

San Miguel Basin Forum

NATURITA

Bank makes new offer after announcing it can't close on school

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Last week, at the Town of Naturita's board meeting, Citizens State Bank (CSB) Chairman Doug Price announced the bank could not complete purchase of the Naturita Elementary School at this time, a plan that has been discussed the last year. Town officials told the San Miguel Basin Forum last week that the news was hard to hear.

Citizens State Bank had previously made the agreement to purchase the old elementary. That was after the school had been listed for some time, and nobody had made any offers on it. Price had said the bank wanted to support the school, since the district was required to get rid of the facility before finishing its BEST grant with the state. The bank was set to give \$500,000 for it, and the official closing was upcoming, to be held in the next month.

"The Town of Naturita is surprised and extremely disappointed that Citizen's State Bank terminated its contract to purchase the Naturita Elementary School as promised," officials said in a press release to the Forum last week. "It is our understanding that West End Public Schools relied on CSB's promise to their detriment, and we hope the community will rally to support the school district as they pivot their plans."

The news release added that "In an effort of good faith and in the best interest of the community, the Town of Naturita was collaborating with CSB to provide property grounds maintenance post-sale, re-zone the property, and began exploring how to support lower property tax valuation. Unfortunately, there was great haste on the part of CSB in the fourth quarter for us to provide property tax valuation support, and the board of trustees did not have sufficient time to evaluate the requests being made and potential ramifications before learning that the contract to purchase was terminated by CSB."

The Forum spoke with bank chairman Doug Price on Monday about what had transpired. He said Citizens State Bank is not stepping away. He said the bank wants to help, but the school just got under contract in November and after doing the due diligence, there were red flags. With the taxes, the water bill and maintenance, the bank would be paying \$70,000 a year

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ENERGY

Uranium market is coming back

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Back in 2020, the price of uranium per pound was approximately \$24. A year ago, it was around \$50. Last week, though, the price of uranium went to \$106 per pound. By the weekend it had hit \$108.

There are now three uranium industry companies working in the West End: Western Uranium-Vanadium, a local outfit; Thor Energy, headquartered in Australia; and Sunrise Minerals, based

in Moab. There have been uranium industry jobs come available locally, and some of those have been posted in the San Miguel Basin Forum.

Why is the uranium market gaining strength?

Naturita Mayor Eugene Greenwood, who spent 37 years working in the industry down the road in Uravan, agreed it's the new technology. His opinion, though he admitted that he's no longer actively working in the field, is that the federal government is finally getting on board with ura-

nium as a reliable energy source.

Greenwood said the new reactors — he referred to them as "package reactors" — can run an entire city, and no longer exist as big, nuclear power plants with a waste stream required.

The U.S. Department of Energy says on its website the advanced small modular reactors (SMRs) "are a key part of the department's goal to develop safe, clean, and affordable nuclear power options" and that the new technology is "under development in the United

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WEST END

High school sports, elections, solutions group

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

In high school sports last weekend, the girls basketball team beat Dolores. The varsity girls won 49-23, and the JV girls won 35-12.

Zandon Bray, head coach for the girls team, was pleased afterward.

"We finally had a game that we played well in all four quarters," he said. "We've had good streaks in all of our games but have struggled to get four quarters together when all things were clicking. That happened for us against Dolores."

Keiran Bray was high scorer in the varsity game against Dolores with 10 points.

Holli Johnson led in the JV game with 12. The girls are 6-6.

For the guys, they also won over Dolores. The varsity won 61-48, and the JV won 61-23.

Brycen Rummel put up 24 points, Slade Gillen had 18 and Steele Arnold scored 11 in the varsity game. Head coach for the boys team Kelly Arnold said he was proud. The team is 7-3 this year so far.

"We could very well be undefeated," he told the Forum Monday.

The wrestling team traveled to Hotchkiss for the Fight at the Fork, the North Fork tournament. Then, Arthur Connelly took home another first-place title. He also received the outstanding wrestler award. JW Nasland took third place, and Jackson McCabe ran out of matches, but had a coin flip and took fifth. As a team, Nucla took ninth place overall out of 28 teams.

In town-related news, it appears local communities will be holding elections this year. Packets to run for town board seats were due by 5 p.m. Jan. 22.

Norwood Town Clerk Amanda Pierce told the Forum that there are two trustee seats available in Norwood, and the town received three applications from potential candidates. If the signatures are verifiable, Norwood will hold an election this spring.

In the West End, it's a similar story. In Naturita, there are three seats coming available, and the town received five applications from persons interested in serving. In Nucla, four people appear to be running for the three available seats.

And, Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen and the West End Solutions Group will meet Jan. 24 at the Naturita Community Center. Hansen said they planned to discuss library updates, but also hear from the director of Public Health for Montrose County, Jim Austin. Hansen said he'd be available for questions on public health, but mostly Austin is on site to discuss public health grants.



A winning record

The Nucla Mustangs win over Dolores, 61-48, and are now 7-3 this season. Here, the guys take a time out and listen to head coach Kelly Arnold and assistant Mike Rummel. The girls followed suit with a big win, and additional photos of them can be found on Page 8. (Photo by Brandie McCabe)

COMMUNITY

John Reed is new quartermaster at VFW

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

John Reed, originally from the local area and having recently returned, is quartermaster of the VFW post in Nucla. He spoke with the Forum last week about his homecoming and some of the work the VFW does.

Reed's great-grandfather on his mother's side was an engineer on the CC Ditch. His family has been a part of the West End since its establishment. He was raised in Nucla. He joined the U.S. Army in the 10th grade and left to serve after graduating Nucla High School. His 10-year military service included being stationed in Germany and later serving in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the Persian Gulf War.

Reed is a heavy equipment mechanic. In the army he served in companies where he worked on

runways. In those cases, airports had been bombed and he helped repair those, so aircraft could get back in.

After being discharged, he settled in Denver and worked as a diesel mechanic for 30 years. He retired from what is now the Herc Corporation after his wife's passing, and then decided to "go home" to Nucla.

"Here I am again full circle," he told the Forum last week.

He's got two daughters, one who lives in Nucla, and another, who lives in Palisade. He has four grandchildren.

He said he's getting used to knowing everyone in the West End again. He's still got some high school friends, including Paula Brown. He also joined the Tabeguache Trail Riders when he returned, too, and has served as vice president of the local horse group.

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John Reed is back in town and the new leader at the VFW. (Courtesy image)



The Lone Cone Republic Women invite those from the West End to join their meetings. Here, (from left to right) are Brandi Griffith, Gretchen Wells, Mary Watson, guest speaker Larry Don Suckla, Cyndy Vrabec, Harley Brooke-Hitching and Terri Lamers. (Courtesy image)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A very expensive trap

Dear Editor,

My kids are in their late 20s, early 30s, and they don't want to live in Norwood so much: Pinion Park homes are designed for young couples, and there is one bar here and basically no night life. And, there's a scary hill to drive up after leaving the bar. Businesses are open when they feel like it.

The houses have sold in Ridgway because it's a hotter market for the demographic. It's probably a lifestyle issue. Or lack thereof.

The incentives and no down payment are great, so what's keeping them from being filled? Are we looking at other solutions? How about renting those homes? And, finally, what happens to the folks who currently live in the 18 homes when they get a raise? Are they booted out? If that's the case, along with the nonexistent night life, why bother? Then it feels like more of a trap than a home. A very expensive trap.

Sincerely,
Catherine Metzger
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

WEDSA meets Jan. 31

Dear Editor,

West End Dark Sky Alliance is having an organizational meeting to discuss plans for upcoming events in 2024. The meeting

will be on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 6:30 p.m., at the Naturita Community Library conference room. Please use the south entrance to the library. New members of all ages are welcome. With questions, e-mail westenddarkskyalliance@gmail.com.

Deb Stueber
NUCLA

Inviting Nucla, Naturita

Dear Editor,

My name is Cyndy Vrabec, and I'm the new president of Lone Cone Republican Women. We meet in Norwood on the third Wednesday of each month at noon at the Oliver House.

We recently had our January meeting. Larry Suckla, candidate for House District 58, was our guest speaker. He spoke about the many issues that concern our district. We will continue to have candidates and speakers the remainder of the year. Look for future announcements.

We would like to encourage Republicans from Naturita and Nucla to come to our meetings and presentations, even though they vote in Montrose County. San Miguel County shares many of the same candidates.

Cyndy Vrabec
NORWOOD

History: Rimrocker Historical Society Uravan: Walkin' and Talkin' in the 1950's

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*



This image shows the drugstore with a payphone in Uravan. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

My aunt, Jeannie Roatcap, has been here visiting with me for a few days. Aunt Jeannie moved to Uravan with her family when she was 3 years old and my mother was almost 5. She has wonderful memories of her life in Uravan, and we always have great visits.

Over the years she has written a few stories of life in Uravan, and I thought you might enjoy them, so I will share them over the next few months. This story is about the payphone at the drugstore in Uravan. It is hard for us to imagine that there was only one phone for the whole town to use, but in the 1950's, that was the way it was. I remember when my family got our first phone. I was in the sixth grade, and it was a really big deal.

Here is my aunt's story that ran in the San Miguel Basin Forum on Dec. 7, 2006. I hope it takes you back to a simpler time.

"Walkin' and Talkin' in Uravan in the 1950's

Cell phones, cell phones! Everyone has one, and that got me thinking about living in Uravan in the 1950's.

You did a lot of walking if you wanted to talk to someone, because that's what you had to do. We didn't have telephones. Of course, there were telephones at the Union Carbide offices, the doctor's office, and the store, but none for the citizens of the town.

The only phone available to them

was a pay phone outside the drugstore. It could be used if you had enough change to keep putting in. If you ran out of change while talking, you had to run into the drugstore to get some more. People didn't use the phone unless it was really important.

When an incoming call came, anyone walking by or just standing by the drugstore would answer it, but if no one was there to hear it, it went unanswered — definitely not after the town shut down at 10 p.m.

Usually, an employee at the drugstore would just take the message and then they, or someone else, would take the message to the person in town. Of course, everyone knew everyone and where they lived.

One time in particular, Harry Roatcap, who managed the drugstore for a time, had a call from my friend Pat L., in Aztec, N.M., to go up to her parents' house and tell them that she had eloped.

I was lucky enough, not only to live in Uravan at that time, but to be a teenager. We spent time climbing the hills around Uravan, listening to records and walking and talking.

If we wanted to see our friends, we went to the drugstore for a coke or the recreation hall to watch the boys play basketball. You didn't know who would be at the movies on Tuesday and Thursday night — the only two nights the movies were shown — until you got there.

Other than having no phones, we didn't have TV — that came later, about 1956 or '57 — we listened to

the radio and played records.

Like I mentioned, the doctor's office probably had a phone, but if you were sick, you just went to the office and you were taken on a first-come, first-served basis. If you needed to see a specialist or a dentist, you could use the town phone or write a letter for an appointment. If anyone ever got stranded on the road between Uravan and Naturita — and it happened — they just had to wait until someone came by and helped or gave them a ride. Our school bus was so unpredictable it often broke down on the way to Nucla or Naturita, and we just sat there and waited until help arrived. Our parents never knew whether we made it to school on time or not, until we got home that evening.

The Uravan boys who stayed after school to practice sports, if no one had a car, they just had to start walking until they got a ride. Parents didn't worry, they knew the boys would get home sometime. When my dad, Rodney Evans, was out in some remote area drilling for Union Carbide, we had no way of communicating. If we needed to get a message to him, we would tell the mine superintendent, and he would tell Dad on his next trip to the area.

It was quite a town with a limited phone service, but we didn't know any other way. I left Uravan in 1960, and they got phones not long after. To this day, I don't care much about the telephone, but it is a necessity. I would much rather walk and talk."

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States” and includes “a variety of sizes, technology options, capabilities, and deployment scenarios.”

The site adds, “These advanced reactors, envisioned to vary in size from tens of megawatts up to hundreds of megawatts, can be used for power generation, process heat, desalination, or other industrial uses. SMR designs may employ light water as a coolant or other non-light water coolants such as a gas, liquid metal, or molten salt.”

Greenwood said in the past, the government and main-stream media have painted a negative picture of nuclear power plants with the mushroom cloud, and reinforced a false belief that “we’re all going to die.” Greenwood said experts know more about radioactivity and safety now.

He said officials are realizing that renewables can’t power the nation.

“Politically, governmentally, environmentally — they’re realizing wind and solar aren’t going to do it,” the mayor said.

And, Greenwood said the carbon footprint associated with the wind turbine fabrication, construction and more doesn’t balance with the “clean” energy that wind power turbines are supposed to generate. He added that with the push to move away from coal and not converting to natural gas, uranium is the “viable source.”

Greenwood said the American people could see rolling blackouts in the future with the number of power plants that are being shut down.

“My opinion on it, the government is finally starting to move,” he said. “I think the government

has woken up to the fact that if we don’t get something online, the American people are going to revolt.”

The Department of Energy also said on its site that small modular reactors have “relatively small physical footprints, reduced capital investment, ability to be sited in locations not possible for larger nuclear plants, and provisions for incremental power additions.” The site added there are “distinct safeguards, security and non-proliferation advantages.”

Currently, there is one nuclear processing plant in the U.S., and it’s stationed in Blanding, Utah. That plant prepares the uranium to become fuel for reactors. But, George Glasier, of Nucla, has also announced in community meetings that he’s building another processing plant in Green River, Utah.

Bank makes new offer

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to keep the old facility running. That’s on top of the \$500,000 purchase price. Price said he needs community partners to make the deal work.

Price said the original offer was intended to be helpful. He doesn’t want to own the school property or to profit from it. He said the bank still supports the school and already

has donated more than six figures to help with the new facility and BEST grant. Currently, the bank is also providing some \$70,000 in support of the new school annually.

Price told the Forum Monday he’s come up with another type of offer that he and superintendent of West End Public Schools are discussing, along with the Town of Naturita. The new plan is not final.

“We want to work with Clint and the mayor (Gene Greenwood),” Price said Monday. “We want the school. Ten percent of our earnings are going to the school now.”

Wytulka said he couldn’t discuss details on Monday.

“We are continuing to work with Citizens State Bank to find a solution for the Naturita Elementary building,” Wytulka told the Forum.



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John Reed

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After landing again in Nucla, the late Terry Daniels got him to join the VFW. Daniels was quartermaster previously until he passed this last year. Those at the local post asked Reed to assume Daniels' role thereafter, and Reed agreed. As quartermas-

ter, he's now watching the VFW's finances and correspondence.

The VFW exists in the same building as the community center in Nucla, recently redone and set to celebrate a grand opening on Feb. 2. The Veterans of Foreign Wars have dinners there and also assist the local Cattlemen's Association with theirs.

The VFW has Memorial Day luncheons for the vets too.

They also provide honor guard for military funerals. Members are set to travel to Grand Junction for Jim Scheetz's service next.

The VFW works with the Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) and through that organization have also had food donations delivered to the West End for those who've served. Reed said members try and help out all vets, not just those who served in wartime.

Recently, the local VFW held the district scholarship contest on democracy. Keiran Bray, Cole Bray and Olivia Scott were winners. Teacher Stephanie Malcolm was also recognized, and all four people will be honored by the VFW in the near future.

Reed said other projects will happen too. In May, VFW members will help make improvements to the Paradox Cemetery, as part of a national effort the VFW is participating in.

Any Veteran of Foreign Wars who'd like to join the local post may contact Reed or Tom Loczy. While they don't have a phone at the headquarters, people may email vfw9058@gmail.com.

Reed's mother, who passed in 2019, was a part of the VFW Auxiliary. She used to tell Reed that if he lived in Nucla again, she'd have him in there. Reed agreed last week his mother would be pleased with his VFW work.



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Aces Energy Solutions
Donner Steel Works
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Overhead Door of GJ
Premier Window and Door
West End Mechanical
Phaze Concrete Inc.

will be made by the West End Public Schools ("District"), for its New PK-12 School Project at 225 W 4th Avenue, Nucla, CO 81424, subject to satisfactory final inspection and acceptance of the Project by the District. Any person, co-partnership, association of persons, company or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, sustenance, or other supplies used or consumed by such Contractors or its subcontractor in or about the performance of the work on the Project or that has supplied laborers, rental machinery, tools or equipment to the extent used in the prosecution of the work whose claim therefor has not been paid by the Contractors or subcontractor, at any time up to and including the time of final settlement for the Project, may file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on such claim at the District Administration Offices located at 225 W 4th Avenue, Nucla, CO 81424. Failure to file such verified statement of claim prior to final settlement will release the District and its employees and agents from any and all liability for such claim and for making final payment to said Contractors.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FILING APPLICATION FOR PHASE I-III BOND RELEASE OF A PORTION OF THE NEW HORIZON NORTH MINE SITE (SL-04)

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase I-III Bond Release of a portion of the New Horizon North Mine site. The application is denoted as SL-04 and pertains to the New Horizon North Mine, Permit No. C-2010-089 (issued June 20, 2012) by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P. O. Box 628, Nucla, Colorado 81424, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

The Phase I bond release areas (34 acres) were backfilled, graded, topsoiled and seeded in 2023. The status of the reclamation is consistent with the requirements of the approved reclamation plan which includes backfill and regrading to the approved post mine topography, topsoil replacement, and seeding with the approved seed mixtures. The Phase I through III bond release areas (1.2 acres) are permanent structures that will remain post-mine. All areas being applied for bond release are shown in detail on Maps 1 and 2 within the application. Listed below is a general legal description of this area:

Township 47 North, Range 16 West of the 6th P.M. New Mexico Principal Meridian, County of Montrose, State of Colorado
Section 25 - SW¼ and NW¼ SW ¼
Section 36 - The NW¼ W¼

The New Horizon North Mine currently holds a surety bond in the amount of \$500,000, which covers the above listed areas. With this application, the New Horizon North Mine will be requesting relinquishment of 60% of the bond held for the Phase I parcels being applied for, 85% of the bond held for the Phase II parcels being applied for, and 100% of the bond held for the Phase III parcels applied for release in this application.

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FILING APPLICATION FOR PHASE I BOND RELEASE OF A PORTION OF THE NEW HORIZON MINE SITE (SL-27)

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase I Bond Release of a portion of the New Horizon Mine site. The application is denoted as SL-27 and pertains to the New Horizon Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008 (approved April 6, 1983) by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P. O. Box 628, Nucla, Colorado 81424, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. The New Horizon Mine is located approximately 2 miles west of Nucla, Colorado.

The 85.5 acres of Phase I bond release area applied for are reclaimed dryland pasture, irrigated pasture, and prime farmland. The bond release area is shown in detail on Map 1 within the application. The status of the areas being applied for is consistent with the requirements of the reclamation plan, which includes backfilling and grading to the approved post-mine topography. Listed below is a general legal description of the area:

SW ¼ and SE ¼ E ½ of Section 36, Township 47 North, Range 16 West of the 6th P.M.

The New Horizon Mine currently holds a surety bond in the amount of \$2,512,434, which includes the above listed area. With this application, the New Horizon Mine will be requesting relinquishment of 60% of the bond held for this parcel.

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

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

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

INVITATION TO BID - COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN NORWOOD

San Miguel County is requesting proposals/bids from qualified fencing contractors to replace the perimeter and cross fencing at the County Fairgrounds in Norwood. Bid packets are available at the County website <https://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov/Bids.aspx> or DeeAnna Burbridge 970-327-4321, deeanab@sanmiguelcountyco.gov. A mandatory pre-bid conference to be scheduled by appointment. Proposals must be received by 3:00 PM on Wed, 2/7/24 at the Fairgrounds Coordinators Office, 1165 Summit Street, Norwood or emailed to smcfairgrounds@sanmiguelcountyco.gov.

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West End Montrose County

Sheriff's Office Blotter

1/8/2024

0655 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 97 and DD Road near Nucla for an animal problem.

0835 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to 29100 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for an accident.

1307 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of Highway 90 and Highway 141 near Naturita for a welfare check.

1824 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

2141 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1 follow up report

1 civil process attempted/served

1/9/2024

0740 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a medical assist.

1236 Hours - Crystal Church, 40, was contacted in the 100 block of Adams Street in Naturita and issued a warning for expired plates.

1 VIN inspection

1/10/2024

0143 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

0800 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1905 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 65 near Naturita for an accident.

2132 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of King Street in Nucla for an information report.

1/11/2024

1235 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of Highway 97 and Crabtree Road in Nucla for an abandoned vehicle.

1249 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an accident.

1935 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

2 VIN inspections

1 directed patrol in Naturita

1/12/2024

1225 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1428 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to an accident on Highway 145 mm 108 near Redvale.

1906 Hours - Deputy was dis-

patched to the 600 block of King Street in Nucla for an information report.

2 follow up reports

1 directed patrol in Naturita

6 civil processes attempted/served

1/13/2024

1602 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

2308 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Ragsdale Road near Norwood for an agency assist.

1/14/2024

No calls for service

1/15/2024

0903 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35400 block of II Road near Redvale for a criminal mischief report.

1101 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 38200 block of Highway 145 near Norwood for an animal problem.

1236 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Park Drive in Naturita to relay a message.

1304 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

1323 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a 911.

1403 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31100 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a trespassing report.

1439 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35000 block of 3590 Road near Redvale for a welfare check.

1852 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of King Street in Nucla for a civil matter.

1 VIN inspection

1/16/2024

1053 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 97 mm 1 in Naturita for a welfare check.

1116 Hours - Ronny Baker, 56, was contacted in the 200 block of Adams Street in Naturita and issued a warning for failing to stop at a stop sign.

1244 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a civil matter.

1418 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 30100 block of DD Road near Nucla.

2 follow up reports

1 school zone in Nucla

4 civil processes attempted/served

1/17/2024

0856 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35500 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for an agency assist.

1224 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1558 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Lincoln Street in Nucla for a fraud report.

1950 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1000 block of Main Street in Nucla for an animal problem.

2029 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

2143 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

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West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

2228 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an alarm.
 2256 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Sunny Circle in Naturita for a medical assist. 2 school zones in Nucla
 1/18/2024
 1211 Hours - Deputy took a lost property report in the Naturita area.

1240 Hours - Deputy took a theft report in the 700 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1558 Hours - Austin Sullivan, 28, was contacted in the 400 block of Highway 97 in Naturita and cited for driving with a suspended driver's license, no registration, and no insurance.

1848 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 97 mm 12 near Bedrock for an accident.
 1/19/2024

0907 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.

1557 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of West Eleventh Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

1656 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

2256 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for an agency assist.

1 civil process attempted/served
 1/20/2024

0731 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 58 near Naturita for an animal problem.

0820 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for a welfare check.

0949 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for an agency assist.

1411 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 109 near Redvale for a disturbance.

1734 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Lincoln Street and Fifth Road in Nucla for a suspicious person.

1817 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Main Street in Nucla for an agency assist.

1941 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of King Street in Nucla for a harassment report.

1 civil process attempted/served
 1/21/2024

1022 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1356 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of King Street in Nucla for a theft report.

1 follow up report

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The San Miguel Basin Fair Board has a vacancy for an alternate member for a 2-year term.
 To apply go to: bit.ly/4b3VTfg. For more info contact Janet Kask at 970-369-5469/janetk@sanmiguelcountycolorado.gov

HELP WANTED

ACCEPTING RESUMES - Montrose West Recreation (MWR) is accepting resumes for the position of Executive Director.
 The Executive Director of MWR is the lead individual that represents the organization to the community, donors, constituents, and other key stakeholders. The Executive Director provides leadership, reports to the board, directs the organization, and manages staff to further the organization's mission and goals. This is a part time position and compensation depends on experience and qualifications. Position open until filled. Apply online @ <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezKs4SfzrTOtYXVQPekT9ZuC3yacxt6tgeelxVISpyXudzg/viewform>. Job description included within the link. MWR is a non-profit organization (501c3), EOE.

Hoof & Paw has a part-time position available at the animal shelter.
 Job duties include walking dogs, cleaning cat condos, feeding and watering animals, medications as needed, cleaning shelter areas, and paperwork. If you love working with animals and are interested in applying, please call or text Tonya Stephens at 970-426-7568, drop off your resume at the Hoof & Paw Thrift Store in Naturita, or contact us on Facebook.

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NOTICE FROM THE SAN MIGUEL BASIN FORUM

We have to raise subscription rates a bit, only to be able to cover the postage. For the last year, we didn't break even on the mail.

This year, subscriptions will go to \$45 for Montrose/San Miguel Counties and \$55 for those out of the territory.

We're sorry for any inconvenience.



YOUTH

Lady Mustangs pick up the pace



The girls beat Ridgway last week, 44-41. Here, Viviana Zucchini is at the free throw line.



The Lady Mustangs beat Dolores over the weekend too, 49-23.



The girls are now 6-6. Here, Keiran Bray plays defense.



Haylee Smith's No. 13 jersey is honored during basketball play, as the high school senior recovers from a life-threatening injury.



The girls face Telluride Jan. 25 and DeBeque Jan. 26. Here, Shay Snyder rebounds with Kendra McCluer and Lantry Galley ready to help.



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