

WEST END

Graffiti hunter works on rock clean-up

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

A series of graffiti messages has littered the West End from Calamity Draw to Gateway, and one local man is upset. Naturita native Dan Bishop is covering up the messages and spending his own money to do so.

The graffiti has been done in spray paint and references a man named “Ron” with certain dates; Bishop said it likely refers to a deceased person’s birth and death date.

Bishop said he knows it’s sad to lose a loved one, but it doesn’t make it okay to deface the rocks in the canyon. He said it’s disrespectful for locals, tourists and to Mother Nature.

Bishop had a career in truck driving. He worked for the government and also for Chevron before that. He now owns and operates a passenger transport service and takes people to doctor’s appointments or on similar trips.

He’s seen a bit of graffiti over the years, but it’s been minimal. He drives the 141 frequently, which is a Colorado Scenic Byway. He agreed people do take the route to simply enjoy the experience of the canyon, the red rocks, the stunning beauty of Western Colorado.

When the recent string of graffiti began popping up, and seemingly by the same person, he took matters into his own hands. He began buying paint, in the same color as the rock walls, in order to try and cover it up.

“I’m sorry someone died,” he said, “but you can put up a sign. (Death) will happen to all of us. Let’s not advertise it on the beauty of the natural canyon walls.”

The rocks in the canyon on the 141 are along what is a CDOT highway. Public lands also abound in the area. Would the BLM help local citizens pay for the cleanup of the graffiti?

Bishop is not sure, though he was disappointed last week when he was working on clean-up efforts. He said representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado State Patrol, Montrose County Sheriff’s Office and Mesa County Sheriff’s Office passed him and never questioned what he was doing on the side of the road with a can of paint.

One citizen did stop, a woman, and chastised him near the Hanging Flume — until she realized he was actually trying to do the right thing by covering the graffiti. She then thanked him.

Similarly in Norwood, at the Ace Hardware Store, in the location of the hold Hitchin’ Post, an employee asked Bishop what he would do with the paint, and wanted to make sure the customer had the right color and type of paint for the job. When

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EDUCATION

Pinhead robotics programs start this month

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

The Pinhead Institute, a Smithsonian affiliate with a mission to share STEM programming with young people in the region, announced the robotics programs are starting again now for this fall. In the West End, robotics starts on Tuesday, Aug. 22, in the library in Naturita. The program happens on Tuesdays and Thursdays and runs through early December. In Norwood, the program runs Mondays and Wednesdays, starting Aug. 21, at the school — and just Fridays in Norwood for the older group in seventh to 12th grade, the First Tech Challenge (FTC) group.

The robotics teams have been in

place for the last eight years. The Paradox team, now defunct since the school shut down, went to the state championships twice. So did Norwood. The West End has made it to regionals.

No robotics experience is needed, and kids in fourth through eighth grade are invited to join.

D.J. O’Connell, in seventh grade in Nucla, is a member of the West End team. He told the San Miguel Basin Forum last Friday he’s excited for this season to get going.

“It’s a bunch of people who work together, and we make robots that have to do tasks,” he said. “You get to know people ... You have to work together to know how to do the robotics.”

For O’Connell, a lover of STEM

learning, he said he encourages other kids to join. His group in the West End has called themselves the “Block Nerds.”

Executive Director for Pinhead Institute Sarah Holbrooke said the kids can pick any name they wish. In Norwood, they’re the “Lego Ranchers.” She’s loves offering the programs to the kids, because it builds a foundation for engineering, coding, building, discovery, communication and creativity.

Holbrooke has coached the kids herself before. She said she’s really going to miss Jessica Johnson — a “powerhouse of a coach” — in Norwood who recently retired. Still, Norwood School is working on finding a teacher sponsor for the robotics

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Mystery rashes appear for swimmers at Confluence

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

It might be wise to not swim in the Confluence during this time. A handful of people have reached out to the San Miguel Basin Forum, after swimming there and then developing uncomfortable rashes. It seems several people in local communities have sought medical treatment.

The Confluence is the area past Uravan where the Dolores River meets the San Miguel River. A beloved landscape with views of the old Hanging Flume structure, it’s a destination that people from all over Western Colorado enjoy. Rafters, kayakers, hikers and those who just wish to picnic and swim enjoy the area.

The Dolores River is not running now, after big flows were released this spring and early summer. Now, that river is starting to dry up, since the release from McPhee was terminated to stop the flow more than a month ago. The flow was projected to be finished in early July.

Could it be possible that the Dolores’ stagnancy is contributing to a bacteria growth where that river joins the San Miguel? It’s true that in stagnant, warmer water, pathogens can be present.

The Forum contacted both the Basin Clinic and Uncompahgre Medical Center (UMC) to see what the local medical centers had to report.

Christina Pierce, executive director for the Basin Clinic, said she didn’t have enough information.

“All I can say is we had several cases of rashes come through, and due to this, we called the Montrose County Epidemiology Department to report our concerns,” she said. “Montrose County and the state are looking into the situation.”

Pierce added she’s not a medical professional and doesn’t have advice.

“I do not know where all the cases were swimming and do not want to make a generalized statement as to where they should and shouldn’t be swimming,” she said.

And, Ann O’Neal, spokesperson from UMC, said something similar.

“Others are also noticing cases of rashes from those who are swimming where the San Miguel and the Dolores meet,” she said. “At this point there are no specific findings as to a concerning cause or specific recommendations.”

O’Neal also said the state is investigating the matter.

“We are encouraging people to consider this information prior

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Working away

Construction continues at the new pre-k through 12th grade school in Nucla. (Photo by Regan Tuttle)

BUSINESS

Senior care open house is Aug. 9 in Naturita

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

This week, on Aug. 9, there’s a senior care meeting in Naturita at the public library for anyone wanting to learn more about the company MLS Senior Care and the office it’s opening in the West End. Diana Conner, owner of the business, told the San Miguel Basin Forum last week, MLS is independently owned and operated and not a franchise or big company.

Conner started in 2016 in the back room of her house. MLS Senior Care grew 300 percent in its second year of business. Already,

there’s an office in Grand Junction and Delta. Now, there will be one in Naturita too.

Conner said she loves rural areas. She also loves her employees, and she said the employees are the focus of the company. Some of them have been with her since the inception of MLS Senior Care.

“They are the heart of the company,” she said. “If we don’t take care of them, we can’t care for the clients.”

Now, Conner wants to meet people who live in Naturita and Nucla and want to remain there. She wants to provide them with a sus-

tainable income. She loves hiring young women, who are interested in potentially getting their CNA diploma or maybe studying nursing in the future.

What she loves about her business is that it bridges generations. She wants to create jobs for working people, but also help the elderly in their most vulnerable time of life.

She said Naturita has been in her heart for a while, and she wasn’t able to stop thinking about it. Now, she’s opening the office and will create a presence that aims to truly support people in the West End.

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SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION

Partnering for resilience

By BRAD ZAPORSKI

This year has brought a double whammy to rural Colorado: high housing costs and weather extremes, both of which relate to your light switch.

Housing costs across Colorado have almost doubled in the past few years, creating a crisis in rural, Western communities like ours. Meanwhile, this past winter and spring delivered a greatly-appreciated bounty of snow and rain to the southwest corner of the state, followed almost immediately by extremely hot, dry, windy conditions.

Housing costs and extreme weather have converged to complicate power generation and the power delivery system. The high cost of living makes energy affordability increasingly important. And, extreme weather leads to greater electricity demand, straining limited resources, while at the same time increasing the potential for power outages caused by damaged transmission and distribution lines.

There is no longer any denying that emissions from fossil fuels — the traditional sources of electricity — are contributing to climate change and the associated weather extremes. All of this points to why it's more important than ever for rural electric cooperatives to address energy cost, resiliency, reliability, efficiency and reduced emissions.

As CEO of San Miguel Power Association (SMPA), the regional cooperative that provides power to every electricity customer from Nucla to Ridgway and from Rico to Silverton, the impact of these colliding factors is what I spend my days thinking about.

SMPA is doing everything it can to address our region's current and growing needs for electricity by increasing our resiliency, utilizing local energy sources and striving to keep rates down. Thanks to fortunate timing, these challenges are coinciding with a period of unprecedented opportunity for grants and loans that fund infrastructure improvements, renewable energy and resiliency programs.

SMPA has recently — and successfully — bid on five state and federal microgrid planning grants, including an important resiliency project called Silverton GOLD. This is a public, private and utility collaboration between the Town of Silverton, San Juan County, nonprofits and SMPA.

The \$100,000 "prize" (not a loan, but a direct payment), funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, was recently awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Clean Energy Demonstration's (OCED) \$15 million program called the Energizing Rural Communities Prize, designed to challenge individuals and organizations to develop community partnership plans and innovative financing strategies to help rural or remote communities improve their

energy systems and make progress on advancing clean energy demonstration projects.

Additionally, we've submitted pre-applications for future grants through a second OCED, Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) program, which could enable between \$500,000 and \$5 million for possible construction funds for the microgrids in Rico, Ophir, Ridgway and Silverton that the planning grant funds were targeting. These towns have traditionally been the most vulnerable in our network, due to their remote mountain locations and effects of extreme weather. Microgrids would be a game-changer in these rural areas, because they can connect to the larger grid and can also provide independent electricity during power disruption. These systems can also help SMPA to offset regional electrical use when it is the most expensive and carbon-intensive during peak times. Importantly, we also applied for up to \$5 million for a necessary power line reliability rebuild and broadband project on Red Mountain Pass.

In addition to these grants and awards, SMPA is making every effort to make use of opportunities offered by the New Era (Empowering Rural America) program that is part of the Inflation Reduction Act. This federal legislation is making good on its promise to offer rural areas ways to effectively reduce planet-warming emissions while simultaneously lowering costs for consumers, especially in communities most in need of financial relief. This pool of funding provides the largest investment in rural electrification since FDR signed the Rural Electrification Act into law in 1936.

With \$9.7 billion available to small co-ops across the country, it has the potential to bring down costs, reduce polluting emissions, increase resiliency, and encourage more local electricity generation, which, in turn, can help provide jobs and support economies in small towns.

Like my neighbors across the Western Slope, I am motivated by deep appreciation for our beautiful surroundings and strong sense of community here in SMPA territory. Together, with our dedicated staff and board, we strive continually to deliver reliable, affordable electricity, while also protecting the environment. These are exciting times for rural coops, with new opportunities to make the dream of cleaner, more affordable power a reality for our members.

Brad Zaporski is the CEO of San Miguel Power Association, a member of the Colorado Rural Electric Association and of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, providing electricity to 16,000 member-owners across seven rural counties in southwest Colorado.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society
The Borcherdts, continuedBy JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

It was so interesting talking with Roger Borchardt about his family when he stopped in the museum two weeks ago. Even though I knew of them, I really didn't know anything about them. When he said to me that his grandfather, Ray Borchardt, had come from Denver to work at Standard Chemical Company in what would later be Uravan, I was in awe.

I told him that it is rare that somebody comes in the museum and says that. It just doesn't happen anymore. We are too far separated from that history and since Standard Chemical Company is my favorite story, I knew I would need to tell his story as best I could.

Roger's son, Darren, reached over and grabbed our Standard Chemical book off the shelf, skimmed through it and found a picture of Ray Borchardt. That was exciting for all of us! I had looked at that photo 100 times and never saw the unique historical importance of it.

According to the old newspapers of Gilpin County and Denver, Richard Borchardt was born in Germany in 1845 and came to New York City at the age of 19. After five years there, "he made the trip in a prairie schooner to Denver, then the only means of travel across the continent." While in Denver, he became interested in mining and continued in mining until shortly before his death at the age of 62 in 1909. He was the manager of the Colorado Tellurium Gold Mining Company and owned and managed the Freedom Mine in Gilpin County. Richard Borchardt had one son, Raymond, Louie's father and Roger's grandfather.

According to Raymond's obituary, he was born in 1874 in Denver. He attended school and graduated from business college there. He married Mary Elizabeth Skees in Denver in 1903 and she preceded him in death in 1953. Raymond and his father, Richard, owned and operated the Freedom Mines at Central City. Being in the mining business and living in Denver, Raymond must have heard news of the newly discovered carnotite ore and the Standard Chemical



This photo, from the Standard Chemical Company collection, is a photo of Joseph Flannery of Pittsburgh, owner of the company on the left, Ray Borchardt in the center, and W. W. Gaw, superintendent of the mill on the right. They are standing with the new equipment in the power plant at the Joe Jr. Mill. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

Company building a radium processing mill in southwestern Colorado, because in 1911 he packed up with his Mary Elizabeth, left Denver and settled in Nucla.

According to grandson Roger, he homesteaded on a piece of property in Third Park, where he built his first home and began to grow his family. In the coming years, Raymond would homestead many acres of land in Nucla and build a thriving life of farming and business during his lifetime. Roger also told the story of Raymond's little place out on Third Park and how Raymond would ride his horse over the hill and go to work at the Joe Jr. Mill, which would later become Uravan. The trail that he took is now the Rimrocker Trail from Nucla to Uravan. I'm sure it was a much different trail at that time. Most of the workers lived at the Joe Jr. Camp because of its distance to Nucla and Naturita. I would say that Raymond had the best of both worlds, a good job over the hill and a nice growing ranch in Nucla.

Raymond's obituary says that in 1912 he became the superintendent of the mines operated by the Standard Chemical Company, and that he held that position until the company discontinued operation approximately 13 years later. His obituary also said that "he often talked with delight about his arrival and early activities in this

area." It must have been a great time to come to Nucla and be a part of the colonists' dream, as well as the big radium boom.

He then became a rancher and business man, operating the Nucla Theater for 25 years and the Nucla Hotel since 1932. Both played an important part in the family and town entertainment. Raymond's obituary lists his pallbearers, and it reads like a list of historic pioneers of Nucla. Honorary pallbearers were Fred Schappi, Joe Weimer, Leonard Zatterstrom Sr., Pete Campbell, Frank Morgan Sr., Delbert Barker, John Galley and Ronald Biglin. Other pallbearers were Andy and Tom Ubell, Lowell Staats, Bill Kyle, Ernest Forsman and Tom Puderbaugh.

John Galley worked at the Standard Chemical Company the same years as Raymond and, oh, the stories they could surely tell. John Galley married Nucla girl, Margaret Biglin, and they also made their home in Nucla after the radium mining bust.

I certainly enjoyed learning more about the Borchardt family. Even though Roger has gone off into the world, he still seems to treasure his connections here. It was great to visit with him about his history. I would love to hear any stories that any of you would like to share about the Borchardts.

More about the Borchardt family next week.

West End Events

- **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.



Making the most of summer

Natalie Binder and friends float in the West End, during what is a remarkable year for water. (Courtesy image)

MONTROSE COUNTY

County dedicates more than \$220,000 to local schools

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Montrose Board of County Commissioners knows that local schools are facing significant challenges in regard to facilities and capital improvements. As a result, when this year's Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding was allocated to the county, the choice was clear — 100 percent of the funds would be dedicated to help improve local educational opportunities and maximize the funding from the U.S. Forest Service Title I funds.

"The county has a long history of supporting schools with 100 percent of SRS funds," said Commissioner Sue Hansen. "This year was no exception, as we know that the youth of today are tomorrow's leaders. Strong school systems are essential to our community, and we are proud to help make that happen."

Montrose County School District RE-1J Superintendent Dr. Carrie Stephenson indicated that the funds will be used for outdoor learning resources and opportunities for children.

"Montrose County School District prioritizes outdoor learning opportunities and strives to instill an appreciation for our wonderful Western Slope for all students. We're grateful for Montrose County's investment of Forest Service funds in these efforts as we work together to improve learning outcomes for the children in our community," she said.

The funds will be distributed to Montrose County School District RE-1J (\$208,254.50), West End School District RE-2 (\$8,833.53), Delta County School District (\$6,755.05), and Norwood School District R-2J (\$2,078.48). The calculation for disbursement of the funds is based on a per-pupil count of the school districts serving students within Montrose County.

The funding is derived from the Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS Act), a bill that provides funding to rural counties and schools located near national forests across the United States. Counties historically have the option of earmarking a portion of the funds to both local schools and county road and bridge operations; however, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners recognizes the challenges facing local schools and dedicated the entire allot-

ment to improving local education infrastructure.

"These funds have been 100

percent dedicated to schools for the past several years," commissioners said in the news release.

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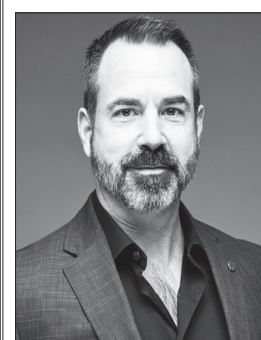
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Bishop told the Ace Hardware Store worker what he planned to do with the brown spray paint, the worker told him he wasn't allowed to make the purchase.

Bishop was taken aback.

The employee then told Bishop he'd be purchasing it for him, for being a good citizen and taking pride in the local environment.

Bishop worked again on the clean-up efforts over the weekend. He said it's hard to make the rocks look normal after the defacement, but he wants to try.

"People come to drive this for the beauty," he said. "I wish they'd leave the beauty of Mother Nature alone."

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to swimming in the area," ONeal added.

The rashes, which have been described as causing pain and even swelling on the body, have not affected all who've been to the Confluence area recently — only some people.



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Senior care open house

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A home care business, MLS Senior Care offers three different levels of support. The first is home-making, for example preparing meals, light housekeeping, shopping, laundry and anything that is not related to touching the physical body.

The second level of care is personal care, like bathing assistance and support with getting dressed. The third level of care has to do with health maintenance, and employees help clients with catheters, colostomy bags, transfers, diabetes injections and more.

MLS Senior Care already hired Annie Gibbons to manage the

office in Naturita, and she's been in training learning about the company. She starts in the West End office this week working out of the Bachman Law Building in a private office.

Conner said the referrals for clients can come in different ways, including Medicaid and Region 10. Additionally, MLS Senior Care sees clients that are private, self-pay.

Conner is looking forward to the Aug. 9 open house and also meeting people in the West End. She has a dream of opening an assisted living facility locally, one with an attached day care. She loves the idea of supporting working moms with solid employment that helps

them succeed in life.

"We really focus on our employees," she said. "We know who makes this company what it is ... We truly believe they must be taken care of. And, a client won't love a company until the employees love it first."

Anyone who'd like more information on the business should visit mlsseniorcare.com or email Conner at d.conner@mlsseniorcare.com.

The Aug. 9 open house is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be fully staffed. Conner is closing her Grand Junction and Delta offices to be ready for on-the-spot job interviews, as well as intake sessions for senior clients.

Pinhead robotics

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program, and Holbrooke said she's grateful for the use of a classroom at the school.

Matthew Lagoe, of Placerville, will teach all the programs this fall, five days a week.

Lagoe, a young working professional, has been employed as chief tech officer for big companies on the West Coast. He also has a law degree. He's been with Pinhead for three years, and is spending his free time supporting the kids. Holbrooke said he's got plenty of knowledge to share with the groups, but he's also talented at coaching the kids on very

basic levels.

Susan Rice, former library director in Naturita, continues to serve as assistant coach in the West End.

Robotics classes are two hours long and go from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the specified team days. It's absolutely free for any child in the set age group to join. Snacks are provided too.

In the West End, kids are picked up from Naturita Elementary School and walked over to the library. On occasion, they head to Blondie's to power up with a treat.

Holbrooke said she estimates having 10 to 12 kids in the West End.

Pinhead can accommodate more, however, if the numbers are higher. In Norwood, there was such a big response, they had to make a boys team and a girls team.

As the robotics programs begin this fall, Holbrooke said she's appreciative of all the support she receives in the West End and Norwood. That includes the Naturita Public Library, the Norwood School, principals Sara Bray, Malisha Reed and Sam Ryan, assistant coach Susan Rice and the West End Pay it Forward Trust.

Anyone with questions should email Holbrooke at sarah@pinheadinstitute.org.



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OBITUARY

Phyllis Hilleary Wilson Johnson

Oct. 9, 1930 - Aug. 2, 2023



Phyllis Hilleary Wilson Johnson, age 92 and a longtime resident of Nucla, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Harold Hilleary, of Nucla, and Kenneth Hilleary, of Grand Junction; and sisters, Arlene Wilson, of Redvale, and Julia Elliot of Nucla. She is survived by her children, Connie (Jim) Lynch, of Grand Junction; Roxanna (Tony) Theodore, of Grand Junction; Tammy (Kyle) Akers, of Colorado Springs; Robert (Sandy) Wilson, of Farmington, N.M.; Barbie (Larry) Bruce, of Farmington, N.M.; as well as 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her long service with the U.S. Postal Service, becoming one of the first female appointed postmasters in Colorado, she was very active in her community. She was a dedicated member of the local Moose Lodge, the ladies auxiliary of the VFW, the Lions Club, as well as a volunteer with the local senior citizens organization. She also enjoyed her time in various bridge clubs and a bowling league.

She was blessed to be cared for in her waning years by her family, particularly her grandchildren, Ayngel and Tom Beggs, and Derick Wilson, as well as her great-grandchild, Justin Skelton.

She was of the generation that put family first and worked hard at everything they did. She survived the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, three wars, two marriages and a myriad of challenges, all without complaining or giving up. She was an inspiration to her family and a living example to those around her of how to live with grace and dignity. Graveside services will be held at the Nucla Cemetery on Friday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to either the Nucla-Naturita Ambulance Service or the Rimrocker Historical Society.

She is and will be greatly missed.

West End Montrose County

Sheriff's Office Blotter

7/15/2023

0928 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of CC Road and DD Road near Nucla for a welfare check.

0941 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

0946 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint. Marie Kiser, 61, was cited for driving without a valid driver's license and expired registration.

1334 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a criminal mischief report.

1407 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of Highway 90 and Highway 141 near Naturita for an abandoned vehicle.

1416 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an alarm.

1656 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35000 block of 3590 Road near Redvale for suspicious activity.

1704 Hours - Rudi Barbee, 61, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 1 near Naturita and cited for no visible plates and failed to provide proof of insurance.

2020 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an assault.

2143 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview on Highway 97 mm 4 near Nucla.

2204 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview in the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Naturita.

2226 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 24300 block of X7 Road near Bedrock for a medical assist.

1 follow up report

7/16/2023

0929 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35800 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for an information report.

1216 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1311 Hours - Brody Kruckenberg, 27, was contacted at the intersection of Highway 97 and DD Road near Nucla and issued a warning for

speeding.

1637 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28800 block of CC Road near Nucla for a trespassing report.

1754 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 600 block of Payson Street in Naturita.

6 civil processes attempted/served

7/17/2023

0730 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a suspicious person.

0822 Hours - Deputy responded to the intersection of Wilson Street and Adams Street in Naturita for a parking problem.

0833 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

0855 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for an information report.

1009 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

1041 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1308 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Divide Road and 25 Mesa Road for a missing person.

1419 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of R13 Road and Q13 Road for a motorist assist.

1810 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

2034 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint.

2318 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the Nucla area for a welfare check.

1 VIN inspection

1 follow up report

7/18/2023

0139 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

0320 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

0811 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

1147 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla for a civil matter.

1159 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a lost property report.

1409 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Third Avenue in Naturita for an agency assist.

1657 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a fraud report.

2156 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the Naturita area for a traffic complaint.

1 civil process attempted/served

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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.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL DIRECTORS
WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2
MONTROSE COUNTY, COLORADO

The West End Public School District Re-2 in the County of Montrose, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

At this election [2] 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. 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 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 West End Public Schools at 225 W. 4th Ave Nucla, CO. Office hours are 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Completed petitions shall be submitted to Shari Nelson no later than 12:00p.m. on September 1, 2023.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

BASIN CLINIC
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Basin Clinic, Inc. has filed a pre-application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, for financial assistance to acquire and/or develop new medical equipment.

The area to be served by the proposed project is: Naturita, Nucla, Redvale, Paradox, and Bedrock.

A meeting regarding the proposed project will be held on August 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the following location: Hopkins Field Airport, 27896 DD Rd, Nucla, CO 81424.

The public is invited to attend this meeting and provide comments of the proposed project.

Christina Pierce _____ 08/01/2024
Name of Applicant Official Date
Executive Director _____
Title of Applicant Official

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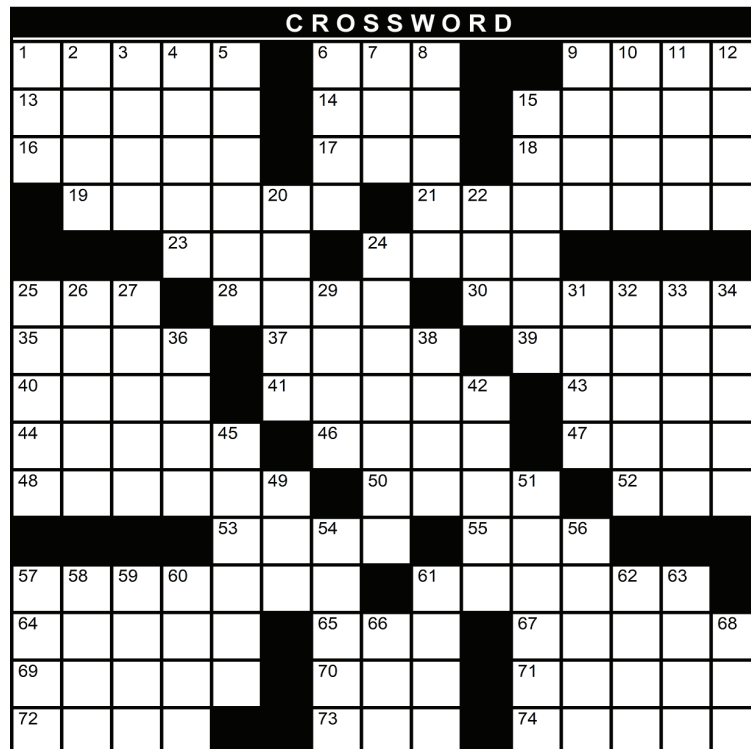
1. Russian czar's edict or proclamation
6. Common stomach disorder, acr.
9. Thai currency
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14. Cow greeting?
15. High-quality black tea
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17. Used for making holes
18. Old and feeble
19. *Precedes or follows alaikum in a greeting
21. *Robin Williams' "Good Morning, ____"
23. Family memb.
24. Blood fluids
25. R&R spot
28. Standout
30. All together (2 words)
35. Crafts' companion

37. Hyperbolic tangent
39. River in Paris
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41. Home of Darfur
43. Opposite of base
44. Carthage's ancient neighbor
46. Have supper
47. Condoleeza of politics
48. Pleasantly warm
50. Type of mine passage
52. JFK's brother
53. Famous Allen Ginsberg poem
55. Band booking
57. *Hello in Normandy region
61. *Hello in Haifa
64. Letter-shaped girder
65. Female reproductive cells
67. Did like a lunatic
69. L in AWOL
70. Nada
71. Greet the day
72. "Musical" constellation
73. Precedes whiz
74. It typically has 4 doors



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1. Stars and Stripes country
2. *Unspoken greeting in France
3. Ned Stark's youngest daughter
4. Prevents one from seeing
5. Have as logical consequence
6. Mosque prayer leader
7. *Japanese greeting move
8. To crack, as in case
9. Out of shape
10. Kindred
11. *Hello in Spain or in Mexico
12. Overwhelm like bees
15. Hymns of praise
20. Borders on
22. Cholera
24. Shadow-utilizing timepiece
25. *Hi, in France
26. Prefix with type
27. Places in the heart
29. Praise
31. Kind of hug
32. In accordance with law
33. In the cooler
34. Like surrendered land
36. 1/60th of min, pl.
38. *Shakeable appendage
42. Horse greeting?
45. Don't try this here? (2 words)
49. *Greetings to ____
51. "Toddlers & ____," reality TV
54. Amiss
56. Sunlight's interference
57. Hillary's hubby
58. Do as directed
59. Getting warm
60. Cup of joe
61. White ____ in retail
62. "Metamorphoses" poet
63. ____ Verde National Park
66. Contend
68. Cub's home



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UMC COMMUNITY Newsletter

Issue 1 - 07/07/2023

• **DIABETES CLINIC RODEO** **AUGUST 16TH, 2023**

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Diabetes Awareness

Medical -Creating a Care Plan

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Dental -Oral Care Can Prevent Problems

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