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COMMUNITY

New Susan Rice community award announced

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A special committee in the West End has formed and established a new award.

"In celebration of her years of service at the Naturita Community Library, it is my great honor to announce the founding of the Susan Rice Community Compassion Award," said Brock Benson in a news release over the weekend.

The award seeks to "acknowledge and appreciate members of West End communities who exhibit an extraordinary amount of compassion toward their community through service, sacrifice and good will toward those who would benefit greatly from kindness and empathy," Benson added.

He said the new honor seeks to uplift an "often overlooked person" in the community, one who dedicates much of their time and energy for the betterment of local society.

Now, a board comprised of Benson, Jack Lee, Bryan Keeton, Allie Sutherland and new library director Leslie Ament will oversee the nominations and decision-making process for the first recipient.

"If there is someone in our community whom you think fits the purpose of our mission, and you want them to be recognized for their compassion, please feel free to pick up a nomination form," Benson said.

Applications are available at the Naturita Community Library, as well as other places, including both the Nucla and Naturita town halls, the WEEDC space at the Collective Mine, Nucla Public Library, the community center in Paradox and Paradox Cycle in Naturita, as well as online via Facebook.

The recipient of the first-ever Susan Rice Community Compassion Award will receive \$500 to disperse to a local nonprofit of their choice, as well as a plaque that commemorates their service to the West End community. Updates and details will be shared via Facebook on the Susan Rice Community Compassion Award page. Nominations will be open until 4 p.m. on Dec. 31. The board will review applications and make its decision by the end of January.

Benson said the award honors others, as well as Rice.

"For those unaware, Susan Rice recently retired from a long and successful career as the library manager in Naturita, where she used her position to care for and lift up so many members of our community with her deeply rooted sense of kindness and empathy

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EVENTS

Gravel Rush bike race is Sept. 16 starting in Nucla

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

The second-annual West End Gravel Rush bicycle race happens this weekend, Sept. 16, and starts in Nucla Town Park. An off-road bicycling event, it utilizes a network of dirt roads in western Montrose County.

The Gravel Rush has two course options available for riders, a 50-mile ride and also a 73-mile ride. Participants will leave Nucla Town Park at 9 a.m. and ride through Second and then Third Park, heading into Uravan. The event finishes back in Nucla Town Park.

"We do basically all of Long Park to Coke Ovens and a short stint of Naturita," said organizer Tim Tait.

There are 160 riders this year, up 60 percent from last year. Eight

individuals from the West End are participating. Many locals are also volunteering for the event, manning different stations and intersections.

Tait said locally there seems to be more interest in bicycling, and there are more resources, too, with the establishment of Paradox Cycle and also the new Naturita Bicycle Company. He added not everyone seems to be mountain biking. Some people are enjoying bikes for commuting or just running errands.

With the work Brock Benson is doing with apprenticeships and supporting local youth through bike programming, Tait said young people are bound to take interest. He said a young person who went through a youth bicycle development program in Durango, Sepp Kuss, is leading prestigious bicy-

cling events globally. He won't be surprised if West End kids go on to do big things too, considering the resources available.

For Saturday's event, Walk-In Coffee will be serving complimentary coffee to anyone — not just event participants — that morning. Tait said he's grateful for owner Laura Sherman's support, as well as other business owners, for the Gravel Rush. He wants to work with different businesses for the event, and there will be an economic benefit from riders who will end the day hungry, thirsty and needing a place to sleep.

The night before, on Sept. 15, there is a "block party" scheduled at Flying Bear Pizzeria (inside Naturita Bicycle Company). That celebration also includes Paradox

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EVENTS

M2D fundraiser happens on Sept. 23

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

It's that time of year again, and the Mountains to Desert Classic bike ride happens on Sept. 23, next weekend. A fundraiser for the Just for Kids (JFK) Foundation, representatives said the event helps support local youth in the region, and specifically in the west ends of both San Miguel and Montrose counties.

This marks the 20th anniversary of the bike ride tour, and organizers are hoping to raise \$200,000 that will be funneled back into local communities. Anyone is welcome to make a donation, and those participating in the ride are also fundraising, with sponsors backing them on the tour.

The ride begins in Telluride, though some will start in Norwood. The route goes through Naturita and runs all the way to Gateway, where a dance party has been planned. At the finish line, Disco Fuego will perform, and food will be provided by La Cocina de Luz, of Telluride.

There are riders from the West End participating, and anyone under 21 years of age gets a 50 percent discount on their registration, even if they start the tour from Norwood. So far listed in the top fundraisers (as of press time) were Paul Koski, of Nucla, and also the Daranyi family, of Norwood.

Some in West End communities are also volunteering for the event. Various volunteer positions still exist, from bag organizing to running a station, and those types of duties can be claimed by visiting runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/CO/Telluride/m2dclassic.

Some organizations that are benefited by the JFK Mountains to Desert Classic, specifically in the West End, are One to One Mentoring, Naturita Early Learning Center, Norwood Public School, Wright's Stuff Community Foundation, Bright Futures, Lone Cone Library, Montrose West Recreation, Juvenile Services, the Pinhead Institute, True North Youth Program and others.

A 501(c)(3) established in 1999 and based in Telluride, the Just For Kids Foundation serves the San Miguel Watershed region and "provides essential scholarships, operating grants, program support, capital and start-up funding, and equipment to deserving youth and youth organizations," the website says.

Mountains to Desert Classic bike ride is the foundation's only funding event, and, thanks to the donations and fundraising efforts

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This photo shows a dedication celebration at West End Family Link on Sept. 8. (Photo by Tanner Nelson)

NUCLA

Commissioners dedicate property to West End Family Link

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Montrose Board of County Commissioners voted to invest in the West End community, as the board donated a 0.427-acre lot and building to the West End Family Link Center at last week's regularly scheduled board meeting.

For years, Montrose County has leased the property and building, located at 853 Main Street in Nucla, to West End Family Link Center, a community-based nonprofit that provides low-to-no cost supportive services. These services include referrals, education towards self-management,

evidence-based programs (parenting and nutrition classes) and emergency assistance services, such as heating assistance and food bank services.

"Five years ago, the West End Family Link board began a strategic plan with big goals — to purchase a van, create stability in staffing, and find a permanent home," said West End Family Link Board President Doris Van Ness. "Today, the final piece of the dream is a reality. We have a home for the West End Family Link. Thank you to the board and County Manager Jon Waschbusch for this idea and believing in our services and mission."

In the process of working on long-term capital plans, County Manager Jon Waschbusch put forth the idea to dedicate the property to the Family Link. The commissioners' unanimous support of the donation culminated in last week's vote. Commissioners expressed their support.

"This is about doing what is in the best interest of our community," said Commissioner Roger Rash. "Growing up in the West End, my family relied on these services, and I know how critical they can be for a family's well being and a community's success. West End Family Link is important to the West End

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RECIPE

Bri Bonacquista's vegetable-beef soup

By KEIRAN BRAY

Bri Bonacquista's grandma used to make this on the ranch for her when she was a kid. She said her grandma never measured anything, so just add a dash or two of the seasonings.

Vegetable Beef Soup

Ingredients

Steak or hamburger, browned
Beef bouillon
Potatoes, chopped
Any vegetables, like carrots, celery, onion
1 can tomatoes
Thyme
Marajorm
Salt and Pepper
Celery seed

Directions

Mix all ingredients together. Add water if it's too thick. Heat until hot and bubbly. But, a must-have to go with the soup is baking powder biscuits.

Baking Powder Biscuits

Ingredients

2 cups flour
1/2 tsp. salt
4 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar (Optional) (She never adds cream of tartar, and the biscuits turn out great.)
1/2 cup lard
2/3 cups milk

Directions

Mix dry ingredients together and cut in the lard. Add milk. Roll out about 1/2" thick and cut into biscuits. Melt butter on a cookie sheet and place biscuits in butter on the sheet. Cook at 425 for 15 minutes.

Community award

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to those in need," he said. "Susan Rice is a pillar in our community who represents the true compassionate spirit of the pioneers who settled the West End, and serves as an inspiration to us all in living a life of purpose and service to our fellow man."

Rice worked 17 years in her role, helped facilitate the new library construction, was instrumental in the forming of youth programming and more. She served on the Just For Kids Foundation board of directors, and the West End Pay

it Forward Trust's board, too. A recipient of the Telluride Foundation's Citizen of the Year Award in 2018, the foundation reported that she's often cared for the homeless and the hungry.

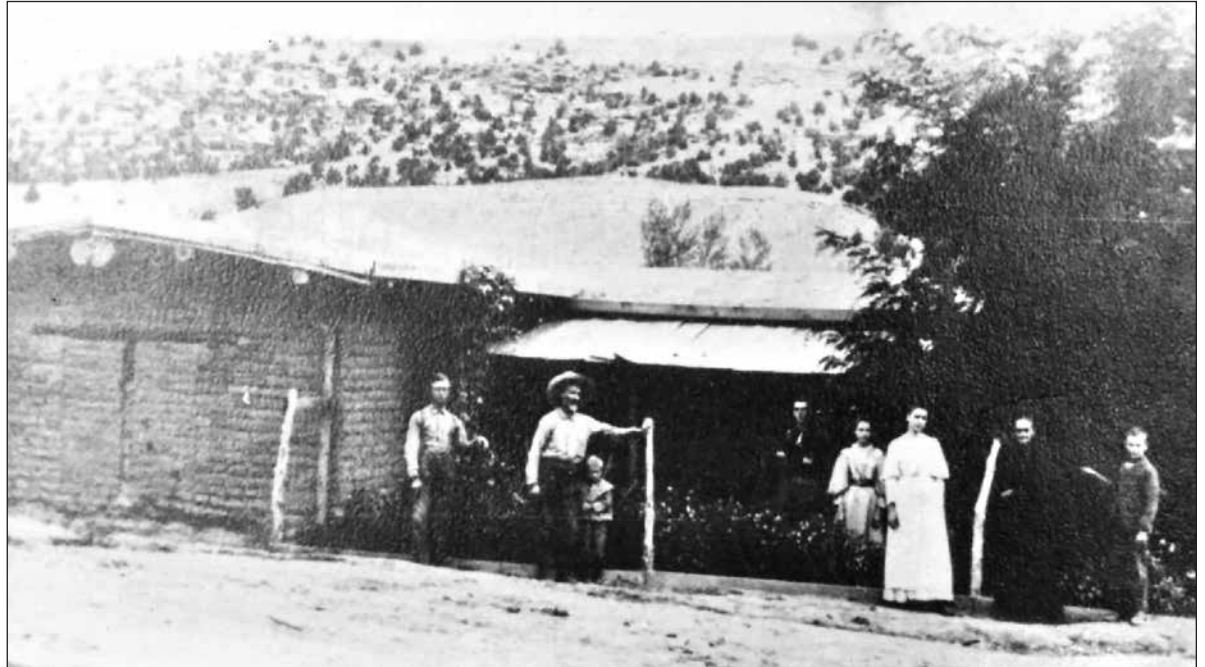
"It is our great pleasure to honor Susan in this way," Benson said, "and we hope you will join us in continuing the spirit of compassion and kindness that her life's purpose helped to cultivate. Please don't hesitate to take this opportunity to lift up that person in our community who deserves this thoughtful recognition."

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.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society

A trip to Naturita

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

This circa 1900 image shows the Rockwood Blake family outside their adobe house in Naturita, built in 1888. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

This article from *The Altrurian* of May 1, 1896, tells of another group of folks thinking about joining up with the Colorado Cooperative Company and their trip to Naturita to check out the prospects. The *Altrurian* newspaper was the paper that the CC Company started in January of 1895 to get the word out around the country about this new cooperative, utopian community. The *Altrurian* was very successful, and this group of Kansas folks decided to run on over to Naturita and check out the "promised land." I always enjoy these stories about the trips that people made to our neck of the woods back in the "old days."

Remember, there was no town of Nucla yet. The company headquarters was still in Naturita, where they leased property from Rockwood Blake to feed and house the few families who had come to start this endeavor of building a ditch to bring water to what would later become Nucla. I love how it says the ladies chose to walk up the big hill, rather than ride in the wagon. We think Norwood Hill is bad now; I can't imagine taking a chance in a wagon going up that hill. I probably would have gotten out and walked too! I hope you enjoy this letter from Mr. Ruggles, of Kansas.

"My trip to Naturita

Editor *Altrurian*,

Thinking it might be of interest to the readers of the *Altrurian*, I will give a brief sketch of my trip.

We had the usual experience of travelers who take the D. & R. G. R. R.

winding our way over the mountains. The ever-varying scenery along that route makes one nearly break his neck looking up. Twenty-one hours after leaving Denver, we rolled into Placerville. The accommodations here are limited, and only the ladies in our company had beds. We men had to share the office floor with Jim "the pusher." Jim don't think much of "them Kansas fellows," they cannot do anything without his light and they want his place on the floor.

Next morning, we started for the "promised land." The teamsters are jovial fellows, but as they had lady passengers, we men walked, as we could see the scenery better; and I noticed that when they came to the big hill 1 and a half miles long that takes you on top of the mountains, the ladies walked also. We stopped for dinner at C. C. Conklins' ranch, a whole-souled old settler who made us welcome.

After gaining the mountain top, we strike a regular Kansas road, straight for several miles. Arrived in Norwood at early supper time and was made welcome by Mr. and Mrs. Davis at their hotel. We had struck a Christian land again, for they only charged us \$1 a day. They are warm friends of the C. C. Co. The next day, the teamsters were a little more merciful and let us ride most of the way on the down-hill pull.

The next town of interest was Shenandoah, a new town building on a high plateau of land just being watered. We rolled into Naturita about 5 o'clock, some stopping

at Mr. Bremmer's, some at Mrs. Blake's, and the rest at Mrs. Chatfield's. All were strangers here, but Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, whom I had met in Mexico, but it did not take us long to get acquainted as we were made welcome, and the next day as we were all anxious to see the park that is to be the future homes, we were asked by President Brown to accompany him on a tour of inspection, and were all pleased at the look of the park, and so reported on our return.

We were shown over the line of the little ditch built last summer to water the Blake ranch, then up the mountain and saw the Indian engraving on the big rock, and then went to Cottonwood to visit the big ditch line and camp. We found them nicely situated in the buildings of an old gold mining camp. About 20 hardworking young men were plowing, scraping, blasting rock and shoveling a ditch along the mountain side, and one would not want to advocate that it could not be built if he did not want to get their opinion of him. After two weeks of pleasant stay, we joined ourselves with them and returned home to assist them at their work and provide ourselves with a future home.

Geo. B. Ruggles —
Osborn City, Kansas."

What a trip! Who knows if any of those Kansas folks ever came back to live in the "promised land," but they enjoyed their two-week vacation enough to sign on with the dream of utopia.

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residents, and I am proud to be able to make this happen today."

Commissioner Keith Caddy agreed.

"I think this will give you the opportunity to take this to the next level. You guys do great work down there, and this is an essential community service," he said.

Last Friday, on Sept. 8, a small gathering took place at the site to

honor the building's transition.

Now, the county is also completing design of a new facility for the Sheriff's Office in the West End, which will also include space for Health and Human Services staff. For more information on Montrose County, and to watch last week's meeting, the public is invited to visit montrosecounty.net.

According to its website, West End Family Link Center is a community-based nonprofit, founded in 1993, and one of the original fam-

ily resource center members of the Family Resource Center Association. West End Family Link Center serves an area of 2,069 square miles, which includes the west ends of both Montrose and San Miguel counties. Both west ends are geographically and financially isolated from the eastern portion of both respective counties. From the Family Link office in Nucla, it's at least a 90-minute to two-hour drive one-way to hospitals, shopping centers, entertainment, other social services and more.



This image shows the first Gravel Rush in 2022. This year, registration is up 60 percent. (Photo by Tim Tait)

Gravel Rush bike race

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Cycle, located across the street.

The Gravel Rush is competitive to a degree — but not as serious as other bicycling events in the region. Tait said there will be a wide range of riders. Some will ride the course very hard; others will take more time and enjoy the day with friends.

Tait said he acknowledges the West End Sheriff's Posse and local EMS for playing a key support role the day of Gravel Rush, going "above and beyond" to help. In what can be challenging

terrain, he said the event can't happen without them. Riders had the option to make donations to the sheriff's posse and EMS when they entered, and the event did raise \$1,200 for those organizations.

He asks all in local communities to take care on Saturday as riders navigate roads. He said Gravel Rush participants will be focused on being safe and abiding by traffic laws, but he requests patience from motorists.

A single-day event, the Gravel Rush will be complete by eve-

ning. That's because the fastest riders will be finishing the 50-mile portion in about three hours. The 73-mile riders will be done in roughly 5 and one half hours. Tait expects people to begin rolling back into Nucla in the 2 to 4 p.m. timeframe.

At the finish line, Benson is set to play music in the town park, and everyone is welcome to come out and see the riders complete the Gravel Rush. Tait said all are invited, the event is not exclusive, and he did rent the park pavilion, too.

M2D fundraiser

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from 2022, Just for Kids awarded \$133,000 to 40 worthy applicants

in its 2022 grant cycle.

To see those grant recipients, view upcoming grant deadlines and

read more about the history of the organization, all are invited to visit www.justforkidsfoundation.org.



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LETTERS

You're invited to solar array info potluck

Dear Editor,

In order to keep the community interest, education and momentum going in regards to the current permit on the 640 acre State Land Board parcel southeast of Norwood, for a huge solar array, a community potluck is being hosted on Sept. 16 (Saturday) at 6 p.m. at 1027 County Rd., 44ZS, in Norwood.

Please bring chairs and a potluck dish to share. Paper goods will be provided.

Follow PROTECT WRIGHT'S MESA COMMUNITY COALITION or the Norwood Collective on Facebook for updates.

Terri Lamers
NORWOOD

A decision based solely on reason

Dear Editor,

There is a new (2022) movie out called "Nuclear Now" that has just recently filtered down and caught the attention of Uranium producers, nuclear power advocates and the general public. Actually, it is a documentary that was directed and co-written by Hollywood icon Oliver Stone. He makes a couple good points in that nuclear energy does not deserve the demonization that it's been given, nor can renewable power technology of today generate enough future energy to sustain our current way of life. Mr. Stone hammers the point that there is going to be a reckoning if we continue following the energy path we are on.

However, and that is a big however, he advocates reviving the nuclear power industry at the expense of fossil fuels. He falls into the proverbial "Chicken Little" trap. If we continue to use coal, crude oil and natural gas, then the sky will fall and the Earth will be destroyed in the process. Horse feathers!

Come on, Oliver, we don't need Hollywood hysteria to determine our energy policies. All we need

are the facts stated clearly and rationally, so we can make a decision based solely on reason and not hysteria.

It follows that a uranium fuel pellet, which weights 6 grams and when incorporated into a fuel rod in a nuclear power plant, can produce 5 megawatts of power. Converting grams into pounds, we can then compare different forms of energy.

One pound of uranium 235 can produce 377 megawatts of power.

That's energy equivalent of:

1 pound of U235 = 45 tons of coal.

1 pound of U235 = 223 barrels of crude oil.

1 pound of U235 = 1,286,324 cubic feet of natural gas.

1 pound of U235 = 359 commercial wind turbines.

1 pound of U235 = 1.6 square miles of solar panels.

When I was younger, when coal was king, the coal companies were catching a lot of flak for stripping mountain tops in Appalachia to get at the coal underneath. Knowing what I know now, I could give them some good advice. I would tell them to just cover the area with solar panels to make the mountain beautiful again. They could, therefore, silence all their critics, at least the highly educated ones that think only they know what is good for Mother Earth. Thus, the reformed critics would applaud. Not only that, the federal government would pay for the panels, and then, in turn, the coal companies could sell the power generated by the panels to the companies that manage the grid in that area. Win-win.

(The wind turbine data comes from the U.S. Department of Energy, and solar data comes from National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Both are best-case scenarios and are state-of-the-art technology. In real life, the number of wind turbines should probably be doubled, and the area of solar panels probably should probably be tripled.)


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September 23RD. CITY OF DELTA SURPLUS AUCTION. 9:00 A.M. AT THE CITY SHOP contact Roy Nelson for more information. 970-250-2086

Next Special Sheep & Goat Sale September 28th - 200-300 lambs

NEXT SPECIAL HORSE SALE - Saturday October 7th. Free Facebook advertising for you horse, you provide a photo, and the information, by October 4th. If you are interested, please call us at 970-874-4612. If your horse is not advertised on Facebook feel free to bring them in like normal.

FALL FEEDER SALES

- Thursday, October 26th - Sheep & Goat Sale (NO FEEDER CALVES SOLD ON THIS DATE)
- Saturday, October 28th First Special Feeder Calf Sale
- Thursday, November 2nd - Regular Sale No Feeder Calves sold on this day
- Saturday, November 4th Special Feeder Calf Sale
- Thursday, November 9th - Regular Sale No Feeder Calves sold on this day
- Saturday, November 11th Special Feeder Calf Sale
- Thursday, November 16th - Regular Sale No Feeder Calves sold on this day
- Saturday, November 18th Special Feeder Calf Sale

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OBITUARIES

Kathleen Ann Weimer

Oct. 6, 1946 — Sept. 5, 2023



Kathleen Ann O'Neill Weimer, our sweet wife and mother, peacefully passed away at the age of 76 on Sept. 5 surrounded by her family after a valiant battle with cancer.

She was born on Oct. 6, 1946, in Provo, Utah, as the oldest child of her loving parents, Thomas Ivan O'Neill and Afton Shirlene Thompson. Kathy grew up in Orem, Utah, and graduated Orem High School, where she enjoyed all outdoor sports.

She met and married the love of her life, Zene J. Weimer, Aug. 19, 1967, in Orem, Utah. They lived in California while Zene was in the military until Sept. 30, 1969. While there, Kathy worked for Hughes Aircraft. They moved to Nucla after military life, where they raised three sons and built a wonderful life together.

Kathy's unconditional love for her children was surpassed only by her love for her grandchildren. There was nothing she enjoyed more than spending time with her family. Her home was open for her extended family to come and share treasured memories of ranch life. Kathy spent many happy hours around the table playing games with loved ones. Family baseball games, traveling to Ouray to swim, and picnics were always a must when family gathered. Kathy loved to snow and water ski, play softball, attend school events, work in her yard and enjoyed traveling and dancing. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where she worked in the library for many years when her health allowed.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Zene; children, Ryan (Darcy) and Matthew (Catorina) of Nucla, and Aaron (Stacey), of Surprise, AZ. Grandchildren are Madalyn, Gabreal, Wyatt, Aiden and Kyndle. She also leaves her sister, Peggy (Ted) Lockhart, of St. George, UT, and many extended family members.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Shirlene; grandson, Nathaniel Zene Weimer; and her brother, Kelly O'Neill.

Though she has passed, her warmth and love will remain. The happy memories we have of good times spent with her will live on. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints chapel, located at 31473 CO-141, Naturita, CO 81422.

Prior to the funeral service, there will be a viewing from 10 to 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Weimer scholarship fund at Berks County Community Foundation. Call 610-685-2223 for more information.

Sandra Marie Williams

Feb. 2, 1942 — Sept. 8, 2023



Lifetime resident of the Norwood area, Sandra Marie Williams, passed away on Friday, Sept. 8, at Hope West Ferris Hospice in Grand Junction, following an accident at their ranch on Coventry Hill. She and her husband Leonard "Willie" Williams had just celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Sept. 6.

Sandy was a ranch wife and mom in the fullest sense of the word. She and Willie have developed a herd of crossbred beef cattle over the years, as well as raised four children who brought them much joy.

Sandy was born Feb. 2, 1942, in Telluride, Colorado. Her parents were Boyd and Bertha Oliver. A horse lover all her life, she was San Miguel Basin Rodeo Queen at age 15, and a competitive barrel racer. She was a graduate of Norwood High School, where she played flute in the band and was a majorette and a cheerleader. She married her high school sweetheart

the following September.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard; her children, Keith (Sue), Allen "Doc" (Jackie) and Hank (Stephanie) Williams, all of Norwood, and Cindy (Jann) Gillen, of Farmington, New Mexico. Grandchildren are Ty (Jayde) Williams, Jeff (Julia) Williams, Harlie (Sterling) Zehnder and Jordan Williams — and Joseph, Jacob, Ali and Slade Gillen. Great-grandchildren are Lincoln and Kase Williams.

She is survived by siblings Judy Skalla (Dean), of Ridgway, and Bert Oliver, of Redvale.

Services will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, at 11 a.m. at the Norwood Christian Church with internment in the Norwood Cemetery.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

8/17/2023
0716 Hours - Leonel Jimenez, 41, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 3 near Nucla and issued a warning for speeding.
0759 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 12100 block of Highway 90 for a medical assist.
1057 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Telephone Draw near Nucla for a fire.
1242 Hours - Kevin Jonte, 30, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla and issued a warning for operating an ATV on a State Highway.
1458 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a juvenile problem. A juvenile was cited for underage possession of a vaping device.
1522 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of FF31 Road and County Road 34Y for a fire.
1636 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of HH31 Road near Naturita for an information report.
1648 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31700 block of Hanks Valley Road near Norwood for a welfare check.
1757 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to

the 200 block of East Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.
1 VIN inspection
1 follow up report
1 school zone in Naturita
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in Naturita
1 civil process attempted/served
8/18/2023
0946 Hours - Kimball Williams, 56, was contacted in the 100 block of Adams Street in Naturita and cited for no registration and no insurance.
1056 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to

the 1300 block of Ragsdale Road near Norwood for a lost property report.
1139 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for suspicious activity.
1148 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.
1208 Hours - A juvenile was contacted on Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla and issued a warning for speeding.
1250 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of Highway 145 and 3760 Road near Redvale for a motorist

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YARD SALE

Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to afternoon. 807 Main St., Nucla. Moto helmets, vintage leather jackets, Patagonia clothes, antique brass bed, stainless gas grill, vintage camper, more

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NUCLA TO CREATE THE NUCLA PLANNING COMMISSION TO RESEARCH AND ADVISE THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

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PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR POST-AWARD HEARING

The Town of Naturita will conduct a public hearing at 411 W 2nd Avenue on 9-26-2023 at the 6:00 pm Board of Directors meeting. The purpose of the hearing is to allow citizens to review and comment on the performance of the Town of Naturita in carrying out their Water System Lines, hydrants and looping project which was financed with federal Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the State of Colorado. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 9-25-23 at 222 East Main Street, Naturita, CO or TOWN OF NATURITA, PO Box 505, Naturita, CO 81422 Information and records regarding the above described project are available at 222 E Main Street, Naturita, CO during regular office hours 7:00 to 5:30 Monday - Thursday. The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired, or any non-English speaking person should contact 970-865-2286, at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify Town of Naturita at 222 E Main Street, Naturita, CO or 970-865-2286 at least 10 calendar days before meeting.

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West End Montrose County

Sheriff's Office Blotter

assist.

1352 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1411 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a juvenile problem.

1656 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1750 Hours - Kirk Achziger, 44, was contacted at the intersection of Highway 141 and EE26 Road near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1801 Hours - James Englebright was contacted in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1805 Hours - Mignon Chadd, 41, was arrested in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita on an outstanding warrant.

1904 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for an information report.

1926 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 82 near Naturita for a traffic hazard.

1 directed patrol in County
1 civil process attempted/served
8/19/2023

1114 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28600 block of 25 Mesa Road near Nucla for a report of a weapon offense.

1804 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 98 near Norwood for an agency assist.

2221 Hours - Alan Carothers, 61, was contacted on Highway 145 mm 107 near Redvale and arrested for driving under the influence.

2334 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a criminal mischief report.

8/20/2023

0604 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a disturbance. Mignon Chadd, 41, was arrested for harassment, domestic violence, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

1402 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance. Tyler Slagle, 30, was arrested for third degree assault and domestic violence.

1735 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview on Highway 90 mm 12 near Bedrock.

1 follow up report
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in County
1 directed patrol in Naturita
8/21/2023

1535 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla

for a disturbance. Nicole Welsh, 35, was arrested for harassment, domestic violence and a protection order violation.
1 follow up report
1 school zone in Naturita
8/22/2023

0551 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

0920 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Third Avenue in Naturita for a civil matter.

1154 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a civil matter.

1231 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a suspicious person.

1419 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla to relay a message.
1 civil process attempted/served
8/23/2023

0607 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 104 near Redvale for an accident.

0754 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29600 block of 2900 Road near Nucla for an abandoned vehicle.

0829 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

0837 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

0942 Hours - Stacey Williams, 55, was arrested on an outstanding warrant in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1308 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 63 near Naturita for an information report.

1537 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita for an animal problem.

1558 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

1631 Hours - Daina Love, 25, was arrested on an outstanding warrant in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1653 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for a civil matter.

1746 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of West Seventh Avenue and Heron Street in Nucla for an animal problem.

1829 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for fire assist.

1913 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a harassment report.

2302 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita

for an information report.
1 follow up report

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Monday, September 18

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Tuesday, September 19

French Toast (WG), Mixed Fruit, Milk, Juice (K-9)

Wednesday, September 20

Breakfast Bar (WG), Peaches, Milk, Juice (K-9)

Thursday, September 21

English Muffin (WG), Cheese, Pears, Milk, Juice (K-9)

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Chef Salad With Diced Ham, Carrots and Tomatoes, Bread Stick, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, September 19

Meatball Sandwich, Green Salad, Pears, Milk

Wednesday, September 20

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Thursday, September 21

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YOUTH

Let's hear it for the girls!



The Mustangs were invited to face the Mavericks for the Norwood homecoming.



In a competitive set of matches, the teams had to play five games.



The girls kept tying it up.



The final score was 23-21 in Norwood's favor.



Volleyball mom Sara Bray said both teams played well.



While Bray cheered for the Mustangs, she said both teams should be proud.



Kyle Dinsmore, of Norwood, called it a "barn burner."



While the girls faced each other on the court, the combined guys team beat Plateau Valley on the football field, 20-18. (Photos by Brandie McCabe)