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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Wrestling season gets going; Connelly takes first place

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

ead coach for Mustang wrestling Rob McCabe told the San Miguel Basin Forum that 10 athletes are on the mat this year, and he's excited for this wrestling season to get going. The guys — there are no females wrestling this year - had a tournament two weekends ago in Moab and finished eighth out of 13. On the team this year are Jackson McCabe wrestling at 113 pounds, Nolan Cressler at 120 pounds, Cole Bray at 126, Derrick VanDellan at 132, JW Nasland at 138, David Quigley at 165, Arthur Connelly at 175, both Paxtin Caruso and Hunter Rowe wrestling at 190 pounds and Jacob Davis at 215.

In Utah, Connelly took second, Nasland and Caruso were third in their classes, while Bray and Van-Dellan were fourth.

There are some younger wrestlers this year — Bray, McCabe and Davis are freshmen — but even upperclassmen had some tough competition across the state line. Coach said it was the first tournament of the 2023-24 season, and the guys did have some jitters.

McCabe is again assisted by Lars Nasland this year, and Hemmy O'Brien might be manager, since he sustained an injury in Moab and is done for the next six weeks. O'Brien is a senior who was participating in both wrestling and basketball.

The guys also wrestled in Montrose this past weekend, and there Connelly was first place in the tournament, Rowe was third and Caruso was fourth. Hunter Rowe wrestled in the JV tournament and took third

In his second year of leading the Nucla wrestling program, McCabe said he's got goals for the team. Last year saw two state placers and one state qualifier.

"I have high expectations for what we are going to do by the time the state tournament rolls around," he said. "We are looking to be in the Top 10 ... That hasn't been done here in Nucla in, I'd say, probably close to 10 years."

With the new school in Nucla almost finished, the guys are ready to move into the new weight room and private wrestling room. Coach was hoping to possibly get in before the new year, but it might have to

In other wrestling news McCabe is happy that the new school will host the Nucla-Norwood wrestling

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Fengel family returns to Nucla; opens print shop

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

osh and Miranda Fengel had opened their business Split Rock Printworks, located at 490 Main St. in Nucla, by Elfin Eve. The family,

who comes most recently from the Yosemite area, has ties to Nucla and now plans to make their home base in the West End.

Miranda Fengel's father was an old-time Telluride guy, who left the east end of San Miguel County

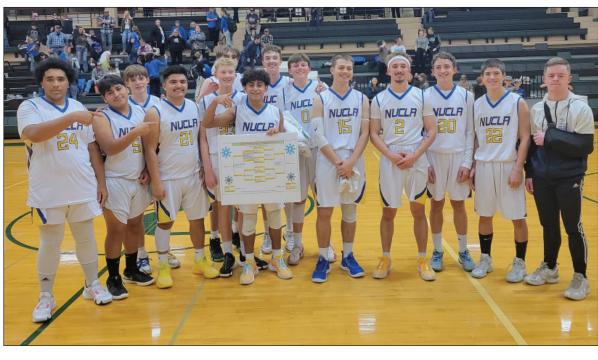
when the flavor of the community began to change at the turn of the century. He bought in Nucla and lived there 20 years before he died in the West End in 2020.

Miranda Fengel is also a Colorado native who visited her father often and feels the West End is one of the most beautiful places in the U.S.

Now living in her late father's home, she and her husband have set up shop in the old AeroCare building they recently purchased. They've got a successful business already, with their own clients, doing screen-printing on textiles and paper. They create sweatshirts, hoodies, fleece and other items, as well as posters, print cards and paper bags. Additionally, they can embroider and complete small format print jobs. And, they have photographic printers on site for pictures too.

Most of what they do involves nonprofits and fundraising, but it includes the outdoors as well. They

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Boys basketball traveled to Rangely for the Western Slope Winter Classic. The boys took the championship, beating Olathe 61-51. Steele Arnold led in scoring with 19 points. Slade Gillen, Bryce Rummel and Daniel Zunich each had 12. In the second game, the guys beat Rangely 61-47. Rummel led the way with 23 points. Gillen had 15, and Arnold had 11. For the final game, the guys beat Debegue 52-48. Arnold led with 28 points, followed by 11 from Rummel. The girls lost to Rangely 53-20, but beat North Park 50-32. They lost to Dove Creek Saturday 49-42 and took fourth overall. (Photo by Kelly Arnold)

2 local ladies compete in Las Vegas



Stifler and Teresa Files are headed to Las Vegas this week.

(Courtesy image)

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Teresa Files is leaving for Las Vegas this week with her 16-year-old quarter-horse gelding, Stifler. She's been running barrels on him the last two years and has done well with him regionally. Now, she's competing in the ALL IN Barrel Race in Las Vegas, an event that happens alongside the National Finals Rodeo (NFR).

Files has had the horse 14 years. Her partner Dan Moyer had him originally, but Stifler never really liked Moyer that well. Files said that she and Moyer both decided Stifler doesn't care for men much. Since Stifler was quick, Moyer figured he could make a decent barrel horse. The gelding, which is a dun in color, has Driftwood in his pedigree.

Files has done ranch ropings, other cow work and attended brandings with Stifler. She trained him

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EDUCATION

Theatre, speeches, guest speakers and more at NHS

By MALISHA REED, Nucla High School

s the fall semester comes to a close, students and staff at Nucla High and Junior High School reflect on productions, presenters and activities.

This month kicked off with the drama class theatre production, led by Mr. (Brock) Benson, featuring the seventh and eighth graders in "The Day The Cow-Dreamer Ran Away" and "How The Curious Sun Was Saved," both by Nikki Harmon. The high schoolers performed "Desperate Housewives of Shakespeare" by Jane and Jim Jeffries and "The Experiment" by Brent Holland. School administration agree students were outstanding in their performances and kept the audience in stitches and on their toes.

Next, the school had its Study Night, for which all teachers volunteered to stay from 4 to 8 p.m. to help students study for their upcoming finals and get caught up on work. This year, 64 junior high and high school students showed up for Study Night. Students were required to stay a minimum of 30 minutes, and by doing so, received extra-credit in their classes.

Mrs. (Brandie) McCabe has been working with the eighthgrade class on public speaking and invited parents and students to watch kids perform monologues. Each student selected a monologue to memorize that was at least 90 seconds long, and they presented those on stage.

The goal was to begin teaching students the skills of public speaking and prepare them for the eighth-grade speeches that take place in the spring. Monologues ranged from movies like "The Little Rascals," "The Princess Diaries," and "The Parent Trap" to famous speeches by U.S. presidents and world leaders.

Additionally, high schoolers met with guest speakers Judy Muller and George Lewis, who have worked as professional journalists at the national level, courtesy of the True North Youth Program. The pair spoke about writing, presenting and how to create a good story pitch. School administration said their visit was a great experience for the teens.

Recently, high school students in the Ag 2 class took a trip to Galley Ranches and assisted in administering vaccinations. They also watched a veterinarian check cows to see if they were pregnant and

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AG TALK

A wolf in sheep's clothing

By KEIRAN BRAY

s many of you may know, in November of 2020, Proposition 114 (the reintroduction and management of gray wolves) ballot question was approved. Meaning, the CWWC (Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center) and the CPW (Colorado Parks and Wildlife) are going to bring gray wolves back into Colorado. And, for those of you who didn't know that, now you do.

As a rancher, there are many reasons why reintroducing wolves back into Colorado is a bad idea, and not just for me, but for people all around Colorado. However, I am not here to talk about why it's a bad idea; that's for another time. Today I'm here to talk about the CWWC asking middle school students to help name the wolves that are going to be released. That's right, name the wolves.

The CWWC is asking middle school students from public schools all around Colorado to help vote on names for the wolves. They created a list of 14 names for the students to choose from. Those names include Aspen, Luna, Maverick, Kekoa, Chinhook, Shadow, River, Star, Freedom, Amorak, Ghost, Sky, Spirit and Raven. Each kid gets to vote on their favorite name, and the first wolf that will be released into Colorado will have the name that got the most votes. The rest of the names will be used for the remaining wolves being released.

According to the CWWC, naming the wolves will make it easier for people to keep up with the wolves. A website is being created that the public can use to learn more information about where certain wolf packs are and their activities. I will leave the link for the website at the end for those who want to check it out.

What bothers me the most about people wanting to name the wolves is that they are only asking middle school students for their input. Why would they not want high school students' opinions, or even college kids' opinions? There might be a good reason for them not wanting older kids to have an opinion. I haven't seen any reason as to why not ask for older kid's opinions.

I have the impression that they are targeting a younger generation that probably doesn't fully understand the impact of the situation. Kids could name anything, and after it has a name, it will have sentimental value. I mean it's a great way to get kids involved in the process. You get to name the wolf, and then all they can think about is how little "Luna" is doing out in the wild ... hoping that they are safe and protected, thinking that they will do whatever they can to help protect them.

I have to say it's smart to target the younger generation, especially if they are wanting this to be a long-lasting thing. I just think that it's important to be aware that our younger generation is being targeted by these type of things, and we need to be carful with how we approach these topics.

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how far along. Students were able to look at ultrasound images and see a fetus in real time.

Mr. (Kelly) Arnold, the school counselor, hosted the ACT for students from the local region to come and test at Nucla High School.

Additionally, representatives of the Universal Technical Institute came to Nucla High School. They discussed not only their trades program, but spoke to students about the decisions that will be coming their way in the near future regarding career paths.

This week, the school band has a winter concert scheduled, the FFA Quiz Bowl Team will be traveling to Fruita for district competition and the FFA Officer Team is planning holiday festivities.

Administration agree that staff and students are accomplishing amazing things, and while the community may not be able to see everything taking place, they're reminded of Peyton Naslund's recent eighth-grade monologue: "You plant a seed in the ground, and a whole world develops, stretches out, and opens up." The quote is from superhero character Stargirl.

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History: Rimrocker Historical Society

The coke ovens, Part 2

By SHARON JOHANNSEN, Rimrocker Historical Society



This image shows the coke oven headquarters in 1919. The rock house can be seen in the background to the right of the three tents. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

utside of Naturita, as you head into Paradox Valley is the area of the Coke Ovens. That corner has always been called the "Coke Ovens," as far as our recent history goes. Last week, I explained how the coke ovens were built for the copper mines in Paradox Valley. After they stopped using the coke ovens to make coke for the smelters, the coke ovens area became quite the little bustling community.

By January 1909, the road had been "surveyed by Mr. Hance from the Naturita Post Office to Coke Ovens at the Dry Creek cutoff, and from Dry Creek Bridge to E. T. Ray's ranch, and is hereby declared a county road," according to documents at the museum.

In October of 1909, an article in The Telluride Journal stated, "As a result of the demand for better roads made by the heavy freighting, incident to the mining activities in this end of the county, the road from Paradox to the coke ovens is to be graded and put in first-class shape, and a new road is to be built from the coke ovens to Naturita."

Standard Chemical Company of Pittsburgh, PA, had been mining for vanadium, but after realizing the shortage of radium and knowing there was a large amount of it in southwestern Colorado, they began buying up claims and building up their company in the area. The first thing they did was build their head-quarters at the coke ovens. Roads were improved, a telephone line was run to the coke ovens, and their head-quarters became a bus-

tling camp.

They built a 38x70-foot barn, a commissary and many other buildings. The rock house that was there from the earlier coke oven days became a home for employees. Standard Chemical Company would soon build another camp near the Club Ranch, which would eventually become the Town of Uravan in the far future. That camp was called the Joe Jr. Camp, and with the Coke Oven Camp, this area began to boom with mining activity.

John Galley had come west from Pennsylvania, looking for work and adventure and became an important employee of Standard Chemical Company (SCC). He married Margaret Biglin, of Nucla, and they moved into the rock house as newlyweds. Their memories of that time, as shared to the Rimrockers, are in our Standard Chemical Company archives. They made their home here in the West End, even after the radium mining ceased to be a viable business. Their descendants, Stan Galley and Debbie Wytulka, are still living here.

"John held several positions while he worked for Standard Chemical. He worked his way up from commissary man to chief clerk and assistant to Mr. Mullen, the superintendent. ... Margaret taught the Mullen children for a couple of years. John and Margaret Galley moved to the coke ovens after they married Their first home was the rock house, which had been built during the early days, as part of the coke oven operations. Marga-

ret and John's first child, Helen, was born at the coke ovens.

"The rest of the couples lived in tents, but for all that, they became fast friends. Many of them were newlyweds, and they had a lot of fun. The Galleys had a piano, and so did some of the others. Someone was always playing it, and the group would sing songs. They played cards on Saturday and Sunday nights. Sometimes they would eat beefsteak fries and things like that. The years spent at Standard Camp were rough, but the couple remembered old friends and fun times."

Although the coke ovens was the headquarters of Standard Chemical Company, the main mill was built at the Joe Jr. Camp, and the surrounding mines would haul their ore to the Joe Jr. Both camps were very busy communities, and the mining of radium was their main business. During the year of 1912, according to a Salt Lake City news source, "seventy-two (train) carloads of vanadium, uranium, and carnotite ore, valued at \$432,000 had been shipped out of the Paradox valley, Montrose County, Colorado".

Alas, after radium was found in the Belgian Congo in 1923, Standard Chemical closed up business and left Colorado. It was one of the first big busts to happen to our area and everything, except for the rock house at the Coke Ovens Camp, disappeared — as did most of the buildings at the Joe Jr. It is hard to drive by the Coke Oven Ranch now and think that there was a huge operation that happened there. Thankfully, the rock house has been preserved.

Robert Mckeever to storytell with Talking Gourds

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Stories & Poems series at the Lone Cone Library on Dec. 20 features Norwood local Robert Mckeever "Telling Stories."

"Bob is a great storyteller," said Talking Gourds director Art Goodtimes. "He has seen many, many changes on Wright's Mesa and has led a fascinating life. Come hear him share some of the things that have happened here that you probably never read about in the papers. And because it gets dark so early, we've moved the event up to 6 p.m."

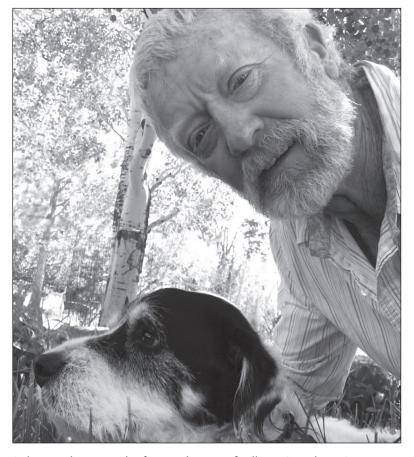
The fourth generation of the Mckeever family, he attended the Norwood schools as a youngster. His family worked in the timber industry locally since the 1890s, supporting the mines in Telluride, Ouray, Silverton, and later the uranium mines in the West End. Their operation closed in the mid-1990s.

During his youth, Mckeever would travel with his family to Sanborn Park, where they had a large sawmill. And in the winters, they would return to Norwood, where his two brothers and sister were able to go to school. He desperately did not want to go to school in Sanborn Park, because their school schedule was during the summer. So, the night of his graduation in 1971, he up and joined the U.S. Army.

His folks weren't pleased, but Mckeever's plan to get assigned to Germany by enlisting, instead of being drafted and sent to Vietnam, was successful.

"It turned out to be a really good choice," he explained, "because I got to travel in Europe extensively and was able to spend two winters in the Alps on ski patrol for the military."

Honorably discharged in 1974, he returned to Norwood and worked with his brother Mick Mckeever in the timber industry and with his father, Popcorn



Robert Mckeever is the featured guest of Talking Gourds on Dec. 20. (Courtesy image)

Mckeever, building houses. In 1976 he decided to take advantage of the G.I. Bill and attended Fort Lewis College in Durango, getting a degree in archaeology and a minor in geology and education.

While working as an archaeologist, he soon found that he couldn't support a wife and two young boys on the salary he was receiving from the BLM. So, he returned to Norwood and went back to work in the timber industry and helped build houses.

In 1985, he took the job as Public Works Director for the Town of Norwood. That job really didn't fit him well, so in 1990 he landed a job with the U.S. Forest Service, working as an archaeologist, firefighter, engineer and horse packer. He retired in 2017, having spent a majority of his career in Western Colorado.

Since his retirement, he has channeled his energies into restoring old family houses — with many trips to Mexico and Alaska.

Stories & Poems follows a simple format. There will be a performance of a featured storyteller or poet, followed by a question and answer session, and then a Gourd Circle. At that point, everyone present will be invited to tell a story, perform a poem (an original or a favorite written by someone else), read a short section of prose or simply pass the gourd on to the next person.

A collaboration of the Lone Cone Library and the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds poetry program, Stories & Poems is free and open to all ages, thanks to the generosity of private donors and the Fischer Cantor poetry contests. For more information, the public may text 970-729-0220 or email Goodtimes at shroompa@gmail.com. All are welcome to visit www.tellurideinstitute.org/talking-gourds.

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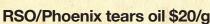
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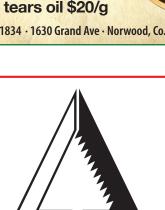
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Wrestling season

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tournament this year. He's trying to set up a few duals for the Friday night before too.

Wrestling has traditionally had a lot of support in the local area, and coach said the guys are doing well with resources. He said the school and the board are always looking

at what the program needs to be successful. And, there is a good following of parents, fans and former wrestlers that show up and want to see the guys succeed.

Coach said that the sport is sort of a legacy in the West End, and there are some families who've been wrestling for three or four generations back for Nucla High School.

"They know what it's like cutting weight, and they can connect with the sport. They look back at what the kids go through, watching them ... it replicates the hardships of life," he said. "They've been through it."

The Warrior Classic coming up this weekend in Grand Junction, Friday and Saturday.

Ladies compete in Vegas

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herself on barrels.

She'd previously wanted to do the ALL IN event in Las Vegas and had entered a few years ago. That, however, was during the COVID pandemic, and she ended up not attending that year. Now, she's circled back to that goal and is headed out Wednesday. Whether she wins anything or not, she can cross the ALL IN Barrel Race off her bucket

Yes, Moyer is going with her. So is her dear friend Shannon Smith, of Delta. Files and Smith have hauled their horses all over the place together and been friends the last 30 years.

Files gets a practice run Wednesday and then competes on Thursday and Friday. There are approximately 625 people competing in her slate. There was another slate a week ago with about the same amount, making for more than 1,200 barrel racers. If she advances for the short-go by making the Top 10, she will run again on Sunday.

A jackpot race, contestants have to pay to enter. The event pays the first seven places in the short-go; First place is \$20,000 and a trophy saddle.

"I've always wanted to do something like this," she told the Forum last week.

Files agrees it's important for women to follow their dreams, to go for things in life and have experiences. Not only will she meet up with friends who are there to watch the NFR, her daughter will attend, along with her cousins — and she's got tickets to see Miranda Lambert in concert too.

Files loves her horse. She said Stifler will do anything for her and go anywhere she asks him.

"He's so willing and takes care of himself — and takes care of me," she said. "Riding in the mountains, he never he allows himself to get in trouble, and he keeps me safe. He's awesome. ... I love everything about

Anyone in the West End who'd

like to try and catch one of Files' rides can get on The Cowboy Channel. The ALL IN Barrel Race will be live-streamed on 321actionvideo.

As Files heads out on Dec. 13, she encourages others to get out and do the things they want to do in life.

"Go out and go do it," she said.

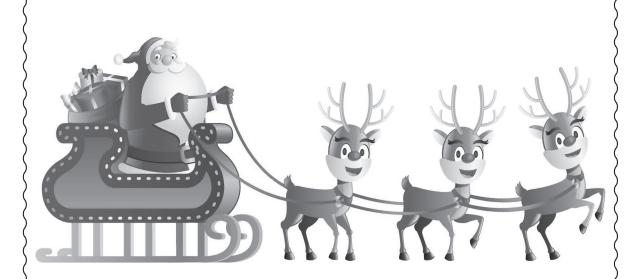
In related news, Shay Snyder, the daughter of Lothan and Regan Snyder, of Norwood, was headed home from Las Vegas after competing over the weekend. The high school freshman qualified in both breakaway roping and barrel racing for the Vegas Tuffest Junior World Championship, a large youth rodeo event also running close to the NFR.

Snyder decided to only compete in the breakaway roping and rode "Johnny Ringo," a horse with Hollywood Dun It in its pedigree, owned by Hank and Stephanie Williams. Snyder didn't have any luck with the cows in either of her runs, but like Files, she is also following her dreams.



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Fengel family

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recently established a retail line, Camp 4 Clothing, that caters to the outdoor industry, and that company is blossoming.

They've made friends already with Jane Thompson, spokesperson for the Rimrocker Historical Society, and in the future would like to offer live-printing events for visitors, making Nucla shirts on site. Miranda Fengel is actually a former museum curator and has a deep love of history. She's intrigued by the local area.

The husband and wife team love their new building, constructed in 1938, and they've got some future plans for it too. One of Miranda Fengel's goals in life is to open a bookstore, and she plans to do it with her late father's book collection. She'll establish a quiet place on Main Street in Nucla, so that people can visit, have coffee and work or simply read. In the next year, they hope to start their remodel process in the front part of their building.

"It's a lifelong dream," Miranda Fengel said, "and wanting to do it and have it be something where the community has a place to go, and organizations can meet, or kids come after school."

In the meantime, the family will focus on their printing business that concentrates on supporting nonprofits and the outdoors. They're happy to be situated in the midst of so many state and national parks, because they've done work for those

too. And, the family told the Forum they're community-minded and want to support the West End.

"Over the years — we've been coming here a while — we've watched things from afar. And we were thinking of coming here and what we can bring to the community," she said.

Miranda Fengel is also a writer and in the process of completing a book, which is a nonfiction work. She'll announce more details on that in the future

Split Rock Printworks is up and running, and the Fengel family is on site daily. Most of their business, though, comes through phonecalls and emails. They have a website splitrockprintworks.com, along with Facebook and Instagram pages.

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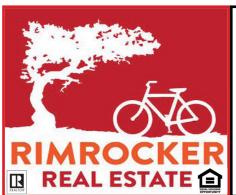
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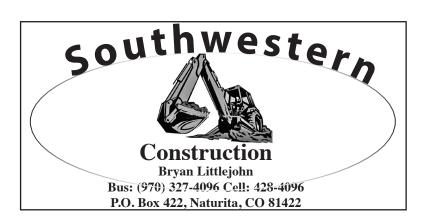
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11/27/2023

1303 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a theft report. 1317 Hours - Deputy took a lost property report in the 27700 block

1715 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

of DD Road near Nucla.

1929 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla for an information report.

1959 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.

11/28/2023

1414 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Main Street in Nucla for a 911.

1736 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a disturbance. 1849 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an accident.

3 civil processes attempted/served

11/29/2023

1014 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a 911. 1237 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 70 block of Moondance Trail near Norwood for a missing person.

1655 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to 25 Mesa Road mm 41 near Nucla for an information report.

2129 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 145 and Highway 141 near Naturita for a traffic complaint.

11/30/2023

0756 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a harassment report.

1720 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 97 mm 1 near Naturita for an animal problem.

1813 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 58 near Naturita for an animal problem.

1 follow up report

1 school zone in Naturita

12/1/2023

0955 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla for found property. A cell phone was placed into found property at the Sheriff's Office.

1711 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

2055 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 113 near Redvale for a fire.

12/2/2023

0725 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for an acci-

1217 Hours - Ricardo Hernandez-Velazquez, 27, was contacted in the 500 block of Main Street in Nucla and issued a warning for distracted driving.

1326 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Adams Street in Naturita for a distur-

1638 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a medical

1655 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1747 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Ash Street in Nucla for an accident.

1812 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a civil matter

1908 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29900 block of DD Road near Nucla for an information report.

1911 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35000 block of II35 Road near Redvale for a suspicious vehicle.

2110 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

2136 Hours - Michelle Mabrey, 48, was contacted on 25 Mesa Road mm 42 near Nucla and issued a warning for broken tail lights. 12/3/2023

1154 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a civil matter.

1154 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a civil standby.

1257 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a report of threatening.

2030 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an information report.

2042 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Adams Street in Naturita for a disturbance.

2119 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1000 block of Montana Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

2320 Hours - Deputy was dis-

patched to the 600 block of Grape Street in Nucla for a fire assist.

12/4/2023

0750 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1000 block of Main Street in Nucla for a medical assist. 1059 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a suspicious vehicle.

1244 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29900 block of DD Road near Nucla for a trespassing report.

1304 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a suspicious

1329 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 53 near Naturita for an animal prob-

1514 Hours - Deputy took a report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla for a welfare check.

1600 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28800 block of CC Road near Nucla for a trespassing report.

1956 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 141 and Highway 145 near Naturita for suspicious activity.

2026 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

2047 Hours - Deputy took a report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla for a welfare check

1 VIN inspection

1 school zone in Naturita

3 civil processes attempted/served

12/5/2023

1000 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a report of threatening.

1628 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1500 block of County Road 44Z near Norwood for a fire assist.

1656 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for an accident.

12/6/2023

0852 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

0937 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 91 for an accident.

1015 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Naturita.

1337 Hours - Deputy took a protection order violation report in the 27700 block of DD Road near

LEGAL PUBLICATION

District Court, Montrose County, Colorado 1200 N. Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401 Case No. 2023CV30088

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

TO THE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the Complaint filed in the above-captioned case within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35 days of the last publication, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiffs in and to real property situate in Montrose County, CO legally described as

SW4NW4, SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; EXCEPTING A TRACT OF LAND GRANTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS BY DEED RECORDED JUNE 14, 1961 IN BOOK 510 AT PAGE 465; ALSO EXCEPTING A TRACT OF LAND GRANTED TO JOHN W. REAMS AND DIANNA L. REAMS IN A DEED RECORDED DECEMBER 17, 2009 AT RECEPTION NO. 809460, COUNTY OF MONTROSE, STATE OF COLORADO.

Dated November 13, 2023 /s/ Sara Bachman

Plaintiffs' Attorney, #50363

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- 15. Alexandre Duma's "The
- 16. Concerning, archaic
- 17. Talking Heads' "And She
- 18. Give a speech
- 19. *2023 World Series winners
- 21. *Imploded submersible's destination
- 23. *Kali Uchis' "I Wish
- Roses" 24. Don't step on it twice!
- 25. *Ryan Gosling's #48 Across
- 28. Winter window picture
- 30. Imprisons
- 35. Aphrodite's son

- 37. Hindu serpent deity
- 39. Toughness
- 40. Angler's hope
- 41. Stephen Curry, e.g.
- 43. Opposed to
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- 48. *Highest-grossing 2023 movie
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- 55. Kombucha, e.g.
- 57. *Retired media magnate
- 61. *King Charles III's Royal House
- 65. On the radio (2 words)
- 66. *Ryder Cup 2023 runner-up
- 68. 1000 kilograms
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- 70. Lake, in France
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Ready, set, wrestle



Arthur Connelly wins a first place in Montrose last weekend.



Paxtin Caruso takes fourth.



Jacob Davis is a freshman on the team.



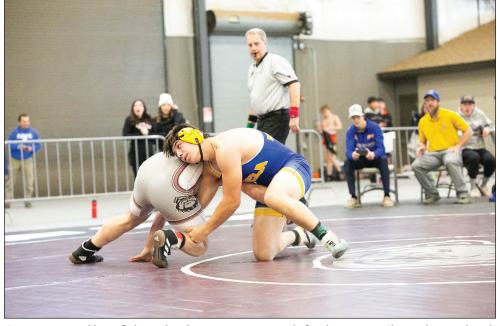
 $Connelly, victorious in Montrose, also \ did \ well \ in \ Utah \ two \ weekends \ ago.$



JW Nasland has wrestling in his blood.



Jackson McCabe, also a freshman, wrestled tough in Montrose.



Caruso, pictured here fighting hard in Montrose, is ready for the Warrior Classic this weekend.



Hunter Rowe took third in the JV bracket over the weekend. (Photos by Brandie McCabe)