

San Miguel Basin Forum

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Nucla girls on the court, league games start now

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Nucla girls are deep into the season for volleyball, and head coach for the Mustangs Debbie Wytulka gave the San Miguel Basin Forum the report on how this year's team is getting along so far. Wytulka has coached for approximately 26 years (this is her 27th), and this year she's assisted again by Berrie Reams.

With three seniors, one junior, six sophomores and five freshmen, the Mustangs are a relatively young team. Competing this year are Maggie Andrews, Jocelyn Bose, Kyra Redd, Shay Snyder, Peyton Naslund, Lantry Galley, Sydney Tomlinson, Sky-lee Bose, Viviana Zunich, Savana Norris, Makenzie Gilbert, Alexis Eggen, Destiny Bilazzo, RyLee Rankins and Ashlee Meeks.

Wytulka said the girls are functioning well as a team. She said the upperclassmen are "working together to help the new girls learn the rotations," and she added they're "improving (their) basic skills every day."

At the same time, communication is the one thing coach said the gals could improve upon.

"There is always something to say, related to our offense and defense, which helps avoid confusion," she said.

This is the first season the for which the girls have had the opportunity to compete in the new gym, following West End Public Schools District opening a new, state-of-the-art K-12 school in Nucla last year.

Now, Wytulka said the team is loving it for both games and practices.

She said there's "lots of space to put up two nets," and that has been "very helpful to spread the girls out for different drills."

Already, the Mustangs have been to three tournaments.

Most recently the JV beat Dolores on Sept. 6 — 18-25, 25-17 and 15-10 — but varsity lost, 23-25, 13-25 and 22-25. For the Soroco tournament on Sept. 7, varsity won over Manitou Springs, 25-12 and 25-20, but lost to Little Snake River, 10-25 and 6-25. They also lost to Hayden, 17-25 and 27-29. JV did beat Hayden, but lost to Little Snake River, Moffat County and Soroco.

Now, the girls will be playing their San Juan Basin League games; they were scheduled to play Dove Creek on Sept. 10, then Ouray on Sept. 17.

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Heritage Fest is Oct. 5

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

What has come to be one of the West End's most cherished celebrations, the Heritage Festival, in its eighth year, is coming right up on Oct. 5. Melanie Eggers, co-founder of the Apple Core Project, who helps organize the event, is grateful to the ladies of the Rimrocker Historical Society, the group that's been instrumental to the Heritage Festival since its inception.

Eggers agreed the festival might seem like the same old drill — with apple varieties on display,

ciders, music, vendors with food and crafts — but she said every year feels unique, depending on what's been added in.

Yes, the Apple Core Project will have tables displaying local heirloom apples that Eggers and others have recently collected. The Saxtons, Jay and Dana, have been helping a lot this year, and they'll be in charge of the hard cider tasting.

James Thorneycroft will assume his usual post; with Scott Hodges, he'll man the press and crank out fresh apple cider, old-fashioned style.

Music continues, and Dana Saxton helped secure a new band from

Paonia called The Grand Avenue Ramblers, who will open the festival. The Foggy Memory Boys, a band that has actually played with the world-class mandolin musician Sam Bush, will also perform. Eggers told the Forum she expects there will be dancing.

Food will be in abundance with Wild Gal's Market on site, along with Flying Bear Pizzeria and Saucy Mama's, as well as Dark Sky Pie, of Norwood. Dani Reyes-Acosta will also be doing her pop-up taco stand. And, there will be fresh flowers from Allen Farms West; apple pies from Bake, Rattle and Roll; heirloom apple trees for

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EVENTS

Harvest Celebration Dinner set for Oct. 12

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

As sure as the leaves are turning and the temperatures are dropping, Norwood's big autumn social event, the Harvest Celebration Dinner, sponsored by the Lone Cone Legacy Trust (LCLT), returns to the Livery in Norwood, Saturday, Oct. 12. The Harvest Celebration Dinner is scheduled to take place from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. with food, a cash bar, dancing, plus silent and live auctions. The trust will also be announcing the winners of this year's grants to nonprofit organizations benefitting Norwood and the greater Wright's Mesa area.

Food will be provided by Norwood area's chefs and restaurants, including The Divide Restaurant, Dark Sky Pie, the Fresh Food Hub, Sam Andrews of the Birdhouse Farm, Coffee Camp, Kyle's Smoke Shack, Wildflour Bakery, Blue Grouse Bread, Wild Gal's Market and Desserts by Davina. Each offering will feature fresh, locally harvested produce.

"This year's event will be even better with some new food providers and an exciting new band," said board member Emily Haight. "What a terrific way to support the fundraising efforts of the trust, while having a really fun evening."

The Ghost River Band, of Montrose, with their foot-stompin' mixture of Americana, folk and bluegrass will entertain and provide plenty of dance music.

"The Lone Cone Legacy Trust is so proud to share this annual event with our community. It just keeps getting better," said board member Sheila Grother.

Tickets are available from LCLT board members, online at loneconelegacy.org, on Facebook, or at the door until sold out, for \$50 each, or \$45 each for two or more.

Organizers welcome additional items for the silent auction. To donate, contact Gretchen Wells at 720-431-8566. Volunteers are also needed to assist with setup, serving and cleanup.

"The Harvest Celebration Dinner is an event that the locals and the board look forward to all year," said Wells. "It's fun, and we all deserve and need fun."

Since the Lone Cone Legacy Trust was founded in 2013 by local visionary citizens with technical assistance from the Telluride Foundation, it has raised more than \$250,000 through local donations and events and has given away more than \$100,000 in community grants. This year, the trust plans to give out \$20,000 in grants — a record amount.

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A West End tradition

Cora Rose Wood took the stage for the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Nucla that happened Sept. 7.

(Photo by Tim Tait)

NUCLA

Colorado Grand returns to Nucla

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Jane Thompson told the San Miguel Basin Forum that the Rimrocker Historical Society is honored the Colorado Grand tour returns to Nucla Thursday, Sept. 12, for a coffee stop and a chance to visit with the community.

"If you were able to join us to view this amazing group of cars in 2022, you will understand how excited we are to welcome them back to Nucla," Thompson said. "This is not a race, but a tour of large and small communities in

Colorado. The cars will begin arriving around 8 a.m. and will be lined up on Main Street in Nucla."

Thompson said the cars will stay for about 20 minutes, and drivers will enjoy coffee and pastries provided by the Rimrockers. Then, they'll leave to continue their tour. Thompson said they'll be coming from Telluride that morning, up through Naturita and back out through Naturita, heading to Moab for their lunch stop, before going to Grand Junction next.

What is the Colorado Grand tour, though, exactly?

It's a charity ride. Eddie O'Brien, board member of the event, told the Forum last week that it's a world class tour, and cars are flown in from every continent. First the cars participate in vintage races in the spring, along with other car shows afterward. At the end of all of that, they make their fall Colorado tour, starting and ending in Vail.

O'Brien said the Colorado Grand tour is about giving back. It's the 35th anniversary of the ride, and they'll have donated approximately \$10 million to the Western Slope's nonprofits in

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NORWOOD VOICES

Mill levy is critical to the NFPD

By JOHN METZGER, NFPD

A mill levy increase for the Norwood Fire Protection District (NFPD) is on the November ballot. To protect life and property, the fire department's budget must keep pace with its obligation to provide essential services.

We're counting on district residents to vote "YES" to make this possible.

The NFPD has not gone to the voters for a funding increase in nearly a decade. Our budget has remained the same, but with much higher call volumes, we are facing existential pressure to maintain emergency response capabilities. We simply cannot afford to lose this election.

As careful stewards of district revenues, we have had to get creative in managing our finances. Since the last mill levy election in 2015, we have adjusted to increasing fire/EMS demand by:

- Cancelling plans to buy land and build a new station
- Deferring expenses on equipment and new vehicles
- Refurbishing our existing properties in Norwood, Redvale and the Basin solely with donations and our members doing the work
- Forming a revenue-generating wildland team, now in its fourth season deploying to federally managed fires in Colorado and across the country.

Staffing is our biggest challenge. Since it is difficult to recruit externally and match market salary expectations, we have focused on hiring locally, and training and qualifying our own firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and paramedics. Burnout and turnover remain huge problems.

Emergency medical services (EMS) were formalized by an act of Congress in the early 1970s.

However, the federal government does not provide for EMS and leaves oversight to the states.

Most state-level public health departments have central control over their emergency systems, but Colorado law as administered by the CDPHE (Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment) delegates most EMS to local control.

There is no state law that requires special districts or counties like San Miguel and West Montrose to actually provide ground ambulance services. As a result, budgetary restraints may force our tax district to cut EMS and restructure the department.

In addition to the mill levy, the NFPD's funding depends on grants allocated to counties and special districts that provide "essential services." Unfortunately, the state of Colorado recognizes only two such public necessities: law enforcement and fire protection.

Medical emergencies make up over 80 percent of Norwood's call load. While maintaining sufficient fire protection and making ends meet in today's inflationary environment, the most practical way to remain eligible for grants would be to relinquish the burden of providing "non-essential" services. We don't want this to happen, and neither should Norwood voters.

If the NFPD focuses solely on fire protection and throws EMS to the county, Norwood residents would be less safe, almost certainly pay more in taxes and homeowners' insurance, and their votes will have far less impact in future elections.

Unfortunately, thousands of rural departments like Norwood's are struggling and consolidating into larger districts, yet public safety is always best managed under local control. To keep effective fire and EMS protection on the West End, this mill levy is critical to the Norwood district.

Nucla girls on the court

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Sophomore Sydney Tomlinson told the Forum on Sunday she's happy to be on the court.

"This season has been going very well, and our team has been crushing it playing games," she said. "I think as a whole we are ready for our Tuesday game and cannot wait."

Anyone who'd like to see the schedule should see the website at westendschools.org/page/athletics.

Additionally, the West End has a new athletic director (AD), following Kelly Arnold's leave at the end of last year. Now, teacher and head of the wrestling pro-

gram Rob McCabe has been hired by the board as AD.

McCabe told the Forum over the weekend that the new job is a good thing, and he already holds a master's degree in athletic administration.

"It's super exciting to take over as the AD," he said. "I wanted to move into an athletic administrative position at some point in my career, I just wasn't expecting it this soon."

McCabe said the transition has gone fairly smoothly, but like anything new, he experienced a bit of a learning curve. McCabe said he is now getting into the "swing of things" with all his duties.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society Cameville, a gold mine camp — Part 2

By JANE THOMPSON, Rimrocker Historical Society

Virgil Came was a wealthy railroad man living in Denver. His wife, Lucy, was the sister of Gordon Kimball, a man who had come to Colorado in the 1870s and settled in Ouray. He had purchased mining claims in Ouray and was making a name for himself in the mining world. Mr. Came served in the Union Army during the Civil War and is listed as "discharged with a disability." He had been married to Lucy for some time, and they had three daughters and two sons.

Mr. Came had those "extensive mine claims in the San Miguel country" and a camp called Cameville that had a post office. At that time, there was nothing in that area where Uravan eventually came to be. Edward Came, his oldest son, was watching out for the mine claims at Cameville and was also the postmaster for a time. The Utes had just been sent away to reservations in Utah. This area of the San Miguel River was called the Lower San Miguel, and the area up closer to Telluride was called the Upper San Miguel.

In January of 1883, Came gave his resignation as the general agent of the Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Came had made many friends while working for the railroad. He certainly was able to travel back and forth to cities back East, such as New York, Chicago, Omaha and Boston.

According to The Rocky Mountain News of Jan. 1, 1883, "He is a gentleman of fine social qualities and considerable business tact and shrewdness. His future plans have not been learned, but he is supposed to be quite comfortably situated and to own considerable real estate and other property."

Within days of leaving his job at the railroad, he left on a trip to New York with a stop off in Omaha for a few weeks.

Mr. Came was one of the major proponents for the big reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). The GAR was an early organization for veterans of the Civil War. Plans were being made for an encampment of the Grand



This image shows an advertisement from the Solid Muldoon, April 7, 1882. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

Army, which would be held in Denver in August of 1883. This reunion was expected to be "the greatest affair ever seen in the history of Colorado" with an expected attendance of 50,000 "old soldiers."

Mr. Came had made trips all over the state of Colorado in order to encourage railroads to give these GAR veterans discounts to travel the railroads around Colorado. It was the hope that many would come and stay and make their homes in Colorado.

Mr. Came made several trips back East in those next few weeks, and in the Feb. 27 edition of the Rocky Mountain News, a brief article says, "V. M. Came, formerly manager of the Union Pacific freight department in Colorado, will devote himself to stock-raising in southern Colorado."

Mr. Came, who we knew was already investing in gold mining claims in the Lower San Miguel, suddenly was going into the cattle

business too. It seemed Cameville was about to grow.

Two other names of wealthy men began showing up in the newspapers as they traveled in and out of Denver at this same time. R. W. Johnson was another Civil War veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy, and was first seen in the news arriving in Denver in 1876. The other gentleman, Dr. Dearborn, was also a visitor to Denver.

The Rocky Mountain News of July 7, 1883, says "R. W. Johnson and his wife, of New York, are in Colorado for a short stay." In the same paper it reads, "Dr. Dearborn, of Boston, who spent last summer at the Beebe, is here again for a time."

The Beebe Hotel was in Idaho Springs, Colorado, another new gold mining venture. These men would become part of the Cameville story with Mr. Came.

To be continued ...

(Sourced from Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, Colorado State Library.)

Harvest Celebration Dinner

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To keep the overhead expenses of the LCLT endowment to a minimum, all donations are managed by a local volunteer board, and all funds are invested in a separate fund managed by the Telluride Foundation. This maximizes the investment pool and allows the endowment to benefit from the portfolio management provided by the foundation's expert investment committee. The fund management

services used by the foundation are the same as those used by major nonprofit foundations, universities, hospitals and municipalities for long-term investments.

Those interested in making donations to the LCLT can go to loneconelegacy.org and click on the "donate now" button displayed on the site's front page. Donations can also be mailed to the trust at P.O. box 565, Norwood, CO 81423.

Lone Cone Legacy Trust board members are Andrew Kauff-

man (chair), Lisa Foxwell, Sheila Grother, Emily Haight, George Lewis, Susan Reynolds, Vivian Russell, Jenny Wheeler, Zita Surprenant, Joel Sevic, Laurel Henderson, Caroline Duncan and Gretchen Wells. April Montgomery, of the Telluride Foundation, serves as an ex-officio board member.

The Livery venue is located at 1555 Summit St. in Norwood, directly across from the fire station.

ENERGY

Tri-State rate proposal approved by FERC, SMPA

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A new wholesale rate design, submitted by San Miguel Power Association's (SMPA's) wholesale power provider Tri-State Generation and Transmission (Tri-State), has been accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The wholesale rate is effective Aug. 1.

"As our wholesale power costs from Tri-State continue to increase, we are working on several strategies to lessen the impact to our membership," said SMPA Chief Executive Officer Brad Zaporiski. "The use of deferred revenue this year, and likely the next, will

help SMPA avoid rate shock to our members and still allow us to meet all of our obligations.

The 6.2 percent increase does stand as a tangible reminder that the cost of electrical capacity is going up. A nonprofit electric cooperative like SMPA has only two ways to generate revenue to cover expenses: the money can be borrowed, or revenue can be recovered through retail electricity rates.

As SMPA looks toward 2025, there is a possibility that the board of directors may need to consider a rate increase (typically, realized as an increase to the fixed access charge on the monthly electric bill) to help cover the increased whole-

sale rate from Tri-State.

If this need arises, it's also possible that SMPA may be able to use more deferred revenue to soften the impact. San Miguel Power Association's board has also been considering a move to a time-based rate system.

SMPA posts updates on this topic in the monthly newsletter, EnergyWise. Also, electric consumers may have an opportunity to ask about it directly. SMPA is, once again, hosting "Power Hours" events throughout the territory. Check smpa.com/2024-power-hours to find out when SMPA may be visiting your area. Also, SMPA members can provide feedback at comments@smpa.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Meet Dr. Baker

Dear Editor,

If you haven't gotten a chance to meet Dr. Baker yet, you should. Dr. Baker has been a wonderful addition to the Uncompahgre Medical Center family. He has shared that he has always been service-minded and predisposed to need-based care.

He said rural medicine proves to be a good fit for him, and that UMC, itself, provides solid opportunities for full-spectrum family medicine (minus the OB part), and gives "cradle to grave" care, some-

thing he appreciates.

His approach is to listen to and treat people with respect. He will meet them where they are and provide a high level of care, without reflexively or unnecessarily handing them off to specialists. He said he knows travel to Montrose or Grand Junction is a hardship for many of our patients. He also agrees two-to-four hours travel to higher levels of care are a challenge, as are financial barriers, along with adverse social determinants of health, plus community distrust of some preventive services.

At UMC, he hopes to instill a greater awareness of functional health, which he says is the largest determinant of well-being. Baker says broader health comes from lifestyle choices, embracing a "whole food" diet, and staying active.

He's only booked out a week or two. Anyone who wishes to see him should call the front desk. He is available for some same-day appointments.

*Staff at UMC
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Colorado Grand

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that time. That includes scholarships for kids who are headed to college. O'Brien said the Grand has funded Search and Rescue groups, arts councils, and economic development of main streets in small towns.

Founded in 1989, by Bob Sutherland, the group also immediately donates \$5,000 to the community it stops in for coffee, with an invitation for those they meet to apply for additional funding. The group donates \$15,000 for the community they stop in for lunch, with another \$10,000 in scholarships.

O'Brien said the town council, county sheriff or other law enforcement officer help distribute the financial gifts. All grants

go to nonprofits and must be a 501c3.

"Really, it's an experience," O'Brien said. "When you talk to those who have done it, they can't wait to come back."

He added nine members of the Colorado Highway Patrol on motorcycles will escort the tour, and five technicians who are experts in pre-WWII cars will also be riding along, in case repairs are needed.

O'Brien said those on the Colorado Grand Tour look forward to having a coffee stop in Nucla.

"Nucla is one of our favorites," he said. "We love Nucla, and they love us."

He also agreed Thompson, of the Rimrockers, is "amazing." He said he keeps finding "Janes" in

almost every little town he visits in Colorado, ladies who love their communities and love what the Colorado Grand tour is doing, and who want to help pull the event together.

Though it's almost never the case, Nucla will indeed have traffic the morning of Sept. 12.

"We encourage you to not park on Main Street between 4th and 5th avenues," Thompson said. "If you have any questions, you can call the museum at 970-864-7438."

Typical makes of cars on the tour include Mercedes-Benz, Maserati, Ferrari and more. Sponsors of the event are Mercedes-Benz USA, Hagerty Insurance, WeatherTech, RM Sotheby's, Premier Financial Services, Franck Muller and Blue Chip Fleet.

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This 2021 photo shows James Thorneycroft cranking out cider in the old-fashioned press. (Photo by Haley Golaszewski)

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sale; and various crafts, including Johnny Green's popular apple crates.

Yvette Henson, who's quietly retiring from the Colorado State University-Extension Office after years of leading the nonprofit, will hold what could be her last heirloom veggie display. Sam Andrews, of the FRESH Foundation, will have some fresh produce for sale too. And, there will be a seed exchange with the San Juan Garden Club, something new this year.

Katey Herland's agriculture and home economics students, of Nucla, will be doing a cake walk, and the owners of Split Rock Print-

works are printing postcards on site for folks to send out, right from the Heritage Festival.

The West End Dark Sky Advocates will have a booth, and there will again be kids face-painting.

Eggers said Ed Herrera, a Naturita native now living in Arizona, will open the Hat Hive. Herrera, with wife Deseree, will have a station for folks to design their own hats.

The Heritage Festival celebration starts at 11 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. It all happens in the Nucla Town Park.

"I am very pleased to say we made it seven years, and this will be our eighth-annual Heritage Festival," Eggers said last Friday. "I feel it is important for the com-

munity to come together every year to celebrate our bountiful harvest. Also, these gatherings are modern-day versions of what the homesteaders used to do ... celebrate, eat food, play music, dance and raise a glass to toast to our harvest season."

Official sponsors of the Heritage Festival are Alpine Bank, Citizens State Bank, Colorado Housing Authority, Telluride Foundation, Rimrocker Historical Society, San Miguel Power Association and Basin Electric.

Anyone who'd like to donate apples for the festival pressing, or showcase their apples for the apple display, should reach out to Eggers in advance at 970-708-3972.

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POLITICS

Voter Voices survey, election coverage continues

By COLORADO NEWS COLLABORATIVE

We are entering the downhill run of the 2024 election. Everything is moving fast ... but not so fast that we don't have time to tell you what we have been doing and will be doing with your responses to the Voter Voices survey.

First, thank you to the West Enders who have filled out the short survey and its key question: "What do you want candidates to talk about as they compete for your vote?"

Statewide, more than 6,000 Coloradans have weighed in. The responses are helping inform and guide election coverage statewide — and here, close to home — so that it's more informative, relevant and accurate, serving you better than polls, candidate backbiting and campaign intrigue.

We're not done asking and listening, not by a long shot. So, if you haven't filled out the survey, now is the time. Tell us what you think candidates should be focused on as they compete for your vote and what issues are of top concern. The more we hear from you, the greater our ability to do what we promised in our coverage and to take your concerns to candidates for their responses. It's a way of holding them — and us — accountable.

So, what have we been doing with all these responses? Your answers before the primary went into stories like this and editorials like this. Your responses went into our candidate questionnaires. We brought them to candidates at political forums. We will never use your contact information for any purpose other than our election coverage.

Your answers were critical to statewide stories that focused on Coloradans' frustrations with the vitriol of campaigning, the finger-pointing and superficial noise that sidestepped real solutions and the compromise it might take to put those solutions into action. They went into stories about top voter concerns around democracy and good government and the cost of living.

As the general election draws near, we want to hear from those of you who have yet to respond. We want to be able to report back to you what we are hearing and ask you what we are missing. We want to put your questions to candidates. The sooner the better.

You might want to know that by participating in the Voter Voices survey, you have or will become part of a grand experiment in political news coverage that asks, then listens and responds to dozens, hundreds, thousands of voters — your neighbors and fellow residents. We are among a group of more than three dozen Colorado news organizations sending the survey out into their communities this election year. And just a couple weeks ago, a nationally known journalism professor and media critic said that in his 32 years of championing voter-centric political coverage, he's never seen anything like this. It is unprecedented. He wants it to succeed. So do we.

What should candidates be talking about as they compete for your vote?



San Miguel Basin Forum

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Voices
2024

West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

8/6/2024

0439 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a criminal mischief report.

0542 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla.

0829 Hours - Deputy took a lost property report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.
1146 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance. Howard Chadd, 59, was cited for third degree assault.

1155 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1221 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist in the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla.

1634 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla for a harassment report.

1758 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

1911 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a 911.

2057 Hours - Deputy conducted a welfare check in the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla.

3 VIN inspections

1 civil process attempted/served

8/7/2024

1849 Hours - Deputy took a traffic complaint in the 700 block of Grape Street in Nucla. Mignon Chadd, 42, was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license, expired license plates, and no insurance.

1849 Hours - Deputy took a traffic complaint in the 28000 block of 2810 Road near Nucla. Marie Kiser, 63, was cited for driving without a valid driver's license, expired license plates, and no insurance.

1946 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27000 block of 2700 Road near Nucla for a fire.

1950 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of County Road 90 and EE30 Road near Nucla for a fire.

1 VIN inspection

2 follow up reports

1 civil process attempted/served

8/8/2024

1107 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 9500 block of Highway 90 near Bedrock for an unsecured premise.

1443 Hours - Deputy was dis-

patched to Highway 90 mm 31 near Naturita for a fire.

2039 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a civil matter.

1 VIN inspection

2 directed patrols in Nucla

3 directed patrols in County

1 directed patrol in Naturita

8/9/2024

1050 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 block of Cedar Avenue in Naturita for a fraud report.

1210 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Ivy Street in Nucla for a theft report.

1516 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist in the 300 block of East Main Street in Naturita.

1529 Hours - Kyle Short, 22, was arrested in the 200 block of Wilson Street in Naturita on an outstanding warrant.

4 follow up reports

1 directed patrol in Naturita

8/10/2024

0858 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to 42ZN Road near Norwood for a traffic hazard.

1825 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a fire.

1958 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a fire.

2102 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 60 near Naturita for an information report.

2217 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31000 block of FF31 Road near Naturita for a

911.

2221 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Porter Street in Naturita for a disturbance.

2327 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.

1 follow up report

2 directed patrols in Naturita

8/11/2024

0144 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Sunny Circle in Naturita for a disturbance.

1016 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 34300 block of 3760 Road near Redvale for a trespassing report.

1151 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31200 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for found property.

1219 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1224 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 145 and 3590 Road near Redvale for a disturbance.

Austin Sullivan, 28, was arrested for harassment, domestic violence, criminal attempt, second degree trespassing, and driving with a revoked driver's license.

1512 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 33900 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a 911.

1644 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 34300 block of 3760 Road near Redvale for a trespassing report.

Cattlemen's picnic is Sept. 14

Dear Editor,

This is a reminder that the Cattlemen's picnic is Sept. 14 at noon at the Columbine Campground. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Meat is provided.

*Stan Galley, president of local Cattlemen's Association
NUCLA*

Death Notice

Irene Phyllis Snyder, age 91 and of Norwood, passed away on Sept. 1. Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting Mrs. Snyder's family.

Celebration of Life

A celebration of life for Rebecca Ann (Borcherdt) Miller will be held in Nucla on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. at Union Congregation Church, 696 Main St. in Nucla. There will graveside services in Nucla Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. and a reception at Nucla Town Park at 1:30 p.m. All friends and family are welcome.

OBITUARY

Ruth Marie Archer

March 29, 1945 — Aug. 30, 2024

Ruth Marie Archer, age 79 and of Nucla, went to be with God on Friday, Aug. 30. Ruth was born on March 29, 1945, in New Castle, Colorado. She is preceded in death by Harry Archer, her best friend and husband of 59 years. Ruth enjoyed fishing and working puzzles with her family, as well as sewing and upholstery work. She is survived by her daughters, Malea Berg, Louise Barker and Eva Archer; brother, Waite; sisters, Mary and Minnie; nine grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. We honor and dearly love you, Ruth, for your journey. May you be in God's love and light.

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AA MEETING

Every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. at the Naturita Community Library.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING – MONTROSE COUNTY MASTER PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Montrose County Planning Commission has scheduled a Work Session in the Public Works Building 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, Colorado, on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for the consideration of the Montrose County new Master Plan. No formal action will be taken on any items discussed.

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• Small Bus Drivers (Non-CDL Bus Driver Position)

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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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Saturday October 5th - NEXT SPECIAL HORSE SALE

Saturday October 12th – Special Alternative Animal Sale.

West End Montrose County

Sheriff's Office Blotter

2150 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for a noise complaint.

2224 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

8/12/2024

0824 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 86 near Naturita for an accident.

1001 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Highway 97 near Naturita for a theft report.

1003 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Porter Street in Naturita for a trespassing report.

1317 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla for an overdue party.

1535 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of DD30 Road near Nucla for a report of smoke. 1609 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Adams Street in Naturita to relay a message.

1853 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an overdue party.

2022 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of DD Road near Nucla for a suspicious vehicle.

2132 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35000 block of 3590 Road near Redvale for an animal problem.

1 VIN inspection

8/13/2024

1009 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Fox Street in Nucla to relay a message.

1140 Hours - Deputy took a lost property report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1151 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for a fraud report.

1155 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

1359 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 35300 block of Highway 145 near Redvale.

1557 Hours - Terry Kriz, 47, was arrested in the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla on an outstanding warrant.

1656 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

2028 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 16 near Bedrock for a traffic hazard.

2051 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 71 near Naturita for a traffic hazard.

2058 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 69 near Naturita for a fire.

1 VIN inspection

2 follow up reports

1 directed patrol in Nucla



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Peyton Naslund (14) blocks.



The girls faced Dove Creek Sept. 10.



No. 2 Maggie Andrews is ready for it.



Sydney Tomlinson is feeling strong.



The girls face Ouray Sept. 17. (Photos by Misty Galley)