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HEALTH CARE

MRH health fair is Aug. 26

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Montrose Regional Health is holding its popular health fair event on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 6:30 to 11 a.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Complete with reduced-rate blood draws and free screenings and consultations, the event is known for helping the community to connect with resources and information to improve their health.

For more than 30 years, the health fair has been an annual mainstay in Montrose. This year's event will feature multiple free screenings, including oral cancer screenings from 6:30 to 10:00 a.m., vision screenings from 6:30 to 11:00 a.m., and hearing screenings from 7 to 10:30 a.m.

Blood draws will be available throughout the morning, and those require a 12-hour fast beforehand. The following blood tests will be offered at the health fair: health screen (chemistry) and lipid panel, \$55; hemoglobin A1C, \$38; PSA for prostate health, \$42; complete blood count, \$25; vitamin D, \$45; vitamin B12, \$45; male testosterone, \$45; advanced lipid and heart health panel, \$85; HsCardioCRP, \$40; female testosterone, \$45; and also female hormone panel, \$125.

Participants are encouraged to talk with their health care provider to see which screenings are right for them. Insurances cannot be billed for the blood draws.

Cash, checks, credit, debit, HSA and FLEX cards are all accepted. Walk-ins are allowed, but pre-registering is encouraged for faster service. The public may visit MontroseHealth.com/HealthFair to register today.

Montrose Regional Health is the main sponsor of the event; co-sponsors include Alpine Bank, Avient, Mountain West Insurance and TEI Rock Drills. For more information about the health fair, the public may call 970-249-2211 or visit MontroseHealth.com/HealthFair.

Montrose Regional Health is a 501(c)3 nonprofit healthcare system serving Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison, Delta, Hinsdale and San Juan counties. The hospital is licensed for 75 beds and offers an extensive range of inpatient and outpatient health care services, including cardiology, oncology, minimally invasive surgery, laboratory, medical imaging and radiology. Care also includes Mountain View Therapy, a Level III trauma center, an acute rehabilitation unit, the spine and pain center, advanced respiratory and pulmonary services, and also the family birthing center.

The health system has a reputation for acquiring the latest technologies in healthcare, from robotic-assisted surgical services to UVC-disinfection technology. Montrose Regional Health is the second-largest employer in Montrose County, with more than 700 employees and 100 providers who represent 23 medical specialties.



Children gather for the movie night in Naturita Aug. 17. (Photo by Brock Benson)

COMMUNITY

Family movie night happens weekly in Naturita this summer

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

About one month ago, family movie night in Naturita began, and since then people have been coming together in the town park there to watch films like “ET,” “The Goonies,” “Pee-Wee’s Big Adventure,” “The Incredibles” and more. Organizer Brock Benson, of Paradox Cycle, said it’s about creat-

ing ways for people to gather in a healthy way, but also to utilize the great space that the town park has become, especially after community members like Sara Bachman and her team spent time and energy improving it.

Paradox Cycle is the official sponsor of family movie night, but other organizations are on board too, including the Town of Naturita, and representatives of Town and County Insurance, of Naturita, have also

said they’d like to participate.

On Thursdays an hour before closing, Paradox Cycle is offering some free bike services and discounted parts for West End families. At the end of the day on Thursdays, Benson is trying to make it affordable for locals, and to keep people on bikes and enjoying them. Afterward, all are invited to ride their bikes to the park for the Thursday

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FIRE

Lightning strikes keep local firefighters busy

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Lance Hood, volunteer firefighter with the Nucla-Naturita Fire Department that encompasses Paradox, is the wildland fire coordinator for the district. He confirmed with the San Miguel Basin Forum over the weekend that he and fellow firefighters are staying busy dealing with lightning strikes.

“Lately it’s been busy, and all of these storms are running in around noon,” Hood said. “The lightning has been leaving a few smokes here and there. We’ve been on quite a few.”

Hood’s career is focused on wildland firefighting. He’s a paid firefighter for the BLM, but he spends his free time with Nuc-

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Patrick Blair, of the BLM, works a lightning strike in 2020. Volunteers for Nucla-Naturita Fire Department are out a lot this season for lightning strikes. (Photo courtesy of the BLM)

NONPROFITS

Hoof & Paw sees influx of cats; they need homes now

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Hoof & Paw, the West End’s nonprofit dedicated to serving the stray animal population, saw an influx of felines when 16 cats were dropped off a week and a half ago in the middle of the night. When the morning volunteer reported for work on Aug. 12, the cats were found waiting in crates in front of the animal shelter.

Executive director, who is also an unpaid volunteer, Tonya Stephens told the San Miguel Basin Forum she’s disappointed with the way the animals were dropped off at the Hoof & Paw shelter. Still, she thinks she knows who did it, and she plans to warn them. She said she knows some people are desperate for help, but all must ask permission before dropping animals.

Still, the cats are at least friendly, she said.

Now, Hoof & Paw will speak to Animal Control of Montrose County, since they know there are probably other cats at the site where the new 16 cats just came from.

Hoof & Paw volunteers will work to get the cats spayed and neutered, so they don’t reproduce. They’ll work to find loving homes for them, too.

Stephens said a lack of resources is to blame. She knows it costs money to get barn cats, or feral cats, or stray cats fixed. But, it must be done.

Hoof & Paw is “bursting at the seams.” There are now 25 cats on site that need a family or a person to live with. There are also 10 dogs, too, though there are only six kennels for dogs at the shelter.

With the most recent cats, Stephens said the 16 are scared, but rather easy to pet. They’re not hissing or growling, and she knows they’ll make good companions for someone.

Now, though, the nonprofit will have to work on finding more pet food, more kitty litter and also volunteers. The animals at the shelter need more than their basic needs of survival met. They need human interaction, too, and back scratches, and to be held — and also the dogs must be walked.

There are 21 shifts available at the shelter. That’s three each day. Sometimes Stephens has done the majority of them herself, and she’s grateful for the volunteers that are showing up these days. It typically takes two people to get the work done.

Now, Hoof & Paw needs morning volunteers, and there are at

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AG TALK

An introduction

By KEIRAN BRAY

My name is Keiran Bray, and I love agriculture. I have lived on my family's ranch, Bray Ranches, since I was 2 years old. That's 15 years of growing a love for agriculture. Having said that, I have learned a lot in the time that I have been on the ranch. I have learned what matters most when it comes to taking care of cattle, and other animals, along with how to be a hard worker.

But through all that, one of the most important things that I have learned is that so many people do not understand the importance of ranchers and farmers. So many people don't understand why we do what we do.

For example, why we brand cattle and wean their babies. People think that's wrong and that it shouldn't be done. ... but that is actually an important part of ranching, and it doesn't hurt the calf.

As I got older I started to realize this more and more. I started to realize that these people don't understand the impact that we have on their lives. Just think about it, without us there would be no food in the grocery stores. No meat, no bread, no ice cream. Can you even imagine a world without ice cream?

As I started to get more involved in the advocacy part of agriculture, I noticed that the majority of voters are people that think what we do on farms and ranches is wrong,

and that it needs to be stopped. These are the same people that introduced us to Proposition 16, and the reintroduction of wolves in Colorado.

From their point of view, they are saving the animals and creating a better place for all to live. What they don't understand is that what they're doing is actually hurting the agricultural industry, making it worse for the animals. As much as I hate to admit it, it's not all their fault. As agriculturalists we should be educating these people, all people, on the importance of agriculture. Now I'm not saying that we aren't trying to educate the public; what I am saying is that we are not being loud enough for everyone to hear. The other side is louder than we are, so our viewpoint is not getting out for people to listen to. That's why there is so much conflict between farmers, ranchers and the public, because they just don't understand.

That's why I'm here. My goal for this column, Ag Talk, is to educate the public on the current events that are happening in the agricultural industry — whether that be the reintroduction of wolves into Colorado, or beef prices, or even subjects like why we need guard dogs in our herds. I want to teach people the importance of agriculture. That way, when they go to vote on bills related to agriculture, hopefully they will have a little more of an understanding of what is in front of them than before.

LETTER

Thank you to the community

Dear Editor and Community,

UMC's 2023 National Health Center Week was a huge success. We would love to send a big thank our community partners who attended — Lone Cone Library, Norwood EMS, Region 10, Tri-County Health Network and San Miguel Public Health — for their collaboration with this annual event. Thank you to the San Miguel Basin Forum for publish-

ing our flyer to help get the word out. Everyone's support and participation meant so very much to us. Our staff and families enjoyed playing games, eating food and talking about National Health Center Week with our community. It is our honor to host this event every August. We hope next year will be as perfect as this year was.

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History: Rimrocker Historical Society

Uravan in 1939

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

It's time again for the Uravan Reunion Picnic. It will be held at the Uravan Ballpark this coming Saturday, Aug. 26. Folks begin arriving around 11 a.m., and you can stay as long as you like. Lunch is served around noon and is \$15, offered by Holy Smokes again this year. Grab a chair and come on out and enjoy visiting with old friends.

I wanted to share a quick history of the town of Uravan with you this week. This is actually an article we have had in the museum for some time. It was written Aug. 25, 1939, for the Montrose Enterprise. It's an interesting historical perspective from the viewpoint of that year. My mother was 4 years old when the family moved there in 1939. They lived in two tents at the ballpark, which was called Tent Town at that time. My grandpa mined at the Joe Jr. Mine.

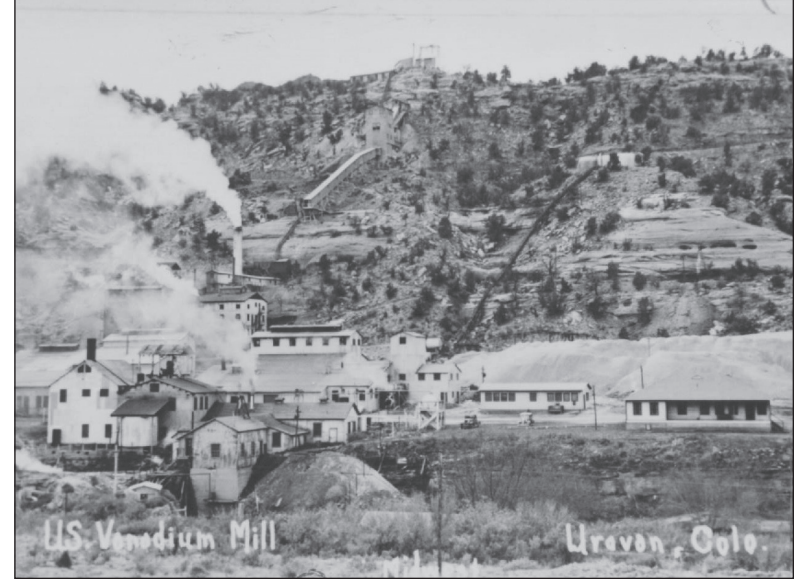
"Uravan is the site of mining, milling operations

Nestling in the San Miguel River canyon, where the sun sends down torrid rays in the summer months but evens up with welcome rays of warmth in the wintertime, nestles a town built by men who visioned a mining empire unique in its way to Colorado. It is the town of Uravan, site of mining and milling operations of the U.S. Vanadium Corporation.

Around Uravan is centered almost all of the mining activity in Montrose County. The town is located approximately 115 miles from Montrose, the county seat. It is closer by some 20 miles to Grand Junction, which serves as mail terminus for the camp. It rivals Climax for the production of a single mineral. From Uravan was produced vanadium ore at the rate of 250 tons a day during 1938.

A town of about 700 population, Uravan is the newest big little town in the United States. It has been laid out and built within a space of four years or less. Comfortable homes accommodate the 250 or more workmen and their families. Its monthly payroll runs between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

In the same way that the U.S.



This image shows Uravan. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

Vanadium Corporation produces and operates all the raw materials necessary for its operation, the town of Uravan provides the necessities of life to its inhabitants. Fuel comes from nearby coal mines in the Nucla section, vegetables and beef may be obtained from the Paradox valley. Staples, however, are trucked from Montrose, Grand Junction and Placer-ville, the latter being the nearest railroad connection.

During 1938, the company operated on a large scale, producing ore at the approximate rate of 250 tons per day. To do this, about 65 tons of coal daily were required. The coal was mined in a company property 18 miles distant and trucked to the mill and power plant.

Salt is necessary in the refinement of vanadium, and the company owns and operates its own salt workings. More than 500 tons monthly are taken from beds in the Paradox Valley. In order to carry on the multiple operations of U.S. Vanadium, a force of 250 men is employed steadily.

The corporation operates the town. It furnishes power and electricity for its mercantile establishments for the workers' homes, the community hall, theatre, hospital, churches and school, and for the mine and mill. This power can be generated from any one or all three types of plants maintained

by the company — hydroelectric, diesel and steam.

A score of trucks make up the transportation fleet operated by the company. Supplies are trucked in; refined ore hauled out. In order to facilitate transportation, the corporation constructed more than 40 miles of improved highway. At the present time, construction is being pushed on a state road link south of Uravan to U.S. Highway 50.

The future of Uravan and the U.S. Vanadium Corporation is as bright as any industrial star in Colorado. The metal is used as an alloy, and its use is gaining steadily. As for the mine at Uravan, enough ore has been blocked out or diamond-drilled to assure operations for a full century.

Blair Burwell, who directed erection of the mill and supervised building of the town, is general manager of the corporation. He was promoted to the position from that of superintendent ..."

Unfortunately, many things transpired to change the future of Uravan. It only lasted a half of a century before being dismantled and buried. Big plans of radium, vanadium and eventually uranium never really carried through. Those of us who lived there can tell stories about what it was like to live and work there, but now that's all we have ... stories and memories.

West End Events

- **FAMILY LINK CENTER:** Meetings are third Wednesday of each month 1 to 3 p.m. at the airport
- **WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Nucla Middle-High School, in the library
- **NUCLA-NATURITA FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Board meetings are second Monday of the month, 6 p.m., Nucla Fire Hall.
- **TOWN OF NUCLA:** Board meetings are second and fourth Wednesday, except in November and December, at 7 p.m. at Nucla Town Hall.
- **TOWN OF NATURITA:** Board meetings are second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Naturita Community Center.
- **BASIN CLINIC:** Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month.
- **MONTROSE WEST REC:** Board meetings are first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the office of West

End Visitors Center, 230 W. Main St. in Naturita; limited hours. See montrosewest.com for programs.

- **FARMERS MARKET:** Thursdays, 4 to 7 p.m., in front of Wild Gal's, starting late June.
- **WEST END DARK SKY ALLIANCE:** No meeting schedule set. Email westenddarkskyalliance@gmail.com to join or volunteer.
- **RIMROCKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Board meetings are third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the museum building.
- **MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE:** Meets first Monday of the month, 6 p.m., at Nucla Airport.
- **VETERANS COFFEE AND DONUTS:** second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., at Nucla Airport.
- **REDALE COMMUNITY BUILDING BOARD:** Meets first Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. in the Redvale Community Building.

OBITUARY

Thomas Andre Jensen

Sept. 25, 1962 - Aug. 15, 2023

Thomas Andre Jensen, 60, of Norwood, Colorado, passed away on Aug. 15 surrounded by family and loved ones after his extraordinary battle with cancer.

Tom was born Sept. 25, 1962, in Montrose, Colorado, the third child of Edward and Jessie (Davis) Jensen. Tom lived in and around the Norwood area his entire life. Tom attended Norwood High School where he excelled in football and wrestling. He graduated in 1980.

In 1981, Tom married his high school sweetheart, Renee Banks. Tom and Renee had two children, Chance and Corey Jensen. In 1987, Tom and Renee divorced and Tom became a timeless bachelor who was dedicated to his work. Tom and Renee remained lifelong friends.

Tom was extremely proud of his boys joining the military. Chance became a U.S. Marine and Corey a U.S. Airman.

Tom cherished his sister, Bernice, who forever looked after him as only a big sister can. The two had a wonderful bond and affection for each other.

Tom was loved by all who lived in and around Norwood and was known for his hard work and honesty and for his passion for construction.

Tom's hobbies included being outdoors, hunting, fishing and spending time with family, as well as searching for and collecting arrowheads and rebuilding and restoring old Mustangs.

In 1975, at age 11, Tom began working during the summer months for his family's business, Ed Jensen Construction, Inc. After high school, Tom remained with the



Thomas Andre Jensen. (Courtesy photo)

family business, advancing to heavy equipment operator where he took on the responsibility of building Forest Service logging roads throughout the Uncompahgre Plateau. After the company acquired logging equipment in the early 1980s, Tom began learning the art of timbering, loading log trucks and restoring landing areas, while continuing with the road construction. Tom spent many years working around the Gunnison, Telluride and Norwood areas. Tom was known to be one of the most honest and hard-working individuals by all who knew him, and he was extremely proud of carrying on the family legacy of running Ed Jensen Construction, which he took over in 2003.

In 2003, Ed Jensen Construction began constructing house sites and reservoir sites in and around the Telluride area and continued to

operate in and around the Norwood area for the remainder of Tom's life.

Tom is survived by son Chance Jensen, son Corey Jensen and his beloved granddaughter, Emily Jensen, as well as his sister Bernice White and brothers Mike and Jim Jensen. Tom is preceded in death by his father Edward Jensen and mother Jessie Jensen.

There will surely be an empty spot in the hearts of all of those who knew him and loved him.

Services will be held at Redvale Community Church on Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. Graveside services will commence afterwards at the Norwood Cemetery, followed by a potluck lunch at the Redvale Community Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Redvale Community Center.

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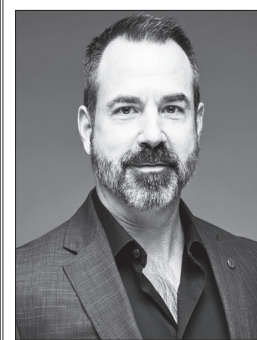


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Lighting strikes

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la-Naturita Fire Department. For the volunteers in the district, who go out into the field to extinguish a lightning strike, it really depends on who's available and who can leave their day job.

The firefighters travel in what they call "brush trucks," mini-engines that are pickups with big tanks that can hold up to 400 gallons of water. There's one in Nucla, one in Paradox, the fire chief Brian Keeton has one, and there's a big 6x6 truck the crews can also take.

Getting a truck to the actual lightning strike location is ideal, of course, but it doesn't always happen. Sometimes firefighters have to park and then hike in to the strike location.

They take wildland tools with them, and someone straps a three-gallon bladder onto their back. Basically, the wildland crews work to put burning fuels on the ground and then start "working

the dirt." Essentially, they smother the fire. They dig a fire line down to the mineral soil, so the fire doesn't spread, and they mix in cooler dirt to let the heat dissipate.

The wildland crews have clothing requirements, including long-sleeves (the yellow non-flammable garments) and green pants. They also have wildland-grade hard hats and gloves, too. Footwear consists of at least eight-inch boots with lug soles that lace up.

While their wildland clothes can burn, they won't ignite, but Hood said it's easy to tell who's been standing in high heat.

It's always a minimum of two people on a call, but it's less work when three or more firefighters go out together. Yes, there are also three women on the Nucla-Naturita department.

Hood said the timeline for putting out a lightning strike varies, case by case. He's been on some calls that take all day because there is so much heat; at other

times, "some you can spit on them, and it's out."

It depends on fuel source and other conditions.

In the past, the mutual-aid agreement stated firefighters go one mile outside of their district in any direction; the new agreement is that they go when called. But, the firefighters still have their day jobs, and also structural fires to be mindful of in their home territory.

Hood said while he knows fall is approaching, that does not mean the West End will be in the clear. Nobody can say what fire season will do. He said the Boulder area has burned a few years in a row. Human carelessness could create disaster anytime, and things do still burn in winter.

As Hood and other members of Nucla-Naturita Fire Department work to keep the district safe, he asks the community to research the Tim Hart Wildland Firefighter Classification and Pay Parity Act. He said it's important for all to be educated about.

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Above: Matthias and McKena Wilhelm play at the splash pad in Nucla.

Right: Kaelynn (bottom), Braiden (left) and Adalynne (right) Weimar can't get enough pool time.

Bottom: Kenzie Mendisco knows how to catch a fish. (Courtesy images)



Family movie night

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evening show, which is presented on an inflatable screen that Paradox Cycle purchased specifically for the park movies.

Many people are helping to set up and tear down for family movie nights. Harry Cowles is helping with the sound system. Jennifer Locke just donated popcorn, sodas and a spaghetti dinner. Clark Cross and family are offering use of their projector.

People are welcome to bring their folding lawn chairs, coolers with food, and the kids can play — or they can just sit and watch the show.

Benson hopes that small bike races can be held with prizes given away to the kids. Additionally, frisbee golf play will be happening at some point. In the future, guests will probably also see more food vendors on site.

Family movie nights will go through September this year. Benson said there are plenty of Thursday nights left for people to attend. He said it's always free and a way for the community to spend time together in a healthy way. So far, approximately 25-30 people are coming out. He's hoping for even more attendance.

Benson said Paradox Cycle is

not profiting from the movie night events. He said the only thing he is getting out of it is seeing his fellow community members on bikes and gathering together in a safe, friendly way.

He agreed community events like family movie night are something that vibrant, thriving communities do. Telluride's Mountain Village has summer concert series; Ridgway has something similar. Norwood is now offering Try-it-Tuesdays for inclusive community events, and it only makes sense that the West End would have its own version of a weekly, summer gathering.

Benson said the West End might not have a drive-in anymore, but people can still come together for a movie experience.

He said he's very grateful for Bachman and her team that made the Naturita Town Park what he considers one of the best parks around. He said it's something to be proud of.

He added family movie nights will only keep getting better. Next year, Wild Gal's Market and the West End Farm and Craft Markets will also be stationed in Naturita. He said that should all make for a great season next summer, too.

Influx of cats

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least three mornings available for anyone who'd like to come help out.

"There is so much to do," Stephens said. "The dogs need to walk, animals need fed, and there is cleaning."

Stephens agreed that high school students can get service learning hours for volunteering at the shelter. When asked about groups of students coming in to work with or pet animals — maybe even read books on site aloud to animals — Stephens said she was open to it, but teachers and chaperones would

have to be present and lead the activity with the kids.

She's hoping to create a partnership with the Naturita Public Library soon. Library representatives mentioned something about having a cat condo on site, so that adoptable kittens could be seen and played with. That perhaps could get some cats adopted.

"That would be a good thing," she said.

Stephens, who's been working on putting stray animals in homes and controlling the stray pet population, has been doing it 14 years. She's always thinking about ways to get the animals into homes.

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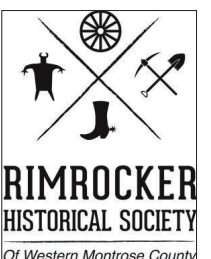
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7/26/2023

0804 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1239 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 141 and Highway 145 near Naturita for a fire.

1427 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29300 block of DD Road near Nucla for a 911.

1525 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Divide Road and 25 Mesa Road for a motorist assist.

1633 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1758 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

2106 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a citizen assist.
2256 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a noise complaint.

1 VIN inspection

7/27/2023

0001 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 106 near Norwood for a welfare check.

0009 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a disturbance.

0809 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27300 block of BB Road near Nucla for an unwanted person.

0813 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a citizen assist.

1408 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita for an information report.

1457 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1645 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Thunder Trails near Norwood for an agency assist.

1710 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 113 near Redvale for an abandoned vehicle.

1909 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28700 block BB36 Road near Nucla for a medical assist.

2029 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 58 near Naturita for an abandoned vehicle.

2034 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Main Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint. Crystal Church, 40, was cited for careless driving.

2210 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29900 block of 2900 Road near Nucla for suspicious activity.

1 VIN inspection
3 civil process attempted/served

7/28/2023

0715 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 for an information report.

Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for an accident. Billy Baker, 44, and Darci Staats, 42, were cited for reckless endangerment and careless driving.

0725 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 56 near Naturita for an accident.

0726 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a suspicious person.

0842 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Grape Street in Nucla for an accident.

1253 Hours - Deputy took a report of an accident in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1727 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for an information report.

2137 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 22300 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a traffic complaint.

2233 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for an information report.

7/29/2023

1858 Hours - Kenneth Sweatfield, 50, was contacted in the 900 block of Main Street in Nucla and cited for driving while driver's license is suspended, no registration, and no insurance.

2121 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 3 near Paradox for a suspicious person.

1 VIN inspection
3 directed patrols in County

7/30/2023

0031 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 115 near Redvale for a suspicious vehicle.

0956 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Ragsdale Road near Norwood for a smoke report.

1152 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Grape Street in Nucla for a traffic hazard.

1353 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1916 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for an information report.

2143 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

2 warrant attempts
1 directed patrol in County
4 civil process attempted/served

7/31/2023

1006 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a harassment report.

1451 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29100 block of DD31 Trail near Nucla for an animal problem.

1617 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 16700 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a burglary report.

1630 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 59 near Naturita for an agency assist.

1644 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a disturbance. Nicole Welsh, 35, was arrested for third degree assault and domestic violence.

1914 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a theft report.

2002 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35300 block of II Road near Redvale for a Burglary report.

2036 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla for an accident.

1 VIN inspection
3 civil processes attempted/served

8/1/2023

1346 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to an information report in the Naturita area.

1356 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla to relay a message.

1403 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 block of Lookout Drive in Naturita for an alarm.

1445 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30000 block of DD31 Road near Nucla for an information report.

8/2/2023

0002 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

0842 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1006 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 400 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita.

1437 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28200 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for a 911.

2123 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 22300 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a 911.

2350 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31300 block of HH31 Road near Naturita for a missing person.

1 VIN inspection
1 warrant attempt

Correction

In the Aug. 16 edition of the Forum, the story "Atlas Tower aims to build cell tower on Wright's Mesa" mentioned Norwood only has one existing cell tower. In truth, Norwood has more than one tower. NNTC, of Nucla, also has a tower in the Norwood area.

LEGAL PUBLICATION

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

NORWOOD R-2J SCHOOL DISTRICT

MONTROSE AND SAN MIGUEL COUNTIES, COLORADO

The Board of Education of Norwood R-2J School District in the Counties of Montrose and San Miguel, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school board directors to be held on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

At this election 3 directors will be elected for a term of office of four years. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election and a resident of the director district which will be represented. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be a candidate for school board director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 25 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election. Nomination petitions may be obtained at Norwood R-2J School District. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Completed petitions shall be submitted to Norwood R-2J School District no later than 3:00pm on August 31, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Education of Norwood R-2J School District, Counties of Montrose and San Miguel, State of Colorado has caused this call for nominations to be given the 9th day of August, 2023.

Published in the San Miguel Basin Forum August 9, 16, & 23, 2023

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HELP WANTED

Town of Nucla is hiring an Animal Control Officer. The position is part time, wage determined by experience. Application available on our website or at Town Hall 320 Main Street.

Mustang Water Authority is accepting resumes for the position of PLANT OPERATOR - GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER

This is a part-time/as needed position. Previous experience is preferred but not required, a current Water Treatment Operator license or aptitude to obtain one is desirable. Compensation will depend

on experience. To submit your resume, please send your email to MustangWaterAuthority@gmail.com or PO Box 177 Nucla, CO 81424. Resumes must be received by: September 1, 2023 @ 5PM

West End Public School District RE-2 is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time Special Education Paraprofessional position \$14.50/hr. Benefits include: health, dental, vision, & life insurance, PERA Retirement, PERA 401K, & paid time off. Hours are Monday-Thursday 7:30-4:00pm, during scheduled school days. Applicants should have experience working with children, be able to multi-task, & work in different settings throughout the day. Please fill out the classified application found at <https://www.westendschools.org/page/employment> and email it with a resume to Sara Bray, Naturita Elementary School Principal, at sbray@westendschools.org.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

ELK RIDGE MINING AND RECLAMATION - SL-26

to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase I, II, and III Bond Release of a portion of the New Horizon Mine site. The application is denoted as SL-26 and pertains to the New Horizon Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008 (approved April 6, 1983) by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P. O. Box 628, Nucla, Colorado 81424, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. The New Horizon Mine is located approximately 2 miles west of Nucla, Colorado.

The Phase I, II, and III bond release area applied for is a post mine stock pond named SP2 and a small surface water conveyance channel called C-15 Ditch. This bond release areas includes approximately 0.1 and 1.7 acres respectively and are shown in detail on Map 1 within the application. The status of the areas being applied for is consistent with the requirements of the reclamation plan, which includes constructing the stock pond and ditch per the approved designs. Listed below is a general legal description of the area:

SE ¼ NW ¼ NW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 36, Township 47 North, Range 16 West of the 6th P.M.

The New Horizon Mine currently holds a surety bond in the amount of \$1,685,639, which includes the above listed area. With this application, the New Horizon Mine will be requesting relinquishment of 100% of the bond held for this parcel.

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

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

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

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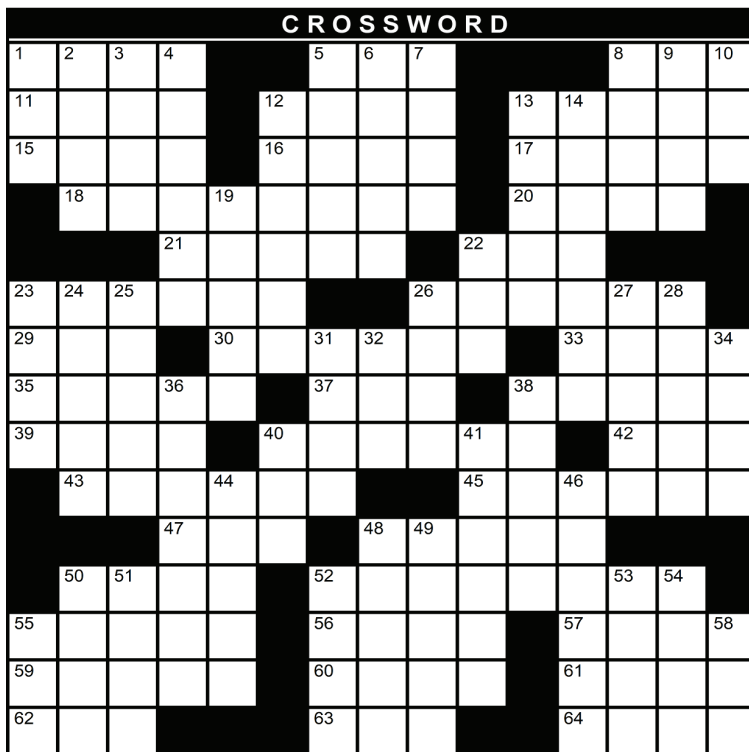
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