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# Fire department holds community meeting

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

he Nucla-Naturita Fire Department, which now includes Paradox Valley too, is on a mission. Now, leaders of the department want to strengthen the organization's relationship with the community, build trust and also demonstrate transparency.

Lance Hood, who is the department's lieutenant, and who serves as a training officer and the wildland fire coordinator, told the Forum last week there's an important meeting April 15. That meeting, held at the Nucla Fire Hall from 2 to 5 p.m., is for the community. Hood wants people to show up and for real conversations to take place.

Hood said he thinks people in the West End mostly support the Nucla-Naturita Fire Department. Still, there is a reputation from years ago that may be lingering in the minds of the public. Because of things that happened in the past, Hood said there might be trust issues with the public. His goal is to dispel myths that aren't true and earn the community's trust.

Hood said it's no secret that a keg used to be in the fire hall. He said it was common knowledge. Yet, Hood said that is a thing of the past. The fire department does not anymore, and has not in some time, had a keg in the fire hall.

"This is not the same department from years ago," he said last week. "We are professional, we want to be proficient, and that's the reason for this meeting."

Hood said the old reputation may be limiting the department, specifically affecting recruitment. He'd like to see younger people interested in serving as a volunteer firefighter step up, receive trainings and be a part of the department.

Additionally, Hood is ready to answer questions about day-to-day operations, tax dollars and give tours. He wants transparency.

Currently, there are 19 members of the department, with two being junior members (teens). A few of the members have served for more than 20 years.

Hood said all fire training is done in-house. While the department mostly focuses on structural fires, there are wildland trainings. Members can get a "red card" and be nationally certified for wildland firefighting. Additionally, anyone beginning as a volunteer in the West End has the ability to complete their Firefighter 1 certification and work as a paid staff member for a bigger

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**WEST END** 

## Community mourns musician C.R. Dobbs' passing

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

est End communities are mourning the passing of local musician C.R. Dobbs, who passed April 5 in an accident on Norwood Hill. The singer-songwriter was a beloved entertainer in the local area. A regular performer at the Motherlode on Highway 141, he'd recorded some of his own music and was the subject of an upcoming West End podcast.

Last Friday night, to give people a space to grieve, Brock Benson opened up Paradox Cycle with a sound system, and the Motherlode also opened its doors, too. Dobbs' style of music filled the air. The late musician, who focused on guitar, played rock and roll and country, including many songs from the 1990s.

Benson, for whom the death was painful, said the community always rallied behind Dobbs.

Alex Case found a friend in Dobbs, who was actually a former classmate.

"One day I bumped into C.R. when times were rough," he said. "He heard me out, and he got me into to working at Redd's Ranches, clearing fields for irrigation with him. I was beyond thankful for the work."

Case and Dobbs worked for months clearing, irrigating, working cattle and literally "moving



C.R. Dobbs was a beloved local musician. (Courtesy image)

mountains of boulders daily." Through the Paradox Valley heat and the occasional flash flood, Case endured more hardship. But, Dobbs made sure he was alive after an accident when a pressurized irrigation bell hit him in the face.

"His concern — my brother, my friend — was there, and he helped me up again," Case said. "My jaw was three times its size. He checked in on me while I mended for a few days, and then I was back to work

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#### **EDUCATION**

## McCabe inducted into NHS April 26

By MALISHA REED, Nucla High School

Representatives from Nucla High School are proud to announce that later this month senior Rylie McCabe will be inducted into Nucla's National Honor Society. The National Honor Society organization was founded in 1921 in the U.S. by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). It was the first nationwide organization of its kind.

NHS is the leader among organizations and societies that promote appropriate recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in four areas: scholarship, character, leadership and service. Far from being simply a reward for high academic achievement, the National Honor Society is a functioning, active group whose

members seek to be outstanding leaders and role models for their school's community. The organization also promotes the ideals of scholarship, leadership,

character and service among all students.

Representatives of Nucla High School said selection for membership into National Honor Society is truly the highest honor a student can receive while in high school. College admissions officers often look for National Honor Society on a resume, since

it's a valid indicator that the applicant will succeed at the college level of post-secondary education.

The George G. Wilson Chapter of the National Honor Society

was named in memory of former Colorado State Senator George G. Wilson. Sen. Wilson was a member of the first graduating class of

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Nucla High School and a graduate of the University of Colorado. Nucla's chapter was named for him because of his contributions to education and the communities he represented. Sen. Wilson was also the founding member of the board of directors for San Miguel Power Association, where he served as the secretary and treasurer until his

death in 1957. Additionally, he was instrumental in the founding of the first chamber of commerce for Nucla, Naturita and also Norwood.

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### It's Dark Sky Week, bird migration time

By DEB STUEBER,
West End Dark Sky Alliance

pril 15-22 is Dark Sky Week, and Dark Sky Colorado has teamed up with Audubon of the Rockies and Denver Audubon Society to encourage everyone to "dim the lights for birds at night."

This is because most birds migrate at night using the moon and stars to navigate. Birds, mammals and insects that hunt or navigate at night wander off course toward artificial light and get separated from their respective flocks. Artificial light at night (ALAN) causes migrating birds to become disoriented and confused. This weakens bodies and immune systems, and they become unable to navigate and have enough energy to make it to their summer destinations. Many die.

Bird populations in North America have declined by more than 29 percent, that's 3 billion birds, since 1970. Swarming insects have decreased by 75 percent in the last 25 years

The West End Dark Sky Association asks all to be kind to birds and celebrate Dark Sky Week by making a pledge to turn off outdoor lights at dark. Bright indoor lights can also cause harm, so it's recommended to pull curtains, too.

Peak bird migration through Colorado happens during April and May, but it is a good idea to get in the practice of turning off outdoor lights at night all year round. Nocturnal mammals and insects are also adversely affected by ALAN.

For bird migration forecasts, the community may visit the following sites: aeroecolab.com/Colorado, or birdcast.info/migration-tools/live-migration-maps/.

But there's more to turning off ALAN.

"For those of you interested about crime and safety at night, studies show that while night-time lighting may make us feel safer at night, research has shown that it does not deter crime," WEDSA representatives said.

As far back as 1977, the U.S. Department of Justice's study of street lighting and crime showed no significant evidence that street lighting impacts the level of crime. In fact, all it does is decrease the fear of crime. And, crime and improper lighting are correlated. Improper lighting may compromise the very goals for which the lighting was designed. Cities are brighter, but crime has never been higher. Additionally,

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**WEST END** 

## Pinhead offers NASA class beginning this week

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Pinhead Institute, of Telluride and a Smithsonian Affiliate, is offering a "NASA Universe of Learning" class at the Naturita Public Library for kids beginning this week. The class is a six-week series designed for kids in third to seventh grades, though even those in eighth grade are welcome to attend, and siblings who are a bit younger may come along too — if they're interested.

Held on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m., the class runs April 13 through May 18. It's free for the kids, and some snacks will be provided.

Sarah Holbrooke, director of the Pinhead Institute for the last nine years, is thrilled to bring the NASA class to the West End. She said it goes along with being a Smithsonian Affiliate. The Smithsonian actually reached out to Pinhead about offering it, and Holbrooke wanted to see the class held in Naturita specifically.

"I have loved bringing these program to communities like this, where you can see the night sky," she said. "When NASA offered, we said 'yes.""

It's not the first kind of program like this that Pinhead has offered in the West End. Years ago, Holbrooke recalls bringing laptops and telescopes out, and kids capturing images of the "colorful cosmos" that West End students then colorized with filters. Holbrooke said it was "beautiful."

Now she's ready to get started

again with really deep questions for kids beginning this week. For example, how does the universe work? Are we alone? What is an "exoplanet"? How would we find one? What kinds of planets can sustain life? What would it take to establish housing there, or even an economy?

Basically the series will cover the history of the universe and the life and death of stars. The kids will be looking outside of this solar system and diving into the cosmic mysteries. Kids should plan to bring their curiosity and get ready to inquire about other planets they may not be aware of. Physics and phenomena are part of the curriculum. Holbrooke said any kid with an interest in outer space would be interested.

"It's about curiosity," Holbrooke said.

Those who'd like to attend are asked to sign up in advance, though nobody will be turned away at the door. Already some West End kids have enrolled.

Kids are still welcome to come, even if they cannot attend all of the sessions. Still, they'll get the most out of the series if they can be present for all. Holbrooke said she really wants the youth to get the depth and breadth of all the NASA content.

"Make what you can," she said, "but we'd love to see them see it through."

To sign up, families should contact the office at the school or call the Naturita Public Library. With questions, families may email info@pinheadinstitute.org or call the library at 970-787-2270.

## Mourning C.R. Dobbs

Cont. from Pg. 1 again, and we continued doing all we were asked."

Case said he spent the last few years with Dobbs, getting to know "all he went through in life and all he was going through again."

Dobbs was and had been enduring many personal health problems, due to kidney disease.

"I know I will never have a stronger friend, a more generous friend," Case said. "He is my brother ... it's the same for so many others who called him their friend, because he was a damned good person with talent unmatched."

Richard Linnet, owner of the Motherlode, said Dobbs was a gifted storyteller and a great songwriter.

"He had a way of growling and hissing through songs of hard times and broken love that was totally authentic and stirring," he said. "He could shift easily to a soft and sentimental ballad with a sweet lamenting voice. He put all his heart and soul into his music."

Linnet first met Dobbs when he moved to Naturita in 2007, shooting a documentary about the proposed Piñon Ridge Uranium mill in Paradox Valley.

"I was spending way too much time at the down and dirty 141 Saloon," he said. "C.R. played pool in the saloon tournaments and performed music around town. We became fast friends. I asked him to write and record songs for the documentary."

Dobbs, who had had worked in mines, wanted to sing songs of hope about the mill opening and creating much needed jobs in town

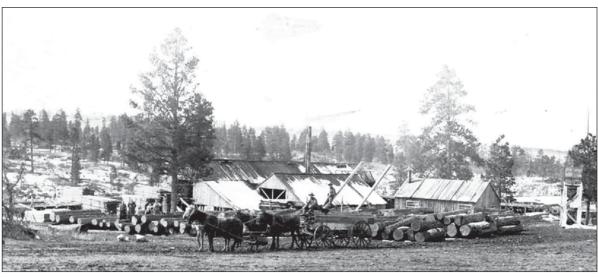
"Sadly, the songs never got written, the mill never opened and the film never got finished," Linnet said. "It was a story without an ending. But when I opened the Motherlode bar in 2021, C.R. was the first person I asked to perform there. Like Mr. Bojangles, he played for drinks and tips, always refusing payment, although I could talk him into taking cash when his audience didn't show, which was rare."

Linnet said the pool tournaments were always crowded and noisy, but Dobb's voice and guitar soared above the ruckus.

"He had die-hard followers who showed up at the Mother-lode just for him," Linnet said. "I was one of them. That's how I'll always remember C.R., alone on stage, belting his heart out, telling powerful stories of sadness, love and hope."

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society The Vestal House

By JANE THOMPSON, Rimrocker Historical Society



This photos shows the old Colorado Cooperative Company Sawmill c. 1900. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

s I said last week, there were many different names that we could have given to the Vestal House when the Rimrockers purchased it, but historically that seemed like the best choice at the time. The story was that Mr. Vestal had built the house, but others said a Mr. Cooper built the house. The Rimrockers had nothing in any of our historical files that told anything about Mr. Cooper building that house — or even living in the house — but there was information about the Vestals living there. Therein lies where the historical accuracy got twisted a bit. To start off this story, I am going to tell you about the early colonists of the Colorado Cooperative Company, the Vestals and the Coopers. All I know about these families from that time was what was written about them in the newspapers.

Lincoln Vestal came from Grand Island and Omaha, Nebraska with his wife Amy Kling Vestal by way of Iowa. Lincoln and Amy met as youngsters and after they married in 1883, they farmed on a few rented farms in Iowa and in Nebraska until they settled in Grand Island for a time where Lincoln worked for the railroad. They built a beautiful farmhouse and bought other property, which they were able to sell at a later date for quite a bit of money. They eventually did sell their home and moved to Omaha to open a butcher shop.

In March of 1898, Mr. Vestal visited Pinon, filed on 160 acres and left his application to become a member of the Cooperative Company. His application was approved by the board of directors in April of

1898 along with his friends, Theodore and Markus Fredericks.

About the same time, three brothers from Pueblo came to check out the Colorado Cooperative Company at Pinon to see what all of the fuss was about. They had been meeting with several other families from Pueblo who had already joined the cooperative and were enthusiastic about the efforts. These three brothers were James Cooper, John Cooper and C. O. Cooper, the C. standing for Cornelius, who was also known as Con Cooper. All three brothers had wives, with John and James being married to sisters. There is not a lot of newspaper information on the brothers before they moved to Pueblo, but the sisters were from Michigan and the Cooper brothers were as well.

Their names all begin to show up in the colony newspaper, The Altrurian, in 1898, although John's name showed up in August of 1896 as "one of six new members who have joined the Company thus far in August."

I'm not sure when James was accepted into the Company, but in May of 1898, "he returned from a tour of the Tabeguache park lands and announced himself well pleased with the appearances." In June his family joined him. C. O. Cooper submitted his application in June of 1898 and was accepted along with four others. It seems that James and his family stayed at that point, and he became a major force in the Company. He worked at the sawmill, and in one article he is described as "the foreman." C. O. and John went back and forth to their families in Pueblo and didn't move to Pinon right away.

In August of 1898, James became very ill, and John showed up in Pinon unexpectedly and "has been putting in the week constructing a dwelling house for his brother James. Some of the boys say it will hold its own with any house in the colony." It wasn't until October that James was out working again, hauling logs.

The Vestals arrived in Pinon in November of 1900 from Omaha. Lincoln and Amy brought with them their two little girls, Viva, born in February 1889, and Leah, born in July 1891. These little girls, aged 11 and 9, would spend their growing up years as part of the colony, as would most of the children of the Cooper brothers.

In 1899 James Cooper was elected to the Company Board of Directors and was voted in as the secretary. James moved his family from the sawmill to Pinon. It appears that C. O. either went to work at the sawmill or started his own. The Telluride Journal in December 1899 says, "C. O. Cooper's sawmill has closed down for the winter. Scarcity of water is the reason. Mr. Cooper has put out some of the finest lumber ever produced in this vicinity." In 1900 Mr. Vestal was elected to the board of directors and was working at the sawmill. The lives of these families were intertwined. They obviously knew each other, were neighbors, and the men worked side by side to build the ditch and all that it entailed to make the Company a success.

Next week the Coopers and Vestals become even more important members of the Colorado Cooperative Company ...

#### Correction

Last week's edition of the San Miguel Basin Forum said in the story "TTR preps for gymkhana series" that riders need not own a horse to compete. Still, it should be made clear that Tabeguache Trail Riders, as a club, does not provide horses. If someone wishing to compete knows of someone that they can barrow a horse from, that is perfectly fine; however, TTR will not have horses available.

Also, membership does not cover an entire family — only the ones who live in the same household; so it's per household, not per family.



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**OBITUARY** 

## Charles Roy "C.R." Dobbs

Aug. 17, 1981 - April 5, 2023

harles Roy "C.R." Dobbs was born Aug. 17, 1981, in Cortez, Colorado to Zanna G. Dobbs (Davis) and Gary J. Dobbs. He died April 5.

Dobbs is survived by both parents and his siblings: Racinda Dobbs, Lee Dobbs, Raymond Dobbs, Kalyn Dornan, Thomas Dobbs and Jonathan Dobbs. He is also survived by his grandmother, Evelyn Dobbs, and nieces, nephews and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

C.R. was a musician from a very early age. He first sang in public at

church when he was 5. He had an associate's degree in musical performance from Minot University, which he attended after graduating Nucla High School.

He played many instruments, but his first and favorite was the guitar. His least favorite was the piano. He also played trumpet, baritone, tuba, bass guitar, drums and mandolin.

He was a survivor. He had a kidney disease and had received a transplant, which after almost 10 years failed. He was in the process of getting back on the transplant list. To really know C.R. you had to see him perform. Playing and singing made him light up. He wrote songs, as well.

The other things that he was known for were his love of his family — by blood or choice — and his big dogs. C.R. was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed being in the outdoors, even if it were just to burn a hot dog. He was an amazing cook, some of which was learned while he was a teenager. He worked at the O.A. Greager Scout Camp for three years after attending a couple of years.

#### **POLITICS**

## Rep. Catlin's fiscal rule for charitable food grants bill is a law

#### SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

new law for Colorado will help with food security from farm to table, according to State Representative Marc Catlin. At the close of the March calendar, Catlin helped shepherd HB23-1087 into law: The Fiscal Rule Advance Payment Charitable Food Grants bill, which was signed by Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera.

The law allows for charities to use state grant money to purchase, in advance, state agricultural products. The law does not require a state expense. The bi-partisan bill received 96 percent approval from all state legislators.

"It is not often that we find policy where citizens, industry, and government can all agree that something is a good idea," Rep. Catlin said. "The Fiscal Rule Law allows for food pantries to create contracts with farmers before the farmer plants crops. This rule change will help our communities improve food security and help our farmers stabilize their markets. It is great to see the state legislature and the governor agree, as well."

The prime sponsors in the Colorado House of Representatives were Barbara McLachlan (D-HD59) of La Plata County and Catlin



Senator Marc Catlin sponsors HB23-1087. (Courtesy image)

(R-HD58) of Montrose County. The prime sponsor in the Colorado Senate were Dylan Roberts (D-SD8) of Eagle County and Perry Will (R-SD5) of Garfield County.

Rep. Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel. He is vice chair of the Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources Committee, a member of the Capital Development Committee, and ranking member of the Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee.

## Dark Sky Week

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most crimes take place during the day. At the same time, dead bolts work better than leaving lights on. Security cameras can't always identify burglars because of glare, and criminals need light, too.

Aging eyes also need better lighting. Lighting should be uniform with adequate contrast, and aging eyes are more sensitive to glare. Aging eyes respond better with reduced light clutter and confusion. As we age, we need a more natural day/night cycle.

Unfortunately, with the advent of LED lighting, the naturally dark night is being drowned in artificial light. LED lights are cheaper but brighter.

"We are losing our night by 270 percent in the last 25 years," WEDSA representatives said. "Light contamination is a huge problem."

It has been shown that people like and would rather live in an attractive night-time environment. Good night-time lighting can support better real estate value.

Lighting doesn't just affect the way a space looks, it also affects how it feels. Light has biological and psychological effects on people's health and wellbeing. Fitness centers know this. Lighting that respects the dark can be beautiful, healthy and functional.

In light of this, WEDSA wishes all a happy Dark Sky Week.

"Dim the lights for birds at night," representatives said. "Remember, when you look up at the stars, you are a unique part of the universe, too."

## Fire department

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department someday in a place like Delta or Grand Junction.

Hood hopes people come to Saturday's meeting and ask their questions. He wants to strengthen the tie between the fire department and the people. He's posted flyers around town, talked to people in the West End to let them know, and also has shared on social media.

"I am hoping people show up to

the meeting," Hood said. "We are ready to answer questions."

Currently on the fire board are Dick Starks, John Reams, Chris and Jerry Quigley and Paula Riley.

In the past, the Nucla-Naturita Fire Department combined and had been so for a long time. In recent years, the department also absorbed Paradox Valley's department, too. Now the district includes all three communities.

## Rylie McCabe

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McCabe's induction ceremony will take place April 26 in the school's library. The event is private and invitation only. McCabe's postsecondary plan is to attend Adam's State College on a wrestling scholarship to study business.

In other school news, the Nucla High School student council hosted its annual spring carnival where families and community members came to enjoy themselves by playing games and indulging in some "authentic carnival food."

"They just finished up the spring carnival, which is one of the major events they organize, the first being homecoming in the fall," school administration said.

"The spring carnival has been a great fundraiser for all of the high school classes and clubs, while also providing a fun family event for the community."

The school's student council organization is made up of the class presidents from grades 9-12 and any other students who want to volunteer. This year there are 13 members.

"The organization is meant to be a liaison between the students and the administration," school administration said. "In the past, they have worked through issues, such as extending the lunch period, and amending the dress code."

Currently, student council does not have any pressing student concerns they are working on.

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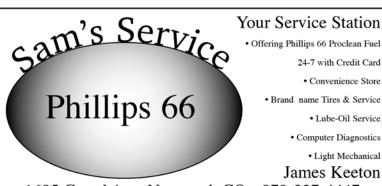
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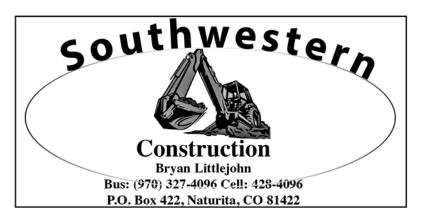
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1316 Hours - Bob Farmer, 53, was contacted in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for expired registration.

1438 Hours - Kindra Riley, 31, was contacted in the 700 block of Main Street in Nucla and issued a warning for failing to stop at a stop sign.

1610 Hours - Deputy responded to the 700 block of West Eleventh Avenue in Nucla for a parking prob-

1620 Hours - Deputy responded to the 1000 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a parking problem.

1655 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 47 for an agency

1 VIN inspection

1 directed patrol in Nucla

2 civil processes attempted/served 3/31/2023

0952 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist in the 1100 block of

Main Street in Nucla. 1515 Hours - Deputy was dispatched

to Y11 Road for a traffic hazard. 1943 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a citizen assist.

2 directed patrols in Nucla

2 directed patrols in Naturita

2 civil processes attempted/served

#### 4/1/2023

0922 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a disturbance. Charges are

0952 Hours - Howard Chadd, 58, was contacted in the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla and arrested for careless driving and disorderly conduct.

1113 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30700 block of DD30 Road near Nucla for littering.

1141 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla.

1238 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 90 and GG25 Road for a medical assist.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

#### 4/2/2023

0012 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Cascade Circle in Naturita for a disturbance.

0538 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

1413 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in

Naturita for a citizen assist. 1732 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 106

near Norwood for a suspicious per-1839 Hours - Deputy was dispatched

Highway 97 in Naturita for a traffic complaint. 2019 Hours - Deputy was dispatched

to the 36000 block of 3700 Road near Redvale for a welfare check.

2026 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

2112 Hours - Rudi Barbee, 60, was contacted on Highway 145 mm 115 near Redvale and issued a warning for failing to maintain a single lane of traffic.

#### 4/3/2023

1319 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 24200 block of Highway 90 near Naturita for a traffic hazard.

1527 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

1537 Hours - Deputy took a theft report in the 300 block of Main Street

1837 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a report of trespass-

2330 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a noise complaint.

1 school zone in Naturita

1 directed patrol in Nucla

2 directed patrols in Naturita 4/4/2023

#### 1441 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Main Street in

Naturita for an information report. 2344 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita for a medical assist.

1 VIN inspection

1 school zone in Naturita

#### 4/5/2023

1029 Hours - Anthony Vigil, 35, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 3 near Nucla and issued a warning for speeding.

1133 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28700 block of DD Road near Nucla for a welfare check.

1334 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for an information report.

1558 Hours - Charlene Barker, 47, was contacted at the intersection of DD Road and 3000 Road near Nucla and issued a warning for speeding.

1605 Hours - Jami Peters, 33, was contacted in the 500 block of Main Street in Nucla and cited for driving with suspended driver's license and no registration card in the vehicle.

2007 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Grape Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

2 VIN inspections

1 directed patrol in Nucla

1 directed patrol in Naturita

#### 4/6/2023

0958 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for suspicious activity.

1158 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 65 near Naturita for a welfare check.

1511 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Payson Street in Naturita for an animal problem.

1759 Hours - William Walker, 44, was arrested in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla on an outstand-

ing warrant. 2149 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 400 block of Park Drive in Naturita.

3 VIN inspections

1 follow-up report

1 school zone in Naturita

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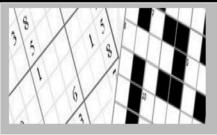
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- 16. Hajj destination 17. Inflated feeling
- 18. One in a quiver
- 19. \*Scooby-Doo's best friend
- 21. \*Stone Age Fred's best friend
- 23. Zip
- 24. Type of wave
- 25. "Mangia!"
- 28. Apple leftover
- 30. Unlike Pinocchio
- 35. Law school test acronym
- 37. Tiger's forte
- Jack Black's Libre
- 40. For kitchen counter 41. Jewish folklore creature
- 43. Singer Whitman of "Secret Love" fame
- 44. Formerly known as dropsy
- 46. Spanish Surrealist
- 47. Stay out of its way!
- 48. Make a remake
- 50. Shawm
- 52. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no \_\_\_
- 53. Like hard times
- 55. Tube in old TV, acr.
- 57. \*Jessica or Peter
- 60. \*Anthropomorphic squirrel's last name
- 63. Small and elegant
- 64. Mozart's "L'\_ \_ del Cairo"
- 66. Like a whistle?

Solution to Last Week's Crossword BONE

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68. Optical illusion brother creation (2 words)

loquially

70. Hint of color

71. "The Way We \_\_\_\_"

72. Farm pen

73. Skedaddle

#### **DOWN**

1. What hedonism and ecbatic idealism have in common

- 2. Rejections
- 3. Flatfoot's lack
- 4. Pie option
- 5. Calamitous
- 6. One of the Eagles
- 7. \*Pluto or Snoopy
- Acrobat maker
- 9. Rural building
- 10. Homesteader's
- purchase, sing.
- 11. Nabisco's "Chips !"
- 12. To use a Singer 15. Dairy industry
- missing person-seeking prop
- 20. Nordic gl, hwein 22. Ooh and
- 24. Troublemaker
- 25. \*Fudd's first name 26. Line to the audi-

ence 27. "It is silent," in

- sheet music 29. Living space
- 31. Don Johnson's Bridges
- 32. Plaudit and pomp
- 33. Bake an egg
- 34. \*One of the Pickles 36. Like a broken
- horse 38. \*Phineas' step-

57. Ready for picking 58. A bit cracked

42. Be a parasite 69. "Time," e.g., col- 45. Just about (2 59. Not the life of the words) party

49. Hula necklace 60. Same as cagey

51. Builds a tower, 61. Lotto variant

62. Palm starch 54. Very small par- 63. Gift topper ticles 65. \*Garfield or Tom

56. Opposite of 67. Butterfly catcher



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