

BUSINESS

333 Arts Etc. offers massage, sometimes art and music

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

There are a few different things going on in the Nucla Main Street space called 333 Arts Etc., at the top of town, across from Wild Gal's Market. Jim Womeldorf is doing massage therapy in one part of it. While Womeldorf is mostly retired, he enjoys seeing clients and helping people to feel better.

He went to massage school in New Mexico in the 1980s and also obtained a master's degree in counseling, so he could further help people. He said the emotional connection to the mind-body relationship is powerful, and having the counseling background helps him to even better work with his clients.

He said some people in the West End have begun to find him the last few years. He showed up at the farm and craft markets last summer and gave chair massages. He plans to be there again this year, sharing what he does and how it can help people.

Some of his clients come to 333 Arts Etc. and only want to receive chair massage, but he has a massage table on site in the building and can do deeper work, too.

Womeldorf and his wife purchased property in Nucla in 2017. He said they didn't officially move to town until 2021, but they absolutely love life in the West End. Most recently they were in Colona, south of Montrose for approximately 20 years. Before that, he lived in Eagle/Vail and also California.

His wife is a professional musician and has a grand piano. In the past, she's hosted small music events at 333 Arts Etc. Those gatherings ceased when COVID happened, however, and they've not really been resurrected at this point.

Now the greater gallery space is in a transitional phase. While it's been open on the weekends for the collaborative arts venue, which has showcased paintings, collectors' posters and antiques, the Womeldorfs are planning their next move with it. Though they would like to see music and art continue in some capacity, they're not sure about how or what they'll do at 333 Arts Etc.

In the meantime, massage work will continue. Womeldorf said there are so many benefits for people who need support with their health.

He said he wants the West End
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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Track season kicks off for NHS

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Track and field season has begun for Nucla High School, and despite not even having a real place to practice, head coach Sara Bray is pretty certain the Mustangs will accomplish some things this year.

Bray, a mother of three who is also the elementary school principal and a full-time rancher, is coaching track for grades nine through 12, which is a combined team made up of Nucla and Norwood students. Megan Urban, English teacher at NHS, is coach-

ing the middle school grades, which are not combined this year.

Track practices started in early March, and NHS had its first meet of the season Saturday, an all-day event, as is typical. There are approximately 12 kids out for the team, but that might increase with a few of the baseball guys asking if they can also join and do both sports.

The male and female team is competing in the range of events, with the exception of high jump, since there is no pit at NHS. Bray said she's got a mix of sprinters and mid-distance runners.

Lisa Sutherland, in her senior

year, was a state champion last year for the 100-meter hurdles; she was also runner-up last year in the 300-meter hurdles and a state qualifier for the 100-meter dash. Bray said there's no question that Sutherland will be headed to state again this year. Additionally, Bray's daughter, Keiran, who is a junior, qualified in the 800-meter run last year, and coach is expecting good things from her own kid.

Bray said overall, she's got a good group. Some of the freshman and sophomores had never competed in track before Saturday. One NHS team got disqualified during

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NONPROFITS

Navajo tacos support Redvale building

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Mandee Shirley and Melissa Spor have decided to step up and help the Redvale Community Building Board this month. The Redvale building, established in 1949, has seen very few improvements over the years. Now, to support the building getting the new windows it needs, Shirley and Spor are sponsoring Navajo Taco Night on March 26, from 2 to 5 p.m., with a dessert auction happening, too.

Linda Kerr, secretary of the Redvale Community Building Board, said she was happy the younger ladies are offering their support in planning and hosting the event. She said at her age, she just can't do it all anymore.

In the 1950s and 1960s, Kerr used to square dance in the Redvale Community Building. Over the years it's been the venue for 4-H meetings, funeral dinners and birthdays. Wayne Wilson, a WW2 veteran, just celebrated his 100th birthday there last week. A wedding just happened there a week ago, too.

In the past the Apple Core Project has hosted trainings in the space. The boards for the U.S. Post Office branches and the Montrose County Road and Bridge have held their meetings in the Redvale building. So has Norwood Public School on occasion. The Ute Trail Study Club is the probably the biggest user of the facility, having their monthly meetings there.

Kerr, who was born and raised in Redvale, said in the 1980s, a kitchen, library and bathrooms were added to the space — but that's been nearly 40 years ago. Now not only does the building need windows, but it also needs new flooring and the roof looked at. Kerr has no idea how the future projects will get done. But, she's grateful for Shirley and Spor who are donating their time and energy this week.

Spor is making the Navajo tacos for \$10 a plate, and Shirley is planning the dessert auction. Other ladies are also helping, including Amy Spor and Cheryl Eades.

"It's a community effort for sure," Shirley said over the weekend.

As of press time, Shirley was still looking for someone to serve as auctioneer for the event. Many people are planning to bring desserts to auction off, including Kerr who will be making pies. Shirley agreed the dessert auction could be lucrative for the board. Once at a past community auction, she personally paid \$300 for the late Darlene Rummel's cinnamon rolls. While she'll

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Jacob Gordon, Shelley Donnellon and Todd Snyder receive Snyder Ranches' award March 14. Also pictured is Carl McKinney, of the Shavano Conservation District. (Courtesy image)

AGRICULTURE

Snyder Ranches recognized by Shavano Conservation District

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Shavano Conservation District has named Snyder Ranches the 2022 Conservation Rancher of the Year. The award comes after the multi-generational ranching family completed a big project related to water, an effort that helps to conserve water — something crucial in Colorado, and especially after years of severe or extreme drought.

Snyder Ranches is made up of siblings Steve Snyder, Todd Snyder, Terri Snyder Lamers and Jackie Snyder Thompson. Their father, the late Terry Snyder, was born in Paradox after his family settled there. The Snyders moved to Wright's Mesa in 1936 and have

spread out in the local area.

The Snyders have always run sheep and cows. Today, Snyder Ranches runs approximately 1,200 ewes, and 400 cows with 20 bulls.

Last week's award was presented at a banquet on March 14 at Ute Indian Museum, during which representatives of the Shavano Conservation District presented Snyder Ranches with a plaque. Carl McKinney, of Norwood, who serves on the Shavano board, also read a statement that he'd written to recognize Snyder Ranches.

The award specifically acknowledged the efforts Snyder Ranches did to improve water and irrigation south of Gunnison on the Cochetopa Creek. Lamers said her brother Steve Snyder was instru-

mental in the work.

Previously, the head-gate on the creek was getting to the point of being washed out, and the water commissioner had experienced trouble operating the old device at the head-gate. In addition to the monstrous head-gate structure, Snyder Ranches built and installed 26 metal boxes placed downstream throughout the field. These diversion boxes help to control the irrigation water. They are in the ground, buried.

"The diversions and boxes helped a whole bunch," Steve Snyder told the Forum over the weekend.

Now, the water can be sent out at different intervals. The smaller diversion structures make it easier to irrigate.

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This photo shows kittens recently adopted at Hoof & Paw. (Courtesy image)

WEST END VOICES

Celebrating 14 years of community

Hoof & Paw

The West End is a special place, 60 miles to the closest stoplight and encompassing some 900-plus square miles, from Norwood to Gateway to Paradox. The West End is also a place where people look out for one another, and Hoof & Paw is a beautiful reflection of that ethic.

Hoof & Paw is on a mission to care for and support healthy pets and their guardians in the West End. It hosted six subsidized spay and neuter clinics in 2022, and in 2023 it will be eight clinics and the same with vaccination clinics. Hoof & Paw also has a pet food bank and can provide pet food to folks when they are struggling to make ends meet. Many people will feed their pets before they feed themselves, so the pet food bank is a real win-win for everyone.

Hoof & Paw also cares for animals relinquished in the community; this year there were 100-plus cats, mostly kittens, and 26 dogs that were cared for, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and placed in new homes through our kennel and dedicated fosters. All these accomplishments in our community only exist due to our amazing partnerships. Second Chance Rescue in Ridgway assists us with the pet food bank and the low-cost vaccination clinics. And, The Moab Veterinary Clinic loads up their mobile spay and neuter trailer once a month, as weather permits, and hauls it over the La Sal Mountains to bring our community affordable spay and neuter procedures.

Hoof & Paw also partners with our regional government organizations. We work with local animal control officers, the dog catchers, to care for lost animals and reunite those animals with their guardians. Clinics are hosted at the Nucla/Naturita Firehall, and the Hoof & Paw kennel is operated out of a building owned by the Town of Naturita, which donates the space.

And, on an annual basis, both the Towns of Naturita and Nucla have supported our organization with funding. We have also recently begun a relationship with Montrose County, which will assist financially in caring for animals who come into Hoof & Paw's care from the county.

This network of relationships has only been made possible because 14 years ago, big-hearted animal lovers in the West End community saw a need and responded. Animal lovers in the West End are still getting after

it, and we have many in the community who have adopted a Hoof & Paw critter, donated their hard earned dollars to the cause, and more than 40 people who volunteered their time in 2022.

Caring people volunteer, donate and shop at the thrift store. They get up early every morning and head down to the kennel, even on week-

ends, to attend to animals in Hoof & Paw's care. People walk dogs, drive cats over the mountains for late night vet visits and bring teeny, tiny potato-sized kittens into their homes, so they can be bottle-fed every two hours. And, truth be told, volunteers have also been known to cry happy tears in the kennel yard when an animal, who has been in Hoof & Paw's care, jumps in the car to head off for their new life with their new people. Hoof & Paw supporters are an army of love.

So, here's to 14 years of community-driven animal welfare support in the West End. The lives of many people and animals have been changed through connections with Hoof & Paw, and that would not have happened without all the West Enders and animal lovers who believe in the Hoof & Paw mission. We have some great things up our sleeves for 2023. Give us a shout if you have an idea, question or some time to help out. We would love to connect.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society The visionaries of the Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company

By JANE THOMPSON for the Rimrocker Historical Society



This photo shows the Vestal Hotel with the small two-room house that became the original building to hold the switchboard after it was moved from the Vestal Hotel. Both of these buildings are still standing and belong to the Dan and Cheri Cooper family. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

As I finish up this early era of telephones coming to the West End, there is still so much to the story, but we will move on for a while and come back another time. It has been a great story so far and a real example of how our area really embraced the idea of taking care of itself and its cooperative spirit shining through again and again.

We will go back to our story by Mrs. Mary H. Lloyd, which she wrote in 1961. Her story is about all we have to show regarding what happened later on in the world of telephone service in the West End: "The Vestal Hotel was the home of the first telephone office. Viva Vestal was the first operator. For nine years she took care of all the calls day and night except for short periods of time when her sister, Leah, or a friend would relieve her ... In describing the switchboard Mrs. Joe (Leah) Weimer said, 'It was a contrivance on the wall by which we connected the lines.' In speaking of the olden days, Mrs. Leonard Zatterstrom laughing, added, 'When the telephone rang, it seemed as if everyone on the line responded and we had a good time visiting.'"

"The telephone system grew gradually for about six or eight years. By that time there was a definite need of a new switchboard and more new lines. This expansion would mean spending quite a sum of money ... A bachelor ditch walker by the name of Ray Stoner had \$400 that he was willing to loan to the company ... The loan was made, and the system was expanded until there were

about 100 subscribers ... There were insufficient funds to pay off the note, so the directors voted an assessment on each subscriber to raise the amount of money that was needed to pay the note. The case went to court ... In the meantime, taxes began accumulating."

"The system was scheduled to be sold for taxes in the early 1920s. There were visitors from the eastern part of the United States in Nucla at the time. The secretary of the Mutual Telephone Association, Mrs. Della K. McNutt, feared the visitors were here to buy the system. Since she did not want the ownership to be in the hands of anyone outside the community, she bought it herself for \$400, which was the full amount of the taxes. Arguing and bitterness was the result. Those who had paid their assessment said she had stolen their part of the system. Many would not continue using their phones. It was finally decided that the system could be hers, but she had to pay the remaining \$200 that was due on the Stoner note, plus the accumulated interest and court costs. By the time it was all settled, she had paid \$800 for the system, which now was called the Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company. The bitterness in the community caused a decided slump in business for a while. But increased mining activity and the need for food from gardens, orchards and herds in the valley increased the telephone business. The telephone office was moved to a small two-room house just a few feet to the north of the Vestal Hotel."

"By 1946, Mrs. McNutt sold the shrunken system to Mr. and Mrs.

Happy A. Draves. They were given a deed for the switchboard and 27 phones with their connecting lines. There were a number of people who owned their own phones and lines out to the main lines, because they had refused to turn their phones over to Mrs. McNutt at the time she bought the system. There were about 80 subscribers, and the monthly charge for service was \$1.88. The day operator worked from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m. The night operator took care of the switchboard the other 14 hours of the day. Because she could sleep a part of each night, she was only paid for six hours. The beginning pay for an operator was 40 cents an hour. Besides the usual duties of an operator, those in Nucla received the fire alarms and blew the siren. They also gave the location of fires to all who called in. They also gave 'general' rings for emergency announcements, such as funerals, a break in the ditch, or other news of interest to many in the community that would normally be announced by a newspaper."

Mr. and Mrs. Happy Draves had themselves a phone company. Mr. Draves was a lineman for San Miguel Power Association and also the lineman for the Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company. He died in a vehicle accident, and Mrs. Thelma Draves kept the telephone company going, as well as cared for four young children. She later married Norman Tomlinson, and they grew the company even more. Today, the owners of the 76-year-old Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company are descendants of these hardworking visionaries of that long ago telephone era.

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to know that professionalism is something he takes very seriously. He said for anyone concerned that they might feel exposed or who are questioning the modesty of massage therapy, he said his clients are completely covered at all times.

He said he's really enjoyed

helping locals. Some people have come to see him that he didn't think would want regular massage, but they're finding out it can help them, and they can also work in conjunction with their chiropractor.

"I love the benefits and working closely with people," he said.

"Now it's not full-time, and it's more enjoyment helping people. They can experience the benefits of what it can do."

Womeldorf said he and his wife feel proud to live in Nucla.

"I call it the 'middle of everywhere,' and the 'middle of nowhere,'" he said.

OBITUARY

Jack Albert Skees*Jan. 14, 1927 – Feb. 23, 2023*

Jack was born on Jan. 14, 1927, in Nucla to Harriet “Hattie” Sadelia (Ross) and Martin Lorraine Skees. He spent his childhood in the Nucla area and graduated Nucla High School.

Jack entered the U.S. Army in April of 1945. He was honorably discharged in November of 1946. He returned home to Nucla and went to work for Peabody Coal Mine.

Jack married the love of his life, Leora May Johnson, on Nov. 10, 1948. The couple had three children: Linda, Suzanne and Randy.

Later, Jack and Leora bought their ranch in Nucla and raised cattle and Arabian horses.



Jack Albert Skees (Courtesy image)

Jack is survived by his two daughters, Linda Greager, of Casa Grande, Arizona, and

Suzanne Oliver, of Farmington, NM; daughter-in-law, Lorraine Skees, of Nucla; eight grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Jack is also survived by sister-in-law, Lela Skees, of Craig.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leora; his parents; and son, Randy; two brothers, Bob and Bill Skees; three sisters, Irene Zunich, Mildred Childers and Hazel Baker.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory. The public may view the internet obituary and sign the online guest registry at taylorfuneralservice.com.

OBITUARY

Fred Kirby Falk*Jan. 5, 1954 – March 17, 2023*

Fred Kirby Falk was born on Jan. 5, 1954, in Montrose, to Elmer and Fern Falk. Fred was raised in Norwood and graduated in 1972. He attended Denver Auto & Diesel School, finishing in 1974.

After working in the Denver area for a few years, Fred then became employed with Halliburton where he worked as a diesel mechanic in the Arabic countries. Fred then returned to Norwood in 1978 to start Falk Drilling Co. in partnership with his brother Le. After that, Fred worked as a shop mechanic for San Miguel County for more than 30 years before retiring for health reasons.

Fred enjoyed hunting, camping, working on guns, but most



Fred Kirby Falk (Courtesy image)

of all spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He passed away unexpectedly on March 17. He is preceded in death by his wife, Bobbi; grandson, Jeremiah Rock; and father, Elmer Falk.

Fred is survived by his children, Chad (Malisha) Reed, Chance Reed, Chris (Lilia) Falk and Chelsie (Gabe) Falk; brothers, David (Lancy) Falk and Le (Shelah) Falk; sister, Karen Falk; sister-in-law, Shelli Painter; and mother, Fern Falk. Fred was blessed with five grandchildren, Jazlyn, Trey, Emery, Gunner and Garrett.

There will be a memorial dinner for Fred and Bobbi Falk on April 1 at 1 p.m. at the Norwood Community Center.

NHS track season*Cont. from Pg. 1*

a relay race for not exchanging the baton in the appropriate zone. Bray said it was a learning experience for all, and the runners won't make that mistake again.

When coach explained to the referee that her track kids have a learning curve, since they don't have a track to practice on, the ref assumed that was because the Nucla track was snowed under.

“I had to tell them, no, we don't even have a track,” she said. “But our kids can still be competitive, even without that advantage.”

Track season runs throughout the spring, with the state meet happening May 18-20. Bray said her team will be headed to Denver on the last day of school. She said she can say that with confidence, considering Sutherland “dominates in hurdles” and her own daughter “knows what she needs to do.”

Coach, herself, was a state qualifier all four years in high school, even her freshmen year at a 5A school in Pueblo, before moving back to Norwood. She only

attended state once due to conflicting dates and life circumstances, but the sport of track seems to be in her blood.

Bray is assisted in coaching this year by Nancy Booth, the NHS librarian. She's also supported by Sherri Carr for throwing, specifically shot put and discus. Carr will be coaching Norwood Middle School too, so her time in Nucla might be limited.

Bray looks forward to what this season holds, despite the challenges her kids face.

“This sport in this town is extremely difficult,” she said. “We don't even have a track and don't have a long-jump pit because it's covered with construction ... It's that much harder, but our kids do perform well, so shout out to them.”

Competing this year for the Mustangs are Steele Arnold, Amber Bockrath, Keiran Bray, Marilee Gallagher, Claire Jacobs, Drake Long, Kendra McCluer, David Quigley, Cadence Shaw, Kiele Shepherdson, Lisa Sutherland and Viviana Zunich.

Support for Redvale*Cont. from Pg. 1*

be missing “Gramma D” this year, along with any pie Betty Greager would be bringing (Betty is living out of town), she's hoping people turn out and help raise money.

She agreed that in a remote area and in rural communities, the event is something to do and a reason for people to get out. While many of the Navajo taco nights in the West End are drive-through, this event is a sit-down dinner.

“It's something to do, something different, and good fellowship with community members,” Shirley said.

Kerr said any and all donations were good, since that's what the old building needs. She said further building upgrades will be done when the board can manage them. Other future fundraisers could happen.

“This one, they just did it,” she said. “I'm glad. When you're 77, it's a little too old to be doing some of this.”

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RECIPE

Country-style green beans bring comfortBy REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

It may be spring, but rains and chilly temperatures have me longing for comfort food. My family never really had fresh green beans with meals. Mostly, we ate canned green beans. When my grandmother farmed, she put up beans for the winter that she stored in a canning cellar under the house.

Of course, she put up freezer corn and other things too that we enjoyed all year.

Through the winter and chilly spring, we frequently had green beans with mashed potatoes and a roast. To this day, I prefer canned green beans, because it reminds me of my childhood. I've tried many times to make them like my mother and grandmother did, but I've found substituting anything doesn't really satisfy my craving for the old days.

My grandmother passed away in 2021. Before that, it had been

Country-style green beans**Ingredients**

2 cans Del Monte whole green beans (not cut or French-style)
Salt, pepper
2 pats of butter
Olive oil to drizzle
Raw onion very thinly sliced and long in length
Good bacon — from the butcher is even better

Directions

Cook the bacon first. We cut it up with kitchen scissors first. Open the cans of beans and pour the water off. Place in skillet with salt and pepper to taste, along with the 2 pats of butter. Drizzle olive oil over top. Add the bacon pieces and the long, thin strips of onion. Cook for just five to 10 minutes. Serve with roast and potatoes, or ham this spring paired with sweet potatoes.

a while since she'd grown beans.

My mother says the Del Monte brand is the only one that really measures up. I think she's right, because when I've used some new, organic version, it's not the same. (I do try to eat organic food, but in this case, the Del Monte beans are actually needed

to perfect the recipe.)

I used to think my mother and grandmother simmered these beans all afternoon, but they didn't. In fact, they're ready in five to 10 minutes. Mother and I both agree using really good bacon does make these green beans more savory.

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True North Youth Program sets up a booth at the spring carnival at Nucla Middle/High School on March 17. See more photos on Page 5. (Courtesy images)

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Snyder Ranches

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“We can control the water better,” he added. “We have much more control over the water now.”

The water work, which was completed in 2019 is something ranching operations have to do to sustain livestock and their environments. Steve Snyder agreed the industry seems to get more complicated every year. Still, for him he said it’s “a good, clean way of life.” He said his family, like other family ranches across the U.S., is dedicated to feeding people.

“That’s what family ranches like to do,” he said. “If we can stay in business and continue do it.”

The Shavano Conservation Dis-

trict is governed by a volunteer board, made up of seven individuals, who are “forward-looking agricultural producers and conservation-minded leaders.” The board, elected by the public, is dedicated to serving the community by providing “expertise, funding, and education to protect and conserve natural resources in the present and in the future.”

The Shavano Conservation District encompasses more than 2.5 million acres in the counties of Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison and Delta.

Lamers told Forum that in the past, Norwood also had its own conservation district. At some point though, the boards had merged.

Nucla Middle/High School events calendar

- April 15:**.....prom
- April 20:**.....“Much Ado Out West” play
- April 25:**.....spring concert
- May 4:**.....Ag Day
- May 9:**.....middle school awards banquet
- May 10:**.....high school awards banquet
- May 11:**.....senior tea
- May 11:**.....baccalaureate
- May 14:**.....graduation
- May 16:**.....8th grade speeches



Students and community members come together for photos, food, facepainting and more. (Courtesy images)

POLITICS

Rep. Catlin's higher ed crisis, suicide prevention bill is now law

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin moved HB23-1007, Higher Education Crisis and Suicide Prevention Bill, into law. The bill was signed by Governor Jared Polis on March 17. The law requires schools of higher education to print the Colorado and National Crisis and Suicide Prevention contact information on the back of student identification cards. The law does not require a state expense. The bi-partisan bill received 97 percent approval from all state legislators.

The prime sponsors in the Colorado House of Representatives were Judy Amabile (D-HD49) of Boulder County and Catlin (R-HD58) of Montrose County. The prime sponsor in the Colorado Senate were Dylan Roberts (D-SD8) of Eagle County and Byron Pelton (R-SD1) of Logan County.

"I am concerned at the increase of suicides in our teenagers and young adults, especially on the Western Slope," Catlin said. "By printing the suicide hotline numbers on student ID cards, we are giving young Coloradans an invitation to ask for help. All across Colorado, suicide and mental health are on the minds of our residents. This

law will elevate awareness of the help that is available to our students."

Rep. Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel. Rep.

Catlin vice chairs the Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources Committee, is a member of the Capital Development Committee and ranking member of the Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee.



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WEST END MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BLOTTER

3/12/2023
0013 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1000 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a 911.
0301 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 58 near Naturita for a welfare check.
0808 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29400 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for a suspicious person.
0841 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview on Highway 141 mm 58 near Naturita.
0926 Hours - Randy Roedel, 38, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 58 near Naturita and cited for driving without a valid driver's license, expired plates, and driving a defective vehicle.
1104 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.
1350 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Maple Street in Naturita for a civil matter.
1409 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Sunny Circle in Naturita for a medical assist.

1414 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Main Street in Naturita for a medical assist.
1937 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a medical assist.
2103 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 70 near Naturita for a traffic hazard.
2135 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35300 block of II Road near Redvale for a medical assist.

1 warrant attempt
3/13/2023
1048 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28000 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for a medical assist.

1444 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 141 and FF31 Road near Naturita for a report of trespassing.
1530 Hours - Trista Walker, 24, was arrested on Highway 97 mm 1 near Naturita on four outstanding warrants.

1628 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for an animal problem.
2036 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 36400 block of 3700 Road near Redvale for a protection order violation. Travis Sutherland, 41, was later arrested for possession of a weapon by a previous offender, protection order violation, and child abuse.
3/14/2023

1447 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a medical assist.
1641 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 97 mm 3 near Nucla for a traffic complaint.
1739 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita for a traffic complaint.
1 VIN inspection
1 follow-up report
1 school zone in Naturita
1 directed patrol in Nucla

3/15/2023
1024 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 36400 block of 3700 Road near Redvale for a disturbance. Vanessa Sutherland, 65, was arrested for third-degree assault and first-degree criminal trespass.
1206 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Adams Street in Naturita for an unwanted person.
1318 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of

Adams Street in Naturita for a theft report.
2025 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31200 block of DD20 Road near Naturita for a medical assist.
2045 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita for a 911.
2135 Hours - The Montrose County Sheriff's Posse was dispatched to the 31200 block of DD Road near Naturita for an agency assist.
1 VIN inspection
1 school zone in Naturita
1 directed patrol in Nucla
8 civil processes attempted/served

3/16/2023
0309 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a 911.
0800 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a 911.
1301 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29100 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for an

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Bambi Scheetz

Please join us on March 26 for a celebration of life for Bambi Scheetz at 3 p.m. behind the Cowboy Church in Nucla. Refreshments will be served.

Bambi Scheetz passed away on Dec. 17, 2022. She will be greatly missed. Bambi is survived by her husband, Paul Scheetz, and neice, Chrissy. Preceding her in death was her mother, Mary Cook; her daughter, Candace; and her sister, Linda Sheak.

A burial for Bambi will be at a later date at the Veterans Memorial National Cemetery in Grand Junction.

Delta Sales Yard Market Report March 16, 2023

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600-700# STEERS	1.70-2.05	600-700# HEIFERS	1.65-1.85
700-800# STEERS	1.75-1.96	700-800# HEIFERS	1.60-1.70
800-900# STEERS	1.62-1.75	800-900# HEIFERS	1.55-1.68
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Gateway Merry Mixer 4-H Club 25th Annual Cowboy Poetry Night

When: March 25, 2023

Where: Gateway Community Building Gateway, CO

Time: Food @ 5:00 PM / Entertainment @ 6:00 PM

Cost: \$7.00 Per-Person / Under 12yo Free

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For more information please call: Linda Moores (970) 931-2803

WEST END MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BLOTTER

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animal problem.
1 school zone in Naturita
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in Naturita

1 civil processes attempted/
served

3/17/2023

0009 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a 911.
0757 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint. Mignon Chadd, 41, was cited for careless driving.

1200 Hours - Darell Binder, 64, was contacted in the 27700 block of BB Road near Nucla

and issued a warning for speeding.

1221 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30000 block of FF31 Road near Naturita for a harassment report.

1508 Hours - Kyle McAndrew, 36, was contacted in the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita and cited for careless driving.

1 directed patrol in Naturita
3/18/2023

0753 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a 911.

0909 Hours - Deputy conducted a motorist assist in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1403 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a disturbance. Howard Chadd, 58, was arrested for harassment and felony menacing.

2144 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 26000 block of 2650 Road near Nucla for a traffic complaint.

2 directed patrols in Naturita
3/19/2023

0914 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

1552 Hours - Deputy relayed a message in the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita.

1 directed patrol in County
2 civil processes attempted/
served

3/20/2023

1050 Hours - Deputy conducted an agency assist on Highway 141 mm 46 near Naturita.

1335 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance. Robert Taylor, 61, was arrested for driving under the influence and prohibited use of a weapon.

1 school zone in Nucla
1 school zone in Naturita
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in Naturita

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PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF NATURITA ORDINANCE 274 & 287
MARCH 28, 2023 * 6:00 PM

March 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Naturita Community Center 411 W 2nd. For Ordinance 274-Revising Portions of ordinance 285 for raising Municipal Marijuana Sales Tax from 2% to 5%. Effective May 1, 2023

For Ordinance 287 Title VII-1-6 Sewer charges, repealing Ordinance 262 in its entirety for Water & Waste Water enterprise rates. With water rates staying the same and increase of waste water rates effective April 1, 2023. Both ordinances adopted on March 14, 2023, for hearing on March 28, 2023.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

TOWN OF NUCLA, COLORADO
ORDINANCE 2023-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF NUCLA, COLORADO REQUIRING WATER USERS TO REPAIR LEAKS IN A TIMELY MANNER

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

District Court, Montrose County, Colorado 1200 N. Grand Avenue Montrose, CO 81401	
In the Matter of the Determination of Heirs or Devisees or Both and of Interests in Property of:	
DOROTHY E. COLOMBO, aka DOROTHY ELAINE COLOMBO and DOROTHY COLOMBO, and ELMER H. COLOMBO, aka ELMER HENRY COLOMBO and ELMER COLOMBO,	
Deceased	COURT USE ONLY
	Case Number: 2023PR30031
NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION	

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNER BY INHERITANCE PURSUANT TO §15-12-1303, C.R.S. who may claim an interest in the property described below.

A Petition has been filed alleging that the above-named Decedents died leaving the following oil, gas, and mineral rights in and to the following described real properties: S½NW¼, NE½SW¼, N¼W½SW¼NE¼ OF SECTION 28; SE½NE¼ AND SOUTH 10 ACRES OF THE NW¼NE¼ OF SECTION 29; ALL IN TOWNSHIP 48 NORTH, RANGE 19 WEST, NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF MONTROSE, STATE OF COLORADO.

The hearing on the Petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
Date: May 4, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm
Duration: 30 minutes
Location: Montrose County Justice Center, 1200 N. Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81401

Dated March 13, 2023.

By: /s/ Sara Bachman, #50363
Attorney for Petitioners
Bachman Law, LLC
PO Box 158
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970-865-2440

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

District Court, Montrose County, Colorado 1200 N. Grand Avenue Montrose, CO 81401	
In the Matter of the Determination of Heirs or Devisees or Both and of Interests in Property of:	
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Deceased	COURT USE ONLY
	Case Number: 2023PR30032
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A Petition has been filed alleging that the above-named Decedent died leaving the following real property: N½SE¼NE¼, SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 48 NORTH, RANGE 19 WEST, NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF MONTROSE, STATE OF COLORADO.

Oil, gas, and mineral interests in and to: E½ NE¼ AND N½ SE¼ SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 47 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF MONTROSE, STATE OF COLORADO.

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