

San Miguel Basin Forum

BUSINESS

Nucla to get new grocery store

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Though the Nucla community has been mourning the loss of Redd's Mercantile after it closed this fall, a new grocery store is set to emerge in early December. Eric and Everett Piper, of La Sal, Utah, told the San Miguel Basin Forum over the weekend, they aim to be open for Elfin Even in the West End in the building that formerly housed 3 Peaks ATV.

The Piper brothers already have one successful grocery store in La Sal, E's Market. Last year, they took over Anna's at the La Sal Store. They guys had a good year. They said when the opportunity to open up something similar in Nucla came up, they felt it was a good space to get into.

Now, at 475 Main St. in Nucla, Good E's Grocery is in quick transition to open its doors. The plan is to be open initially from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, though hours could expand as the guys assess the community's needs.

At first, Everett Piper will man the store, but he is hoping to hire a few Nucla people to work at the new grocery.

They'll mirror what they sell in La Sal at E's market, but they're very open to what the Nucla clientele want to see. They plan on having available staple foods, like milk, cheese, bacon, ground beef and sausage. Additionally, they'll have turkey and hot dogs too.

Everett Piper told the Forum he knows how important a deli-type situation is for Nucla, and he's trying to accommodate that. The market will have canned goods, chips, candy bars, bread and the standard grocery store fare.

Yes, there will be some organic items, some gluten-free products and also lactose-free things too.

"We are looking to get feedback from people and make an inventory suited to the people who are coming in frequently," he said.

There will be a large selection of cold teas and sodas, along with energy drinks and Gatorade, with some Starbucks drinks and also seltzer waters. The coolers are still in the process of being installed, so the first wave of being open may not show the variety that will soon be in store.

The Piper brothers are aware of the need to be open for Nucla High School's student body, and their plan is to do their best. Everett Piper admitted the opening may not be as soft as they'd intended, since they want to be ready to try and serve the kids.

They'll have some frozen things, like Hot Pockets, burritos and

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EDUCATION

Norwood-Nucla sports co-op rescinded; board members speak

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Ashley Tomlinson, Nucla school board president, expressed disappointment about Norwood's school board voting last week to rescind the decision to co-op sports programs between the two districts, a decision first made a year ago that was set to happen in the fall of 2024. For her, both boards' decisions to

co-op in January were about collaboration and "(reducing) the emphasis on competition and (focusing) more of the social aspect of playing sports together."

"Norwood and Nucla already support each other in other aspects as well, but sports always felt like a coming together for our two communities. It was exciting to see a new era where past rivalries were no longer a focus," she said.

Tomlinson said Norwood's decision last week to back out felt like a "setback." She said she knew kids in both schools, though, would "make the best of it."

Stan Galley, also on Nucla's board, said his group voted 5-0 for the co-op a year ago, and he believes even with a new board, the unanimous decision would again hold. Currently on the board in Nucla are Tomlinson and Galley

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Addressing the crowd

Kylie Smith, Cole Bray and Berlynn Tomlinson competed at the District 2 FFA speaking contest last week. Smith competed in prepared public speaking and placed in the bronze category. Bray and Tomlinson competed in FFA creed speaking. Bray placed gold and was district runner-up. Tomlinson placed silver. (Photo by Malisha Reed)

POWER PLANT

CRG Construction completing last steps at coal plant site

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

There has been heavy equipment moving dirt at what was formerly the Nucla Station, the coal plant owned by Tri-State Generation and Transmission. Some might have wondered what was going on with the dirt work and if it was any indication of the site's future. The San Miguel Basin Forum called the company, CRG Construction of Bayfield, to find out. Representatives said over the phone, they're simply completing the clean-up process.

The coal plant was decommissioned in 2019 and demolished in 2021. It's been a sad ending for many families who made their live-

lihood at the station — and made many memories in their careers, plus important friendships too.

CRG Construction representatives said they're now reclaiming the property "to its natural habitat," as directed by Tri-State. They said the State of Colorado is overseeing the clean-up, but Tri-State hired the construction company. And, CRG said they're the last ones on the job.

"We go in and clean up and make sure there's no contamination," a representative said over the phone, who also declined to give a name. "We're the last people in."

The guys are installing rip-rap for erosion control and also reseeding areas. Next year, vegetation

should be growing there. The representative from CRG said nobody will be able to tell that anything was ever there. Their job is to make it look "perfect" after they exit.

While the surroundings might be restored to a natural habitat, the Forum wonders if anyone who ever saw the plant, let alone worked inside the building, could ever drive by the site on the San Miguel River on the Nucla Loop and not think about the history of what stood there for some 70 years.

Will the power plant site remain natural and vacant, or will something else be built there?

Aimee Tooker, local community leader and committee chair for the

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ARTS

Youth sculpture's first home to be in Nucla

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Rocky Mountain Arts' youth community sculpture build is nearly finished, and the planning for a grand installation ceremony is underway.

The Nucla Town Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve the placing of the sculpture in Volunteer Park at their Nov. 8 meeting. The board — made up of Mayor Pro Tem Paula Brown, along with David Johnson, Penni Philbrick, Ailene Smith, Pam Curtiss and Tim Pierce — expressed enthusiasm. Susan Rice, former director of the Naturita Community Library, was also in attendance to support the project.

Rocky Mountain Arts produced the youth community sculpture build in October with the help of professional artists, architects and builders. Students that participated from Nucla were Akyma Larston, Alexa Caruso, Braxton Quigley, Ileeia Squires, Jonah Richardson, KaeKae Weimar, Mylee Rain, Paxtin Caruso and Xaden Caruso. Those participants learned a variety of sculpture-building techniques, as well as how to use welding- and wood-building tools safely.

The students came up with the concept behind the sculpture, which is a mushroom and columbine flowers, towering over all, at 12-feet-tall by 12-feet-wide. The sculpture title is "Schroomzillah."

The program was free to the teens, and Rocky Mountain Arts provided all building materials, food and transportation for workshop days.

The sculpture installation date has yet to be set, as items such as waterproofing and signage creation by HnH Signs, of Nucla, still need to be completed. Anyone wishing to be invited to the grand unveiling event, however, should email erin@rockymountainarts.org.

The entire project was made possible through grants from The National Endowment for the Arts, CCAASE, Sessions Family Foundation, Alpine Bank and New York Community Trust.

For more details about the Youth Community Sculpture Build, the public is invited to visit rockymountainarts.org/youth-october-sculpture-build/.

Rocky Mountain Arts was formerly Telluride Fire Festival. Its mission as a nonprofit is to teach life skills to rural youth through art. The organization works with teens in San Miguel and West Montrose counties to give them opportunities for self-expression and creativity. The programs are always free and funded through

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Blessed

Dear Editor,

I just returned home, along with other ranching families, from our annual Colorado Farm Bureau Convention in Denver. The convention is a reunion of longtime acquaintances, education, information and a chance to influence policy from the county up. Colorado ranchers and farmers provide us with the most magnificent landscapes in the world and provide us with nourish-

ing food and the fiber to clothe us.

This morning, looking out of my east or west-facing picture windows, I am once again awed by the beauty that surrounds us.

Either direction would make a beautiful piece of art. All of us that live on Wright's Mesa are truly blessed, and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

*Terri Lamers
NORWOOD*



Instructor Keith D'Angelo holds the flower in place. Below is co-facilitator Chris Myers with students Paxtin Caruso, of the West End, and Evan Stogner, of Telluride. (Photo by Erin Ries)

Youth sculpture

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grants and donations.

Rocky Mountain Arts' beginnings go back to 2015. Since then, the organization typically has an annual art showcase event that celebrates art, fire and sculpture.

On its website, the nonprofit states its values are rooted in the ideas of inclusion, community effort, participation, gifting of fire art, civic responsibility, self-expression, leave no trace, and also net-zero carbon footprint.

Correction

Last week, the Forum reported in the story "SMC supports ag over solar; summer concerts planned" that a grant writer was to be hired and work for all three communities — Norwood, Nucla and Naturita — as part of the Just Transition program. In actuality, that is an idea being considered, and one that is possible.

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History: Rimrocker Historical Society

Naturita and Pinon in November of 1900

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

The Colorado Cooperative Company, after they incorporated in 1894, began putting out a weekly newspaper called the Altrurian. They sent it out into the world to advertise their plan for a utopian community, which would eventually become Nucla.

The new colonists were very connected to their Naturita neighbors and could not have made it without these good folks who had been around since the 1880s. Some of the Altrurians can be found online, and we have several at the museum. This Altrurian from November of 1900 had much news of Naturita and Pinon, and I thought you would enjoy their news of the day.

"Naturita Notes: Rev. Cook, of Norwood, held services in the Naturita School House Sunday.

Mrs. A. Priestly, of Coventry, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blake.

Mr. McBride, of Minneapolis, a brother of Mr. McBride, of Cashin, spent a night at Naturita while en route to Cashin, where he will visit several days.

Mr. R. H. Blake returned last from Montrose, where he went on business.

Mr. Lafayette Veatch spent Sunday in Pinon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ray visited in Paradox last week.

Our school is progressing nicely with a very good attendance.

Walt Cooper's new house at Naturita is ready for plastering.

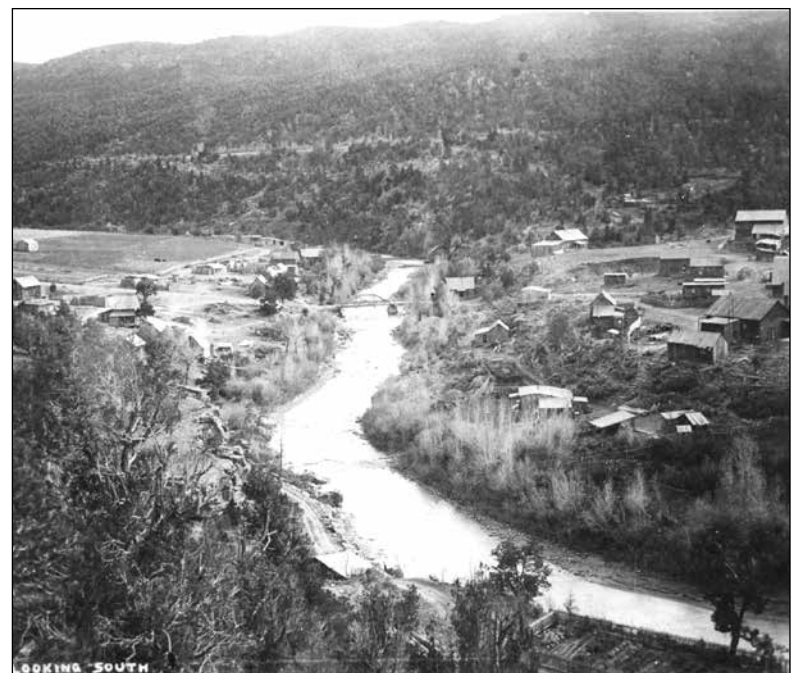
Pinon News: For Christmas Eve, there will be a Mother Goose entertainment given by the school children at Colony Hall, Pinon, on Christmas Eve, and as quite an extended program will be gotten up by the young people, a jolly good time is anticipated. Parents and friends hint at donations of cake and such like goodies for the occasion, so that physical as well as mental pabulum will be provided. All are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Smith, with their daughter Cora, son Ben and the baby, were the sole representatives of the Montrose contingent at our late festivities and were cordially greeted by their many friends at Pinon and the mill. Owing to the heavy snowstorm that was raging while they were en route across the divide, they had quite an exciting time getting through, but we are glad to state no ill effects resulted from the exposure. B. L.'s description of the experience ... was harrowing in the extreme and left nothing to be desired by the expectant Pinonite.

Our wood haulers are doing good work these days.

'On to Bucktail' is the watch word of the ditch crew.

Comrade W. C. McCormick



Above, this image shows the hauling of freight to and from Montrose in the summertime, 1902.

Below, this image shows Pinon in the early 1900s, then the second largest town in Montrose County. (Images courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

spent last Sunday night in Pinon.

The C. C. Company herd now numbers 87 head. H. E. Robinson has gone to the Paradox country to make arrangements for pasturing of some 50 head of company stock.

Marshall Veatch says he will join our ditch crew in about a week.

Our sixth anniversary is now but a memory. A very pleasant one though.

The company teams will leave the mill for Montrose Thanksgiving morning.

The colony "guidwife" has had fresh beef on the menu the past week, and peace and harmony prevails.

A Shakespeare Reading Circle is talked of by some of our people as the next addition to Pinon's literary attractions.

Comrade Winter is with us once again and has completed arrangements for the survey of the ditch line below Pinon.

Frank Gibbs is around in good shape after his spell of measles, as are also his children who were co-sufferers with him.

Mrs. Fredericks and her two children arrived at the mill last Friday evening and will go to housekeeping in the late Canfield residence which they have pur-

chased. We welcome them to a cooperative home.

Our secretary is in receipt of several letters in German and had to hunt up an interpreter before he could answer some. Copies of our paper, by-laws and article of incorporation were asked for and will be sent to them."

I am always amazed at these hardy folks who settled here — the Smith family heading over from Montrose in a heavy snowstorm, in a wagon, mind you. The measles running through the community. But, there were Mother Goose and Shakespeare readings in the midst of it all, and the company freighters headed back over to Montrose on Thanksgiving morning to drop off their goods and bring back supplies after that heavy snowstorm. Those folks were living their best life!

The Rimrockers wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! We would also like to remind you that the new museum will be open for Elfin Eve on Dec. 7. We invite you to stop by and see what we have and how the move is coming along. Remember, it's the purple and lime green building on Main Street in Nucla.

Coal plant

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Office of Just Transition (the state organization supporting the transition away from coal), commented.

“Driving by the old power plant site is surreal, but the property itself has great potential,” she said. “Once a large economic driver in our community (the coal plant and industry), WEEDC and our partners are working hard to make sure we diversify our economy, so we can subsidize the

reliance on one employer for our economic prosperity.”

The Forum reached out to Tri-State Generation and Transmission for clues as to what might happen with the coal plant property and its water rights too, which are another subject.

As of press time, Chantell Johnson had not responded to the Forum’s questions about the site’s future, or the water situation.

Tooker, like many others in the

West End, hopes those resources stay local.

“Closing was hard enough,” Tooker said. “Shutting the doors two years early definitely was a factor we could have done without. I can only hope that the communities, along with powers that be in the State of Colorado, can convince Tri-State that the real estate and water right assets should stay in and be used for the benefit of the West End.”



This image shows E's Grocery down the road in La Sal, which will be similar to the new grocery in Nucla. (Photo by Rusty Scott)

New grocery store

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chicken sandwiches, with a microwave on site. At the same time, they want to offer more than that and are planning for some fresh and hot food.

In La Sal, they also have a food

truck, and the guys are mulling over the idea of bringing it to Nucla too.

For now, it’s going to be grab and go in the new grocery, but in the future there could be tables to sit at for a bit. The Pipers have discussed

the idea of coffee service, but they don’t have details on that yet.

“We expect to start modest and expand as the town is giving feedback,” Everett Piper said Saturday. “It’s been cool to hear feedback already. We’re feeling excited.”

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.
- **WEST END TRAILS ALLIANCE (WETA):** Meets third Thursday of month at 6 p.m.; follow WETA on Facebook for meeting locations; contact board to get involved.

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Baking this season
Faith and Michael McGee, of Norwood, are busy in the kitchen.
(Courtesy image)

Briefs

WATER
Water board position open

San Miguel County is accepting letters of interest to be appointed to the board of directors of the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD). The post is open following the recent resignation on longtime SWCD board member, Jenny Russell.

The SWCD was created by the Colorado General Assembly to protect, conserve, use and develop the water resources of the San Juan and Dolores River basins for the welfare of all the inhabitants and safeguard for Colorado all waters to which the state is entitled.

The board of directors is appointed by the county commissioners in each county that has all, or part, of its boundaries within SWCD's district. These counties include Montrose County, San Miguel County, Hinsdale County, Mineral County, Montezuma

County, La Plata County and Archuleta County.

Directors are appointed for a three-year term. Those interested should send letters of interest no later than Dec. 7 by 5 p.m.

RANCHING
Cows are on the move

Mex & Sons announced on Monday they were moving cows up Norwood Hill, creating a traffic jam. They asked for patience as the livestock made the journey back to Norwood for the winter.

Many cows are now coming off the mountain. The Galleys told the Forum they were bringing their cows home this week, as early as Tuesday.

Some ranchers have been weaning their calves, and some have not. There might be more noise than usual, however.

A random cow has been roaming the east side of Nucla, and she has been spotted in alleyways

and enjoying the grass off of 4th Street. Misty Galley said she might belong to the Mock family, or the Smiths.

TRANSPORTATION
Uncompahgre Road closes due to bridge maintenance

Montrose County Road and Bridge Department will close Uncompahgre Road over the South Canal, just east of Pahgre Road. Crews will be replacing the bridge deck and repaving the surface. The closure will begin Monday, Nov. 27, and is scheduled to last until Tuesday, Dec. 12, depending on weather.

The Canal Road on the west side of the bridge will be accessible. Motorists are asked to use alternate routes.


For more information, the public should visit montrosecounty.net or contact Montrose County Road and Bridge Department at 970-249-5424.

Basin Clinic Vital Signs

Patient Visits through August 2023

Basin Clinic had 2,474 patient visits, from

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Not uncommon in Nucla
A random cow out of her pasture roams the east side of town Nov. 20.
(Photo by Rusty Scott)

RECIPE

Clint Perry's barbecue rib sauce still a crowd pleaser

By KEIRAN BRAY, *Forum Intern*

My grandpa took many years trying to perfect this recipe. He tried many barbecue sauce recipes, combining some things he liked from others and eventually created this. After he died, we

started using his sauce more often — one, because my family really likes it, and two, in remembrance of him. You can use this sauce for anything barbecue you would like. My family just normally uses it for ribs.

Clint Perry's barbecue sauce

Ingredients

- 1 large bottle of barbecue sauce (your choice of brand)
- 1/8 c. honey
- 1/8 c. molasses
- 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 1/2 - 1 c. ketchup

- 1 tsp. worcestershire
- 1 tsp. tarragon
- 1 shot whiskey

Directions

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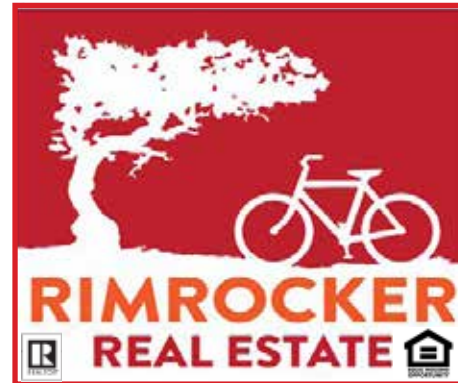
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600-700# STEERS	2.22-2.32	600-700# HEIFERS	2.08-2.20
700-800# STEERS	2.10-2.20	700-800# HEIFERS	1.95-2.05
800-900# STEERS	2.18-2.25	800-900# HEIFERS	1.75-2.05
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1344 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a fraud report.

1546 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a juvenile problem. A juvenile was cited for possession of a vape device.

1601 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for an animal problem.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

10/25/2023

0743 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an alarm.

0836 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1601 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a 911.

1135 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

1508 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a report of threatening.

1559 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a welfare check.

1656 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Main Street in Naturita for an abandoned vehicle.

2003 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 74 near Naturita for an accident.

1 school zone in Naturita

10/26/2023

1408 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1453 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 21500 block of 600

Road near Paradox for an information report.

1620 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a medical assist.

1914 Hours - Jeanna Jaspersen, 60, was contacted at the intersection of 2650 Road and AA Road near Nucla and issued a warning for speeding.

1930 Hours - Joshua Delancy, 36, was contacted in the 28000 block of CC Road near Nucla and cited for speeding.

2103 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

1 VIN inspection

1 directed patrol in County

10/27/2023

0853 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a civil standby.

1403 Hours - Jennifer Baer, 51, was contacted in the 300 block of West Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1504 Hours - A juvenile was contacted on Highway 97 mm 1 near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1526 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

1642 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a suspicious person.

1729 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint. Brian Dunlap, 37, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under revocation.

1940 Hours - Deputy conducted an

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 Plaintiffs: LLOYD C. LAKIN and SHAYNA BELL
 Defendants: BRISA FELIX and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS

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West End Montrose County

Sheriff's Office Blotter

agency assist on Highway 145 mm 100 near Norwood.

2110 Hours - Deputy conducted a motorist assist on Highway 145 mm 113 near Norwood.

1 follow up report

1 directed patrol in Nucla

1 directed patrol in County

1 directed patrol in Naturita

10/28/2023

1110 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28000 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for a theft report.

1402 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1404 Hours - Daniel Clark, 68, was contacted at the intersection of Highway 97 and Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1421 Hours - Isabella Biggs, 25, was contacted in the 29400 block of Highway 97 and cited for speeding and expired registration.

1642 Hours - Kelsey Trotter, 30, was contacted in the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1645 Hours - Deputy was dis-

patched to the 100 block of East Fifth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1711 Hours - Dawn Henson, 62, was contacted in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita and cited for speeding.

1743 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a citizen assist.

1830 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a disturbance.

1922 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a disturbance. Stephen Squires, 33, was arrested for domestic violence, criminal attempt, false imprisonment, third degree assault, and obstruction of a telephone service.

1 directed patrol in County
 1 civil process attempted/served

10/29/2023

1330 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a theft report.

10/31/2023

0328 Hours - Deputy was dis-

patched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a weapon offense.

0607 Hours - Deputy took a theft report in the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita.

1036 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Grape Street in Nucla for a welfare check.

1251 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28000 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for a medical assist.

1331 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita for an information report.

1639 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Adams Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

1757 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 105 near Norwood for a traffic complaint.

1846 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 26 near Naturita for a traffic complaint.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: THE 1980s

ACROSS

- 1. *"Heaven's on Fire" band
- 5. *Setting of "Cheers" TV show
- 8. Derive
- 13. "I'm ____ you!"
- 14. Gas station brand
- 15. Affirmatives
- 16. Image in Orthodox Church
- 17. *Robert Wagner or Stephanie Powers, on TV
- 18. *Vote for H.W. Bush, e.g.
- 19. *Weird Al's last name
- 21. Forum, pl.
- 22. Dog-____ book
- 23. Clingy plant
- 24. Spiky succulent
- 27. Accumulates (2 words)
- 31. Turkish military leader
- 32. Consequence
- 35. *Wintour of Vogue
- 36. Zoroaster follower
- 38. E in B.C.E.

- 39. #53 Down, third person singular
- 40. Do like exhaust pipe
- 41. Hertz' offering
- 43. Extra cost
- 44. Expert, in U.K. (2 words)
- 46. *Ricky Martin's boy band
- 48. Arrival time acronym
- 49. *Piano player Lee Curreri on "Fame"
- 51. *Baltimore player
- 53. *Mikhail Gorbachev's policy
- 56. Recipient of money
- 57. *Umberto Eco's "The ____ of the Rose"
- 58. Oration station
- 60. Some tournaments
- 61. In the thick of
- 62. Place, in French
- 63. Not at all good
- 64. Bitty
- 65. Other than what is

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DOWN

- 1. Ornamental pond dweller
- 2. Deep black
- 3. Greek promenade
- 4. Shakespeare's output
- 5. * Lou Reed's "Home of the ____"
- 6. Like thick smoke
- 7. Campus military org.
- 8. Attractive to look at
- 9. *"Back to the Future" car
- 10. One on drugs
- 11. Cecum, pl.
- 12. Is, in Paris
- 14. "A horse is ____ ____, of course, of course"
- 20. Resin-producing tree
- 23. Took the bait
- 24. *Christopher Reeve's sartorial style in "Superman II"
- 25. Old World lizard
- 26. Indigenous person from Suriname or Guyana
- 27. Surveyor's map
- 28. Mix-up
- 29. Not married
- 30. Promenade in Spain
- 33. Tournament ranking
- 34. Remains container
- 37. *Washington's volcano Mount ____
- 39. *Close of "The Big Chill"
- 41. Genetic initials
- 42. Entertained
- 45. Affirm to be true
- 47. Cavatappi or udon, sing.
- 49. Scapegoat's due
- 50. Fiber crop variety
- 51. Head of family
- 52. Deed hearing
- 53. Chew on
- 54. Schooner canvas
- 55. *TV's "Family ____"
- 56. Sound of explosion
- 59. *"Peggy ____ Got Married"

CROSSWORD

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Lantry Galley celebrates her third hunting season, and lucky charm Loudyn Galley helps field dress with his late grandfather's (Tommy Farmer's) knife. (Courtesy images)

Sports co-op rescinded

Cont. from Pg. 1

with Mary Suhr, Emily Mock and Lars Nasland.

Galley echoed feelings of disappointment at Norwood's decision. He said it was a surprise, since Norwood didn't inform Nucla they intended to reconsider the decision, or revote on it.

"We don't know what's going on," he said. "They voted to do away with the co-op. What are they thinking? Are we each on our own?"

He added there's due diligence to take care of and questions that now need answered. Galley also said beyond adults, the kids are the ones affected by Norwood's decision, and he feels bad for the players.

Regretting the decision

Regan Snyder, vice president of Norwood's board, said she speaks as a parent and community member when she says she's disappointed in the manner the vote and decision were made. She said the decision to move toward a co-op a year ago was data-driven and committees had conducted work on the issue. She said the majority in both Nucla and Norwood wanted a sports co-op. She added an agenda item was added to Norwood's meeting at the last minute last week, and on an evening when a new board was being sworn in. There was no community discussion, but some board member comment, and then a vote on whether to rescind the co-op agreement.

Currently on Norwood's board are Snyder, new board member Jackie Hardman (both voted to keep the sports co-op) and Nichol Bray, Randy Harris and new board member Morgan Rummel (who voted to rescind the agreement with Colorado High School Activ-

ities Association and not co-op with Nucla).

Snyder said there was a lack of due diligence on Norwood's part, and that's concerning since there seemed to be a time crunch with CHSAA requiring a change by December for their meetings and records.

Furthermore, she's concerned about taxpayers' confidence in Norwood's school board, at a time when the community has a bond issue up for a new school they're trying to build. She's also concerned about transportation for kids, when busses, drivers and fuel costs are more challenging than ever. For her, it only makes sense for small districts to work together to maximize their resources.

And, she wants to have a good relationship with West End Public Schools District.

"It bothers me that we broke our promise and went back on our word," she said.

Questioning the co-op to begin with

Nichol Bray, school board president for Norwood, voted no for a co-op a year ago. She said the issue was pushed through back then with no time for discussion or planning for it. She said it felt like a big push, and especially because she said middle school volleyball players wanted it then.

For her, last week's vote to rescind the agreement to co-op with Nucla felt like "taking a step back and saying let's do this right." She said none of Norwood's coaches were really on board with a co-op anyway, and she said CHSAA has questioned why Norwood sought to establish an official co-op when things seemed to be working fine previously.

Bray said the decision to co-op wrestling still can't be agreed upon with both communities, something that concerns her. She's also not sure an official co-op is what families in Norwood or the West End truly want.

"I'm not against it, but against the urgency of it," she told the Forum over the weekend. "We don't need this to be a quick thing."

Bray said she wants true representation of all community members in Norwood. She wants clarity, so she's comfortable. She also has concerns about the volleyball program, since establishing an official co-op makes for 30-some players on what would be a 2A team, and that affects playing time for the girls.

Morgan Rummel, who was sworn in on Norwood's board the night he voted "yes" to back out of the co-op, told the Forum he didn't want to join the school board for the co-op issue. He's a PE, a construction engineer, and wanted to be part of the new school build and design process in Norwood.

He said he does feel similarly, however, to Bray on the co-op issue. He feels the agreement was rushed and pushed through a year ago. He said it wasn't planned out and nobody ever discussed the transportation issue, who would coach what sports, and where the sports would take place. He said there's more to think about with hauling equipment and more.

Rummel said the wrestling co-op between Norwood and Nucla has already failed before, and he's worried another co-op will cause more division between communities. He said it could affect kids negatively.

"My opinion is the groundwork and thinking has to be done on the front end," he said.

Rummel also said that a year ago, the only vote on the table was football and wrestling. He said a motion was made at the meeting then to suddenly push everything into a co-op, and it got approved with no discussion.

Rummel said that rushed co-op agreement was supposed to start this next fall in 2024, but there are too many questions unanswered. He said rather than combined teams, co-ops share venues. What if Norwood decides it wants to start having baseball on its own field? And football seems to be working as it is. What if Nucla decides it wants practices and games in the West End?

He also reiterated Bray in that the volleyball issue makes for a team of at least 30 girls in a co-op. With only six on the court, many won't ever get to play, something he said needs to be considered in small-town sports. He added that Norwood parents weren't happy a few years ago when a high number of exchange students pushed the kids into 2A play for basketball. He's not sure local parents want their kids playing at the 2A level.

Rummel serves as a town trustee for Norwood. He's used to process and procedure. He told the Forum he didn't know last week's vote to rescind the co-op would be on the school board agenda or that the previous decision could even be reversed. Still, he thinks what's been done is for the best.

"(A co-op) could cause a greater divide," he said. "Things seem to be working as they are. It could cause a fracture where we don't really need one."

Rummel said if there is to be a co-op it will take time to sort out, and both communities need to

come together and discuss it.

Additionally, he circled back to the new school build and the possibility of those living within the Norwood district but currently attending other schools. He said there are some traveling up to Telluride that might stay in their home district of Norwood if a new school is built. What will that do to numbers?

Straddling both communities

Gwen Lane, an elder who's been a part of both districts and who's married to legendary coach Larry Lane, said she feels Nucla was blindsided. She thinks the decision to rescind the co-op agreement is sad for athletes in both schools.

Lane said a sports co-op is a good financial decision for both districts, in light of transportation and custodial services, and the situation public schools are facing with budgets. She retired from that specific niche in the field of education. She said as a taxpayer, she's not sure her funds are being used wisely at this point. She wishes Norwood would have tabled the discussion last week and taken time to consider the issue.

"What is Norwood's board afraid of? Why don't they want this to happen?" She asked over the weekend. "We have two schools that can work together and can do this, if they just will."

As far as having to compete at level 2A according to CHSAA's rules regarding student population numbers, Lane told the Forum the kids can and will be competitive.

She added that on the topic of rescinding decisions, some Norwood voters might decide differently the next time the bond issue for a new school comes up, because of backing out of the co-op agreement.