

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Basketball teams push in final stretch

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Head coach for both the boys and girls high school basketball teams Kelly Arnold told the San Miguel Basin Forum that he's pleased with the teams' performances on the court in recent games.

"The boys have been stepping up the last few weeks," coach said Monday morning.

The guys beat Telluride, 49-46, last Thursday and De Beque on Saturday, too, 47-42.

"It's good to see them get a little turnaround going on, and start to compete and beat some teams," Arnold added.

The girls are also playing well, he said, but they did lose some close games last week.

While the ladies also beat Telluride at home, 51-6, they fell to Plateau Valley and also De Beque. Both of those losses were due to last-second plays, coach said.

Now, both girls and guys teams have a makeup game against Dolores. It's a home game this Wednesday, Feb. 1. Then, the Mustangs host Mancos on Thursday, Feb. 2. Both games are San Juan Basin League games.

Arnold is hoping to squeeze in two JV games on Thursday as well.

"We will see how the week goes," he said.

Community support is encouraged, and concessions are in order for both nights.

The boys will travel to Gunnison on Saturday, and there they will face Sangre de Cristo.

The last home game of the season is scheduled for Feb. 17; That is Nucla versus Dove Creek. It's also parents' night, and as is tradition

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Hemmy O'Brien scores 14 points against Telluride. (Photo courtesy of Joel Priest, Southern Ute Drum)



Celebrating a milestone

The community celebrates the setting of the last beam at the new school in Nucla on Jan. 26. (Photo courtesy of Nucla High School students)

COMMUNITY

Brock Benson builds community through bike culture

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Brock Benson moved from Nucla High School to Moffat County High School (Craig) in the ninth grade when his parents divorced. With deep roots in the West End

and because his father passed, he came back to town in June of 2021. Settled at home in Naturita now, he's doing a lot in the community, most of it related to bicycle culture.

Benson had been a bike mechanic for years. He was a "wrench" in the 1990s when the mountain biking explosion hap-

pened in Grand Junction and Fruita. He was also a mechanic for Turin Cycles in Denver.

When he came back to the West End to handle his late father's ranch and ended up staying, his partner encouraged him to open a bike shop. At first Benson wasn't

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MONTROSE COUNTY

Tax break for senior homeowners, disabled vets available

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

When Carol Hunter, of Nucla, got a notice in her mail about a tax break for senior citizens who own a home, she was eager to learn more. Though she discovered she couldn't use the discount, she wanted to make sure other West End residents knew about it and took advantage of the program, if they qualified.

"When I heard about the program, I checked into it. I found out I was not eligible because I had not lived in my home for 10 years, but I knew several of my friends and neighbors were. So I wanted to pass it on," she told the Forum last week.

Tax notices recently went out to homeowners from the Montrose County Assessor's office. In that piece of mail was another notice explaining that a senior citizen, age 65 or older, can get a discount on their taxes, if they've owned — and lived in — the same residence 10 consecutive years or longer, as of the year they're applying.

What does the discount do for those senior citizens?

The Forum spoke with the Montrose County Assessor's office last week, and representatives said the program discounts a senior's taxes 50 percent of the first \$200,000 of value on their home. In other

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WOLVES

VanWinkle pleased with wolf meeting in Gunnison

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Janie VanWinkle — formerly of Nucla, now living in Grand Junction and president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association — told the Forum the Gunnison meeting she attended Jan. 25, regarding the reintroduction of wolves was good. That meeting was one of many for which people are coming together to comment on the state putting wolves on the ground by December 2023 per Proposition 114.

"I was so pleased with the turnout," VanWinkle said, who estimates there were between 150 to 200 people present with the majority of them being livestock producers.

She said wolf advocates were also in attendance, too. The space was standing room only.

She added she was proud of the

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Janie VanWinkle was pleased with last week's wolf meeting. (Courtesy image)

WEST END VOICES

Things to consider before adopting a pet

By TONYA STEPHENS for HOOF & PAW

Taking on the responsibility of owning a pet is a big decision. Pet ownership can be extremely rewarding, but only if the decision to adopt is made after thinking it through properly. Many people don't think it through, and thousands of animals end up abandoned, unwanted in shelters every year — and too many of those are euthanized.

The first thing to consider is time. Do you have enough time every day — no matter how tired or busy you may be — to exercise your pet? Time for play, for training, care and companionship, as well as having a daily routine of food and fresh water? Dogs and cats prefer to have a schedule; it helps them feel secure.

A pet that has plenty of exercise and whose owner devotes time to play and training is less likely to have a surplus of energy and is, therefore, less likely to suffer stress or boredom — which can lead to behavioral problems. Is everyone in the family going to spend time with the family pet? And continue to do so for the pet's lifetime? Will you have time to take your pet to the veterinary clinic when the need arises?

The second consideration is money. You'd be surprised how much a pet can cost. The initial cost includes the adoption fee, health check, tests and vaccines, spay or neuter, license, bed and bowls. All animals should be current on vaccinations that protect them from diseases. Before you bring home an adopted animal, consult your veterinarian to make sure your own animals have received the preventative treatment they need to keep them safe.

For a dog, add a collar and leash, and a cat may need a cat litter tray and scoop. And, that's just the start. Of course, you will need to buy food. Then, there are toys,

chews, and brushes and combs to prevent your pet's coat from becoming matted, uncomfortable and unhealthy.

You may need to buy a cat or dog flap, a pet carrier, as well as baby gates to keep your pet from having access to certain rooms of the house. Collars can be outgrown as your pet matures, and replacements will be needed. You may want to have your pet micro-chipped. Every year, the costs continue: flea and worm treatments, annual health checks and vaccines, licenses, costs of boarding and pet-sitting. For a dog, you will need a fenced yard, with a weather-proofed doghouse.

There might be hidden costs, such as replacing items your pet destroys. Are you ready for the possibility that some things in your home might not survive as your pet grows up?

The third consideration is the type of breed. For instance, if you want a large dog, you must have the space and energy which it requires. Otherwise, you and your dog could be frustrated and unhappy. You might love the idea of owning a beautiful long-coated white cat, but you must be prepared for plenty of grooming. You have to also pet-proof your home. For example, remove poisonous plants, and protect furnishings, while taking steps to ensure the animal can't escape.

And, does the landlord allow pets? Are you likely to move?

If you are certain you can make a the commitment to be a caring, responsible pet owner, then contacting Hoof & Paw is the next step.

Current Hoof & Paw board members are Laura Denney (president), Jack Layman (vice president), Brittany Harris (treasurer), Susan Kelley and Sharron Keena (board members). Tonya Stephens is the director of operations.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society The Naturita Valley Rural Telephone Company

By JANE THOMPSON for the Rimrocker Historical Society

The Rimrockers have had in their possession a short, written history of telephone service in the West End, and it is interesting and mostly accurate. It was written by Mary H. Lloyd. After diving into the old newspapers, myself, I have found a few discrepancies. Since Marie Templeton has printed Lloyd's history before, I will use some of it, but I mostly would like to share what I have found in the old newspapers.

I recently worked for the Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company here in Nucla for seven years. I admire the Tomlinson family very much for their hard work and community support. It was a great place to work, and they are good people carrying on the business now for 77 years. Thelma Draves Tomlinson, mother of four small children, found herself in charge of the telephone business after the death of her husband Happy Draves.

I never knew Thelma, but you can feel her spirit in the company, and her same determination of keeping the business going is seen in her sons, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren. Working there made me want to find out more about the history of telephones in our area, and it has been fun to learn about it.

From the Altrurian newspapers, we learned in my last two articles, "A telephone to Pinon and Naturita," that the Colorado Cooperative Company colonists had decided they needed phones. It seems they went through all of the process to get phones, but I could never find where they actually did have a phone to Pinon or to Naturita, so that is still a bit of a mystery to me. But, the old newspapers do tell the story of telephones coming to the West End later.

The Montrose Press of June 19,



This photo shows children in front of the Coventry Schoolhouse where the first meeting of the Naturita Valley Rural Telephone Company was held. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

1908, had the headline, "WEST END OF COUNTY WANTS TELEPHONES, Company Organized at Coventry to Build Line to Connect with Montrose."

"At a meeting held at the schoolhouse at Coventry, Saturday, June 13, a company was organized for the purpose of constructing and operating rural telephone lines in the Naturita Valley. The company is called the Naturita Valley Rural Telephone Company. The capital stock of the company is \$1,500 divided into 100 shares of a par value of \$15. The capitalization will be increased from time to time as the growth of the company warrants. G. A. Akers is the president of the new company, and Geo. Hook Jr., who is well known in Montrose, is the secretary. Henry Tamm is the Treasurer.

"Lines will be constructed between the ranches and homes of the stockholders, and connections will be made with local systems at Naturita and Norwood and also with Montrose. Another meeting will be held on

June 25, at which definite steps will be taken for beginning work on the system."

Lloyd wrote about the need of telephone communication in her story about the history of telephones in Nucla. She says, "The following incident gives another reason for needing rapid communication. In the spring of 1907 Mrs. Pete Steele came from Pueblo to the Club Ranch where her husband was living. After a short time she did not feel well, then was really sick — choking. Her husband and Mr. Calhoun took her as far as the Vestal Hotel in Nucla. By that time, she was too sick to travel any farther. A teen-age man, Joe Weimer, rode his horse as rapidly as possible to the nearest telephone which was located in Norwood and called the doctor in Telluride. A livery team brought him the sixty miles to Nucla. When he arrived, Mrs. Steele was dead. He told Mr. Steele and the Vestal family that he thought she had diphtheria. He also told them how to try to pro-

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Making food and friends

Sabra Grierson, Rowen Hemphill and Rai Ferrin make a meal at the True North Youth Program's gathering pace in Naturita. (Photo by Vivian Russell)

MONTROSE COUNTY

New turf replacement program to aid water conservation

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Montrose County announced last week a new program to help conserve water, one of the community's most valuable resources, through a rebate program for turf replacement. Inspired by House Bill 22-1151, the county budgeted for and created a Turf Replacement Rebate Program.

The bill was sponsored by local Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin and is intended to incentivize landowners to develop water-wise landscapes. To get the program started, Montrose County allocated \$10,000 in the 2023 budget and aims to take advantage of grant funds through the Colorado Water Conservation Board for added funding (per the bill) and greater impact.

"We are nothing if without water — our economy, community and way of life would not exist if not for the water that is here," said Commissioner Sue Hansen. "As the bill notes, irrigation of outdoor landscaping accounts for nearly half the use within municipal and industrial sectors of the state — converting many of those areas to water-wise landscaping will help keep water in the river for agriculture and potable uses. It's our duty to help preserve our community's future through water conservation."

"I think it is great Montrose County is offering a turf replacement rebate program," said Representative Catlin. "We are all going to have to be involved in conserving water. I am proud of Montrose County and the people for wanting to do their part

for the Western Slope in facing this drought."

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

The application deadline is March 30. Applicants selected will have 30 days to submit a full landscaping plan along with the required paperwork. It is important that projects help showcase the beauty of landscaping that is well-adapted to the Western Colorado climate, as well as water-wise landscaping. To learn more about the criteria and to apply, the public should visit <https://www.montrosecounty.net/1121/Turf-Replacement-Program>.

Wolf meeting

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producers, especially those that were uncomfortable with public speaking and who stood up anyway, communicating what the wolf issue will do to their families and businesses.

"They were speaking from the heart, and it's amazing," she said. "That has such an impact."

VanWinkle, who frequently gives commentary at the ongoing public meetings, chose to defer her allotted time to a young woman from the Montrose FFA chapter. She said the young woman did an excellent job speaking.

Another thing VanWinkle appreciated was the result of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG), for which members worked together for the last 15 months. The SAG is a diverse group of ranchers, wolf advocates, hunters and more, and she said they were able to find agreement for most every issue on the wolf.

"They found full consensus on nearly every issue," she said.

She added that's good for setting the tone for Colorado Parks and Wildlife's commission, as it moves forward with the wolf plan.

More public meetings are upcoming: Rifle on Feb. 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Denver on Feb. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. An online comment session is Feb. 16 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., but participants must register by Feb. 9 on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website. Written comments are accepted anytime until Feb. 22.

CPW will release the wolf draft plan Dec. 9, and now that's the biggest part of the discussion. The public is dissecting and commenting, since the final draft plan and regulations are due April 6. The final approval for the plan is May 3 in Glenwood Springs.

At the same time, those with cows, sheep, goats, horses and

more are waiting on U.S. Fish and Wildlife to make their 10-J ruling. If that's accomplished, it classifies the wolf as "nonessential" and "experimental" for Colorado, allowing livestock producers to use "lethal take" of wolves preying on farm animals. Still, VanWinkle worries that wolves might be on the ground before the ruling is made.

She hopes the rhetoric, like "shoot, shovel, and shut up," will cease. She said it's not helpful and believes there will also be legal consequences for such action.

She said most people will do the right thing, and that ranchers know they don't need to shoot every wolf. But, she and others need a way to deal with a wolf problem, when it arises.

"We need to see the 10-J rule in place," she said. "We need to ensure the 10-J rule is in place before we release."

Local history

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protect themselves from the disease. It was not long until the doctor had another call — for Mr. Vestal's sixteen year old daughter, Leah, became sick. About midnight Joe Weimer left Nucla on horseback for the telephone in Norwood. In a few hours the doctor was on his way to Nucla again. He got a fresh team in Norwood where he was joined by Joe Weimer and hurried on to Nucla, arriving at about ten o'clock, and in time to save Leah's life."

A few years later Weimer and Leah Vestal would marry, and the Weimer family descendants are still here in Nucla. Maybe Joe, as a young teenage man, had a reason already for making that midnight

ride to Norwood to call for a doctor to come and treat Leah Vestal? Sounds a little romantic to me!

Lloyd continues, "That spring the people of the community decided to do something to remedy the situation. A group of them met at the home of Dr. Ben Fisher, dentist, and organized the Mutual Telephone Association."

This is where we find a discrepancy in Lloyd's story. The Farmers Mutual Telephone doesn't come into play until 1912. Nucla was working on getting in on the Naturita Valley Rural Telephone Company, along with Naturita and Paradox.

In 1909 lines were being constructed around the area. From the Montrose Enterprise of Feb.

2, 1909, it states, "The Naturita Valley Rural Telephone Company is to be recommended for its energy in constructing its line in the face of many obstacles, chief of which is the weather ... Wire has been stretched from Norwood to within a short distance of Redlands (Redvale). Three phones are now in place on the line, one within the town of Norwood at the Palace Drug Store. The central office at this point will be located in the building of C. H. Morgan, one door west of the Palace Drug Store ... Organization for telephone construction is completed and the Naturita Valley Rural Telephone Co. will run to Nucla in the near future."

To be continued...

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Mustangs on the mat

Nucla junior J.W. Naslund (126 pounds) receives a fourth-place medal at the 2023 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational on Jan. 28 in Ignacio. One of three Top 8 placers — along with Arthur Connelly, third place (175 pounds), and Paxtin Caruso, seventh place (190 pounds) — for the Mustangs, Naslund posted a NHS best 4-1 record at the meet, losing only to Pagosa Springs' Colton Lucero who is ranked No. 3 in Class 3A. (Photo courtesy of Joel Priest, Southern Ute Drum)

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RECIPE

Elk spaghetti is a local dish

By TANYA NARRAMORE

This is a homemade spaghetti sauce. I use a cast-iron skillet.

Elk spaghetti

Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground elk (or local beef)
- 2 14.5 oz cans of stewed tomatoes
- 1 6 oz can of tomato paste
- 1 can of mushrooms (or sauté fresh ones)
- Tone's Italian Spaghetti Seasoning
- Your favorite pasta (Mine is angel hair noodles)
- Grated mozzarella cheese

Directions

Brown the meat in the skillet. I add a little garlic salt while cooking. I dump the stewed tomatoes in a bowl and mash them up with my hands to break down the bigger chunks. A food processor is more practical, but makes for more dishes.

When the ground elk (or beef) you're using is done, dump in stewed tomatoes, and add the mushrooms (I also add a little garlic salt while sautéing). If using canned mushrooms, dump the juice and all, and if sautéed, I add a tad bit of water to the sauce. Add tomato paste, and stir it all together. Add the desired amount of spaghetti seasoning. I never measure the seasoning, but season it to taste. The best part about this is the sauce doesn't have to simmer forever. I bring it to a simmer and start my pasta. It only simmers as long as it takes my pasta to cook.

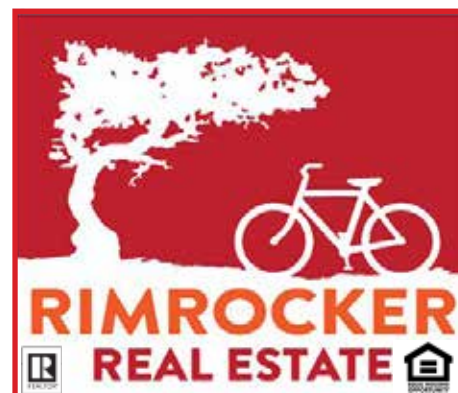
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Brock Benson is back and building community through bikes. (Courtesy image)

Building community

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sure, although in the past he'd literally had dreams about doing just that.

Soon after, the Pond family, Sean and Danielle, started renting E-bikes and needed someone to work on them; Benson worked out of his garage. Knowing local bike expert Paul Koski for a very long time and meeting newcomer and bike enthusiast Tim Tait, he realized people were coming to the West End to mountain bike.

At the same time, Naturita had commercial space available that needed revitalized, and Benson "went all in," opening Paradox Cycle on Main Street. He knew that if he didn't do it, someone not local and from the outside would do it, and he'd then be disappointed.

And while he never thought the community could truly support a bike shop, he said he flipped the script and asked the question, "How can a bike shop support this community?"

He said it's been a blessing. Vivian Russell, of True North Youth

Program, had bikes she needed to find homes for. As a result, Benson inherited 25 bikes out of Telluride that were used, but in decent shape, many of which have been upgraded and rehomed.

He also got a grant from the West End Pay It Forward Trust, and through it, he helped three students piece together a solid bike that worked. Kids had to learn the process, use tools and rebuild their bikes, which they got to keep. Other people have made donations of additional bikes, some of them quite good, and also monetary donations, too.

Benson is running a business and people are supporting Paradox Cycle, but his vision is to build community, too, especially supporting local kids. He enjoys teaching young people how to use a screwdriver and gain skills.

Now, he's started an apprenticeship program with Nucla High School and has kids working with him to learn what it takes to be an employable bike mechanic. He's especially proud of Lucas and

Simon Haining, who work with him regularly.

"They're going to leave and have a job in a shop somewhere or start something new," he said. "We're going to continue to support them and watch them. ... We want the kids that leave the West End to have a skill set and story to tell."

Coming right up is a PE credit that kids can take on mountain biking trails, with Paradox Cycle and Bri Bonaquista. This spring, Benson will also have some 30-40 refurbished bikes available at an affordable price. (For the donation bikes, he factors in costs of parts and tune-up, but doesn't charge for the actual bike.)

He also wants to start a local biking club, to get young people together in a healthy way, out on trails and away from drugs. Benson said he feels called to support the kids. He wants to use his privilege to help others.

"It's an inside job," he said. "That's the recipe. Lift up the kids."

He's grateful his hometown has been so kind to him.

Tax break

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words, the qualified applicant could see \$400 to \$500 taken off their tax bill.

The applications are for next year, since this year's notices are final and mailed. Seniors have until July 17 to apply for their 2024 tax year.

The tax discount for seniors is not a new program. It's been around, through the State of Colorado, and will remain in place as long as there's funding to support it.

County officials carefully make sure the applications meet all criteria. They examine voter registration, certificate of occupancy, along with motor vehicle registration, to check that folks are not taking advantage of the program in another county or state.

Once approved, the tax exemption remains in effect for future years, and the applicant need not re-apply.

Montrose County Assessor Brad Hughes said the program is a good benefit.

"The property tax exemption

for seniors is very important to the 3,000-plus senior citizen households that have been granted this exemption by the Colorado Legislature," he told the Forum last Friday. "As property valuations and taxes continue to increase due to a strong local real estate market, this program allows for some measure of tax relief to the senior citizens of Montrose County."

The program, though, also applies to disabled veterans, too. The criteria states that those who qualify must have "sustained a service-connected disability while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States" and were then honorably discharged. As a requirement of the program, they have to be rated by the VA as having a 100 percent permanent disability through disability retirement benefits.

For vets, the applicant must have owned and occupied their home as their primary residence as of Jan. 1 of the year of application. Disabled veterans must apply by July 3.



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Basketball

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there will be flowers and special messages in celebration.

At this point, both the girls and the boys teams are about even in their records, with about the same number of wins and losses. Now, coach said, is time for making the final push as the season begins to wrap up. With February underway, it's time for the Mustangs to finish strong.

"And get ready for post-season play," he said. "That's what we're gearing up for."

Arnold said that the last home game will not be Nucla's last one in the existing gym. Next fall, basketball practices and even a few home games will still be happening in the same gym, while the new school is being finished. The official move will not happen until after next year's winter break. Change is set to happen for 2024.

"After that, we'll christen the new school and the new gym," he said.

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1353 Hours - Jason Schlueter, 37, was contacted at the intersection of Highway 90 and Highway 141 near Naturita and cited for no driver's license and no license plates.

1452 Hours - Austin Sullivan, 27, was arrested on an outstanding warrant in the 35300 block of II Road near Redvale.

1518 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a welfare check.

1633 Hours - Carrie Goode, 42, was contacted in the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla and arrested on an outstanding warrant and for driving under the influence of alcohol, no driver's license, no license plates, and no insurance.

1 school zone in Naturita

1/25/2023

0826 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1031 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35500 block of County Road 4000 near Norwood for a fraud report.

1327 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28100 block of DD Road near Nucla for a theft report.

1504 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 16700 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for an agency assist.

1629 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28300 block of 25 Mesa Road near Nucla for a 911.

2 directed patrols in Nucla

2 directed patrols in Naturita

1 civil process attempted/served

1/26/2023

0033 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

0827 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

1203 Hours - Deputy took a civil matter report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1847 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a suspicious person.

1905 Hours - Brenda Jones, 53, was contacted in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for failing to use headlights when required

1 VIN inspection

1 school zone in Naturita

1 directed patrol in Nucla

2 civil processes attempted/served

1/27/2023

0039 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a welfare check in the 30700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1016 Hours - Deputy conducted an agency assist in the 100 block of West Second Avenue in Nucla.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

2 directed patrols in County

1 directed patrol in Naturita

1 civil process attempted/served

1/28/2023

1834 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to an accident on Highway 90 mm 24 near Bedrock.

1849 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to an accident on Highway 90 mm 22 near Bedrock.

1909 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 19 near Naturita for an accident.

Robert Reed, 53, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, possessing a dangerous or illegal weapon, and prohibited use of weapons x4.

2008 Hours - Peter Lauer, 40, was contacted on Highway 90 mm 20 near Naturita and issued a warning.

2059 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

1 directed patrol in County

5 civil processes attempted/served

1/29/2023

1023 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30000 block of FF31 Road near Naturita for a medical assist.

1033 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31200 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a medical assist.

1140 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Highway 141 in Naturita for an alarm.

1432 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 34400 block of 3760 Road for an agency assist.

1948 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of

Sunny Circle in Naturita for a 911.

2 directed patrols in County

1 directed patrol in Naturita

1/30/2023

0045 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

0625 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Ragsdale Road near Norwood for a welfare check.

0738 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1729 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 110 near Norwood for a traffic complaint.

2031 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 97 mm 3 near Nucla for a traffic complaint.

2129 Hours - Nicholas Wiegand, 38, was contacted in the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla and arrested for vehicular eluding, leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving, careless driving, driving while driver's license is under restraint, and driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

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55-3T-C

Ute Trail Study Club & Redvale Community Building Board Meetings

The Ute Trail Study Club meeting will be held on February 8th at noon, at the Redvale Community Building.

We will be hosting our local mushroom aficionado, Art Goodtimes. He will speak on the benefits of, the identification of, best locations to hunt for, and host a question and answer session, all on the marvelous mushrooms of our area!

We will have a turkey dinner with all the fixings and Valentine's Day goodies to go around. Bring a side dish and a friend and plan to attend!

The Redvale Community Building Board will hold its monthly meeting on February 5th at 4:00, at the Community Building in Redvale. There will be discussion of the window replacement plans for the building, and your Redvale resident input is important in this expenditure, for fund raising possibilities, and to voice your opinion concerning this valuable asset to our community. Thank you.

Delta Sales Yard Market Report January 26, 2023

400-500# STEERS	1.80-2.35	400-500# HEIFERS	1.80-2.15
500-600# STEERS	1.80-2.25	500-600# HEIFERS	1.75-2.15
600-700# STEERS	1.65-1.90	600-700# HEIFERS	1.63-1.76
700-800# STEERS	1.70-1.88	700-800# HEIFERS	1.60-1.68
800-900# STEERS	1.62-1.82	800-900# HEIFERS	1.55-1.65
Top bulls	.85-.95 no top offered	Medium bulls	.75-.81
Young Cows	.90-1.15	Top cows	.73-.81 High of .84
Medium cows	.67-.72	Low-yielding cows	.66 down

NEXT WEEK: Thursday February 2nd – Special Feeder Sale. 75 steers & 70 heifers 650-700#, 25 mixed feeders, 14 feeder heifers, 150 feeders, 25 mixed feeders, 30 mixed feeders, 5 feeder steers 700# (weaned & Vac.), 75 mixed feeder, 12 feeder heifers, 16 feeder steers, 75 mixed feeders. Along with our regular dock run of 300-400.

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Fun Corner

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: VALENTINE'S DAY

ACROSS

- "Without further ____," pl.
- Sweet 16 gift

- Steps to the river, in India
- *Michael BublÉ's "____ the Last Dance for Me"
- Bigger than big
- Nonkosher

CROSSWORD

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59							60			61		
62							63			64		

- Big-ticket one
- October birthstone
- *#5 Down's target
- *Reason to celebrate Lupercalia, Valentine's Day predecessor
- Make over
- Omit
- Hexagonal fastener
- December birthstone, pl.
- Most gem, tlich
- Ed.'s request
- Two dots above a letter
- Brussels org.
- Church recesses
- ____ or chicken?
- Encourage (2 words)
- What hoarders do
- He crossed the Rubicon
- Jet follower
- English county courts, in the olden days
- Gentlemen's gentlemen
- Chop off
- Paparazzo's quest
- Port in Yemen
- *Heart-shaped box content
- Range
- Top notch
- Baron Munchhausen, e.g.
- Journalists and reporters
- Speed unit
- All is well that does this

Solution to Last Week's Crossword

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- well
- Bald eagle's nest
- Ever, to a poet
- Tinkerbell's powder

DOWN

- "Clueless" catch phrase
- *Get-together
- End of a break-up phrase
- Explosive of Czechoslovakian origin
- *Winged one
- September stone
- Bank on
- * ____ card
- Not tails
- '70s hairdo
- Sylvester, to Tweety
- Wholism, alt. sp.
- Monotonous hum
- Intestinal obstruction
- "Wayne's World" catchphrase
- Japanese port
- Necklace clasp location, pl.
- Affirmatives
- *Kisses' partners
- National emblem
- Type of weasel
- BBQ tool
- Pasturelands
- Accompanies wisdom?
- *a.k.a. St. Valentine's Malady
- *Muse of love poetry

- Large edible mushroom
- Active one
- Soap block
- Long-legged shore bird
- Hokkaido language
- Regions
- Small amounts
- Bummed about
- Formerly, formerly
- Bell's inven-ly tion
- *Romantic destination
- Laurels nation
- Homesteader's measure

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						5		2
						9	8	1
	2						7	
3	4		6					
2			7					
7			8			9	4	5
5		4	1					

Solution to Last Week's Sudoku

4	1	9	8	7	5	3	6	2
8	2	7	9	3	6	5	4	1
6	3	5	4	1	2	7	8	9
1	4	6	7	2	9	8	5	3
7	9	3	5	4	8	1	2	6
2	5	8	3	6	1	9	7	4
5	8	1	2	9	4	6	3	7
9	7	2	6	5	3	4	1	8
3	6	4	1	8	7	2	9	5

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