

San Miguel Basin Forum

NORWOOD

Pinion Park Homes raises AMI to sell remaining houses

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Historically high mortgage interest rates and strong household incomes in the region have resulted in many qualified buyers being unable to purchase a Norwood Pinion Park home. In a breakthrough agreement with the Town of Norwood, San Miguel County and the State of Colorado, buyers with higher incomes can now purchase one of the remaining Norwood homes.

The threshold used by the state and county for the maximum household income, or area median income (AMI), has been raised from 120 percent up to 180 percent AMI. This will allow many more households to qualify to purchase an affordable home, particularly households of two working adults.

“We are excited about this breakthrough” said Norwood Mayor Candy Meehan. “We know that the 120 percent AMI cap was hurting potential buyers from homeownership and joining our great town. We thank the county and state for being great partners in making more affordable homes available to more in our community.”

The public may visit pinionparknorwood.co to see the available homes and learn more about the purchasing process.

In addition to having a new, higher income limit, Pinion Park also provides a unique lending opportunity to buyers below 120 percent AMI, with unique mortgage products of historically lower rates for first-time, low- and medium-income households. This has been made possible through a partnership between Norwood Homes LLC, First Southwest Bank (FSWB) and Impact Development Fund (IDF).

More specifically, by combining down-payment assistance with a specialized mortgage product, qualified buyers may be able to purchase a home that previously would have been out of reach with a market-rate mortgage product. This preferred mortgage product can be found online at pinionparknorwood.co/mortgage-products.

To give people a better idea of their home purchasing power, representatives also created a mortgage estimator that allows a buyer to input their household income and calculate their AMI, the price of a home that they could potentially afford — and their estimated monthly mortgage payment amount too. This estimator factors for the specialized mortgage product and

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Best to leash dogs or keep them fenced in town

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Law enforcement commander of the West End Bruce Schmalz told the San Miguel Basin Forum that it's not completely unheard of for him to get complaints of loose dogs, dogs chasing livestock, or even a dog being shot at. In a region that is rural and remote, many people have livestock animals and nearly everybody has a dog.

In the last year there have been

at least three dog shootings in the Town of Nucla, according to Schmalz. Two of the dogs survived; one did not.

He said the most recent incident involved a canine being shot after it attacked chickens. He said the dog was reportedly on private property and had killed a hen.

In Colorado, citizens have the right to defend their livestock from predators, including dogs. Schmalz said there is a sort of paradox though, in that the Town of Nucla has an ordinance where

the discharging of a weapon is not legal, even if that's a BB gun or a bow and arrow. At the same time, there's an ordinance that all residents must own a firearm. He added there has to be some common sense to navigate the ordinances for what is appropriate and legal.

To dog owners, the commander said he highly recommends that people take responsibility for their pets and keep them either leashed,

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EDUCATION

Superintendent candidates in Norwood this week

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Representatives from Norwood Public School announced last week that they've got the superintendent finalists in town this week for interviews. The school board has brought the top four candidates to Wright's Mesa. One of them will replace current superintendent Todd Bittner.

Bittner, who's been leading the district since 2020-21, announced his resignation months ago and has said he will retire after decades in education to focus on spending time with his wife at their Norwood home, Giggling Goat Farm.

Candidate interviews are scheduled to be conducted Friday, April 12. And, all stakeholders will have the opportunity to converse with the final candidates during a meet-and-greet event at the school that evening from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Community members are also welcome to give the school board their feedback about each of the candidates.

The board will waste no time and intends to make their superintendent selection by Saturday, April 13, the following day.

Candidates selected for interviews are Mr. Cullen McDowell, of Colorado Springs; Mr. Jerry Monks, of Limon; Mr. Jose Ortega of Alamosa; and also Dr. Jason Wayman, of Crownpoint, New Mexico.

Norwood Public School retained the services of McPherson & Jacobson, L.L.C. to assist in conducting the search for the new superintendent. The consultants reviewed, screened and conducted extensive background checks on a total of 12 applicants.

Last Wednesday, April 3, the consultants presented those applicants to the school board, along with detailed background information on each of them. Then, the school board selected four candidates as finalists, those who are traveling to Norwood this week. The Forum was notified Monday that Monks withdrew his application.

After the new superintendent has been hired, Dr. Christy Sinner will facilitate a board-superintendent workshop to assist in the establishment of performance objectives for the new hire.

On the school board currently and who have been participating in the superintendent search are Nichol Bray, Randy Harris, Morgan Rummel, Jackie Hardman and James Evans.

In other news at Norwood Public School, Sam Ryan, principal of

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Sean Pond, of Nucla, shakes hands with Colorado Senator Cleave Simpson at the GOP Assembly April 6. Pond was there to communicate his group's views for Halt the Dolores Monument. (Photo by Regan Tuttle)

POLITICS

Ponds travel to Pueblo for GOP Assembly

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Sean and Danielle Pond traveled to Pueblo over the weekend to attend the GOP Assembly, the Colorado Republican Party's state assembly, at the Southwest Motors Events Center on Saturday, April 6.

Pond told the Forum that the event started Friday. The Ponds had set up a table, with flyers and a banner, spreading the word about the proposed Dolores Monument, and the opposition they represent, which doesn't want to see it happen. Saturday was the big day of the assembly, and then 3,000 peo-

ple were in attendance.

“It was a full house for sure,” Pond said Sunday night.

Though he wasn't on the agenda, he did have the opportunity to speak Saturday. In between votes, he said some were allowed to talk, and he was given a few minutes on stage.

He also shook hands with many in politics, including Senator Cleave Simpson, who he's met before, as well as Representative Lauren Boebert. He said commissioners from Montrose and Delta counties were there, and Delta commissioners are also opposed to a monument along the Dolores

River.

Pond said he was humbled to be able to speak to so many. Some were aware of the monument controversy; others didn't know about the issue.

While he doesn't have an official count, he thinks he obtained more than 500 signatures in opposition. Those were obtained with the QR code he distributed on flyers. Pond estimated his group had a total of 6,700 signatures on Sunday evening.

He said he left the GOP Assembly with a few big “takeaways,” including “amazement at how

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The most logical, middle-of-the-road approach

Dear Editor,

I have lived on or near the Dolores River Canyon all of my life, spending most of my elementary summers in the Unaweep Canyon and then moving to Mesa Creek where my dad worked as a ranch foreman. We caught the school bus in Uravan, as the last of the mining families were moving out of the houses that used to sit there. I graduated from Nucla High School and have lived in Nucla, by choice, for all my adulthood. I can proudly state that I personally know most of the families, if not all, who run their cows along the Dolores River Canyon and have helped most of them gather cows a time or two. The best stewards of the land are cattle ranchers and farmers, not because they are forced by some political policy, but because of the inherent nature of it. Our livelihoods depend on it.

Growing up in a town 90 miles from the nearest stop light, one finds opportunity within the surroundings of nature. Hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, snowmobiling, ATVing are all a normal part of life here. We don't have shopping malls, nail salons, rec centers, golf courses or movie theatres, so this is what we do. It's who we are. There isn't an abundant opportunity for jobs either, and if one good one comes open, everyone in town may apply for it.

In November 2018, I was contracted by the Telluride Foundation through a workforce initiative grant given by the Markle Foundation to assist the displaced local coal mine and plant workers in reskilling, upskilling, resume writing and job seeking; problem was, there would be no local jobs to go to that provided the pay and benefits these folks had been afforded for years. At best, they could potentially obtain a job with one of the local counties and make \$20-\$30 per hour less, with modest benefits. Several of these employees left the area not able to find employment that would supplement their living requirements. The closing of the power plant and coal mine put a sizable dent in the tax base of the west end of Montrose County that any sort of equitable and long-term possibility for recouping has yet to materialize until now. With the price of uranium up by almost 97% from one year ago, and the global energy transition to emissions-reduction, the communities of Nucla, Naturita, Paradox, Bedrock and surrounding are hopeful that mining could make its comeback.

I've read recently where in Kemmerer, Wyoming, a town of approximately 2,400 people, folks are also being forced to transition, though the coal plant there is not scheduled to close immediately, but instead will switch to natural gas before scheduling to close in 2030. A pilot "Natrium," liquid-sodium-cooled nuclear energy plant, is also currently being proposed by Bill Gate's TerraPower. The project is in the initial phase of the arduous application and review process through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). This review can potentially take up to 36 months, with

no guarantee of final approval. The potential for this rebirth of economic salvation of sorts would offer approximately 250 permanent full-time jobs and bring in 1,600 temporary construction jobs. Jobs that are bound to be equivalent in pay and benefits to those being lost by transition from fossil fuels. Initially, for whatever reason, the plan was to obtain the uranium from Russia; however, with the war going on in Ukraine, there is a much better possibility of utilizing domestic resources. This lends an even greater argument to not shut down future mining in the west end of Montrose County and for "Halting the 'Protect the Dolores' National Monument" campaign.

The uranium belt of this area is the largest in the nation and is exactly where the proposed monument map clearly overlays. A monument designation would negate any possibility for future exploration, extraction or necessary infrastructure and necessary transportation routes, if this area were to supply uranium. And, if this pilot program proves to be successful, then why not look at this area as a possibility for the next? We have a salinity plant nearby, and with the TerraPower plant using a salinity coolant, maybe it could be a feasible location. I don't claim to know anything about uranium or nuclear plants, but it seems reasonable to at least look at the idea for potential, and perhaps by keeping Mr. Gates busy with alleviating any complicated risk with mining uranium and building nuclear plants, he'd be less focused on producing lab-grown meat.

A monument designation could mean billions of dollars in loss to this region, which has already been devastated economically by environmental groups pushing their demands on rural America and then suing when they don't get their way. If we are to find common ground on protecting watersheds and producing clean energy, then we should not be shut out of opportunities at every turn. At the rate coal plants are being closed and the use of fossil fuels are forced to extinction, the U.S. will absolutely need an alternative reliable source of energy to add to the portfolio.

We represent rural America. We are cattle ranchers, food producers, agriculture farmers, miners, and we enjoy recreating in solitude in the lands we call home. We deserve to make a living and continue to enjoy why we choose to live here without the threat of constant implications and threats to our livelihoods. There is nothing in writing where our livelihoods can remain status quo once a monument designation is made by presidential declaration. The words of the environmental groups pushing the effort just land as empty promises to us. It seems that the most logical, middle-of-the-road, approach is to put the NCA back into play and move it through the legislation process by passing HB-1534.

Carla Reams
NUCLA

History: Rimrocker Historical Society A visit from the past

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

It was a busy day at the museum this past Friday. Lots of friends stopped in, some for the first time, and some who continue to drop by to give encouragement and say hello. Late in the afternoon, a young man came through the front door with a look of expectancy. We shook hands, and he introduced himself as Drew with a last name I knew I would never remember. I knew I had not seen him around before, and he had the look of a tourist, so I asked him if he was passing through or visiting family. Then the look of expectancy was there again, and he said, "I think my ancestors may have lived here at one time." I asked their name and he said Smith, Truman Smith. I questioned him then: T. O. (Truman) Smith and his brother B. L. (Ben) Smith. Were they truly his ancestors? Yes, he thought they had come through here and lived here for a while. Well, that was the understatement of the day!

B. L. Smith has been an important part of the story of the Colorado Cooperative Company, as well as his brothers, T. O., C. E., and I. W.; that would be Truman, Charley and Irving Smith. Those are the names that you will see in the old newspapers and the books written about the Colorado Cooperative Company, but always just the initials, rarely their real name. That is just the way it was back then, and we very rarely knew their poor wives' names. The wives were just written everywhere as Mrs. B. L. Smith. I did find out from Drew that B. L.'s wife was Georgiana, and they had a daughter, Cora. I always thought Cora was his wife.

The Colorado Cooperative Company was formed and incorporated in Denver in 1894, 130 years ago. It was formed as a cooperative group, and the goal was to find a large piece of land somewhere in Colorado where they could grow a new town, where everybody could work together to have their own piece of land for a home. It was a big dream and the dream of many people across the United States at that time. B. L. Smith was one of the founders of the company, and

he was sent out into western Colorado to find the place for their utopian dream.

B. L. traveled all over the Western Slope in a wagon searching for weeks, but he never found the place where he thought they could fulfill their dream of a new town. I would imagine that he was fairly downhearted as he turned his wagon back towards Denver. Smith arrived in Placerville to catch the train back to Montrose and then back to Denver to report on the failure of his mission. After arriving in Placerville, he fell ill and had to stay some extra time there. There so happened to be a fellow from Naturita staying at Placerville by the name of Payson. Mr. Payson was one of the earliest settlers of Naturita. Smith told him the story of how he had looked for a place to build a new town but had not found any place that would work for him and his friends.

Mr. Payson told him of the Tabeguache Park above Naturita, just waiting to be settled. There were thousands of acres of land to be settled, but the problem was there was no water. The San Miguel River was nearby, and Payson believed a ditch could be built to bring water from the river to the park. Mr. Smith had nothing to lose, so he went back with Mr. Payson, and the rest is history. Why, of course, a ditch could be built, and then a town could be built, and all of these people could have the home that they had all dreamed of having. Why let the thought of building a 20-mile ditch get in the way of your dreams? B. L. knew he had found the place for their new home, and he hustled on to Denver to share the exciting news.

B. L.'s brother, Truman, came back with him, and they were among the early group of settlers who came to Naturita to begin making the plans of how to pull off this seemingly impossible feat. For a short time, Truman was the editor of the Colorado Cooperative Company newspaper, *The Altrurian*.

I'm not sure who was more



This image shows Benjamin Lake "B.L." Smith on Feb. 9, 1893. The photo was recently shared with the Rimrockers by Drew Reisinger. (Image courtesy of the Rimrocker Historical Society)

excited, Drew or me, but we had a wonderful conversation. He learned some things he didn't know, and I certainly learned some things that I thought I would never have the opportunity to know. Drew was able to see our copies of the *Altrurians* with his ancestor, Truman Smith's name, as the editor. I was excited to hear that he had a photo of the elusive B. L. Smith, and I also found out his name was actually Benjamin Lake Smith.

It turns out that Drew was a tourist. He and his family had come from North Carolina to visit the Arches National Park in Moab. He knew he was probably as close to Nucla as he was ever going to be, so he left his wife and son in Moab for a restful day and made the trek over to Nucla. I believe we will see Drew again in Nucla, 130 years after his ancestor Truman Smith came here with his brothers who all had a dream.

It was a visit I will certainly remember, and there will be more to share about the Smith brothers in the future, I'm sure. You just never know who is going to walk through the door of the museum and change your day.



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Airport announces cancellation of 2024 Tribute to Aviation

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Montrose Regional Airport (MTJ) announced last week the cancellation of the 2024 Tribute to Aviation event, due to unforeseen global circumstances that could impact the participation of military aircraft.

The Tribute to Aviation is a highly anticipated community event showcasing a stunning display of military and civilian aircraft. Military participation is a cornerstone of the event, offering attendees a unique opportunity to see these impressive machines up

close.

“The decision to cancel this year’s Tribute to Aviation was not an easy one,” said Montrose County Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold. “Global events may affect our ability to secure the military presence that is such a central part of the event experience. We wouldn’t want to disappoint our community with a scaled-back version of this popular event.”

While disappointed about the 2024 cancellation, airport representatives said they’re already looking forward to next year.

“We are committed to bringing back a bigger and better Tribute

to Aviation in 2025,” said Arnold. “We are actively planning and will work diligently to secure a diverse range of military and civilian aircraft for the next event.”

The Montrose Regional Airport extends its gratitude to the community for its ongoing support of the Tribute to Aviation.

“We appreciate the incredible enthusiasm for the Tribute to Aviation,” said Arnold. “We look forward to celebrating aviation with our community again in 2025.”

For updates on Tribute to Aviation, the public may visit Montrose Regional Airport website or follow MTJ on social media.

WEST END

What are Lisa Sutherland and Morgan Weimer up to?

By **KEIRAN BRAY,**
Forum Intern

Last year’s Nucla High School graduates Lisa Sutherland and Morgan Weimer are taking their sports careers to the next level. Both attending a four-year university, the girls have entered a new chapter in their lives.

Lisa Sutherland is currently pursuing a degree in quantitative biosciences and engineering at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. Morgan Weimer is pursuing a degree in pre-veterinary biology at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas.

As if pursuing these degrees isn’t impressive enough, both girls are competing in college sports. Sutherland competes in the heptathlon, seven prescribed events that include the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter dash, long jump, javelin and 800-meter run for Mines Track and Field Team.

Weimer is competing on the Kansas Wesleyan volleyball team.

Going off to college can be a challenge for anyone, and adding a sport onto the load could make for an even bigger adjustment. Both girls said they are learning to balance their academics with their sport.

Sutherland is expected to keep

good grades in the engineering school “known for its rigorous education.” She added, “being in a multi-season sport also makes it hard because there is no time for rest and recovery during the semester.”

Sutherland found the workload much different than in high school.

“Although I have more time throughout the day that isn’t dedicated to classes, I have numerous homework assignments due each day, and many more obligations that I must fulfill in other areas,” she said.

Sutherland participates in two to four hours of practice every day, along with meetings in other clubs and organizations she is involved with, such as her sorority, the Society of Women Engineers, and her Bible study group.

Weimer said the experience has not been as difficult as she initially expected it to be, but she does still have to manage her time wisely. Having taken some college classes in high school, Weimer was used to a heavier workload.

“So there wasn’t much of a shock there,” she said.

Most of her workload depends on the types of classes she’s taking. Some classes simply require more. Her time is valuable to both her coaches and teachers, so to help keep up grades her coach holds mandated study halls each week.

Weimer said the coach is very good about working around the athletes’ academic schedules. As far as sports go, college students are in season year-round. Weimer said “aside from practice, conditioning is held separately, and you are expected to put in work during your free time.”

Both girls said they are enjoying the opportunities they have been given. Sutherland said she has numerous resources available to help her reach her full potential, especially in track, and she’s taking advantage of every one. Similarly, Weimer said she is relishing being able to continue playing a sport she loves after high school, as well as the increased competition that comes from playing at the collegiate level.

They both said they’re enjoying getting to meet new people and making new friends. Coming from a small town, the girls are getting to experience people from all around with new perspectives.

They both agreed they’re having a great experience, but like most students, they are eager for summer to come. Sutherland plans on working a part-time job and taking more classes, so that she can get ahead of her current degree and later obtain her master’s in a year. Weimer plans on coming back home to Nucla to work on her family ranch.

Correction

In last week’s story titled “Advocates answer questions; Pond gets hacked,” the editor said the NCA bill was in the state process. An email from Amber Clark, of Dolores River Boating Advocates, clarified “the bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper and the U.S. House by Representative Boebert, not in the state legislature. It has passed out of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee unanimously and is awaiting a committee hearing in the U.S. House.”

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Leash dogs

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in a fenced yard or contained in the home. He said dog owners must prevent their animals from running loose.

“We live in a rural community, where it’s based off livestock and agriculture, and people do have

that right to defend their animals and their pets and livestock,” he said. “If dogs are bothering livestock, there’s a good chance the rancher will kill the dog, and they have every right to do so.”

Schmalz said he has had reports of such incidents happening in Redvale too, but not usually in

town limits.

The Forum asked Schmalz if it happened to be the same person this year who shot all three dogs. The commander said he was not sure. He did say in the last incident, two people were charged. One was charged with letting a dog roam at-large; the other was charged with firing a weapon.

In other law enforcement news, Schmalz said his office has moved. He’s no longer at the airport. He and the sheriff’s deputies are now working out of the old elementary school in Naturita. He said the school’s main door is the new entry into the sheriff’s office. He said nothing has really changed, except the mailing address and physical location.

“So far, we are liking it,” he said. “But there is more work to do.”

He said there has been a bit of labor required to make the space work, but the finishing touches are nearly complete. Parking is on the main street, Highway 141.

The sheriff’s office is currently leasing the building from West End Public Schools District, but Schmalz said he hoped the situation could be more permanent.

Montrose County Communication Director Katie Yergensen did confirm with the Forum that the county is working to purchase the school. Right now, she said the county is doing its due diligence.

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many people and grassroots movements are involved in the process that dictates how this country runs.”

He said he also realized no “superhero” is coming to save the West End. And, for him it’s worrisome that the Antiquities Act allows for so much power. He said it’s “scary” that a U.S. president can designate a monument as they wish, without checks or balances. He wishes those decisions required more.

The Halt the Dolores Monument group also has an official website, as of last week. Pond said it was rather “bare bones” for the time being, but it will be made more thorough with links to related articles, discussions

and other information.

“You can learn the facts and educate yourself,” he said. “See if you’re for or against it.”

Next is a meeting in Yellow Jacket, Montezuma County, on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the livestock auction grounds. Pond said folks from Montezuma County have requested the talk, and they’ve promoted it. While the proposed monument wouldn’t affect residents there directly, they’d still like information, because it would lie in the region. What’s more is that he and Aimee Tooker, of the state’s Just Transition Advisory Committee, have found some evidence indicating that if the NCA (which is in the works now for Montezuma, Dolores and San Miguel counties)

isn’t passed, a larger monument could be potentially established for the region. Pond intends to talk about that too.

Pond is still waiting on a venue for a Grand Junction event, but it’s looking like the fairgrounds there. He wants to allow time for advertising and promotion.

He said he did speak with several elected officials in Pueblo about the fact that proponents have been to Washington D.C. and have had audience. Pond said he wants the same opportunity in order to voice the opposition.

Will he be traveling there?

He said it’s possible, and if so, he’d be bringing people from the West End with him.

Superintendent candidates

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both elementary and middle-high school grades, has also resigned and will leave at the end of this school year. Now, the district is seeking a new principal, too.

There are also vacancies for teaching positions, though Sarah Franklin, who works in the business office at the school, said likely there will be some shifting from

within the school.

“Some of the openings will more than likely get filled by internal staff, which creates other openings,” she said. “We haven’t lost all the staff that these openings might suggest.”

Norwood Public School is seeking a kindergarten teacher, a special education teacher, a teacher for elementary PE class, a math interventionist, an ELL (English

language learner) teacher, plus a fifth and sixth grade teacher, as well as paraprofessionals, who are support staff to certified classroom teachers.

“We can always use more substitutes too,” Franklin said.

Anyone who’d like to apply for the position of principal or to work as teaching staff should contact the school directly.

Pinion Park Homes

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down-payment assistance that eligible buyers could receive. This mortgage estimator link is also on the website: pinionparknorwood.co/mortgage-estimator.

And, there are three down-payment assistance programs that can help first-time homebuyers close the purchasing gap. Through the State of Colorado, IDF provides down-payment assistance for qualified buyers of up to \$25,000 per household, based on their household income. Qualified buyers can access additional down-pay-

ment assistance through programs offered by the Telluride Foundation Housing Opportunity Fund and the Telluride Association of Realtors First Time Homebuyers Fund. All three programs can be combined to provide a significant amount of down-payment assistance for first-time and qualified home buyers, lowering the overall amount of the mortgage, as well as the monthly payments.

As as a result, a buyer could own a new home with a mortgage payment as low as \$1,600 per month, if they meet certain qualifications. Representatives said buying a

home, rather than renting, provides financial stability, as well as security, and allows a homeowner to build equity and accumulate wealth.

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WG: Whole Grain / EC: Early Childhood

Monday, April 15

Cereal (WG), Oranges, Milk, Juice (K-6)

Tuesday, April 16

Crackers (WG) (EC), Breakfast Pizza (K-6), Mixed Fruit, Milk, Juice (K-6)

Wednesday, April 17

Oatmeal Round (WG), Peaches, Milk, Juice (K-6)

Thursday, April 18

Granola (WG), Pears, Yogurt, Milk, Juice (K-6)

WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lunch Menu

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Milk Served With All Meals

WG: Whole Grain / EC: Early Childhood

Monday, April 15

Corndog, Sweet Potato Fries, Pasta Salad, Salad Bar, Milk, Peaches (EC)

Tuesday, April 16

Taco Salad, Corn Chips, Salad Bar, Milk, Pears (EC)

Wednesday, April 17

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Thursday, April 18

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3/19/2024

0939 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for an information report. Tyler Stewart, 33, was arrested for domestic violence, harassment and third degree assault.

1210 Hours - Austin Sullivan, 28, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 58 near Naturita and cited for driving with a revoked driver's license and operating an ATV on a state highway.

1228 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 141 mm 83 near Naturita for an information report.

1251 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the Nucla area.

1501 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 35300 block of Highway 145 near Redvale.

1709 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.

1834 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1000 block of Main Street in Nucla for an information report.

2106 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a theft report.

2127 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of Payson Street and Wilson Street in Naturita for a disturbance.

2 VIN inspections

1 directed patrol in Naturita

3/20/2024

1034 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a tobacco offense. Thomas Jones, 18, and two juveniles were cited for underage possession of tobacco.

1427 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a disturbance. Carrie Goode, 43, was arrested for third degree assault, domestic violence, and two protection order violations. Paul Haining, 47, was arrested for third degree assault, domestic violence, criminal mischief, and a protection order violation.

1831 Hours - Deputy took a civil matter report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

3/21/2024

1051 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highland Drive in Naturita for an information report.

1514 Hours - Deputy conducted an agency assist in the 100 block of Sunny Circle in Naturita.

1800 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 1100 block of Cedar Avenue in Naturita.

1 follow up report

1 civil process attempted/served

3/22/2024

1301 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1317 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27000 block of BB Road near Nucla for an animal problem.

1411 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla to relay a message.

1415 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 33000 block of

Mailbox Park Road near Redvale for a fire.

1417 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1524 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 32 near Naturita for an accident.

1603 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 16700 block of Highway 90 near Bedrock for a fire.

1802 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31400 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for an animal problem.

1855 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla for found property.

1919 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Sunny Circle in Naturita for an agency assist.

3/23/2024

1402 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for an information report.

1455 Hours - Jimmy Elder, 46, was contacted in the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla and issued a warning for lane usage.

1505 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29300 block of DD31 Trail near Nucla for a trespassing report.

1727 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a 911.

1 civil process attempted/served

3/24/2024

1107 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 33000 block of Mailbox Park Road near Redvale for a medical assist.

1557 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 52100 block of Sanborn Park Road near Norwood for a motorist assist.

3/25/2024

1559 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a theft report.

1645 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a citizen assist.

1700 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31300 block of HH31 Road near Naturita for an abandoned vehicle.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

3/26/2024

1008 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 30700 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a fraud report.

1236 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Main Street in Nucla for a traffic complaint. Michael Merritt, 77, was issued a warning for parking on the wrong side of the road.

1431 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1840 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29800 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for an

animal problem.

2127 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35800 block of Highway 145 near Norwood for a traffic complaint.

2 VIN inspections

2 civil processes attempted/served

3/27/2024

0821 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1128 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla for a theft report.

1136 Hours - Deputy conducted an agency assist in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1738 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Main Street in Naturita for an animal problem.

1839 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 112 near Redvale for suspicious activity.

2200 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a 911.

1 VIN inspection

13 civil processes attempted/served

3/28/2024

0833 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31500 block of 90 Road near Nucla for a lost property report.

0903 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 97 mm 1 near Naturita for an animal problem.

1345 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Montana Way in Nucla for a welfare check.

1529 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29600 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for a missing person.

1848 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 34800 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for found property.

1901 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist on Highway 145 mm 115 near Redvale.

1 civil process attempted/served

3/29/2024

0927 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Sunny Circle in Naturita for a welfare check.

1047 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1403 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Second Avenue Naturita for a report of threatening.

1600 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of DD Road and 3000 Road near Nucla for an animal problem.

1745 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to 25 Mesa Road mm 44 near Nucla for an accident. Wyatt Elder, 21, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, open container, no driver's license, and no insurance.

1 VIN inspection

1 follow up report

1 civil process attempted/served

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1. Rhymes with, and similar in meaning, to blob
5. Refrigerator sound
8. Action word
12. Left, in Russia
13. Departed
14. Locomotive hair
15. As opposed to St. in a city, pl.
16. French cordial flavoring
17. Type of lily, pl.
18. *Voyageurs National Park location
20. Like Andersen's duckling
21. Poacher's ware
22. Unit of pressure
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30. U.N. labor agency
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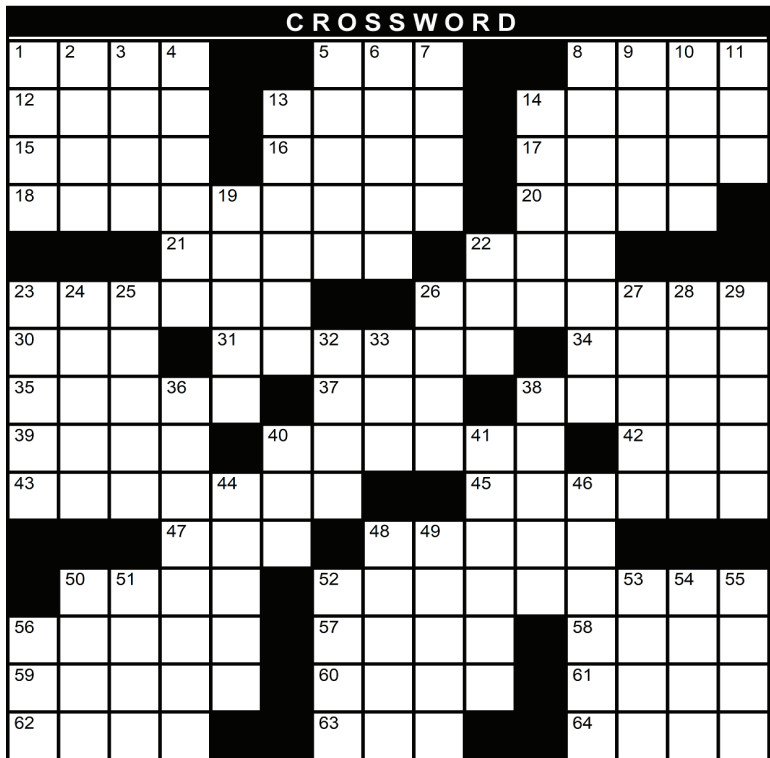
38. Gertrude Stein's reception room
39. Sicilian rumbler
40. Strong influence
42. To sum
43. Blushes
45. *Utah national park
47. What blanket and landing have in common
48. State before birth
50. Eastern European
52. *Yosemite's famous monolith (2 words)
56. Cockamamie
57. Effect of pain?
58. First weekly news magazine in U.S.
59. South African currency, pl.
60. Tolstoy's Karenina
61. The 15th of March
62. King Kong and Koko, e.g.
63. Hot one in a bun
64. Copper coin

DOWN

1. Type of shot
2. Strauss of jeans fame
3. Often found under a range



4. Herzegovina's partner
5. Kind of roll, in school
6. Togetherness
7. *___ Verde National Park
8. *Shenandoah National Park location
9. Twelfth month of Jewish civil year
10. Frost-covered
11. Like certain relief
13. ___ is a byproduct of ___ (2 3-letter words)
14. "___ for alarm"
19. See nor hear this? pl.
22. Faux ___
23. Opposite of seeker
24. Winged
25. One of Florence Nightingale's concerns
26. American Indians of Yucatan
27. Islam's Supreme Being
28. D in LED
29. *White ___ National Park in New Mexico
32. Financial help
33. *Need one to navigate a National Park?
36. *The Lakota called it "Mako Sica"
38. Razor sharpener
40. *Old Faithful ____, lodging spot in Yellowstone
41. Poolside hut
44. Roof overhang
46. Rotten Tomatoes contributor
48. Latin American plain
49. Getting an A
50. Finger-produced sound
51. Muffin Man's Drury ___
52. "Goodness gracious!"
53. Ocean motion
54. Word of agreement
55. *Bald Eagle's home in Acadia or Olympic National Parks
56. One of the Gershwins



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Hanging out
West End teens relax at True North Youth Program's headquarters. (Courtesy images)

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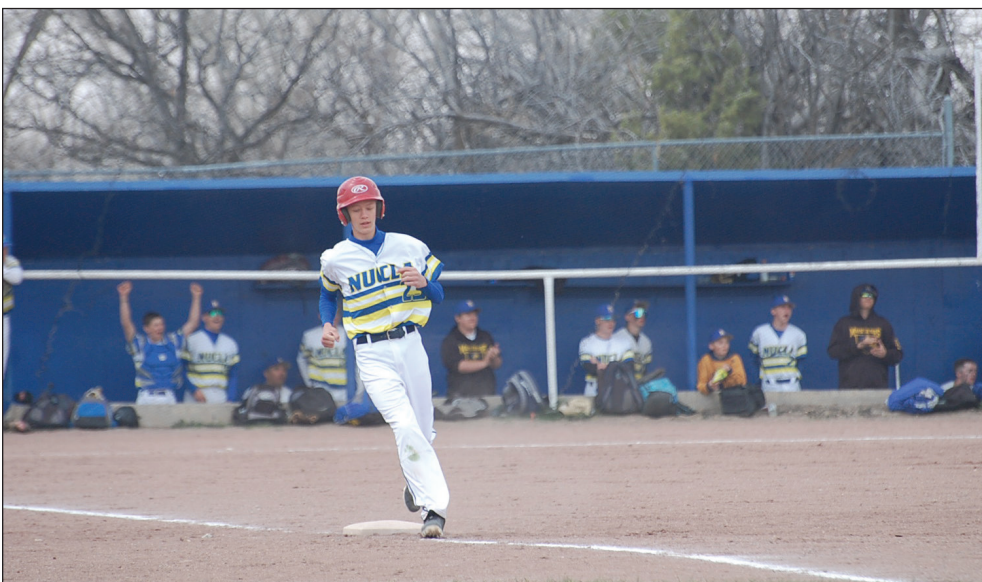
Mustang baseball



Steele Arnold follows a pop fly ball into the outfield.



Cole Bray goes for the bunt.



Jackson McCabe runs to claim his base hit.



Owen Tackett attempts to catch a ground ball. (Photos by Keiran Bray)