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TF's annual Community Grants cycle is open

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Telluride Foundation's annual Community Grants are a cornerstone of its work, strengthening regional communities and making more possible. The Telluride Foundation has provided significant support to regional nonprofits on an annual basis since it was created in 2000. The foundation is now accepting 2024 Community Grant applications, which will be due Friday, Sept. 27, at 5 p.m.

Thanks to the generous support of its donors, the Telluride Foundation awarded \$1.1 million to 75 regional organizations in 2023, and representatives hope to be able to award as much or more in 2024. Since its inception, the foundation has invested more than \$80 million in the Telluride region through Community Grants and other foundation initiatives.

"The Telluride Foundation fundamentally believes in strengthening the capacity and resiliency of the organizations and individuals who help create strong, sustainable communities throughout our service region," said Jason Corzine, president and CEO of the Telluride Foundation. "Community Grants are the bedrock platform by which the foundation supports nonprofit partners that deliver such significant on-the-ground impact."

Applicants are encouraged to attend the foundation's Community Grants webinar via Zoom on Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to noon to learn about new grant questions and reporting requirements, how to navigate the grant application process, and pointers for submitting a successful application.

Applicants should visit the foundation's Community Grants webpage to register for the webinar. Applicants who cannot attend the live webinar will be able to listen to a taped recording after Aug. 20, which will be provided on the Telluride Foundation's Community Grants webpage.

Everything that is needed to start working on the grant application is currently available on the foundation's website, telluridefoundation.org. (Click on "Our Work", then click on "Community Grants," and then scroll down to "Community Grants Application.")

The link to the grant application is also live on the foundation's website, allowing applicants to complete and submit an application. For more information or questions, the public may contact April Montgomery, vice president of programs, at 970-728-8717 or april@telluridefoundation.org.

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Officials meet Aug. 2 to strategize for the Bucktail Fire. (Photo by Ken Jenks)

FIRE

Bucktail Fire continues; volunteers feed people

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Bucktail Fire, now being investigated as human-caused, according to Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard, started Aug. 1 right outside of Nucla, at the base of the southwestern slope of Uncompahgre Plateau. Over the weekend, community members witnessed smoke, aircraft working to contain it, and traffic from first-responders of multiple agencies traveling to the area to help.

As of press time, the fire had grown to 3,738 acres and was 7 percent contained. At that time, 154 personnel were working on it, including six crews, three engines, three water tenders, three aircraft

and four pieces of heavy equipment.

Some rain fell on Sunday, Aug. 4, which helped the situation, despite wind.

Monday, Day 5 of the Bucktail Fire, saw operations moving from "initial attack to a longer-term suppression effort." Also on Monday, additional crews, including an eight-person Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (CDFPC) fire module were supposed to add to the fire line construction.

Throughout Sunday and Monday, two divisions of firefighters worked, with one northward, along the west side, and the other eastward, along the southeast side.

"Firefighters will continue to scout for fire line options," the USFS news release said on Mon-

day. "Helicopters will continue to drop water on hot spots to check the fire's spread."

No evacuations were in place.

Road closures exist within the area of the fire, including County Road 25 Mesa from the 25 Mesa/Divide Road intersection to where the pavement starts on 25 Mesa outside of Nucla. Houser Cow Camp Road is also closed, down to Old Highway 90.

A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place over the fire area. Wildfires are also a "no drone zone."

The USFS press release added that fire managers would like to remind everyone to be attentive to their actions and surroundings, especially in areas with dry vege-

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EDUCATION

New school welcomes students back and with improvements

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The West End Public Schools District has provided an update on the construction activities in progress at the new school. Many trades of construction are still ongoing for the brand new building that general contractor FCI Constructors Inc. opened for students and staff on Jan. 15.

The project team — consisting of FCI, architect Hord Coplan Macht and owner's representative firm Artaic Group — is excited to welcome students and staff back into a building that administrators say will be even more advanced and better performing than it was this past semester. This is the result of two factors: having had the opportunity to work out some of the "bugs" of

the building, and having tackled some of the remaining interior projects over summer break.

For the interior, focus is on the safety and security of students, staff and community.

"We have installed a new window in the main entrance vestibule, which will allow administrative staff better visibility into the vestibule and out to the front of the building," representatives said in a news release. "This will not only allow the staff to better identify any suspicious activity in this area, but it will make it a more welcoming entrance and ease the building entry process for all."

Another guiding principle for the project has been honoring the past while thinking about how the district will continue to serve the

community in the future. So, 79 cubbies were added to the hallways of the main level of the building. Those will serve pre-K through sixth-grade students, allocating more storage space for them and providing for future expansion of the student population.

Additionally, FCI installed trophy cases throughout the building to honor the teachers and students that came before — also a great place to showcase student achievement, art projects and class pictures.

Finally, the district has installed utilities on the southwest corner of the main gym, allowing for a future campus greenhouse.

"We have learned so much about our new 74,000 square-foot-building since Jan. 12," the news release

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FAIR

Fair Board celebrates Open Fair results

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Becky Hannigan, superintendent for the last several years of the Open Fair division at the annual San Miguel Basin Fair, shared with the Forum the recent results of this year's submissions. As always, she's pleased the community showcased their talents in the various division that the Open Fair celebrates. The awards for 2024 are as follows:

For Department 100, Farm Products, no entries were received this year.

For Department 200, Horticulture, the grand champion was Marilyn Allen with "Music Garlic." Allen was also the reserve champion with "Apple Mint Herb." The people's choice award was presented to Jason Baker for "Organic Garlic Music."

In Department 300, Floriculture, the grand champion and also the people's choice award went to Maggie Andrews with "Old Time Truck," and reserve champion was Rebecca Rogers with "Mint Phlox."

In Department 400, Culinary, this year there were no entries.

For Department 500, Preserving and Canning, the grand champion was Vivian Cooper with "Pickled Asparagus."

Regarding Department 600, which is Fiber Arts, the grand champion and the people's choice award both went to Brylea Butler for "Pink and Strawberry Crochet Cow," the reserve champion and best of show award went to Lita Bilotti with a "Chenille Knitted Baby Blanket."

In Department 700, Arts and Crafts, the grand champion and people's choice was Randy Crawford with a "Wedding Bouquet Holster and Garter Belt," made of carved leather. Reserve champion was Zoe Lukaszewski with "The Barn of Clay."

For Department 800, Fine Arts, the grand champion was Cynthia Sampson with "Letting go of the Pain," a raven painting; the reserve champion was Judha Baker with "Jaws Only in Theaters." The people's choice went to Cynthia Sampson for the "Randy Raven" painting.

In Department 900, Communication Arts, grand champion and the best of show, plus the people's choice, went to Kaden Donnellon for the "Crystal Radio." The reserve champion went to Randy Crawford for his "Northern Lights over Corrals" photo.

In Department 1,000, which is titled "The Betty Ragsdale Creative Expressions" and honors the spirit and creativity of the late

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NORWOOD VOICES

Meet the provider at UMC

UMC's newest provider, Scott Hunter, gave a candid interview recently, so people can learn more about him. Representatives of Uncompahgre Medical Center (UMC) have said Hunter has been a great addition to the UMC team. For those who haven't met him yet, they're welcome to meet him at the UMC Community Barbecue on Aug. 8, starting at 3 p.m.

Q: With UMC being so small and rural, what attracted you to the area and made you want to come here? How did you hear about UMC?

A: I knew about the area and kind of the outdoors and what was available. I didn't know much about Norwood, but was looking for jobs and found the opening for UMC. I got here, and everyone was very welcoming and kind, and it has a purpose and a mission, and the whole thing just made sense.

Q: What is your approach to health care in such a small community?

A: I think taking the time to listen to people and find out how they approach their own health care helps to provide better care. I try to be a partner, versus a person giving commands.

Q: What are some challenges you have seen with being in such a rural community?

A: The challenges of finding the appropriate care for someone if we can't do it, such as a specialist. And, travel and accessibility.

Q: What do you hope to accomplish with your patient base at UMC?

A: Ultimately, good health and a trusting relationship when hard

choices are needed, and that they can trust the advice and direction I have given them — and compassion.

Q: On a more personal note, what are some of your hobbies?

A: Mountain biking, hiking, snowboarding, simply taking the dog for a walk.

Q: Do you have a favorite book, movie or TV show?

A: Book "The Lincoln Highway." TV show? ... Not sure. Favorite movie is "Cool Hand Luke."

Q: How do you spoil yourself in your free time?

A: Free time? That is how I would spoil myself! Not much, because there's a lot of travel, since my wife is on the other side of the mountains, so hanging out and spending time with her.

Q: In your career, what is something that you have accomplished that you are proud of?

A: I think that I'm good at listening to patients, which is kind of a blessing and a curse. You need to hear and figure things out from what they're telling you, but you also need to do hard work. ... Maybe more of my social services stuff versus medical, taking the time to help with something that isn't necessarily medical, but some of the other stuff that makes a bigger difference in their lives — that's a big one.

Q: How far out is your schedule right now? Are you available for same days?

A: Pretty sure same-days are available, and I think my schedule is a week out. Being the new guy, I get a lot of same-days, and my panel is slowly growing.

Open Fair results

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Betty Ragsdale, the grand champion went to Melanie Enstrom for the "Betty Ragsdale Scrabble Board," and the reserve champion was awarded to Coleen Joseph for "Australia." The people's choice went to Jedediah Crawford for his "Lego Peacock."

Hannigan told the San Miguel Basin Forum that Moe Carriere, of Norwood, had written the most beautiful thing on the people's choice voting form, and she wanted all to hear of it.

"I want to commend the young-

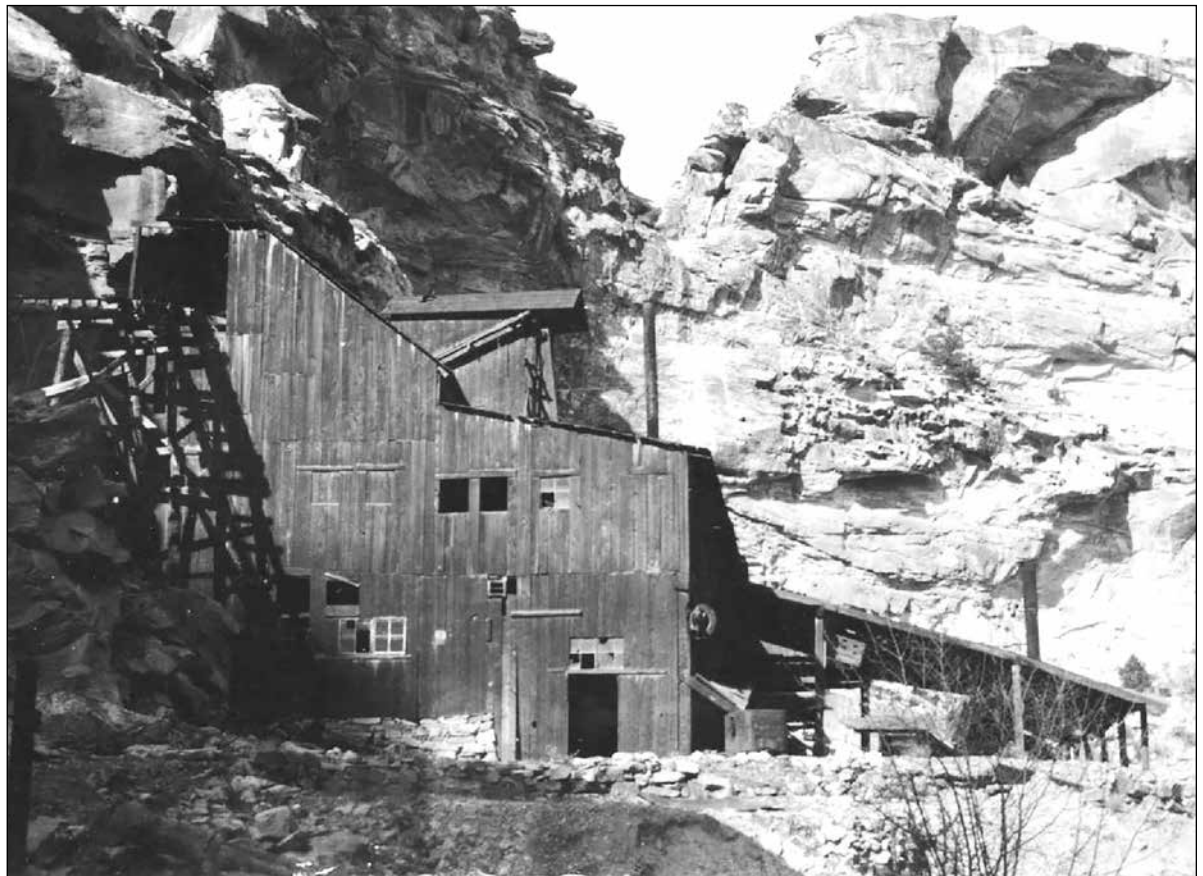
sters and adults for the wonderful exhibits," he said in his note. "The presentations are super. The memory of Betty Ragsdale was evident of the love she had for us, and our love and respect for Betty. She was an angel."

Additionally, Hannigan said she thanked all in the community for bringing in their exhibits and taking part in this year's Open Fair.

"And thanks to the San Miguel Sheriff's Office Annex for letting us have the Open Fair in the conference room," she added.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society La Sal mining district

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*



This photo shows the Cashin Copper Mill building, probably built in the early 1900s. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

From the same file as the story on Paradox and Naturita, here is the story of the mining on La Sal Creek, written by James N. McBride. McBride was one of the earliest managers of the La Sal Copper Company. It went through several hands and names over the years. I believe this was written in the early days of the mine workings, probably just after 1900. A sentence in Telluride's Daily Journal of March 15, 1901, stated that "twelve teams are hauling ore out and supplies in for the La Sal Copper Company." It also said that Mr. and Mrs. Flynn had come back to the civilized world after spending the winter at Cashin, where Mr. Flynn was the superintendent in charge of building the mill. That had to be a cold experience.

La Sal mining district by James N. McBride

"From a mining standpoint, the Paradox-La Sal country is very much as the great Arizona copper districts were before railroads were constructed in those camps. The ores are essentially a smelting proposition and average higher grade than most mining camps. The wagon freight of \$20 per ton stands in the way of properties except sorted, high-grade

ore. This, while not a desirable condition, is tending toward the construction of a railroad. Plans are already made for the construction of a smelter at Dry Creek, where an abundance of coal and coke are found.

The La Sal Creek Mine, operated by the Copper Glance Company, covers a large acreage and has several million tons of ore developed by means of tunnel shaft and winzes. Two thousand tons of ore shipped from this mine average 134 ounces of silver and 12.14 percent copper per ton. The mine has produced over \$300,000, largely in development work. Smelting ore of an average value of \$30 per ton could be handled at the rate of 50 tons per day for five years from ore now developed. The tonnage could be vastly increased from treatment or shipment.

The Galloway properties also in La Sal Creek Canyon have good indications. In the Paradox Valley proper, the Talbert Bros. with Nafus and Sawyer, have extensions of the various properties which are opening into mines. The Galloway-Hamilton properties on the north side of the valley are, next to the La Sal Creek workings, the most extensive, showing a strong lead of copper-silver ore and fine native silver.

The Johnson-Gage claims, also on the north side, rank next to the last named in development and showing additional headings as the fissure veins are cut by the La Sal Creek Canyon. The mine has substantial stone and frame buildings, residence and office quarters, large mill buildings, including water and a steam power electric lighting plant, machine shop, and assay office. The mills are equipped with an air compressor plant, crushing machinery, etc. Ore samples of native copper from this mine were awarded a medal at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Large bodies of ore are now in the mill bins, stopes and ore piles awaiting the smelter operations."

Much money was spent on building the mill and working the mines at the Cashin Copper. There was quite a town there at one time with houses, a boarding house and a school. The railroad never came through. The competition between Montrose and Gand Junction went back and forth, until after awhile there was no train at all and the world moved on. Maybe someday, someone will find a way to make the Cashin pay. It is a fascinating place to see, rugged and uncivilized. It makes you wonder how they ever made it work at all.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

For veterans who need assistance

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention over the last few months that a lot of veterans have lost track of their discharge paperwork. This paperwork

is very important to the veterans in that it is required to file from disability to end-of-life events. For those veterans that need assistance in getting a copy of that paperwork, please contact John Reed. Email

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Navigating HR issues workshop is Aug. 21

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The Telluride Foundation and ASAP Powered by Dominion Payroll are pleased to host a timely and relevant workshop for nonprofit organizations titled “Navigating Human Resources Legal Issues,” aimed at equipping nonprofit organizations with the knowledge to stay compliant with recent legislative and administrative changes in human resource law. The workshop, led by esteemed employment law expert Michael Santo, will be held in person at the Telluride Wilkinson Library Program Room and via Zoom on Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon.

In the past few years, significant legislative changes have impacted human resources practices in Colorado. This workshop will delve into the nuances of new laws and regulations, including the Colorado Healthy Families and Workplaces Act (HFWA), the Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FMLI) program, updates to the Protection of Whistleblowers Rights (POWR), Equal Pay for Equal Work Act (EPA), and changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and

Colorado Overtime and Minimum Pay Standards (COMPS). Michael Santo will provide an in-depth analysis of these laws and offer guidance on updating employee handbooks to reflect these critical changes.

“To borrow the old mantra, the ‘only constant’ in Human Resources ‘is change,’ constant change. And that has certainly been true in Colorado over the last four years with the implementation of Colorado Healthy Families and Workplaces Leave, FMLI, changes to discrimination/harassment laws, and wage and hour matters,” said Santo. “It’s a lot for employers to keep up with. So, this talk will go over all those topics and discuss how nonprofit employers can best implement those changes and plan for the future.”

Santo began practicing law in Michigan in 1992 after earning his degrees from Michigan State University and the University of Detroit. He moved to Colorado to join Dufford, Waldeck, Milburn & Krohn, later co-founding Bechtel & Santo. Since 1994, he has focused on defending companies in employment litigation, including discrimination, wrongful discharge, and wage and hour matters.

He also advises employers on hiring, discipline, terminations, leave issues and handbook revisions, helping minimize litigation risks.

In 2014, Santo was lead counsel in the Colorado Supreme Court case ICAO v. Soft Rock, impacting the Department of Labor’s audit procedures. He frequently lectures on employment law and has contributed to several legal publications. In 2014, he was honored as a fellow of the Colorado Bar Foundation, a recognition given to no more than 5 percent of Colorado lawyers.

This free event is open to the public, and anyone interested in learning how to navigate the complex HR landscape. There will be ample time for Q&A, so attendees will have the opportunity to ask Santo their own specific HR questions. Participants are encouraged to attend in person, and, if so, to please RSVP to april@telluridefoundation.org.

Zoom will also be available by registering using the following link: us06web.zoom.us/j/908642158 or us06web.zoom.us/j/908642158. For more information or assistance with registration, the public may contact April Montgomery at 970-728-8717 or april@telluridefoundation.org.

Grants

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Nonprofit, government or community organizations with programs or projects aligned with the foundation’s mission of improving the quality of life for the citizens of San Miguel, Ouray and west Montrose counties, plus Rico, are encouraged to apply for financial support. Applications are reviewed by a seven-member grants committee, which makes funding recommendations that are reviewed and finalized by the board of directors

at its annual meeting in December.

Telluride Foundation’s Community Grants program is just one of the ways the foundation supports the region. It also provides trainings, workshops, capacity building and technical assistance for nonprofit organizations, as well as facilitates initiatives in housing, health, community development, food security, apprenticeships, climate resiliency, and equity and inclusion. The foundation additionally provides emergency hardship grants to low-income residents through its “Good Neighbor Fund.”

The Telluride Foundation is

committed to enriching the quality of life of the residents, workforce and visitors of the Telluride region. It is a nonprofit, apolitical community foundation that makes grants and runs programs in arts, education, health and human services, community development, and social enterprises.

The foundation strives to achieve excellence for the community through its mission and core values of inclusion, self-reliance and innovation. Its work is funded through the generous support of hundreds of donors, as well as grants from state and national foundations. All may visit telluridefoundation.org.

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added. “This building features the latest technology, and it truly is one of the nicest schools in the state of Colorado, if not the country. Our lighting controls, kitchen, mechanical systems and audio-visual technology feature some of the newest technology available for a public building of this category.”

School officials have learned and familiarized themselves with the systems over the past semester and now understand them better.

Construction continues to progress on the exterior with work this summer on Phase 2. The district secured a second supplemental BEST Grant from the CDE in 2023, which has afforded the funds to not only finish the necessary scopes on the inside, but to complete all of the exterior work too.

Phase 2 consists of the new parking lot, bus loop, playgrounds, landscaping and utilities. It also includes utility work on the west side of the building to control stormwater and irrigation water in the football field vicinity.

Rock hammering and excavating are ongoing to the east of the building. That’s proved extremely challenging, due to the shallow elevations of the sandstone bed-

rock that lay beneath the old school building, which was demolished this past February. The bulk of the rock hammering is close to completion.

Now the focus is on the storm sewer utility install, concrete retaining walls for the ramp and stairs, preparation for paving the parking lot, and installation of playground equipment.

“Our new upper parking lot will provide adequate parking for parents and students, as well as a much safer drop-off area for both parents and busses,” representatives said. “The new parking lot will be asphalt surfacing, complete with striping for parking spaces and crosswalks.”

Students will be able to cross safely and in plain sight. The new lot will also feature a concrete handicapped ramp, allowing ADA access to the front of the building.

And, there’s the hillside play area. With guidance from the executive committee, user groups and the design team, the choice was made to incorporate the existing topography of the earth, rather than demolish the entire hillside to create a more conventional playground. The hillside play area will have a large slide, basketball court on top of the hill, and other hillside features that allow kids to roll, run and play on the hill.

“We are very excited to see this portion of the project come to fruition, and we believe that the result

will be a very fun and unique playground for our community,” school officials said.

Still, there have been challenges: material and equipment shipping delays, plus labor shortages. The pre-K/Kindergarten and infant toddler playground equipment shipment dates have been delayed from late July to late August. The current solution is to install the playgrounds successively, rather than at the same time, when the equipment arrives in August. Then, one playground area stays available while the other is being constructed.

“FCI is doing everything in their power to improve this timeline,” the news release said. “As of right now, our plan is to continue to be flexible and focus on the excellent parts of our building that we do have, such as our incredible gymnasiums and outdoor learning area.”

Currently, the whole project is scheduled to finish by Halloween with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony.

“We hope everyone will join us for a spooky, monumental and much deserved celebration of our project completion,” the news release said. “We are honored to be able to serve you and deliver one of the nicest schools in the state to our wonderful, deserving and supporting community. Here’s to an awesome 2024-25 school year.”

School starts Aug. 19.



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WEPS will provide free breakfast, lunch for all students

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West End Public Schools District is pleased to announce its participation in the Community Eligibility Provision. Nucla Elementary, Nucla Middle School and Nucla High School will offer no-cost breakfast and lunch to all students during the 2024-25 school year.

Research shows that students who are not hungry perform better in school. By providing breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost, the school can better support their learning.

These breakfasts and lunches follow U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. Families can feel secure knowing the meals they eat at school meet rigorous federal and state nutrition standards. School cafeterias always offer fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein and low-fat or fat-free milk. School meals also meet limits on calories, sodium and unhealthy fats.

We encourage all families to choose school meals. This increases funding for our schools and creates

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“Preventing human-caused fires is the most important thing anyone can do to help firefighters,” they said. “Please ensure you dispose of smoking materials properly. Check for local fire restrictions. Practice smart wildfire prevention behavior, including never leaving a campfire unattended, and ensuring fires are completely out and cold. Make sure trail chains don’t drag because, every spark can start a fire.”

Jeff Stephens, the public informa-

tion officer for the Nucla-Naturita Fire Department, told the Forum it’s a BLM and USFS fire, and though Nucla and Norwood fire departments initially responded, the BLM also responded at the same time, assuming command of the fire. He added local departments are in a supporting role, mainly by supplying water via tanker trucks.

He said the support has been great.

“Of special interest has been the response from local citizens in providing food and water for the firefighters,” Stephens said. “Local citizens, too numerous to name, have been working 12 hours a day and more to keep food supplied to the firefighters. Donations of food,

water and money have been pouring in to support this effort. Food preparations were being done at the Nucla Fire Hall, but recently moved to the Nucla Community Center.”

He said food and water donations from local businesses and grocery stores have been very generous too.

“All the firefighters and support staff have expressed gratitude to these citizens for their efforts,” he said. “Saucy Mama’s will be catering food now, but will have to hire temporary help to meet this demand.”

Tonya Stephens, local EMT, has been the point of communication for the volunteering and feeding of personnel.

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July 24, 1937 – July 16, 2024



Richard McQuiston.

Born July 24, 1937, to Ted and Nita McQuiston in Crowley, Colorado, Richard Lee McQuiston was one of five children. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jody and Teddy. He has two sisters still living: Louise, of Grand Junction, and Shirley of St. George, Utah.

Richard married the love of his life on Aug. 23, 1989. He was the father to six children; Randy, Ray and Bob both preceded him in death.

Surviving children are Russell of Parachute, Colorado; Bramley (Mark) of Castle Rock, Colorado; Randy (Veka) of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Jessica (Mark) of Grand Junction. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Shannon, Jessica, Ashley, Erin (aka Hurricane), Shelton (Tooter Bug), Faith, Landon, Elle, Dominic, Zoey and several great-grandchildren.

Being a hard worker was instilled into Richard from a young age, working on his family ranch. At the age of 17, he followed his brother Jody's footsteps and joined the U.S. Marines Corps. He was at the time the youngest tank operator in the Marines. He served as an MP, until he was honorably discharged. He went to work for Union Carbide in 1958, where he specialized as a soil technician and quality control specialist, until he retired after 35 years.

However, Richard wasn't quite ready for retirement, and at the age of 57, he got his CDL, haz-mat, and tanker license and went to work for the Nucla Co-op. He delivered fuel for 10 more years.

After officially retiring for the second time, Richard grew to love being a full-time grandpa. His other loves were fishing, camping and later in life making lamps and collecting fishing poles. After a battle of health conditions, Richard Lee McQuiston went to be with our Lord and Savior on July 16, 2024. He will be dearly missed by many.

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Shirley Ellen Kinney



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Shirley Ellen Kinney was born Aug. 15, 1934, to Julian and Sarah Church in Holyoke, Colorado. As the only girl in the midst of five brothers, she learned the art of becoming a wonderful sister and also how to be a lady. After high school graduation in 1952 and one year of college, Shirley found work, which she loved, as a phone operator in Sterling, Colorado.

At the tender age of 20, family and friends helped her pack a trunk and sent her on the train to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where she married her handsome soldier boy, Eugene Dale Kinney, in October of 1954. September of 1955 found them back in Sterling, where their son Brett was born and died at birth.

But, by 1957, the mountains and fresh peaches of Grand Junction, Colorado, called. Margo, Ann, Clay and Sarah were all born there. Fifteen years later though, Dad drug the family off, kicking and screaming to an old, gray shack on a hill in Norwood, Colorado. The best part of this home was the outdoor privy.

The highlight though of Shirley and Dale's life occurred in 1968, when through a friend, Barb Snyder, they became acquainted with the true gospel of Christ. This became their most precious gift, answering Shirley's deep question of who God was. Now after a life of knowing the God of Heaven and the comfort, joy and peace of this relationship, the end held no fear as she left this life to meet her maker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her infant son, Brett; her daughter, Margo; and four of her brothers: Lyle, Ken, Bill and Roger.

Her remaining family includes her husband of nearly 70 years, Dale; her children, Ann (Don) Borgman, Clay Kinney and Sarah (David) McCollum; brother, Chuck (Rose) Church; 12 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday, Aug. 24, at 11 a.m. at 30490 Highway 92, Hotchkiss, CO 81419. Condolences can be made to www.asperfh.com.

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600-700# STEERS	2.65-2.80	600-700# HEIFERS	2.30-2.60
700-800# STEERS	2.40-2.55	700-800# HEIFERS	2.30-2.45
800-900# STEERS	2.30-2.45	800-900# HEIFERS	1.90-2.10
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ENTERTAINMENT

2nd outdoor concert in Norwood is Aug. 11

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Music on the Mesa in Norwood — the newest free concert series in Paonia-based Pickin' Productions' quiver — presents the second and last of the 2024 shows at the San Miguel County Fairgrounds on Sunday, Aug. 11. Gates open at 4:30 p.m.; show is around 7 p.m.

The concept behind these "picnic concerts" is to gather early, tour the food vendors, shop the vendor booths, catch up with old friends, make new ones while playing yard games, let the kiddos run amok, get a henna tattoo, and get a family picture taken at the Western-styled photo booth — all before sinking into low chairs and then popping right back up to dance the night away to a West End sunset.

Organizers of the event say music is the universal equalizer, a language we all can hum to, regardless of fluency.

The first ever Music on the Mesa performer on June 16 was Wayne "The Train" Hancock, playing with his band on a 1964 International truck bed. The undisputed King of Juke Joint Swing had a blast — skipping an intermission opportunity — as did the 400-plus attendees. Most food vendors sold out of vittles.

For Aug. 11, there are some new food vendors and a few new West End businesses at the Pig Palace Vendor Market.

This Sunday, Couch, a Boston-based seven-piece band, will perform. They infuse pop with funk, rock and R&B/soul. Music on the Mesa is bringing in a big stage for Couch, one that can handle their sassy brass section, and of course, a couch or two. Also new for concert No. 2 is a public transportation option for those coming from the east end of San Miguel County.

SMART (San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation) will provide a free bus from Telluride to Norwood and back. A 25-seater will depart from the county courthouse in Telluride at 3:45 p.m.; return departure from Norwood School parking lot is at 9:30 p.m.

For those driving in, please note that Lincoln Street, as well as the west end of Summit, will be closed. For those coming from the west, highway signage will direct them to the left turn on Spruce Street toward the fairgrounds. If coming from the east, access to the venue via Summit Street is a right on either Spruce, Cedar, Pine, Lucerne or Market streets.

What to bring? ... Low chairs, tarps or blankets, water bottles,

sun hats, sunscreen, headlamps/flashlight, cash for bar and vendors and the MotM mercantile ... though cards will be accepted by most. Pets, outside alcohol, glass, fireworks, drones and frowns are not permitted.

Organizers said every penny makes music, and Music on the Mesa couldn't be more thankful to the sponsors and donors. This year's series is presented by Norwood Park & Recreation District, Town of Norwood and Pickin' Productions, with gracious support from Blue Grouse Bread, the Norwood Chamber, Fenceline Cider, Clark's Market of Norwood, Telluride Foundation, Judy Muller & George Lewis, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, Back Country Inn, San Miguel County, Wild Iris Greenhouse & Gardens, Alpine Bank, Mary Jane's Medicinals, Green Room, Rosie Cusack/Telluride Luxury Rentals & Real Estate, Telluride Daily Planet and The Norwood Post, Lone Cone Legacy Trust, Lisa Foxwell and Paul Finley, EarthTech West, Gretchen and Jim Wells/JAM Ranch, Piñon Wood Ranch Fibers, Dark Sky Pie Pizza, Giggling Goat Farm, Apple Core Project, San Miguel Basin Forum, Elizabeth Foley/Coldwell Banker, Local Liquor and The Coach's Mother.

West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

7/10/2024

0719 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

0734 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 110 near Redvale for a traffic complaint.

1439 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a missing person.

1751 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 32600 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a fire.

2053 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 block of Cedar Avenue in Naturita for an information report.

1 directed patrol in Nucla

1 directed patrol in Naturita

7/11/2024

0931 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for a theft report.

1245 Hours - Adrian Jones, 65, was contacted at the intersection of Highway 97 and Crabtree Road in Naturita and cited for no registration.

1951 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a theft report.

2256 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

2311 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a disturbance. An arrest warrant for Jami Peters, 34, is being sought for assault and harassment. Brittany Turner, 29, was cited for harassment x2.

1 VIN inspection

7/12/2024

1239 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1457 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Elm Street in Naturita for a fraud report.

1657 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Lake Avenue in

Naturita to relay a message.

1801 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a trespassing report.

1815 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

2137 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to DD31 Road near Nucla for an animal problem.

1 follow up report

7/13/2024

1451 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 141 and Highway 145 near Naturita for an animal problem.

1935 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 4900 block of U5 Road near Paradox for an animal problem.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ELK RIDGE MINING AND RECLAMATION - TECHNICAL REVISION 26 (TR-26)

Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P.O. Box 628, Nucla, CO 81424 has filed with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety an application for Technical Revision 26 (TR-26) to the New Horizon North Mine, Permit No. C-2010-089. TR-26 reduces the permit boundary by removing 4.6 acres of Phase III bond release areas from the permit boundary.

The New Horizon North Mine office is located at 27646 West 5th Street, P.O. Box 628, Nucla, Colorado. The permit area contains tracts of land located in Section 25, Township 47 North, Range 16 West of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, Montrose County, Colorado being more particularly described as follows:

A portion of the West ½ of Section 25, Township 47 North, Range 16 West of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, containing 230.0 acres, more or less. The above-mentioned tract of land is located on USGS 7.5 minute Nucla Quadrangle map.

A copy of the complete technical revision application is available for public inspection at the Montrose County Courthouse Annex, Nucla, Colorado. Written comments or objections to the application may be submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, Telephone (303) 866-3567. The permit boundary reduction in this technical revision is within 100 feet of AA Road. A public hearing may be requested by the public or affect landowners for the purpose of determining whether the interests of the public and affected landowners will be protected by the reduction in the permit boundary in this technical revision. Should a public hearing be requested, it will be held in the locality of the proposed mining operation. A hearing may be requested by contacting the Division in writing within 30 days after the last publication of this notice.

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MONTROSE COUNTY

County awards Future Farmers Scholarships



Sheldon Collin receives his Montrose County scholarship at the Montrose County Fair and Rodeo.



Keiran Bray is honored at the San Miguel Basin Fair. (Courtesy images)

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Representatives of Montrose County said they were proud to award this year's Future Farmers Scholarship to Montrose resident Sheldon Collin and Redvale resident Keiran Bray. This award celebrates the agricultural heritage of Montrose County, and helps provide an investment into the future of agriculture. Collin and Bray both have impressive agricultural, Future Farmers of America (FFA) and academic achievements. Both scholarship awards were presented recently at the Montrose County Fair and Rodeo Junior Livestock Sales and the San Miguel

Basin Fair and Rodeo.

"This year's applicants delivered some of the best scholarship interviews yet," said Commissioner Keith Caddy. "Both Sheldon and Keiran are great representatives of Montrose County and have bright futures in leadership and the ag industry. I'm proud to award this scholarship to these two deserving candidates."

Caddy and a committee of local residents interviewed both students for the scholarship. The award was based on weighted GPA, personal achievement, community involvement, goals, and an essay about agriculture in Montrose County.

Collin has been involved in 4-H, primarily showing livestock for 10 years. Through the past four years in FFA, his supervised agricultural experience involved running a small-scale cow-calf operation. His leadership roles span from 4-H president, secretary and treasurer to FFA chapter and district president and more. He was also recently appointed as the Colorado FFA vice president. Sheldon plans to attend the University of Wyoming to study agricultural business following his term in the state FFA office.

Bray starts school at Doane University in Nebraska this year and plans to major in agribusiness and

agricultural leadership. She has been involved with Nucla High School's FFA program for the past four years and has held an officer position each year. As part of her FFA program, she's raised Black Angus heifers to help provide for college expenses. She also works as an intern at the local newspaper, the San Miguel Basin Forum, and writes ag-related columns each month. While not working on her family's ranch, she is actively involved in the community, volunteering as a basketball coach, teacher's aide in the elementary school, elementary math tutor, and in the Apple Core Project program. In partnership with the Mon-

trose Community Foundation, the Future Farmers Scholarship is intended for those looking to pursue agriculture and those involved in FFA (Future Farmers of America). County representatives say agriculture is a large part of the heritage of the local valley, and this scholarship helps keep the dream of agriculture alive. The county pledges \$5,000 each year to fund two scholarships.

The county would like to thank all other applicants for applying and encourage aspiring students to apply in the future. More information on the scholarship is available at montroseccf.org/apply-for-a-scholarship/.

FAIR

Board celebrates small-animal show winners, other awards

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The 2024 San Miguel Basin Fair was held July 7 to 20 this year. The results of the livestock shows came in more than a week ago, and the San Miguel Basin Forum is taking a few editions to highlight this year's champions. To begin with, the Forum will recap the small animal show results.

For market rabbit, in Class 1 fryers, first was Sammy Suhr, and second was Max Fahrenbacher. For Class 2 roasters, first was Lochlan Schultz; second was Wyatt Weimer. In rabbit showmanship, Haylee Smith was first in the senior division; Wyatt Weimer was first in intermediates with Lochlan Schultz taking second; Max Fahrenbacher was first in juniors with Sammy Suhr taking second.

For poultry, Peyton Brack took a first place for judging of show bird pens. And, in market ducks, Dalton Brack was first and second. For Class 1 market turkeys, Kannon Sherman was first; Chloe Sherman was second.

For market chickens, Cornish roasters, first place went to Devon Fahrenbacher. For Class 2 chick-

ens, Emma Herland was first, and Josey Herland was second. In Class 3 chickens, Sage Shepardson was first place, and Kieley Shepardson was second.

In the showmanship, Dalton Brack was first for duck. In turkey showmanship, Kannon Sherman was first in the senior division, and Chloe Sherman was first in the intermediates. For chicken showmanship, in the seniors, Kieley Shepardson was first, and Sage Shepardson was second. For intermediate chicken showmanship, Josey Herland was first, and Emma Herland was second. In the juniors, for chicken showmanship, Jacob Lukaszewski was first, and Devon Fahrenbacher was second.

Additionally, for the San Miguel Basin Fair's rate-of-gain contest — the awards that celebrate the exhibitors that have the highest average daily gain between weigh-ins — winners were applauded. Those 4-H members received a new duffle bag and a gift certificate from the Co-op in Nucla.

This year's winners were Sydney Tomlinson for beef, gaining 3.24 pounds per day; Hadley Snyder for hogs, gaining 2.23 pounds

per day; Illiana Henderson for lamb, for the second year in a row, gaining 1 pound per day; and Wyatt Weimer for goats, gaining .49 pounds per day.

Additionally, the Fair Board also established a new award for 2024, the Stockmanship Award. This award was given to the 4-H exhibitors that had the best livestock pen quality, presentation, representation and organization. Fair Board representatives also said the award encompasses a peer review, where the exhibitors have the opportunity to recognize their fellow 4-H members for the great things they witnessed them do during fair week.

"Thank you to Snyder Ranches for sponsoring our 2024 Stockmanship Award winners," Fair Board representatives said in news release.

This year, the winners of the new award were Dilyn Alexander for beef, Kaden Donnellon for sheep, Darcy Bray for goats, Wyatt Weimer and Emma Lamers for swine, Kyndle Weimer for rabbits, and Kannon Sherman for poultry.

Next week, the Forum will feature the market and showmanship awards of the large-animal shows.



Fair Board President Makayla Gordon congratulates Darcy Bray on receiving a Stockmanship Award. (Photo by Shelley Donnellon)