

San Miguel Basin Forum

AGRICULTURE

Upcoming classes focus on livestock, foraging

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Colorado State University-Extension Office announced a class that director Yvette Henson is excited to offer. Related to water, drought and animals, a panel of speakers will come to Norwood May 16 to discuss “alternative foraging.” Henson said it’s good topic for Wright’s Mesa, since some crops are more drought-tolerant than others and nutritional values differ too.

CSU agronomist Todd Ballard is the first speaker, and he’ll talk about crop production, specifically millet and cowpeas. Ballard has done specific research for Norwood and its climate. He wants producers to know there are choices when planting crops.

And, Hunter Doyle is also on the program. He’ll talk about intermediate wheatgrass, or kernza, along with other perennial forages too. Doyle has also done much research on crops specific to Norwood, and he’s coming prepared to discuss his ideas.

Steve Woodis, a retired wildlife biologist, is also speaking. Woodis worked in Montrose for National Resource Conservation and has 30 years’ experience in knowing what works and what doesn’t. Henson said his knowledge is invaluable, and she referred to Woodis as an expert in forage.

Hannah Holm is also slated to speak on water and soils. She’s planning to give an overview of collaborative research she’s done with Hunter Perry, a colleague with whom she’s been working for water study. Holm will also speak about alternative forages and the big picture. Henson said Holm can discuss why it’s important to bring people together to talk about alternative crops and include stakeholders.

The session takes place from noon to 5 p.m. at Lone Cone Library. A lunch will be served, so the CSU-Extension Office needs a head count in advance. Cost is approximately \$35 to pay for the guest speakers’ time, though Henson said nobody will be turned away, if they’re unable to pay.

Henson said she estimated the program room at the library could accommodate as many as 50 people. While anyone interested in drought-tolerant forages and alternative crops is welcome to attend, the session is especially for farmers, ranchers, land managers, students and FFA members.

It’s been a while, since before the COVID pandemic, that Henson has brought together a panel of speakers for educational purposes like this, and she’s excited. The

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Mustangs advance to regional baseball tournament

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Head coach for the Mustangs Randy Gabriel has said “it’s never over until the last pitch,” and the statement remains true. The guys are headed to the regional baseball tournament this weekend in Merino, Colorado. While the high school varsity baseball team — made up of both Nucla and Norwood guys — didn’t sweep district play, they won the first game, lost the second, and are still in the bracket.

Last Friday, May 3, the guys

played Sierra Grande, and beat that team 11-6. Coach said that first game went well. Brycen Rummel started the game pitching, and later the Mustangs’ regular starter Steele Arnold was brought in. Jake Hulst closed it out.

“It’s the best our pitchers have thrown collectively,” he said. “Brycen and Jake threw real well, and of course, Steele.”

Gabriel also said that the guys’ second game was one of the best he’s seen in years. They lost to Dove Creek, one of their biggest rivals, in nine innings, 6-7. Though it was heartbreaking, everyone

gave great effort.

He added the Nucla guys did leave 14 guys on base against Dove Creek, and that’s been the “Achilles’ heel” of the Mustangs.

“That’s what’s haunted us all year,” he said. “We can’t seem to get a big hit at the right time when we need it.”

Going forward, he said the guys need to not have so many errors. Against Dove Creek, the Mustangs were up and then had errors. He said while the guys can’t do that in their big games, it does happen.

He’s still proud.

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The Mustangs have advanced to the regional high school baseball tournament. (Photo by Amanda Pierce)

YOUTH

Outdoor rec takes trip, spring play happens, admin approved

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The outdoor recreation program at Nucla High School is thriving, and Brock Benson told the San Miguel Basin Forum that he and Bri Bonacquista are taking the kids on an extended field trip May 9. This year the new outdoor rec program, funded by grants and other donations, has been taking kids on weekly mountain bike rides to get them out on local trails, appreciating the landscape and moving their bodies.

The kids will ride part of the Paradox Trail on Thursday. Benson said it’s a big deal for students and something to celebrate. He said it’s even more special because Paul Koski, local mountain biking expert, helped establish the Paradox Trail, an important asset in the West End, and now local kids are riding it through the school for a PE credit.

“It’s a full-circle moment,” Benson said last Friday.

Additionally, Benson said this summer kids can continue their time on local trails by checking out mountain bikes through Paradox Cycle. It’s basically a rental process, though, for local students, there is no cost. For adults, who want to check out a bike for the day, the cost is \$40.

And, some longer trips may be happening too. Benson said he and Bonacquista would like to get students out to Moab, Montrose, Cortez or the Grand Junction area to keep them riding. Details are being determined for trip possibilities. Benson said all of the future outdoor rec plans are exciting.

“Bri Bonacquista is an amazing partner,” he said. “We are hoping these opportunities can expand and keep these kids active and outside.”

And, the outdoor recreation program has a new logo. Benson said the kids had a contest, something that was needed for merchandising and branding. Akyma Ralston won the competition, and she has received \$100 for her logo idea.

In other school news, the theatre kids held their spring play over the weekend. Directed by Benson for the junior high and high school theatre class, the students performed “12 Angry Jurors” in their new school.

Benson said he used the original script of the play — “12 Angry Men” — but went with the modern, adapted title and incorporated women into the cast. The play ran Saturday and Sunday.

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EDUCATION

Arnold and Bray sign commitments for college basketball

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Last week at Nucla High School, graduating seniors Steele Arnold and Keiran Bray were honored when they each signed their respective commitment letters to play college sports. Both student athletes are moving to the Midwest and will play college basketball.

Arnold will be attending Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas, southwest of Kansas City, and play basketball. He plans to major in sports management and work toward his goal of becoming a sports agent, or professional team organization manager.

He’s previously visited the Ottawa campus and feels solid in his choice.

“I could tell from the beginning that it was the place for me,” he told the Forum over the weekend.

He doesn’t know anyone else who’s attended, but he knows a few other Colorado students are there on campus.

This summer, he will continue his training program for basketball, so that he’s ready for college-level sports this fall. He’ll also be working to save money, though Ottawa University is giving him \$80,000 over four years.

Arnold leaves for Kansas in late August.

He said last week’s signing felt like a release of pressure and he’s excited to be able to continue playing.

“I have been working for this moment for so long and to finally get to do it in front of my family and friends was such a great experience, and I am so thankful for the chance again,” he said.

Arnold said he hopes to play his best next year, but also make positive relationships on and off the court too. He’s ready to go to work, but he said he also aims to have some fun. He knows college will be his opportunity to do so.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Involve all stakeholders

Dear Editor,

It is crucial to recognize the impact of leaving a local community out of imperative conversations that directly affect their economic well-being. When key decisions are made without the input or representation of those directly impacted, it not only diminishes the level of trust but also undermines the sense of ownership and buy-in from that demographic.

By disregarding the voices and perspectives in a community, especially when it comes to matters that have significant economic implications, we risk perpetuating inequalities and injustices. The failure to engage all stakeholders in these discussions can lead to decisions that may benefit only a select few while further marginalizing vulnerable local populations.

When local communities are excluded from important conversations, it creates a sense of powerlessness and erodes the trust that is essential for effective collaboration and sustainable progress. This lack of inclusivity can generate stress and frustration within the community, further exacerbating existing disparities.

Therefore, it is imperative to actively involve all stakeholders in discussions that impact their economic well-being. By including diverse voices and perspectives, we not only ensure better decision-making but also foster a sense of unity, trust, and shared responsibility for creating a more equitable and prosperous future for all.

*Candy Meehan, Candidate
for San Miguel County
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Catastrophic consequences

Dear Editor,

West Springs Hospital is a catchment mental health hospital for the Western Slope of Colorado. They are the only inpatient psychiatric facility and psychiatric emergency department on the Western Slope.

The facility faces financial hardships that may force the facility to close without help. This news is cause of catastrophic consequence to the patients and communities on the Western Slope.

We write this letter in open support for West Springs. We plea for you to understand the impact this would have on our rural Western Slope communities.

The Western Slope, like most places, is experiencing an increase in the severity of mental health cases. Due to the shortage of behavioral health resources in our area, an individual experiencing a behavioral health crisis is most often evaluated in the emergency department. At our hospital, Montrose Regional Health, we evaluated 636 psychiatric patients in 2023. This was a 42 percent increase from the year before.

West Springs is a valued partner and has made great efforts to increase access to care for the Western Slope community. They admit most of our patients requiring a higher level of psychiatric care, and of great import, this includes chil-

dren. The youth mental health crisis is well-documented, and beds for this population are difficult to find.

The closure of West Springs Hospital would have catastrophic consequences in our rural area. Without them, Western Slope community members needing mental health hospitalization will face grave difficulty finding true help. Their ER length of stay will increase, and most will now have to be transferred to the Front Range (five to six hours away), or farther, to get access to care.

The financial impact on our rural health system is also great. Most of the cost of transport will fall directly upon Medicaid and the transferring hospital. This cost to the Front Range will be exorbitant. Rural facilities already facing financial challenges will be faced with yet another burden.

Additionally, this will take ambulance and EMS personnel out of local circulation for longer, leading to deleterious problems for other patients that need ambulance transfer. Finally, this transportation is one-way. Once discharged, patients must find their own way home, only adding to the stress of people already struggling.

The Western Slope needs West Springs Hospital.

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An invitation

Dear Editor,

Art at The Apothecary is inviting artists to come and join us. We have space for individuals and groups to display and sell their works, teach classes and have lectures. Painters, sculptors, cultural artists, literary and photographic talents, and more are welcome. We would love to host shows and readings in our gallery.

Space is available for groups and clubs as well. If you have a book or garden club, crafters or scrapbooking association, we have the perfect space to spread out and dig in. Family gatherings and parties or small celebrations are more than welcome. Whatever the need is, let's get together and make it happen. We are not just a studio, but also a public space for our community.

There is a small kitchen with a coffee maker, microwave and tea kettle available for use. If you're looking for more than self-serve, there are a few businesses that have partnered with us for catering and lodgings, and we would love to make introductions.

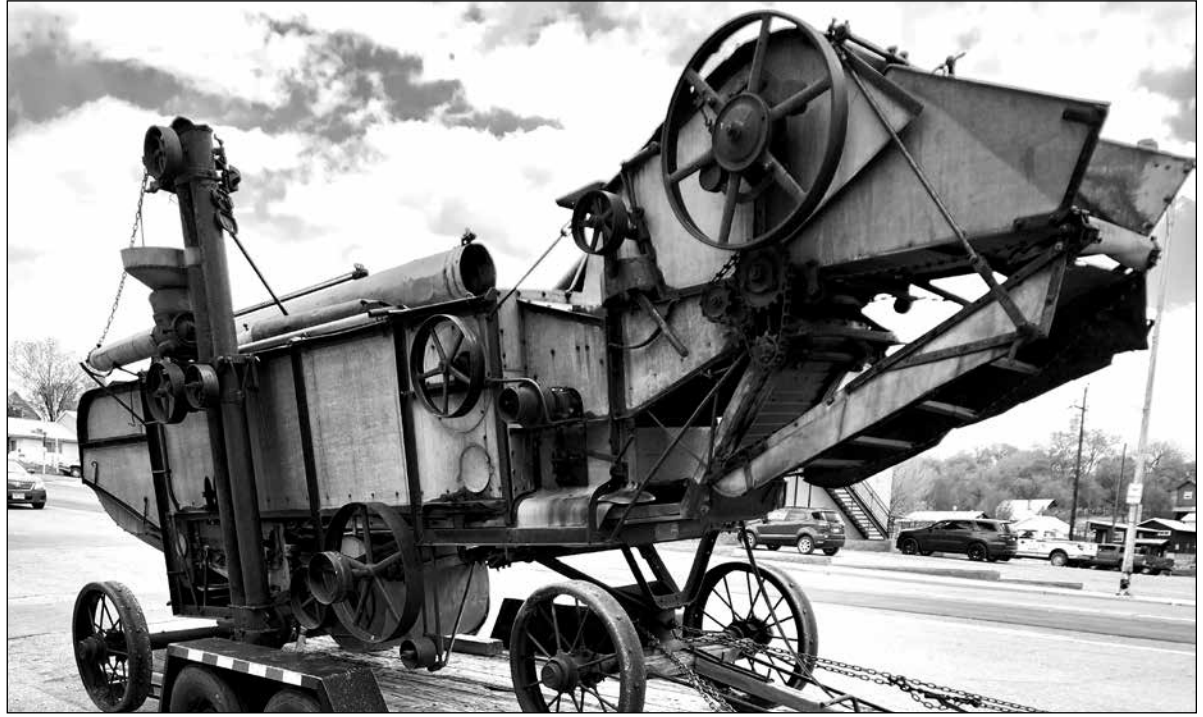
If you are an artist or have a group that would like to use the space, please call or text Cassandra Farmer at 970-209-0385 or email cfarmer@theapothecary.art for costs and information. Join us, and let's discover what the future brings.

*Cassandra Farmer
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History: Rimrocker Historical Society

What do you know about threshers?

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*



This photo shows the old thresher being moved to Nucla. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

We have recently been finishing up the final moving of our outdoor displays from the old museum to the new museum. We still have to figure out the blacksmith shop, but we are closer to being finished. I know the Town of Naturita will be able to put that backyard space to good use.

Certainly, many of the items have seen better days, but we are finding some real treasures. There are a few items that we are unsure of and are hoping there is someone around who will know what some of these things were used for.

Everything fit behind the new museum, except for the thresher — though it does have a new home. The thresher was donated to the Rimrocker Historical Society by Harry Duteil. There is no other information about where it came from, or who it belonged to. It has always just sat in the back of the enclosure, a big hulking piece of machinery.

Once it was pulled out, it was

a different story. It has so many parts and pieces and is really a beautiful machine. I'm sure it was a wonderful addition to any farming community. There is certainly a lot to be learned about this amazing machine. If you know anything about threshers, drop in and chat with us.

We also need to acknowledge all of our friends who helped us with this stage of our move. We hired Lane and Sean Sutherland to move all of the equipment from Naturita. They handled everything with the gentleness and respect that these old items deserved.

Even they were in awe of how things were built back in the day, and how tough these pioneers were to handle much of this big heavy equipment pulled by horses. They moved the equipment for us at a price that we could afford. When it came time to move the thresher, they volunteered their time and equipment. It took some intense planning, and I have to say it came off without a hitch.

Thank you, Lane and Sean!

A big thank you also goes to Mike Schultz and Jenifer Nelson, who live on the upper part of the old Lundahl place. Their small hay field along Main Street seemed like the perfect spot for the thresher, and they were so kind to offer a place for it to sit where everyone can see it and be reminded of the agricultural heritage of our communities.

Thank you, Mike and Jen!

As you travel up Main Street, directly across the street from Huntem tire, check out the very majestic thresher and remember those days of old. Drop into the museum if you have any stories to share about threshers, in general.

And, don't forget. The Rimrockers will have heirloom apple trees at the museum, 470 Main St. in Nucla, this Saturday, on May 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. The trees have been grafted for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating the agricultural history of the region, established long ago by the settlers of the area.

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Upcoming classes

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series of grain talks was successful a few years ago. Henson hopes people will sign up for the May 16 session, and all in the San Miguel Basin are welcome.

Another class is taking place June 21, and then Henson will present with Emily Lockard, of Montezuma. Together, they'll lead a session similar to the native plant classes, though this one will

focus on pasture and range field plant identification.

"She will cover grasses, and I will cover herbaceous and woody plants," Henson said. "We'll talk about what's good or not for forage for animals."

Henson and Lockard plan to do plant surveys that week on Monday, June 17, in preparation for the class. Then, the class site visits will happen in the San Miguel Basin,

probably at Lone Cone or maybe Burn Canyon. Henson is speaking with local ranchers for the pasture site visits. They need one with diversity. The class will travel a bit that day in order to see different plant species.

Those interested in either of the sessions should call the Colorado State University-Extension Office and speak with representatives to register.



It's that time of year
Curt Carver brands calves in the West End a week ago for the Coopers. (Photo by Sage Carver)

Mustangs advance

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"I have to commend them," he said. "Both (teams') fans were cheering, and overall it was a great game."

And, the Mustang seniors were relieved to not have played their last game on the field. The soon-to-be graduates get a bit longer on the baseball field.

Dove Creek is now the No. 5 seed. They'll likely face Simla in regional play. Coach thinks Nucla will play Merino, based on the rankings.

He remains hopeful, and said a

few years ago, in 2018, the Mustangs beat No. 1 Cornerstone.

"You never know," he said. "Baseball is a different sport, and we've got a good mindset ... All we ever ask for is give great effort. Sometimes it's not your day. Hopefully this weekend will be one of them."

It will be a big practice week for the guys Monday through Thursday. Then the guys leave Friday for the regional tournament. Many of the details were being worked out over the week-

end, and it is the host team's job to organize the tournament.

Gabriel said he appreciated the Mustang fans over the weekend. And, the Nucla High School track team, also made up of Nucla and Norwood kids, went to cheer for baseball on their way to the Pagosa Springs tack meet.

He continues to say that the baseball team is made up of a great bunch of kids. He said the freshmen have stepped up, and the good things that coaches look for at this time of year are happening.

Youth activities

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Anton Pierce and Kiera Rowan held leading roles, and the performance took place in a circular space with the audience extremely close, as if they were part of the jury.

On Sunday, Benson told the Forum the shows were "great." He said the tickets sold out at the

door both nights, and he had to add chairs to accommodate guests.

"David Quigley gave a memorable performance," he said. "And a shout out to my junior high cast of Remi Long, Kynlie McCabe, Dallas Wallace and D.J. O'Connell for bringing maturity and panache to a very adult and complex script."

And while the West End Public

School's board of education had some controversy the last few weeks, that seems to have settled. At the last school board meeting on April 30, all of the administrators' contracts were approved. That means Sara Bray and Malisha Reed return as principals, with Clint Wytuklka serving as district superintendent.

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Steele Arnold and family, left, with Keiran Bray and family, right, celebrate college commitments at Nucla High School. (Courtesy image)

Arnold and Bray commit

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Bray will attend Doane University in Crete, Nebraska, about 30 miles east of Lincoln. She will also play college basketball and will major in agribusiness and minor in communications.

Bray also visited the Doane campus and said she got to meet representatives from the department of agriculture, financial aid and the basketball coaches. She heard about Doane from the basketball coach at the college, when he reached out to her about playing for the small school.

This summer she will follow a workout plan and spend a lot of time in the gym, though she also wants to see her friends and family as much as possible before leaving. And, of course, she'll be working for Bray Ranches, her family's ranch, before her departure. She leaves in early August to start school.

Bray has been given scholarships that total \$26,000 over four years.

Like Arnold, last week's signing was freeing for her.

"I was having a really hard time deciding whether or not to play

basketball and attend Doane," she said. "After I decided I wanted to play basketball and signed my paper, I felt very relieved. I am now feeling super excited and pretty nervous to start my new life."

Bray said she hopes to get a great education. She knows she'll eventually work in the field of agriculture, probably advocacy. She's also excited to be more independent, meet new people and make lifelong friends.

"I want to make the most of my college experience academically, athletically and socially," she said.



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4/17/2024

0038 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27600 block of DD Road near Nucla for an agency assist.

1032 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a civil matter.

1204 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 141 and Highway 145 near Naturita for a traffic complaint. Austin Sullivan, 28, was arrested for reckless driving, driving under revocation, expired registration, and no insurance.

1919 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Fox Street in Nucla for an agency assist.

1 school zone
1 VIN inspection
1 directed patrol in Naturita
1 civil process attempted/served

4/18/2024

1236 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Tenth Avenue in Nucla for an alarm.

1725 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 24300 block of X7 Road near Bedrock for a medical assist.

1843 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Crabtree Road in Naturita for an animal problem.

2139 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Spring Creek Trail for an information report.

1 VIN inspection

4/19/2024

1613 Hours - Deputy conducted an agency assist in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

4/20/2024

0217 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 19500 block of T5 Road near Paradox for a disturbance.

0445 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 23 near Bedrock for a motorist assist.

1309 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Maple Street in Naturita for an animal problem.

1538 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of West Eleventh Avenue in Nucla for an animal problem.

1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in County
1 directed patrol in Naturita

4/21/2024

0128 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance. Charles Dewese, 28, was arrested for a protection order violation and child abuse.

0702 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 near Naturita for a report of shots fired.

1138 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 26500 block of 2650 Road near Nucla for a fire.

2115 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 106 near Norwood for an accident.

1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in Naturita

4/22/2024

0039 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a noise complaint.

1403 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 27 near Naturita for a traffic complaint.

1615 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a juvenile problem.

2018 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 20600 block of T5 Road near Paradox for a weapons offense.

1 school zone

4/23/2024

0113 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a citizen assist.

0657 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 112 near Redvale for a fire.

0809 Hours - Deputy took a report for a civil standby in the 32000 block of GG47 Road near Norwood.

0832 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of County Road 90 and BB36 Road near Nucla for an accident.

0958 Hours - Deputy conducted a civil standby in the 28400 block of 2700 Road near Nucla.

1447 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35000 block of 3590 Road near Redvale for a welfare check.

1554 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a juvenile problem.

1 civil process attempted/served

4/24/2024

1205 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28200 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for a theft report.

2147 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28200 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for an information report.

3 directed patrols in County

4/25/2024

0056 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of King Street in Nucla for suspicious activity.

0655 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

0854 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 113 near Redvale for an accident.

1111 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Grape Street in Nucla for a harassment report.

1536 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West First Avenue in Naturita for an information report.

1553 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 200 block of East Main Street in Naturita.

1619 Hours - Deputy was dis-

patched to the 200 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a harassment report.

2030 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for a 911.

1 directed patrol in County

WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS Breakfast Menu

Free For All Kids

Milk Served With All Meals

WG: Whole Grain / EC: Early Childhood

Monday, May 13

Cook Choice, Milk, and Juice (K-6)

Tuesday, May 14

Cook Choice, Milk, and Juice (K-6)

Wednesday, May 15

Cook Choice, Milk, and Juice (K-6)

Thursday, May 16

Cook Choice, Milk, and Juice (K-6)

WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS Lunch Menu

Free For All Kids

Milk Served With All Meals

WG: Whole Grain / EC: Early Childhood

Monday, May 13

Cook Choice, Salad Bar, and Milk Peaches (EC/PK)

Tuesday, May 14

Cook Choice, Salad Bar, and Milk Pears (EC/PK)

Wednesday, May 15

Cook Choice, Salad Bar, and Milk Mixed Fruit (EC/PK)

Thursday, May 16

Cook Choice, Salad Bar, and Milk Oranges (EC/PK)

* HEARING NOTICE *

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Montrose County Planning Commission in the **Public Works Building 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, Colorado, on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** to review and discuss proposed amendments to the Montrose County Subdivision Waiver Regulations Section XI.

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD

The application materials may be examined during regular business hours at the Montrose County Planning and Development Office, 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, Colorado or on the Montrose Citizen Portal: <https://co-montrose-co.smartgovcommunity.com/ApplicationPublic/ApplicationHome>
Search application: **AA24-004**
Documents will be available in the Montrose Citizen Portal a week prior to the scheduled hearing in the "Notes" section of the application.

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO OFFER COMMENT

Written comment may be sent to the Planning Commission, c/o Planning and Development Director, 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, CO 81401; or c/o trichmond@montrosecounty.net

BY ORDER OF MONTROSE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Clark Herbert Cross, Deceased

Case Number 23PR30134

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative at the address below or to the **District Court of Montrose County, Colorado at 1200 N. Grand Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401** on or before August 19, 2023 or the claims may be forever barred.

/s/ Sara Bachman

Personal Representative's Attorney, #50363

Bachman Law, LLC

PO Box 158, 140 E. Main Street, Naturita, CO 81422

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49-1T-C

Part-time lunch cook for a great group of folks at the Senior Center in Nucla.

Enjoy cooking for others? We have an opening for a part-time lunchcook for a great group of folks at the Senior Center in Nucla. 18-20 hours per week. For more details, call Sherry (970) 322-1000 or Monica (970) 361-6518.

48-2T-C

Norwood School District needs School Bus Drivers.

Norwood School District is willing to pay for CDL training and

certification. Must pass a Class B CDL with S&P endorsement, CDL Drug Test & Physical. The full job description is located on our website, please follow the link/URL <https://www.norwoodk12.org/domain/181> and click on "Click here for job listings and to apply online".

47-8T-C

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Memorial Services for Veterans - Contact Tom Loczy and VFW at: (970) 428-2268

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NUCLA-NATURITA TELEPHONE COMPANY HELP WANTED - FIELD TECHNICIAN

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Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company is looking for a Field Technician to join our team. The applicant will conduct such work

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Job Requirements:

- High School or Equivalent Certificate
- Valid Driver's License and Good driving record

Applications are available for pickup at 421 Main Street, Nucla and can be returned to the Business Office or you may send a resume to nntc@nntcwireless.com.

44-TEN-C

SAN MIGUEL WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT APPOINTING 1 MEMBER TO NORWOOD WATER COMMISSION & SEEKS LETTERS OF INTEREST.

Priority to those who live outside of Town of Norwood and own water tap, but anyone living in NWC district encouraged to apply.

See <https://www.norwoodtown.com> or <https://sanmiguelwcd.colorado.gov> for full notice.

48-3T-C

NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS HIRING

- PK-12 Principal
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Spanish/English Language Learner Teacher
- 5th Grade Teacher
- 6th Grade Teacher
- Paraprofessionals (1/2 or Full-time)

The full job postings are located on our website, please follow the link/URL <https://www.norwoodk12.org/domain/181> and click on "Click here for job listings and to apply online".

46-4T-C

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: THINGS WITH WINGS

- ACROSS**
- Country alliance
 - Fish of liver oil fame
 - *Stinging pollinator
 - Prefix in levorotary
 - *Dark home to #33 Down
 - Sudden growth
 - Like certain Steven
 - Symphony member
 - Type of feather
 - *Comfy seat (2 words)
 - Don't put these into one basket?
 - Full nelson is ____ wrestling ____
 - Santa ____, Orange County
 - Puts down
 - Et cetera (3 words)
 - Pen point
 - With signs of wear and tear
 - Beyond natural, in U.K.
 - Messes up
 - Chitchat

- Willow twig
- Evening purse
- Win a race
- Tucker of "Modern Family"
- Army bathroom
- Eucharist plates
- Opposite of WSW
- French composer Erik Alfred Leslie ____
- "Back to the Future" antagonist
- *Beatle with Wings
- Poodle minus d
- England's medieval royal house
- Rabbit's cousin
- Nymph chaser
- Genealogist's creation
- Blackhearted
- George Gershwin's brother
- "For ____ a jolly..."
- It often goes with a rod

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DOWN

- What the Big Bad Wolf did
- First name in jeans
- "Pop it in the ____!"
- Cuban drums
- Secret clique
- Roundish
- Chronic wasting disease carrier
- Plug for a barrel
- *As opposed to urns
- Pilot's estimate, acr.
- Herb for treating menopause symptoms
- Shop till you drop, e.g.
- *Flying stallion
- "The Queen's Gambit" game
- Take your pick
- *Biblical Gabriel, e.g.
- All plants and animals
- Approximately
- Shortened word, abbr.
- Drink request
- Home to largest mammal
- Socially acceptable behaviors
- Malaria symptom
- *Nocturnal mosquito eater
- *Lightning beetle
- Recording studio sign
- Next to nothing
- Same as intake
- Reason by deduction
- Restraint
- Academy Award for Best Original ____
- Chunks of 43,560 square feet
- Wild hog
- Itty bit
- Urban legend
- Part of cathedral
- Great Lake
- Holler
- Tire meas.

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Solution To Previous Sudoku

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6	7	8	2	4	1	3	5	9
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Happy readers

Nucla won second place in Battle of the Books.



The kids — Locklyn Galley, Olivia Scott, Lachlan Schultz and Branson McCabe — were coached by Kristi Wheeler. (Photo by Brandie McCabe)

Mustang track



Amber Bockrath competed in the long jump.



The season isn't over for the track team. They head to Grand Junction this weekend.



Keiran Bray ran the 800 meter. (Photos by Debra Bockrath)

Theatre kids in action



Kiera Rowan had a leading role in "12 Angry Jurors."



Anton Pierce and David Quigley were impressive.



Junior high and high school kids performed together.



The shows for the play were sold out over the weekend at Nucla High School. (Photos by Brandie McCabe)