, and they hike in the snow.

E.J. Johannsen, U.S.S. Arided — writes that he would like to know if there is a beautiful young lady who might be romantically inclined, that would be soothed by correspondence. If so, he will do the soothing. We will see what we can do, Eddie. He has seen George Burbridge, Glenn Miller and Cop Rogers, of Norwood.

Sgt. George Nordland, Spo-

kane, Washington — writes that he has been at Geiger Field two and a half months, and is still sweating out those old bombers and keeping all of them he can in the air. He and Joe Cooper threw a party about a month ago, and then he wondered why he was sick.

P.F.C Wayne Eades, O’Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Missouri — writes that during the 16 months he was overseas he never saw anyone he knew. He is in hopes he will get a furlough next month and in hopes that he will see Colorado.

Gene S. Krill, Camp Waldron, Idaho — Gene says Joe Cooper came to see him not long ago. There doesn’t seem to be many girls around Farragut, according to Gene’s letter, tho he still likes the Navy.

M/Sgt. Nick H Gray, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California — Nick says that our paper is too slow to keep up with him, as he has been on some of the South Pacific Islands where some of our boys were and didn’t know it until he got his first News Letter.

So long boys, see you in two weeks.”

The newsletters were put together by a group of local folks in Nucla with many World War I veterans as part of the newsletter writers. These little tidbits from all of the letters sent home from our servicemen during World War II give us an insight into their lonely yet optimistic moods, as they served so far from home. The old saying “it’s a small world” is certainly true with all these young men running into each other all over the world. I enjoyed hearing from these young servicemen, and I hope you did as well. Thanks to Dan Garber for gifting these newsletters to the museum.



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WEST END VOICES

Drawing the line: Why I’m taking a stand against federal land grabs

By SEAN M. POND, *Montrose County Commissioner, District 3*

The views expressed here are my own and do not represent an official action or position of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners.

I took an oath to uphold the Constitution and defend the land, rights, and way of life of the people in Montrose County. Right now, that means standing up to two major federal land grabs.

We already stopped the proposed 500,000-acre Dolores National Monument and the 68,000-acre National Conservation Area that followed. Now, the Gunnison Outdoor Resources Protection (GORP) Act and the Dolores River NCA are back with the same playbook, lock it up, call it conservation, and sell out the people who live and work on the land.

The GORP Act

GORP proposes over 730,000 acres of new federal wilderness, conservation and special management areas in Gunnison, Delta, Ouray, Hinsdale, Saguache and Pitkin counties. It bans new oil and gas leases, mining claims, and timber harvesting. Montrose County isn’t inside the map, but we’re directly affected, economically and environmentally. Our downstream grazing, timber flow, water supply, and public access are all at risk.

It also restricts off-road use, like ATVs and side-by-sides, bans motorized access to many trails and roads, and could limit hunting and fishing. That hurts outfitters,

guides, local retailers, and families. GORP doesn’t just block industry; it threatens our way of life.

Worse, it undercuts wildfire mitigation. These designations make it harder to thin fuel loads, clear access routes, or perform controlled burns. Blocking motorized access doesn’t protect land; it turns it into a tinderbox.

The Dolores River NCA

This 52,872-acre proposal in Montezuma, Dolores and San Miguel counties is no different. It restricts future use, access, and opportunity under the false promise that it’ll “prevent” a monument. That’s not true. Presidents can declare monuments at any time, and Congress can override local plans.

How it keeps happening

I believe Congressman Jeff Hurd co-sponsored GORP, based on what he heard from county commissioners who claimed there was local support. But that support doesn’t reflect the voice of miners, ranchers, oil and gas workers, or everyday users of public land.

Environmental activists have pushed this for 15 years. They wear people down. And in many of these counties, low voter turnout lets activists win elections and plant themselves on boards and commissions. Many of these officials aren’t local and don’t represent the people who built these communities. They’re just the ones who showed up, and no one

challenged them.

Congressman Hurd is listening

Jeff Hurd is a friend. We talk openly and often. I respect him. He hasn’t done anything wrong; he made a decision based on what he thought was accurate. But now he needs to hear from you. He’s listening. Let him know where you stand.

Time to get involved

If we don’t get active, we’re going to lose the last free and wild place in Colorado. Get off the tractor, step out of the shop, bring your kids, run for a board, or show up to a meeting. The Rocky Mountain Heist is real, and we’re in its crosshairs.

My stand

I oppose GORP. I oppose the Dolores River NCA. I oppose any designation that locks up land, cuts off access, and silences rural voices.

Take action

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Don’t wait. Speak up. If we don’t fight now, we won’t have anything left to defend.

Investment in Montrose County

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Empowering Rural America (New ERA) investment for the project. SMPA will work with Tri-State and local, private landowners on the project.

“New ERA represents a significant opportunity for SMPA to once again partner with our local communities that are experiencing impacts from the retirement of fossil fuel generation,” Zaporski said. “This is a shining example of partnership in action to help bolster our rural communities.”

Tri-State members Gunnison County Electric Association in Gunnison and Empire Electric Association in Cortez also are partners in the SMPA solar project.

In other news, Tri-State announced an additional \$400,000 donation to the West End Pay It Forward Trust Resiliency Grant Program (WEPIFT) in Nucla, a local endowment fund supporting community development. The Telluride Foundation announced an additional commitment at the same time of \$400,000 through its own community grant programs dedicated to the West End. Tri-State previously made a \$500,000

donation to WEPIFT in July 2020.

WEPIFT has been supported by the Telluride Foundation since the trust’s inception, including grants, programs and initiatives, plus resources, including the grants enabled by the original Tri-State donation.

And, as part of an April 11 filing with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CoPUC), Tri-State announced its preferred portfolio for Phase II of its 2023 Electric Resource Plan. Tri-State disclosed the plan includes a 50-megawatt battery storage project in Montrose County, scheduled to be online in 2026.

“Tri-State is delivering on its commitment to a reliable, affordable and responsible electric system to serve its rural members well into the future, and Montrose County will be a part of that solution,” Highley said.

The Montrose County storage facility is one of 10 new resources totaling 1,657 megawatts across Tri-State’s four planning regions. Tri-State forecasts that 70% of the energy it provides to its members will come from renewable resources in 2030.

Also in last week’s announce-

ments are plans for a new “reverse osmosis” water treatment facility at the former New Horizon Mine in Nucla. The facility will treat water from a spring located on the mine site before being discharged into Tuttle Draw, which flows into the San Miguel River.

Groundwater, which upwells at the former New Horizon Mine named the “Dakota Spring,” contains elevated minerals and metals. The on-site water treatment plant will include a reverse osmosis system designed to remove elevated impurities. This process involves forcing water through a semi-permeable membrane under pressure, allowing water to pass through while collecting salts, minerals and other impurities.

Construction activities will begin on the water treatment facility in 2026, and operations are planned to begin in 2027. The current design requires four to five individuals to operate the facility.

The Telluride Foundation will work with Tri-State on a workforce development program, which could include training workers for the water purification plant at the former New Horizon Mine.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Extended hours available

Dear Editor,

Uncompahgre Medical Center (UMC), a quality award-winning primary care facility in Norwood, is extending its medical clinic's hours on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. Because staffing is very limited during these extended hours, appointments are limited to medical visits that typically address a specific, limited concern or routine service for established patients only. Extended hours appointments are designed to be brief. We are pleased that Scott Hunter, NP, has agreed to be available to staff the extended hours.

Common examples of extended hours clinic appointments include minor illnesses (e.g., sore throat, sinus infection, cold symptoms); basic health screenings (e.g., blood pressure checks); medication refills (for stable, ongoing prescriptions); and routine follow-up visits for previously treated minor conditions.

Extended hours visits are not appropriate for complex or multiple health concerns. For example, appointments requiring the following are not appropriate: comprehensive physical exams, new diagnoses of chronic conditions, mental health evaluations, vaccinations or immunizations.

UMC's pharmacy remains open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, however. Extended hours should not be used either for substance use assessments, including medication consultations, procedures or care involving multiple systems or in-depth coordination. New patient visits should also be scheduled at another time.

Additionally, support staff will be very limited during these

extended hours.

These appointments should be scheduled during our normal business hours, which allow additional time and care planning. UMC will work with patients to accommodate them during normal business hours when the clinic determines that the type of care needed exceeds the resources of our extended hours staff.

UMC is committed to providing equitable, respectful and nondiscriminatory care to all individuals regardless of age, race, gender, religion, disability, insurance status, or any other protected characteristic. We are pleased to be able to provide these extended hours. Please call 970-327-4233 to make an appointment.

For the third year in a row, UMC's quality outcomes have once again been recognized as being in the top 10% of all roughly 1,400 community health centers. Additionally, our diabetes and annual wellness visit programs have been recognized by Medicare's value-based program as one of the best in Colorado.

*Chuck Porth, CEO
UMC - NORWOOD*

Please come get cemetery flowers

Dear Editor,

I need to get going on mowing operations at Norwood Cemetery. There is rain right now, so we cannot mow. But, a lot of flowers still need to be picked up. We are asking people to come get their flowers by the weekend.

*Cody Young
NORWOOD*



Winning at state

Norah Herland took first place at the state gymnastics meet on the vault, tied her teammate for second on the bars and placed fifth overall. A full story will appear in next week's edition. (Courtesy image)

Nucla meeting

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be public. She said Jane Thompson, who lives directly across from the tower site, has collected at least 107 signatures on a petition opposing the tower.

Carla Reams said she wanted trustees to know there's a school in Missouri with a cell tower close by, and that school is seeing teachers getting cancers. She also said while people were allowed to comment at the last cell tower meeting in April, the community is waiting for responses on whether the town can back out of the contract and at what cost.

Again, the mayor said they're waiting for Vertical Bridge to respond.

Trustee Tim Pierce said town looked at several spots as an option, but Mustang Water had a dip in the terrain, making for bad service. He said they looked at the brush dump, but didn't want the tower to be used for target practice. Additionally, he said those on the ridge could be exposed to the effects of the tower.

Johnson questioned why trustees would express concern for those by the brush dump, but not school children.

Chaos in the meeting then ensued, until the mayor called for order.

Allie Sutherland said in her work with children, there have been barriers to accessing the internet. She said those at poverty level don't have have service, something to consider.

Pierce said NNTC already has a tower at the new tower site, and at some point NNTC would go to 5G.

The discussion was tabled. Johnson spoke with the Forum after the meeting. She's got two students in the Nucla school, and she said she will pull them out, as will other moms she's spoken with. The Johnsons commute from Paradox, and for them the next school is at least 50 miles away. She said there's talk of starting a community school.

Johnson has worked in Big Pharma, and in public relations. She told the Forum she's quite proficient in working

with contracts.

She's got Colorado Open Records Requests working right now. She said there's a lack of transparency with the Town of Nucla. She also said the West End needs to hire someone to pay attention to technology, review contracts and more.

"It's not going to end after this tower," she said. "We need to be proactive."

Mayor Paula Brown said on Monday she felt like the board tried to answer Johnson's questions, but that she had to stop the discussion and proceed with the meeting agenda. As of press time, the mayor said the board had not received Johnson's 12 questions, though the mayor said she had seen them on social media.

The mayor said the current correspondence from Vertical Bridge indicated cell tower officials would be meeting this week and the town would hear about either a phone call or possible public meeting.

Brown said cell tower updates are on the agenda for every meeting at this point.

College scholarships

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recipients who are selected by the administrations of each of the five regional school districts. Seniors receiving the Telluride Foundation Scholarship this year include Mikah Wareham (Norwood), Paxton Caruso (West End), Ella Skoloda (Ouray), Madeline Miller (Ridgway) and Sean McKillop (Telluride).

In addition to the Neil Armstrong and Telluride Foundation scholarships, the foundation also manages the Chang Chavkin Scholars Program. The Chang Chavkin Scholars Program continues to grow, serving first-generation students in nine regional school districts. This year, seven scholars graduated from high school and are preparing to leave the region for six out-of-state colleges and one Colorado college this fall.

"This year, all of our scholars are attending private schools, and all but one are heading to another state for college," said Program Director Valene Baskfield. "One of the program's goals is to support and educate students, so that they attend a school that meets their academic ability, as well as provides the best financial aid package. Given that scholars are selected for their high achievement and potential, college research often exposes them to excellent and affordable schools beyond Colorado. There really is nothing like witnessing a scholar who truly finds a best fit school that was never on their radar. Their confidence grows, and they begin to trust taking risks, and end up going for something they didn't know was possible."

Graduating seniors receiving Chang Chavkin scholarships who worked with Baskfield over the past year on their college applications, include Diego Gutierrez, of Montrose High School, attending Bentley University in Massachusetts; Gabriel Fleetwood, of Montrose High School, attending University of Rochester in New York; Ember Hatter, of Delta High School, attending Haverford College in Pennsylvania; Cadence Shaw, of Norwood High School, attending Ursinus in Pennsylvania; Christopher Gonzalez Muniz, of Montrose High School, attending West Virginia Wesleyan College in Virginia; Kaidence Foote, of Delta High School, attending Colorado College; and Merrilee Gallagher, of Nucla High School, attending Austin College in Texas.

The program takes a comprehensive approach to ensuring scholars become successful college graduates. It goes beyond financial support, aiming to meet the individual needs of each scholar throughout their college journey. Scholars maintain regular contact with Baskfield, seeking academic, social or emotional support when needed.

"Two things I believe make a difference for our scholars is that we stay connected and we listen," said Baskfield. "A key part of our college research is finding a best-fit school that meets each scholar's needs, giving them the greatest chance for success."

Also in 2025, nine juniors from Telluride, Nucla, Montrose, Ridgway, Delta and Cortez were chosen to be scholars, and Baskfield will work with them over the year during the college research,

application and selection process as they prepare to graduate from high school in 2026. Established in 2017, the Chang Chavkin Scholars program is currently serving 38 total scholars attending college and proud to celebrate 13 college graduates.

Additionally, the Telluride Foundation partners with several organizations and committees that provide scholarships to deserving students, including the Sparky/Latina scholarships and San Miguel Power Association scholarships.

"Our scholarship programs are some of the most rewarding investments the foundation makes in our region, and we are continually inspired by the scholars' passion and commitment to furthering their education," said Jason Corzine, president and CEO of the Telluride Foundation. "We are also grateful for the generous donors who believe in the importance of empowering the next generation of leaders through these scholarship opportunities."

This year marks the Telluride Foundation's 25th anniversary, celebrating a quarter-century of enriching the quality of life of the residents, workforce and visitors of the Telluride Region. Through grant making and investments in initiatives, and community development programs, the foundation works to address critical needs and foster opportunities for long-term impact. Since its founding in 2000, the Telluride Foundation has partnered with donors, nonprofits and community leaders to create lasting solutions that benefit all. For more information, all may visit www.telluridefoundation.org.

RECIPE

Quinoa salad good for barbecues and potlucks

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

I’ve been making a quinoa salad for close to 20 years, one that I take to barbecues or potluck dinners. I call this a “salad,” but the base is a grain; it has fresh things added in, however. It’s easy to begin preparing in the morning and can be quickly finished before departing to a gathering.

I try to cook the quinoa a few hours early, so it can chill in the refrigerator. I tend to use the same ingredients, but they can be varied according to taste. Some people do prefer parsley to cilantro, and

vice versa. You could experiment by adding in avocado; sometimes I throw in Greek olives.

To transport and deliver, I use a big 9x11 glass Pyrex baking dish with a plastic cover. It travels better than in a bowl with aluminium foil. It’s easy too to leave leftovers with the host of the party and then take the Pyrex dish home afterward.

This dish goes well with barbecue items, like skewers of beef or chicken cooked on the grill. It looks pretty also, because of the colors, and it’s gluten-free for those that need that.

Quinoa salad

Ingredients

2 cups quinoa (This is about the right amount for filling the 9x11 Pyrex dish.)
Square container (about 1.5 c.) of fresh, ripened cherry or grape tomatoes chopped in half
2-3 cloves garlic, minced
Small container, about 1 c., of feta cheese
1 bunch parsley or cilantro (rinsed, dried and loosely chopped)
Olive oil, roughly 1 tbs. or

more
Lemon juice to taste, half to one whole lemon
Salt to taste
Variations: add in avocado or Greek olives

Directions

Cook the quinoa like rice, according to directions. Store in refrigerator to cool. Later on, throw in the ingredients and stir together with a big spoon. You can mix this in a big bowl and transfer, or just mix in the Pryex dish. Place in the refrigerator until dinner.

Family Link

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the Giving Club two years ago. When you sign up, you do commit to two years of participation. That means donating \$400 annually. VanNess always thought it was a good thing to do, but she said some had wondered if it would be worth it. VanNess said it definitely was.

“It’s a wonderful group,” VanNess said Monday.

She added Family Link is the only nonprofit in the West End participating. She’d like to see others join, or the West End even form its

own version somehow.

She agreed receiving the \$13,000 last month was special.

“We were so pleased,” VanNess said. “The group of women in Montrose are amazing.”

In other Family Link news, Danielle Pond has been chosen as executive director, replacing former director TJ Jones. VanNess said Pond is doing an excellent job.

Now, the board is gearing up for its annual meeting, which will be held in July. Details will soon be announced.

West End Events

WEST END DARK SKY ALLIANCE: Meetings the fourth Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at Flying Bear Pizzeria; next meeting is June 26.

NATURITA PACK BURRO RACES: Moved to Oct. 11

WATER DAYS: July 4-5

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IN NUCLA:

Thursdays at 6 p.m., Community Bible Fellowship Church (in the back)

COFFEE AND DONUTS FOR VETS: Second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; Hopkins Field, open to all veterans

CHAMBER MEETING: Board meetings are third Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the West End Visitors Center

WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Nucla Middle-High School, in the library

NUCLA-NATURITA FIRE DEPARTMENT: Board meetings are second Monday of the month, 6 p.m., Nucla Fire Hall

TOWN OF NUCLA: Board meetings are second and fourth Wednesday, except in November and December, at 7 p.m. at Nucla Town Hall

TOWN OF NATURITA: Board meetings are second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Naturita Community Center

TOWN OF NORWOOD: Board meetings are the second Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m., at Norwood Town Hall

BASIN CLINIC: Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month

MONTROSE WEST REC: Board meetings are first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the office of West End Visitors Center, 230 W. Main St. in Naturita; limited hours. See montrosewest.com for programs.

WEST END DARK SKY ALLIANCE: No meeting schedule set. Email westenddarkskyalliance@gmail.com to join or volunteer.

RIMROCKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Board meetings are third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the museum building

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OBITUARY

Arbara Dean ‘Deanie’ Huckaby

April 6, 1941 — May 7, 2025



Arbara Dean ‘Deanie’ Huckabay.
(Courtesy photo)

deceased), of Grand Junction; Loren Edward “Ed” (Carla) Koontz, (both deceased) of Greenville, S.C. and East Stroudsburg, Pa.; two brothers in-law, Thomas (Lana) Huckabay and Gene Huckabay.

She also leaves Darlene (Huckabay) Davidson and Frances Partridge-Fort Cromell, her first cousin, of Nucla; and step-children, Roberta Huckabay, of Oregon, and Bradley Huckabay, of Florida, plus 26 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous beloved extended family members and friends, including her three beloved nephews Buzz, Brett and Bob Palmer, of Atwood, Kan., Thomas J. Short, whom she loved like a son, and Karen Murphy, her dear friend and other “kid.”

Her beloved husband, Robert Ellis “Bob” Huckabay, peacefully preceded her in death as he held her hand, on Jan. 22, 2005, at their “home” in Nucla, surrounded by the seven children that they raised together. He was a U.S. Army Paratrooper in Fort Carson. They were married in Montrose by Rev. McMillan on Feb. 26, 1972, Bob loving and accepting her five children. On July 1, 1974, their sixth and first child together, Deborah Suzanne Huckabay, was born. On March 1, 1978, they welcomed the “baby” and seventh child into the family, Kathryn Louise Huckabay, who was named after Mary Lou Stone.

Deanie is preceded in death by her parents, David F. and Dorothy I. Goodrich, of Telluride and Wenden, Ariz; step-fathers, Irwin Wayne Paulson, of Placerville and Nucla, Sidney “Slim” Davis, of Cortez, and Dan B. Field, of Wenden, Ariz.; in-laws, Leward and Mabel Huckabay, of Rusk, Texas; her beloved sister, Barbara Jean Palmer; great-granddaughter, Heather Alexandria Head, of Montrose; son-in-law, George Allen Ross, of Nucla; George Herbert Ross, of Naturita; and great-niece, Kelsy (Huckabay) Wilber, of Oregon.

She lived on the Western Slope of Colorado throughout her life — Uravan, Golden, Cycle, Leadville, Durango, Naturita,

Montrose, Palisade, Ouray, Rifle — and Phoenix and Wenden, Ariz. Finally, she came home to her beloved Rockies, the San Juan Mountain Range and the La Sal Mountains, until her peaceful passing in her “home” with her faithful companion “Tootsie” on her lap. She was a housewife, dishwasher, waitress, restaurant manager at the Chuckwagon Cafe in Nucla, and a server at Audrey’s Bakery & Cafe in Rifle. For Telluride Resort Rentals, she was head housekeeper, laundry attendant, and Hilltop cashier for Jim Hainey in Nucla, and an Amway distributor, and briefly worked for an office in Phoenix.

She was a Brownie Troop Leader #107 in Rifle, a Girl Scout Troop leader, a member of the Moose Lodge Women Chapter #650 in Nucla, a Sunday school leader, a member of the Baptist Church and the local Cowboy Church.

She loved her faithful canine companions, Cowboy, Fred, chihuahuas Pepe and Freckles, Lilly, her housecat, Bubbles, the long-eared bunny, Tippy 2, the turtle; trains, especially the Telluride Galloping Goose, photographing sunsets off of her front porch, her cookies, picnics, her yard and roses, long country drives, wildlife, the feral out-building cats, going for lunch or dinner at the 5th Avenue Grill in town, visits with our sister Sherri at the little Nucla Library, penny slots at the casinos, playing Lotto “scratchers,” watching “The Wheel of Fortune,” “General Hospital,” “The Bold & the Beautiful,” “The Family Feud” with Steve Harvey, and “Naked and Afraid” with our sister Sherri, and watching old westerns, listening to country-western music and Elvis, of course.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Hoof & Paw, of Naturita; Nucla-Naturita Fire Department; Montrose County or San Miguel County Search and Rescue; the Diabetes Foundation; a Cancer research center of your choice; VFW Uranium Post #9058; or the Nucla Senior Center.

Our family would like to thank the Nucla Senior Center’s “Meals on Wheels,” Hoof & Paw, Moab Veterinarian Alexis Johnson, D.V.M., Second Chance-Ridgway, retired kidney doctor Dr. Sobel, Basin Clinic for medical equipment (Kathryn Naff-B. and Dani Keeton-Rankins), Montrose County Sheriff’s Office, Coroner Jack Lee, Nucla-Naturita Fire Department, Flight for Life, St. Mary’s Hospital, Cindi Dobbs for all the Thin Mints, food, cards, visits and calls. You are all appreciated!

Crippin Funeral Home, under director Lorin Kelly, was entrusted with burial preparations. Headstone engraving was done by Morris Monument, of Delta.



Start the clock

The Tabeguache Trail Riders remind all that gymkhana starts Thursday, June 4, at the Nucla arena. This photo shows Tina Barrett, Savannah Norris and David Quigley in a warm up earlier this week. (Photo by Brandie Richardson)

ENVIRONMENT

Noxious weed white top is in flowering season

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Last month, San Miguel County announced that the “Noxious Weed of the Month” to kick off the 2025 growing season was Hoary cress, more commonly known as white top, a perennial flowering plant in the family *Brassicaceae*. County officials said even the casual observer can detect this notable invasive weed, which takes hold in pastureland, ditches and disturbed areas throughout the county in waves of white flowers across vast acreage.

Caradaria draba is native to southeast Europe and western Asia and was originally used medicinally for its anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties. But, in North America it is an invasive species. Introduced by contaminated seeds in the early 1900s, white top is a vigorous spreader that reproduces by both seed and horizontally spreading roots. The roots can spread 12 to 15 feet per year. Its seeds develop in heart-shaped capsules holding up to 4,800 seeds that remain viable for up to three years.

White flowers one quarter of an inch wide with four petals crown the plant in clusters atop stems that can grow up to two feet in height. The flowering season is April through June.

Hoary cress dominates environ-



White top is in flowering season. (Courtesy photo)

ments where it takes hold, creating a monoculture that crowds out native species with aggressive root growth. This plant loves moisture and reduces soil moisture wherever it grows. Agricultural land is particularly hit hard by white top infestations with its dominance of native species and toxicity to cattle.

San Miguel County’s Vegetation Control & Management Office provides a number of services to assist property owners with noxious weed control, including identification tools, noxious weed management plans for a nominal fee, direct assistance through a cost-share program for priority noxious weeds, educational pro-

grams and more.

County Vegetation Control & Management urges all county residents to manage any Hoary cress infestations with elimination in mind.

“Noxious weed management is a community effort,” officials said in May’s press release. “Please do your part.”

For more information about Hoary cress and other noxious weeds, including identification guides in San Miguel County, the public may contact Julie Kolb, who is the manager for Vegetation Control & Management, at 970-327-0399 or juliek@sanmiguel-countyco.gov.

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ENERGÍA

SMPA, Tri-State anuncian apoyo adicional, inversión en el Condado de Montrose

ESPECIAL PARA EL FORO

La Asociación de Energía San Miguel (SMPA) y la Asociación de Generación y Transmisión Tri-State anunciaron el miércoles pasado en una reunión en Nucla una serie de proyectos, donaciones y un programa de desarrollo de mano de obra para apoyar al Condado de Montrose.

“La Asociación de Energía San Miguel es uno de los mayores empleadores en el extremo oeste del Condado de Montrose, y nos complace ser parte de estos desarrollos significativos, que apoyarán nuevos empleos y la base tributaria local,” dijo el CEO de San Miguel Power, Brad Zaporski.

El CEO de Tri-State, Duane Highley, dijo que los nuevos proyectos y donaciones son un esfuerzo continuo para apoyar al Condado de Montrose y el área de Nucla-Naturita.

“Las inversiones de Tri-State y de nuestros miembros seguirán apoyando a las comunidades en todo el Condado de Montrose, con nuevas oportunidades de empleo y

contribuciones significativas a la base tributaria local,” dijo Highley.

Trabajando con comunidades locales y partes interesadas, SMPA está proponiendo una instalación solar de 20 megavatios en el sistema de distribución eléctrica local en el Condado de Montrose. El proyecto es parte del innovador programa Bring Your Own Resource de Tri-State y sus miembros. SMPA tiene la intención de utilizar \$9.8 millones en inversión del Departamento de Agricultura de EE. UU. para el programa Empowering Rural America (New ERA). SMPA trabajará con Tri-State y propietarios de tierras locales y privados en el proyecto.

“New ERA representa una oportunidad significativa para que SMPA vuelva a asociarse con nuestras comunidades locales que están experimentando impactos por la jubilación de la generación de combustibles fósiles,” dijo Zaporski. “Este es un brillante ejemplo de asociación en acción para ayudar a fortalecer nuestras comunidades rurales.”

Los miembros de Tri-State, la Asociación Eléctrica del Condado

de Gunnison en Gunnison y la Asociación Eléctrica Empire en Cortez, también son socios en el proyecto solar de SMPA.

En otras noticias, Tri-State anunció una donación adicional de \$400,000 al Programa de Subvenciones de Resiliencia del Fondo Fiduciario West End Pay It Forward (WEPIFT) en Nucla, un fondo de dotación local que apoya el desarrollo comunitario. La Fundación Telluride anunció un compromiso adicional al mismo tiempo de \$400,000 a través de sus propios programas de subvenciones comunitarias dedicados al West End. Tri-State había hecho previamente una donación de \$500,000 a WEPIFT en julio de 2020.

WEPIFT ha sido apoyado por la Fundación Telluride desde la creación del fideicomiso, incluyendo subvenciones, programas e iniciativas, además de recursos, incluyendo las subvenciones habilitadas por la donación original de Tri-State.

Y, como parte de una presentación del 11 de abril ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos

de Colorado (CoPUC), Tri-State anunció su cartera preferida para la Fase II de su Plan de Recursos Eléctricos 2023. Tri-State reveló que el plan incluye un proyecto de almacenamiento de baterías de 50 megavatios en el Condado de Montrose, programado para estar en línea en 2026.

“Tri-State está cumpliendo con su compromiso de un sistema eléctrico confiable, asequible y responsable para servir a sus miembros rurales en el futuro, y el Condado de Montrose será parte de esa solución,” dijo Highley.

La instalación de almacenamiento del Condado de Montrose es uno de los 10 nuevos recursos que totalizan 1,657 megavatios en las cuatro regiones de planificación de Tri-State. Tri-State pronostica que el 70% de la energía que proporciona a sus miembros provendrá de recursos renovables en 2030.

También en los anuncios de la semana pasada están los planes para una nueva instalación de tratamiento de agua por “ósmosis inversa” en la antigua mina New Horizon en Nucla. La instalación

tratará el agua de un manantial ubicado en el sitio de la mina antes de ser descargada en Tuttle Draw, que fluye hacia el río San Miguel.

Las aguas subterráneas, que emergen en la antigua mina New Horizon llamada “Dakota Spring,” contienen minerales y metales elevados. La planta de tratamiento de agua en el sitio incluirá un sistema de ósmosis inversa diseñado para eliminar impurezas elevadas. Este proceso implica forzar el agua a través de una membrana semipermeable bajo presión, permitiendo que el agua pase mientras se recogen sales, minerales y otras impurezas.

Las actividades de construcción comenzarán en la planta de tratamiento de agua en 2026, y se prevé que las operaciones comiencen en 2027. El diseño actual requiere de cuatro a cinco personas para operar la instalación.

La Fundación Telluride trabajará con Tri-State en un programa de desarrollo de la fuerza laboral, que podría incluir la capacitación de trabajadores para la planta de purificación de agua en la antigua mina New Horizon.

SIN FINES DE LUCRO

Family Link recibe un cheque de \$13,000 del grupo de mujeres de Montrose

Por REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

West End Family Link recibió un bono especial el mes pasado. El Club de Donaciones de Mujeres en Montrose donó \$13,000, como

parte de su protocolo del programa. En el último mes, Family Link no ha perdido tiempo y ya está utilizando los fondos para mantenimiento y reparaciones.

Doris VanNess, presidenta de la junta de Family Link, dijo al

Forum que la forma en que funciona el programa es que el Club de Donaciones se reúne cuatro veces al año en Montrose. Los participantes pagan \$100 para asistir a las reuniones, más \$10 por persona para cubrir las bebidas y aperitivos.

Luego, las organizaciones sin fines de lucro ponen sus nombres en un sombrero, y se sacan tres nombres durante la reunión para la oportunidad de presentar.

Como ocurrió en la sesión de primavera del 1 de mayo, Family Link fue seleccionado para presentar. Los representantes de Family Link, junto con los de otras dos organizaciones sin fines de lucro, pudieron hablar. Luego, VanNess y Barbara Edwards informaron a la multitud sobre lo que hace Family Link y por qué necesitaban el dinero. Además de administrar el banco de alimentos y otros programas sociales y clases educativas, compartieron datos sobre cuántas personas atienden. Explicaron que podrían usar el dinero para reparaciones y que las subvenciones generalmente no cubren las necesidades de mantenimiento del edificio.

Cuando las 130 mujeres en la sala votaron, Family Link fue la

ganadora. La comisionada del condado de Montrose, Sue Hansen, quien ayudó a iniciar la organización hace aproximadamente 15 años, presentó el cheque a los representantes de Family Link.

VanNess dijo al Forum que el edificio de Family Link tiene más de 40 años y necesita trabajo. Era un edificio del condado que recientemente fue transferido a la organización sin fines de lucro. Ya, la junta ha reemplazado la puerta principal, ha retirado algunos muebles viejos y ha hecho que Jeff Sonnenberg realice algunas reparaciones. Ahora están despojando el papel tapiz de los años 80 y retexturizando el panel de yeso en preparación para pintar. VanNess dijo que el personal y la junta se encargarán de la parte de pintura. También han arreglado el aire acondicionado.

Las aceras también necesitan trabajo, ya que las grietas se están convirtiendo en un peligro de tropiezo, y eso es parte del plan de reparación.

En agosto, en la reunión de verano, la junta de Family Link informará al Club de Donaciones de Montrose sobre cómo gastaron los fondos.

VanNess dijo que Family

Link se unió al Club de Donaciones hace dos años. Cuando te inscribes, te comprometes a dos años de participación. Eso significa donar \$400 anualmente. VanNess siempre pensó que era algo bueno de hacer, pero dijo que algunos se habían preguntado si valdría la pena. VanNess dijo que definitivamente lo valía.

“Es un grupo maravilloso,” dijo VanNess el lunes.

Ella agregó que Family Link es la única organización sin fines de lucro en el West End que participa. Le gustaría ver a otros unirse, o que el West End incluso forme su propia versión de alguna manera.

Ella estuvo de acuerdo en que recibir los \$13,000 el mes pasado fue especial.

“Estamos muy contentos,” dijo VanNess. “El grupo de mujeres en Montrose es increíble.”

En otras noticias de Family Link, Danielle Pond ha sido elegida como directora ejecutiva, reemplazando a la exdirectora TJ Jones. VanNess dijo que Pond está haciendo un excelente trabajo.

Ahora, la junta se está preparando para su reunión anual, que se llevará a cabo en julio. Los detalles se anunciarán pronto.

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NUCLA

Una madre de la escuela solicita una moratoria sobre la torre de telefonía celular; el pueblo espera noticias de Vertical Bridge

Por REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Se estima que 20 personas asistieron a la reunión de la Junta de Síndicos de Nucla el 28 de mayo, muchos de ellos aún cuestionando el contrato de una nueva torre de telefonía celular en Nucla, en la parte alta del pueblo. Una madre, que vive en Paradox pero tiene hijos en la escuela de Nucla, solicitó una moratoria sobre la torre. La mujer, Mimi Johnson, dijo que está llevando a cabo una investigación, necesita al menos 12 preguntas importantes respondidas y está lista para hablar, o ya ha hablado, con el Fiscal General.

Johnson dijo que el contrato del pueblo con Vertical Bridge, el propietario de la torre, es “terrible” a 50 años y \$800 mensuales, incluso si el 5G fuera seguro. Dijo que todos merecen saber por qué las protecciones en el contrato para cancelarlo o renegociarlo fueron canceladas en el borrador final.

La alcaldesa Paula Brown en la reunión dijo que el pueblo ya había

tenido una audiencia pública y ahora está tratando de traer a Vertical Bridge para ayudar a responder preguntas. Brown dijo que en este momento, el pueblo está legalmente obligado al contrato y tenía asesoría legal.

La gerente del pueblo, Melissa Lampshire, dijo que la torre estuvo en las agendas del pueblo durante dos años.

Sin embargo, Johnson dijo que esas agendas no se hicieron públicas. También dijo que no hubo reunión pública antes de que el pueblo firmara el contrato de la torre de telefonía celular. Quiere saber si la próxima reunión de Vertical Bridge será pública. Dijo que Jane Thompson, que vive directamente enfrente del sitio de la torre, ha recolectado al menos 107 firmas en una petición en contra de la torre.

Carla Reams dijo que quería que los síndicos supieran que hay una escuela en Missouri con una torre de telefonía celular cerca, y que esa escuela está viendo a maestros desarrollar cánceres. También dijo

que, aunque se permitió a las personas comentar en la última reunión sobre la torre de telefonía celular en abril, la comunidad está esperando respuestas sobre si el pueblo puede retirarse del contrato y a qué costo.

Una vez más, la alcaldesa dijo que están esperando a que Vertical Bridge responda.

El síndico Tim Pierce dijo que el pueblo miró varios lugares como opción, pero Mustang Water tenía un desnivel en el terreno, lo que generaba un mal servicio. Dijo que miraron el vertedero de maleza, pero no querían que la torre se usara para práctica de tiro. Además, dijo que aquellos en la cresta podrían estar expuestos a los efectos de la torre.

Johnson cuestionó por qué los síndicos expresarían preocupación por aquellos cerca del vertedero de maleza, pero no por los niños de la escuela.

Luego se desató el caos en la reunión, hasta que la alcaldesa pidió orden.

Allie Sutherland dijo que en su

trabajo con niños, ha habido barreras para acceder a internet. Dijo que aquellos en situación de pobreza no tienen servicio, algo a considerar.

Pierce dijo que NNTC ya tiene una torre en el nuevo sitio de la torre, y en algún momento NNTC pasaría a 5G.

La discusión fue aplazada.

Johnson habló con el Forum después de la reunión. Tiene dos estudiantes en la escuela de Nucla, y dijo que los retirará, al igual que otras madres con las que ha hablado. Los Johnson viajan desde Paradox, y para ellos la siguiente escuela está al menos a 50 millas de distancia. Dijo que hay conversaciones sobre iniciar una escuela comunitaria.

Johnson ha trabajado en Big Pharma y en relaciones públicas. Le dijo al Forum que es bastante competente en el trabajo con contratos.

Tiene solicitudes de registros abiertos de Colorado en curso en este momento. Dijo que hay una falta de transparencia con el Pueblo de Nucla. También dijo que el West

End necesita contratar a alguien que preste atención a la tecnología, revise contratos y más.

“No va a terminar después de esta torre,” dijo. “Necesitamos ser proactivos.”

La alcaldesa Paula Brown dijo el lunes que sentía que la junta intentó responder a las preguntas de Johnson, pero que tuvo que detener la discusión y proceder con la agenda de la reunión. Hasta el momento de la publicación, la alcaldesa dijo que la junta no había recibido las 12 preguntas de Johnson, aunque la alcaldesa dijo que las había visto en las redes sociales.

El alcalde dijo que la correspondencia actual de Vertical Bridge indicaba que los funcionarios de la torre de telefonía celular se reunirían esta semana y el pueblo escucharía sobre una llamada telefónica o una posible reunión pública.

Brown dijo que las actualizaciones de la torre de telefonía celular están en la agenda de cada reunión en este momento.

EDUCACIÓN

La Fundación Telluride otorga becas universitarias anuales

ESPECIAL PARA EL FORO

La Fundación Telluride ha ayudado a los estudiantes a alcanzar sus sueños de asistir a la universidad desde su creación en 2000, y este año la fundación otorgó un número impresionante de becas a través de sus tres programas de becas principales. En las ceremonias de graduación y premiación de esta primavera, la fundación otorgó becas a 16 estudiantes de último año en toda la región: siete Becarios Chang Chavkin recibieron hasta \$420,000 durante los próximos cuatro años, si es necesario; dos Becarios Neil Armstrong recibieron \$20,000 cada uno, dos Becarios de Mérito Neil Armstrong recibieron \$5,000 cada uno; y cinco estudiantes recibieron Becas de la Fundación Telluride de \$2,000 cada una.

Las Becas Neil Armstrong reconocen a los estudiantes de último año que planean especializarse en un campo de ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería o matemáticas (STEM) durante la universidad y los becarios son elegidos no solo por sus logros, sino también por su necesidad y carácter. En las noches de premiación de este año en las escuelas secundarias de la zona, la graduada de Telluride, Keelie Wayland, y el graduado de Ridgway, Ian Snapp, recibieron cada uno la 12ª Beca Neil Armstrong de \$20,000. Ambos candidatos fueron seleccionados de un vasto grupo de solicitantes estelares entre cinco distritos escolares regionales. Wayland asistirá a la Universidad de Colorado-Boulder, estudiando psicología. Ian asistirá a la Universidad Colorado Mesa

estudiando Ingeniería Mecánica.

El comité de becas también quiso reconocer los logros en STEM de otros dos estudiantes de Telluride, otorgándoles a cada uno una Beca de Mérito Neil Armstrong de \$5,000: Bjorn Cristol, que asiste a la Universidad de Colorado-Boulder, estudiando ingeniería química, y Wylee Drew, que asiste al Amherst College, estudiando bioquímica.

Los amigos y la familia de Neil Armstrong crearon el Fondo de Becas Neil Armstrong para honrar los logros y el carácter del fallecido héroe estadounidense y astronauta que murió en 2012. La Beca Neil Armstrong se otorga cada año a un estudiante de secundaria regional que persigue un título de licenciatura en un campo STEM. Los estudiantes de los distritos escolares de Telluride, Norwood, Ouray, Ridgway y Nucla/Naturita son elegibles para postularse.

La Fundación Telluride también proporciona becas de \$2,000 a los beneficiarios que son seleccionados por las administraciones de cada uno de los cinco distritos escolares regionales. Los estudiantes de último año que reciben la Beca de la Fundación Telluride este año incluyen a Mikah Wareham (Norwood), Paxton Caruso (West End), Ella Skoloda (Ouray), Madeline Miller (Ridgway) y Sean McKillop (Telluride).

Además de las becas Neil Armstrong y de la Fundación Telluride, la fundación también gestiona el Programa de Becarios Chang Chavkin. El Programa de Becarios Chang Chavkin sigue creciendo, sirviendo a estudiantes de prim-

era generación en nueve distritos escolares regionales. Este año, siete becarios se graduaron de la escuela secundaria y se están preparando para dejar la región para asistir a seis universidades fuera del estado y una universidad en Colorado este otoño.

“Este año, todos nuestros becarios asisten a escuelas privadas, y todos menos uno se dirigen a otro estado para la universidad,” dijo la Directora del Programa Valene Baskfield. “Uno de los objetivos del programa es apoyar y educar a los estudiantes, para que asistan a una escuela que se ajuste a su capacidad académica, así como proporcionar el mejor paquete de ayuda financiera. Dado que los becarios son seleccionados por su alto rendimiento y potencial, la investigación universitaria a menudo los expone a escuelas excelentes y asequibles más allá de Colorado. Realmente no hay nada como ser testigo de un becario que realmente encuentra una escuela que se ajusta perfectamente y que nunca estuvo en su radar. Su confianza crece, y comienzan a confiar en tomar riesgos, y terminan yendo por algo que no sabían que era posible.”

Los estudiantes de último año que reciben becas Chang Chavkin y que trabajaron con Baskfield durante el año pasado en sus solicitudes universitarias incluyen a Diego Gutierrez, de Montrose High School, que asistirá a Bentley University en Massachusetts; Gabriel Fleetwood, de Montrose High School, que asistirá a la Universidad de Rochester en Nueva York; Ember Hatter, de Delta High School, que asistirá a Haverford College en Pennsylvania; Cadence Shaw, de Norwood

High School, que asistirá a Ursinus en Pennsylvania; Christopher Gonzalez Muniz, de Montrose High School, que asistirá a West Virginia Wesleyan College en Virginia; Kaidence Foote, de Delta High School, que asistirá a Colorado College; y Merrilee Gallagher, de Nucla High School, que asistirá a Austin College en Texas.

El programa adopta un enfoque integral para asegurar que los becados se conviertan en graduados universitarios exitosos. Va más allá del apoyo financiero, con el objetivo de satisfacer las necesidades individuales de cada becado a lo largo de su trayectoria universitaria. Los becados mantienen contacto regular con Baskfield, buscando apoyo académico, social o emocional cuando lo necesitan.

“Dos cosas que creo que marcan la diferencia para nuestros becados son que nos mantenemos conectados y escuchamos”, dijo Baskfield. “Una parte clave de nuestra investigación universitaria es encontrar una escuela que se ajuste mejor a las necesidadesde cada becado, dándoles la mayor oportunidad de éxito.”

También en 2025, nueve estudiantes de penúltimo año de Telluride, Nucla, Montrose, Ridgway, Delta y Cortez fueron elegidos para ser becados, y Baskfield trabajará con ellos durante el año en el proceso de investigación, solicitud y selección universitaria mientras se preparan para graduarse de la escuela secundaria en 2026. Establecido en 2017, el programa de Becados Chang Chavkin está sirviendo actualmente a un total de 38 becados que

asisten a la universidad y se enorgullece de celebrar a 13 graduados universitarios.

Además, la Fundación Telluride se asocia con varias organizaciones y comités que proporcionan becas a estudiantes merecedores, incluidas las becas Sparky/Latina y las becas de la Asociación de Energía San Miguel.

“Nuestros programas de becas son algunas de las inversiones más gratificantes que la fundación realiza en nuestra región, y estamos continuamente inspirados por la pasión y el compromiso de los becados para avanzar en su educación”, dijo Jason Corzine, presidente y CEO de la Fundación Telluride. “También estamos agradecidos por los generosos donantes que creen en la importancia de empoderar a la próxima generación de líderes a través de estas oportunidades de becas.”

Este año marca el 25 aniversario de la Fundación Telluride, celebrando un cuarto de siglo enriqueciendo la calidad de vida de los residentes, la fuerza laboral y los visitantes de la Región de Telluride. A través de la concesión de subvenciones e inversiones en iniciativas y programas de desarrollo comunitario, la fundación trabaja para abordar necesidades críticas y fomentar oportunidades para un impacto a largo plazo. Desde su fundación en 2000, la Fundación Telluride se ha asociado con donantes, organizaciones sin fines de lucro y líderes comunitarios para crear soluciones duraderas que benefician a todos. Para más información, todos pueden visitar www.telluridefoundation.org.



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400-500# STEERS	3.80-4.40	400-500# HEIFERS	3.70-4.15
500-600# STEERS	3.60-3.85	500-600# HEIFERS	3.20-3.55
600-700# STEERS	2.95-3.15	600-700# HEIFERS	2.90-3.05
700-800# STEERS	2.90-3.05	700-800# HEIFERS	2.65-2.80
800-900# STEERS	2.65-2.75	800-900# HEIFERS	2.30-2.65
Top Bulls	1.80-2.08 Top 2.10	Medium Bulls	1.35-1.55
Cutting bulls	Up to \$2.15 per lb.	3-4 yr. open Cows	1.70-2.20
Young Cows	1.85-2.20	Top Cows	1.48-1.65
Medium Cows	1.15-1.35	Low-yielding Cows	1.10 Below

NEXT WEEK: Thursday, June 5th – Regular Sale: 8 bred cows, 2 breeding bulls – 1) 2 y/o registered black angus breeding bull, 1) 2 y/o registered red angus breeding bull – both trich and semen tested.

UP COMING SALES: We continue to have sales every Thursday at 10 AM.

Next Special Horse Sale – Saturday, June 7th - Tack will start @ 9:00 AM. Lots of new tack! 20 riding horses.

Thursday, June 12th – Regular Sale: 11 registered angus cows 5) are open 6) bred to calve in December.

Thursday, June 19th – Regular Sale

West End Montrose County Sheriff’s Office Blotter

5/1/2025
0640 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a criminal mischief report.
0718 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 16700 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a civil standby.
1255 Hours - Deputy took a fraud report in the 600 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla.
1446 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 16700 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a trespassing report.
1839 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30700 block of Highway 145 near Naturita for a theft report.
1906 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the Naturita area for a traffic complaint.
2230 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for suspicious activity.
2350 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for a disturbance.
1 VIN inspection
1 follow up report
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 civil process attempted/served
5/2/2025

1048 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for disturbance.
1224 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of FF26 Road near Naturita for a 911.
1354 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a report of a missing person.
1836 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for an unwanted person.
1900 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.
2010 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for an animal problem.
3 civil processes attempted/served
5/3/2025

0821 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 block of Lookout Drive near Naturita for a civil standby.
1208 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of 25 Mesa Road and Houser Road near Nucla for a missing person.
1251 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a civil standby.
1300 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a civil matter.
1815 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a criminal mischief report. Gary Squires, 74, was cited for criminal mischief.
2223 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a medical assist.
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in Naturita
5/4/2025

1316 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 19300 block of T5 Road near Paradox for a fire.
1505 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29600 block of 3000 Road near Nucla for a fire.
1511 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29400 block of 2900 Road near Nucla for property damage.

1653 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 44200 block of County Road 90 near Nucla for a fire.
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in County
5/5/2025
0036 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for suspicious activity.
1332 Hours - Ethon Case, 22, was contacted in the 29500 block of Highway 97 near Nucla and cited for speeding.
1659 Hours - Deputy was dis-

patched to the 27600 block of DD Road near Nucla for an animal problem.
1659 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Cascade Circle in Naturita for an animal problem.
2146 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30100 block of DD31 Trail near Nucla for a disturbance.
1 school zone
1 VIN inspection
1 follow up report
1 directed patrol in County
1 directed patrol in Naturita

PUBLIC NOTICE

SL-29 - NEW HORIZON MINE, PERMIT No. C-1981-008

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase III Bond Release of a portion of the New Horizon Mine site. The application is denoted as SL-29 and pertains to the New Horizon Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008 (latest permit renewal date of October 4, 2023) by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P. O. Box 628, Nucla, Colorado 81424, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

The New Horizon Mine is located approximately 2 miles west of Nucla, Colorado. The Phase III bond release areas requested for release was reclaimed to irrigated pasture in 2016 and contains 2.9 acres. The area being applied for bond release is shown on Map 1 in the application. The status of the reclaimed areas is consistent with the requirements of the approved reclamation plan which includes backfill and grading to the final post-mine surface (achievement of Phase I bond release), appropriate topsoil replacement (achievement of Phase II bond release), and the reclamation parcel has met the minimum period of liability, and requirements of the revegetation success criteria for two years.

The 2.9 acres being requested for Phase III bond release is located within the following locations:

Township 46 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M. New Mexico Principal Meridian, County of Montrose, State of Colorado
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 N 1/2 of Section 6;
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 6; and
NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 6

The New Horizon Mine currently holds a surety bond in the amount of \$2,522,994, which includes the above listed area. With this application, the New Horizon Mine will be requesting relinquishment of 100% of the bond held for these locations.

A copy of the bond release application is on file at the Montrose County Courthouse Annex, 300 Main Street, Nucla, Colorado and the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety at Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference concerning this bond release application should be addressed to the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Comments must be filed within thirty (30) days from the last date of this publication, or within thirty (30) days of the completed inspection by the CDRMS, whichever is later.

Published in the San Miguel Basin Forum June 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BUDGET-PUBLICATION
22-44-109, C.R.S
NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of West End Public Schools, RE-2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and has been filed in the district office located at 225 W. 4th Avenue in Nucla, CO 81424 where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District at the West End Public School library on June 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Any person paying school taxes in said District, may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget, file or register his/her objections thereto.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

West End Public Schools RE-2
Clint Wytulka
Superintendent

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BASIN CLINIC, INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION OF DIRECTORS BOARD VACANCY

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO ELECT DIRECTORS

Basin Clinic, Inc. will hold its annual meeting and election of Directors on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Nucla Hopkins Field, located at 27696 DD Rd, Nucla, Colorado (Zoom attendance available by emailing Christina Pierce, cpierce@basinclinic.org). **Three Directors’ positions are up for election (3 year terms) and one vacancy (1 year term).**

Nominations may be made by writing a letter of intent to serve on the Board for the Basin Clinic, Inc. In order to be nominated for director you must be a registered voter and a member/user of Basin Clinic, Inc.

Such letters must be delivered to the office at the Basin Clinic, Inc. or mailed to P.O. Box 14, Naturita, CO 81422. They must be received by Basin Clinic, Inc. on or before 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 13, 2025.

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
THEME: FATHER’S DAY

ACROSS

1. Home to Taj Mahal
5. Centum weight, acr.
8. Psychedelic drug, acr.
11. Elephant trainer’s poker
12. *Ned Stark’s youngest daughter
13. Draw out a conclusion
15. Parks of Civil Rights fame
16. Toothy wheel
17. Birth-related
18. *Pinocchio’s father
20. Fortune-telling coffee remnant
21. Religious doctrine
22. D.C. mover and shaker, abbr.
23. Assembled
26. Raidable hotel room amenity
30. Evergreen creeper
31. “Fasten” a shoe (2 words)
34. Nay, to a baby

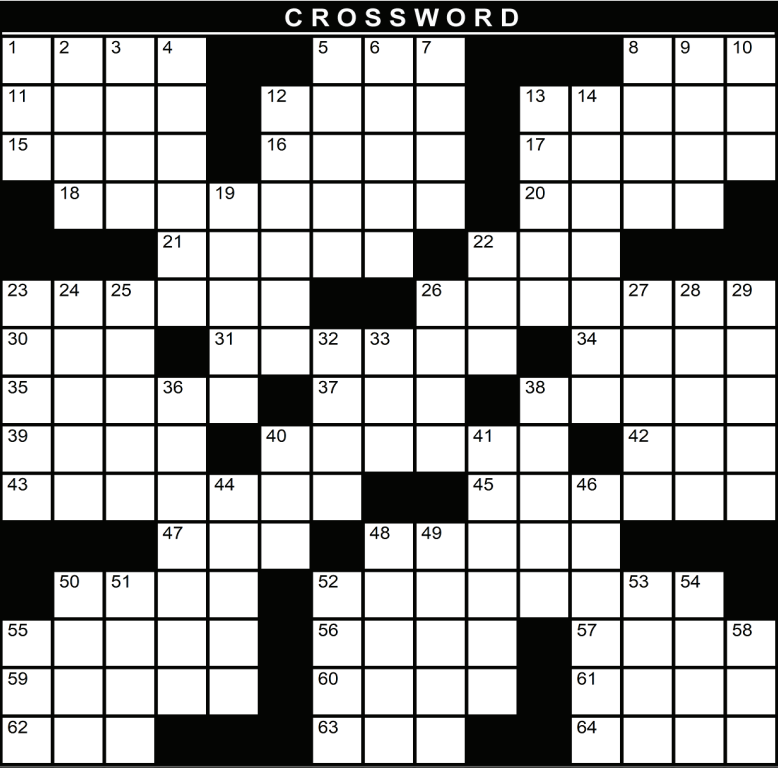
35. Dryer accumulation, pl.
37. Expose to moisture
38. White heron
39. Sodium hydroxide
40. Same as battle-ax
42. UN labor grp.
43. Like localized disease
45. Crab’s grabber
47. Catcher in the what?
48. Food-borne bacteria
50. Begone!
52. **Fathers and Sons” author
55. Not expensive
56. Medicinal plant
57. Joie de vivre
59. Batu Khan’s posse
60. *Fils’ father
61. Chicken of the sea
62. *Tarzan’s adoptive dad
63. Before, poetically
64. Big Bang’s original matter

DOWN

1. Financing acronym
2. Hot rum drink
3. *Official flower of Father’s



- Day
4. Adjusts
5. Minotaur’s island
6. *Kurt Russell’s son of “Thunderbolts” fame
7. Tropical tuber
8. Stringed instrument
9. Slang for heroin
10. Marina ____ Rey, CA
12. “To do” list
13. “____ a high note”
14. *Fictional Mr. ____ who banished children’s nanny to a doghouse
19. Banana refuse, pl.
22. Gladys Knight’s band member
23. *Christopher Robin’s father A.A. ____
24. Like certain flu
25. Church assembly
26. Speechless
27. Gabriel of Chile
28. Administer ceremonial oil
29. Chopper blade
32. Nile dweller, for short
33. Snake-like reef dweller
36. *Cormac McCarthy’s post-apocalyptic father/son novel (2 words)
38. Expatriate
40. Dream in the sky
41. Climactic stage
44. Nearsited one
46. Degrees in right angle
48. Prolific Swiss mathematician
49. Ten million, in India
50. Mercantile establishment
51. This location
52. Cassette contents
53. Twelfth month of Jewish calendar
54. Rooftop contraption
55. Cuban dance step
58. “Platoon” setting, for short



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General Notice

Town of Naturita (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
0037.0002**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received via email at nmarcotte@elementengineering.net and publicly open and read at the offices of **Element Engineering, LLC** located at **12687 West Cedar Drive, Suite 300**, until **July 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Wastewater treatment and collection system improvements including removal of biosolids, site grading, lining of wastewater lagoons, installation of various wastewater treatment process equipment including headworks, aeration system, blowers, disinfection, site piping, building construction and ancillary electrical and HVAC work. Also included are improvements to the gravity collection system throughout the town.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents:

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

www.elementengineering.net

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

**Element Engineering, LLC
12687 W. Cedar Drive, Suite 300
Lakewood, CO**

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **June 18 at 10:00 AM** at **Town of Naturita Town Hall 222 West Main Street, Naturita, Colorado 81422**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

American Iron and Steel

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term “iron and steel products” means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.

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Title: **Town Treasurer**
Date: **Weeks of 5/26 and 6/2, 2025**

June is Men’s Health Month

“Recognizing and preventing men’s health problems is not just a man’s issue. Because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters and sisters, men’s health is truly a family issue.”

Congressman Bill Richardson (May 1994)

Eat Healthy ~ Get Moving ~ Make Prevention a Priority

For all your medical needs, call Basin Clinic to schedule your appointment. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Children enjoy the start of summer



The booths at Naturita days May 31 featured crafts and treats for kids.



Ryatt and Layton Harrigan are outdoors.



Hazel Richardson has a baby goat.



Corbyn Reams and Owen Garvey get on the water.



Savannah Norris is always on a horse and rode in the Naturita Days parade.



Ivy and Leia O'Connell check on their cows. (Courtesy images)