

San Miguel Basin Forum

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

Gleason and Meehan vie for commissioner seat, Part 2

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

With the November election approaching, Candy Meehan, running against Galena Gleason for county commissioner, told the Forum she will focus on maintaining transparency. The current mayor of Norwood, who is in the middle of a recall mess to be decided this December, said if she's elected as county commissioner, she'll ensure that all meetings are open to the public and streamed online for broader accessibility.

She said she'd provide regular updates on "projects, budgets and decisions through newsletters and social media, making sure residents are informed."

"Additionally, I would continue to educate the community that accessible, online repository for public records, including meeting minutes and financial documents, are available," she said. "By creating opportunities for public input through community forums and surveys, I would encourage active participation and feedback. My commitment to clear communication and accountability would foster trust and collaboration between the commission and the community."

Regarding solar energy development on Wright's Mesa, Meehan said the recent process has "ignited deep-seated concerns about the strain it places on the area's already fragile resources." She added that economically, local fire and EMS, the Norwood Fire Protection District, could likely face increased demand without additional support available, making for potential stress.

"The ecological impact is also significant, with solar installations threatening to deplete water resources, which are already scarce, and encroaching on valuable agricultural lands, crucial for local food production and livelihoods," Meehan said. "Wildlife habitats are also at risk of fragmentation, disrupting biodiversity. Beyond the tangible impacts, there is a profound emotional strain on the community, which is already resource-stressed, as residents grapple with the uncertainty of how these developments may alter their lives."

Overall, Meehan said for regulations which are imposed on communities that result in major impacts but lack real improvements or benefits, they have to be looked at carefully for "their true viability and sustainability." She

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WATER

West End holds 3rd source water meeting; discusses mining, fire

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

A third source water protection plan (SWPP) meeting for the towns of Nucla and Naturita was held on Sept. 26 at the Nucla Community Center. The first couple SWPP meetings in the West End reviewed the watershed boundary and possible sources of contamination.

Last Thursday's meeting was led

by Robert Murphy, of the CDPHE, a Source Water Assessment and Protection Program Coordinator. The two-hour session included several guest speakers from area agencies, and mining and wildfire were the focus, to assess their risk for the local watershed.

Murphy, who's helped create approximately 300 SWPPs in the state, reminded all that it's about establishing a proactive approach to protecting the water. The process is done through the partnership of

Colorado Rural Water Association.

First on the agenda was Dan Ben-Horin, Uncompahgre Field Manager for the BLM, who gave an annual update. He spoke about ACECs, or "areas of critical environmental concern." While, the BLM receives nominations to create various ACECs, only three recently proved to meet certain criteria. After review, Atkinson Mesa and Third Park qualified; Elephant Hill was a "no."

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CRIME

Garber's arson charges related to his pet's funeral

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

By now, many know that Brent Garber, of Nucla, has been charged with "2nd Degree Arson (\$100,000-\$1,000,000)," "4th Degree Arson (\$100,000-\$1,000,000)" and "2nd Degree Trespassing (zoned agricultural)" for the Bucktail Fire that occurred just outside of Nucla this summer. He's had two court dates already, and he's scheduled to appear again on Oct. 23.

The San Miguel Basin Forum was sent a copy of the sheriff's report that lists the events and investigation surrounding the Bucktail Fire. That report contains statements by several people in the West End community.

Many know that Garber lives off 25 Mesa Road. Many also see him around town.

According to the sheriff's report, his dog got into a fight with another dog this summer and was court ordered to be put down in late July.

A few different witnesses said in the sheriff's report that Garber had told people about the judge's order, that the pet be euthanized. Witnesses have said that he did want to bury his dog on his own property.

The Bucktail Fire was reported Aug. 1, and then no lighting strikes had been happening. That fire unfortunately grew and ended up burning more than 7,000 acres and lasted for more than two weeks. It involved several area agencies, including the BLM which took command. It created a lot of distress for many in the local area, and it did require a wealth resources: personnel, money, time and food.

Investigators, according to the sheriff's report, said they found what appeared to be the source of the fire, a "dugout" where Garber had attempted to cremate his pet. A memorial plaque was also found, with the dog's name and birth and death dates, in months and years.

The report mentions that an aerosol can was there, which might have been used to exacerbate the fire. Remains of the dog were found too. According to one witness who said they spoke with Garber after the incident, Garber reportedly threw the aerosol can on the fire without thinking of it.

The report adds that Garber was seen fleeing the area, and may have been scared by the fire getting out of hand. The witness who spoke with Garber did state in the report that "the fire then

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Wearing the royal honors

Ashlee Meeks and Paxtin Caruso are Nucla High School's 2024 Homecoming queen and king. For more homecoming week photos, see Page 8. (Photo by Brandie McCabe)

COLORADO

Frisch, Hurd respond to specific West End concerns

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The San Miguel Basin Forum asked both Adam Frisch and Jeff Hurd, racing for a seat in Colorado Congress District 3, four questions, based on recent survey results that revealed some of the most important issues to the West End. In this week's edition, Frisch responds.

Forum: What does democracy and good government mean to you? It's something those in the West End have shared as their biggest concern in a recent survey.

Frisch: Having a strong democracy is important, and the best way

to achieve it is by ensuring that people trust the decisions being made are for the right reasons, which is why I'll focus on ensuring decisions that impact communities in CD3, like Nucla and Naturita, are locally driven. Denver and DC have left communities like these behind; the last thing the West End needs is to lose its voice at our own table.

We also need to restore confidence in our elected officials and curb the influence of corporate money and special interests on our politics. If I am elected, I will support three measures to promote transparency and good governance, and restore confidence in our government:

- 1) Banning corporate money. Because there is simply too much money — especially corporate dollars and dark money — in politics, and it's a big part of why everything feels so broken. I refuse to take corporate PAC (political action committee) money. I'll fight to shine a light on dark money and will push to clean up our campaign finance system, so our politics work for everyday families, not special interests.
- 2) Banning stock trading by members of Congress while in office. Nobody should be allowed to profit off the inside knowledge

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YOUTH VOICES IN THE SAN MIGUEL WATERSHED

The San Miguel Current now accepting student submissions

By CADENCE SHAW, *Forum Intern*

T rue North Youth Program is a local organization designed to help high school students make a pathway as they ascend to adulthood. This program is valuable for students living in San Miguel and West Montrose counties. They offer support in Telluride, Norwood and Nucla public high schools. They offer many opportunities for the students, such as volunteer opportunities, college help for seniors and scholarship support. They also offer services, such as helping students with school work, essays and school projects. One of True North's newer projects is a student publication called The San Miguel Current.

The San Miguel Current is a magazine where students across the watershed can submit and share their work. The magazine accepts many types of work, including writing, monologues, poetry, art, music, photography, woodworking projects, digital art, mixed media and more. The San Miguel Current originated in the fall of 2023 as an idea from one of the True North staff members, who wanted to help give teenagers an opportunity to share their story and voice.

The San Miguel Current is a representation of the student body, not only from high school, but from all around the San Miguel River watershed. The first volume of the San Miguel Current was published in June of 2024.

As young people living on the western slope of Colorado, it is hard for us to get our work noticed and seen. It is rare to get the opportunity to show the hard work and creative pursuits that we do both in school and out of school. That is why The San Miguel Current is a huge opportunity for local teens.

When I heard about this opportunity, I had to jump on it. As a teenager that is striving to be a journalist when I get older, I knew this could be a great chance to grow my skills and learn many news lessons, especially since I haven't had a lot of experience beforehand, because we are limited to the amount of opportunities we have in this rural area.

Once I heard about this new project that True North was producing, I knew I had to be a part of it. I went to the True North staff and asked if it was possible to have a work-study with them. They agreed, and in spring of 2024, I was hired as editor-in-chief of The San Miguel Current. I learned many valuable skills, such as how to organize and design a magazine, edit and understand the editorial process, as well as how to develop my own journalistic voice.

Without the guidance and support of True North, I would have never been able to produce that writing. True North not only gives students the opportunity to publish their work, but they give guidance by helping students develop their work through the writing process.

For the first issue of The San Miguel Current, I got to publish my own photo essay about the beauty of where we live. I also learned how to photo edit and design. Being part of The San Miguel Current magazine gave me insight on what it takes to be a journalist and gave me a unique and valuable experience. It has not only affected me in a positive way, but has also been impactful for many other students.

Norwood senior Reece Elwood, who wrote a photo essay called "The Cattle Industry," said this, "It felt pretty neat to have published work and to see the final product. I think it was a great experience writing for Volume 1, and I would like to write something for Volume 2."

With the first volume of the San Miguel Current being a success, we are proud to say that submissions for the second volume are now open. This is a year-long process, and the second volume will be released in the spring of 2025. To submit a piece of writing or art for consideration, visit www.TheSanMiguelCurrent.org, or contact me with any questions at editor@thesanmiguelcurrent.org. The submission deadline is Friday, Dec. 13. High school students in the watershed, we want you to share your voice and help you to get published.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Painting class and more

Dear Editor,

Art at the Apothecary is hosting a painting class series. The first is Oct. 11. This is a Matisse-inspired class. Cost is \$95 for the series and includes supplies. Preregister by calling or texting the instructor, Bonnie Wiegand, at 617-939-4247. Class size is limited; participants

should be age 15 or older.

Additionally, we are scheduling more classes and events all the time, including a horse-shoe craft class, various exercise classes, Creative Memories crop and more. It's also time for "Finish it Fridays" to kick off again.

Cassie Farmer
NUCLA

History: Rimrocker Historical Society Cameville, a gold mine camp, Part 5

By JANE THOMPSON, Rimrocker Historical Society



This photo shows where the Club Ranch once sat. (Photo by Jane Thompson)

In 1887, Virgil M. Came invested and started a new cattle company and moved on from the San Miguel Cattle Company. Came was tangled in a lawsuit with one of the partners from the San Miguel Cattle company, Charles S. Davis. From the Rocky Mountain News of May 7, 1889, it says, "It was considered a mining matter, in which the cattle company was involved through the purchase of certain property. Came and Davis were partners

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in common of the Wiswell placer mining claim, the McIntyre claim, the Pratt claim and the Speer claim, all in the Chippeta mining district along the San Miguel River in Montrose County. Came was indebted to Davis for \$20,000 on account of the location of the claims and work done on them, and it was agreed that whenever the claims should be sold, this \$20,000 should be paid to Davis out of the funds coming to Came from the sale, and any other sums which should come due from Came to Davis. An agreement was made that neither Came nor Davis could sell without the permission of the other."

Came did sell his share for \$1 to James W. Johnson, of New York, which seems like a rather sneaky maneuver. The court ruled in favor of Davis, and Came had to pay Davis \$20,000 and another \$5,000, which he owed Davis. Came ended up selling the San Miguel Cattle Ranch and the placer claims for \$40,000 to Dr. F.M. Dearborne from New York, and that seemed

to be the last we see Came involved in gold mining on the San Miguel, or ranching connected with the San Miguel Cattle Company.

Came did survive an assault made on his life shortly after this court settlement. From the Denver Press of June 7, 1889, it says, "The three men who came near taking the life of our respected townsman, V. M. Came, on one of the Argo Street cars a few days ago, have been indicted for assault with attempt to kill. The parties, we are informed, are J. G. Calkins and brother and a man named Schumacher, the latter working for the former."

Came turned his attention to mining in the Blackhawk vicinity and working on his new cattle venture, the Powell Cattle Company, and left the past behind. He is to be credited for seeing the vision of the potential of the area of the lower San Miguel River and paving the way for what would eventually become what we all know as Uravan, but he may or may not have done it all on the up and up.

From a history on the Club Ranch that the Rimrockers are in possession of, we find a little more information about Dearborne. I am not sure who wrote this history or how confirmed it is, but it matches most of what I have found in the newspapers.

"Dr. Dearborne, a retired army doctor, was in Colorado Springs for his health about the year that the army moved the Utes from this area. A mining man named Came,

who had staked a great number of claims on the San Miguel River, met the doctor in Colorado Springs and told him what great cattle country this area would be and convinced the doctor to come over and see it.

At that time, the Denver and Rio Grande narrow gauge railroad had been built as far as Gunnison. They traveled the rest of the way on horseback. The doctor liked the location and as the cattle business was booming at that time, he got an option on the placer claims and range locations for \$40,000. He went back East and got friends from New York, Boston and New Brunswick, New Jersey to go in with him and form the San Miguel Cattle Company.

He was elected president of the company. He came back, paid Came the \$40,000 and started working the placer claims and putting cattle on the lower San Miguel River. He had his cabin built at the head of Spring Creek and a summer camp and cabin on Shavano Creek. S. E. Land was his foreman. He went back to New York, and two years later he died and R. W. Johnson was elected president.

Johnson came to Denver and asked the Redding Cattlemen to recommend a cowman that he could depend on to manage and run the cow outfit. They recommended C. E. Wetzel, and he was their general manager for almost 20 years."

In this portion of the story, Johnson and Wetzel are now running the San Miguel Cattle Company. They will turn it into one of the largest on the Western Slope.

History sourced from Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, Colorado State Library.

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

Trash, recycling pilot program for seniors launches

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

San Miguel County will initiate a new pilot program beginning Oct. 26 for senior citizens who are residents of the county and use the Norwood Transfer Station to dispose of their trash and recyclables — at no charge.

The Norwood Transfer Station has always been committed to providing inexpensive ways for people to dispose of their trash and providing a drop-off location for recycling for the county's West End. San Miguel County provides additional benefits for senior citizens in the county in recognition of their tax contributions.

Disposal cards are now available for senior citizens who are San Miguel County residents, providing them with the ability to use the Norwood Transfer Station at no charge. This new pilot program will also reduce waste by eliminating the need for double-bagging trash.

Qualifications include being at least 65 years of age and living in a residence in San Miguel County.

Though, residents outside of San Miguel County can pay a fee to the attendant on site to use the transfer station and dispose of their trash.

The new senior disposal cards are available at the Glockson Building, the county's finance office, located at 1120 Summit St. in Norwood. That office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays.

Disposal cards should be ideally be picked up by Tuesday, Oct. 8, though applications will be accepted before then. The new senior citizen disposal card will allow one large bag or two smaller trash bags per week. Each card must be used for 20 weeks before a new card can be issued. To receive a new card, seniors will need to provide their previous card.

To receive a first-time card, an application process is necessary, but it's fairly simple. Each application must accompany an ID and a utility bill with a physical address. These documents will not be kept on file. The application should be dropped off at the finance office

in the Glockson Building in Norwood. Applicants should allow 24 hours, or the next business day, if it's turned in on a Friday, for the application to process.

A card is not transferable and may not be shared with other family members or friends.

"If you are having difficulty getting to the Norwood Transfer Station, Bruin Waste provides discounted trash service to seniors," representatives said in a press release. "Don't hesitate to get in touch with Bruin Waste Management at 970-864-7531."

The county asks that all please dispose of household trash only. Yard and other waste will not be accepted and must be paid separately. A free recycling center on site accepts glass, aluminum, cardboard, paper, magazines and metal recycling.

The current color bags will not be valid after Jan. 1, 2025.

With questions, contact Carmen Warfield at the Board of County Commissioners office at 970-728-3844.

MONTROSE COUNTY

Annual drive-through flu shot clinic is Oct. 16

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Representatives from Montrose County said they want to stop the flu bug. They invite all to join Montrose County, Montrose Regional Health and partners on Wednesday, Oct. 16, for the annual free drive-through flu shot clinic.

This year's clinic will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. at the following clinic locations: the Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th St., Montrose), Olathe Community Park (59618 US-50, Olathe) and the Basin Clinic (421 Adams St., Naturita).

All locations will have regular-dose flu shots for people over six months of age and high-dose flu shots for seniors 65 years of

age and older. The flu shots are free of charge, and no appointment is required.

"Don't risk it — protect yourself and others from the flu with a quick and easy vaccination," said Lisa Gallegos, EPR and Communicable Disease Coordinator. "The flu shot is your best defense against serious complications."

"We are proud to once again offer our drive-through flu shot clinic," said Emergency Manager Scott Hawkins. "In addition to the regular flu shot, we are once again focusing on the high-dose flu shot to help protect the seniors in our community."

Participants may stay in their vehicles for the duration of the process or utilize the walk-up, depending on the number and

age of people in the vehicle. Upon arrival, all participants must sign a consent form.

Vehicles attending the Montrose County Event Center location must enter through the right-hand turn lane, off the San Juan Bypass.

Volunteers include staff from Montrose County, the City of Montrose, Montrose Regional Health, Town of Olathe, Montrose Fire Protection District, River Valley Family Health Center, Basin Clinic, Montrose County Sheriff's Office, Pediatric Associates, Montrose Police Department and the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse.

Shots are available while supplies last. For more information, the public should please visit www.montrosefluclinic.com.

Her opinion is to return to the table to work on a revised national conservation area (NCA) that benefits everyone.

"Again, we are insisting that things be done with us. Not to us," she said.

Meehan told the Forum she'll definitely communicate with voters, if elected.

"I will prioritize being accessible to constituents through various channels. I will hold regular office hours where residents can drop in to discuss their concerns and ideas," she said. "In addition, I will organize community meetings and town halls to encourage open dialogue. Utilizing social media and a dedicated website, I will provide updates and create platforms for feedback. I will also be available via email and phone, ensuring that constituents can reach me easily."

tions are divided. She said local residents are seeking preservation of their way of life, including grazing, recreation and mining, and they're striving to rebuild their economy as part of the Just Transition program, special in Colorado for coal-affected communities. At the same time, she said the Protect the Dolores environmental group wants to preserve the region by creating legislation that restricts the historical uses and blocks future mining opportunities.

"Considering both perspectives, I firmly believe that the best path forward is through negotiation," she said. "This should allow local stakeholders to continue their economic recovery, resilience and sustainability efforts, while also implementing safeguards to protect the environment for future generations."

West End concerns

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and connections they've made serving our country. Banning stock trading will fight corruption and restore confidence in our leaders.

3) Term limits for Congress, because too many members of Congress hold their seats for decades, which minimizes the number of new ideas and fresh faces leading our country. Term limits will help ensure Congress stays more responsive to the people they represent.

Forum: Those in the West End of Montrose County are also worried about the economy and cost of living. What would you say to those in the West End with these concerns?

Frisch: I would share with them that I understand their frustrations, and that I want to support communities all over Colorado District 3 (CD3). Everything costs more these days, whether it's gas and diesel for our cars and trucks, or food for our families. All the while, politicians from both parties spend way too much government money, and corporations price-gouge hardworking Coloradans. I am proud not to take any corporate money, because I believe CD3 needs an independent voice, and it's hard to be independent when corporate special interests helped you get elected.

The next thing I would say to people in the West End is that the way to start making it better is by supporting local industries that create good-paying jobs and grow local communities right here in CD3. We need to both support the legacy industries that have been here for generations, while nurturing the emerging industries that are going to fuel job growth for years to come. Those conversations must be driven by the people who live and work here. Local control is not just a quip. In Congress, I'll slash unnecessary government spending and regulations, work to get our national debt under control, and cut taxes that harm small businesses. We need to stop policies that chip away at the value of a day's work, and make it easier to earn a living.

Forum: My readership has commented on the drama and the noise politics. Do you also see this/feel this? ... Or have a plan to work on this?

Frisch: One of the main reasons I decided to run is to break through the "Anger-tainment Industry" which is driving us apart and is why the government has consistently failed to address the challenges in our lives. I am not on Team Democrat or Team Republican, but Team CD3. Neither party has a monopoly on good ideas, and both parties have plenty of bad ones. After driving over 65,000 miles across our district, I can confirm most people view themselves as rural Coloradans — not Republicans or Democrats — who want both parties to stop fighting and start working together to help make everyone's lives better.

My first stop, once elected, is to join the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, made up of an equal number of members from both parties, to focus on issues that deserve and need bipartisan solutions. I won't be a "yes-man" for either party. I'll work across the aisle and forge connections with serious people on both sides, so we can turn the temperature down and start addressing the real challenges that face communities like the ones in CD3.

Forum: How will you connect with constituents on the Western Slope, or even a small place like the West End — Nucla, Naturita, Norwood and the outlying regions?

Frisch: People govern how they campaign, and I show up and will continue to show up. I put an enormous emphasis on spending time in the district. I will continue to connect with the West End by showing up over and over again. Since starting campaigning in CD3, I have driven over 65,000 miles across our district visiting communities across Western and Southern Colorado, and I've spent a lot of days in the West End. It's those insights — the conversations I've had, the business owners I've met with, the local institutions I've toured — that make me best suited to take the concerns of people living here in CD3 and address them in Congress. I'll work to make sure that the voices of the forgotten parts of our state — the rural areas left behind by Denver and DC — are heard, and I'll fight to address the challenges that come with living in rural communities.

Editor's note: Part 2, with Jeff Hurd, runs next week.

Election

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said Wright's Mesa residents feel that, "without clear local gains, such projects exacerbate existing vulnerabilities, rather than contribute to a sustainable future."

"We are willing to work with San Miguel County, but insist that things are done with us, not to us," she said.

Regarding the proposed national monument along the Dolores River that has been hotly debated in local communities, she said as it's proposed, it "poses a potential threat to the survival of the West End, which is absolutely unacceptable."

She said it's clear all parties involved in the process are committed to protecting the Dolores River corridor, but their motiva-

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WEST END

TTR hold awards banquet for year-end results; Kelsey Carter wins her 2nd saddle



Kelsey Carter wins the high-point for 2024 in TTR's gymkhana season.



Colt Carter wins his own award for courage.



TTR riders celebrated at the Nucla Fire Hall Sept. 29. (Photos by Brandie Richardson)

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Tabeguache Trail Riders (TTR), the local horse group, holds a gymkhana series at the Nucla arena each summer. On Sunday, Sept. 29, the club held its annual awards banquet at the Nucla Fire Hall, and had a potluck celebration to announce the high-point results.

The winners for the 2024 summer gymkhana series are as follows:

This year, for the 6 & Under division, in first place was Kelsey Carter, second was Colt Carter, third was Taylor Bachman, and fourth was Elizabeth Jones.

For the age 7-10 division, first place was Brynna Bonaquista, second was Presley Bachman, third was Kyndle Weimer and fourth was Tamara O'Connell. Recognized for participating was Brentlee Daniels.

In the 11-14 division, first was Savannah Norris, and second was Danica Stone. Coming in third was Niki Daniels, and fourth was D.J. O'Connell. Recognized in that division for participating were Mya Garvey, Kynnlie McCabe and Emma Smithy.

For the 15-18 age group, Josey Tedder was first place; David Quigley was second.

In the 19 & Up division, Brandie Richardson was the first-place win-

ner; Sabra Grierson was second; Angela Carter was third, and Sam Rich was fourth. Also participating this year in the adult division were Kim Sawtell and Darcy Weimer.

This year, TTR gave away a trophy saddle, made possible through generous donations. The board announced Kelsey Carter as the club's high-point winner Sunday, a surprise to the little girl, who had no idea. Still, at only 6 years old, it's not her first trophy saddle. In fact, she won the saddle at the 2024 San Miguel Basin Junior Rodeo this summer too. It's been reported to the Forum that she likes to ride fast.

But, West Enders know these are Larry and Angela Carter's kids. Rodeo is in their blood. Larry Carter grew up rodeoing and was a high school, college and professional rodeo cowboy in the CPRA and NMPRA. He has several state champion titles and won 20 different saddles. Angela Carter is a lifelong horsewoman — and the daughter of Kathy and the late Bruce Nay — with college and pro-rodeo experience; She's won several saddles herself.

Additionally, Colt Carter, age 4, won the TTR Little Bronc trophy Sunday, which goes to someone who is bucked off or falls off — but then has the courage to get back on

their horse and continue. The TTR board said "it's a beautiful thing to see someone get right back up after they take a serious tumble, and Colt Carter did just that."

Colt Carter already has winnings too, after taking the all-around at the rodeo in Collbran this summer.

John Reed, who is the TTR vice president, tends to fulfill any job that needs done for the club. That includes fundraising, event preparation and prop building. He's also the "grill master" for the gymkhana night concessions. Before summer, he did speak with local businesses about sponsorships for the gymkhana series, and the response he got was overwhelming.

"My first time ever doing something like this, and we had over 30 sponsors. A big thank you to all of them for making these great prizes possible," he said. "Also, we have to thank Sam Rich for the generous provision of her horses, let alone their transportation to and from the arena. Without her, many of our youth would not have had the opportunity to participate."

Reed said it was an honor to present the prize awards, especially to the Carter children for their big wins.

"It was a wonderful turnout, and we can't wait for next year," Reed said.

Young Guns on the trails



Brock Benson, foreground, takes out local youth in the Young Guns Riding Club. Last week, he was assisted by Paul Koski.



The new club gets middle schoolers off devices and out onto their public lands with donated mountain bikes. (Courtesy images)

WEST END

Solutions Group discusses HHS, Family Link, health care and more

By CHRIS DANIELS,
West End Solutions Group

The West End Solutions Group met Sept. 18 with Doylene Garvey moderating the meeting and about 25 people in attendance.

First, Jennifer Sherwood, of Montrose County Human Services, addressed a number of programs that are offered through her department, providing help with access to public assistance programs. Some of these programs are case management, child and adult protective services, and food assistance.

She explained how clients are qualified for various programs. Other areas of assistance include nurse/family partnership, which helps moms and children from ages birth to 2 years, CHP+ for children and pregnant women, LEAP to help with utility costs, and also cash assistance. Although there are several ways to access help for these programs online, most are confusing and/or convoluted, and Sherwood recommends contacting her directly, so she can either help the client or get the right personnel teamed with the client.

Also, TJ Jones, Executive Director for West End Family Link Center, explained many programs offered to the community, including SNAP, My Friend Ben (a website), energy outreach, and a variety of other outreach programs for families and individuals.

The community food pantry is seeing increased usage in all age ranges. The “backpack program” helps families with food over weekends when students aren’t in school. Usage of the programs offered in the past six months tracked 230 households and 1,229 individuals. Educational programs such as parenting, financial and anger management are done one-on-one, and Family Link tries

to schedule to accommodate the client’s accessibility. The also do court-mandated sessions.

Next, Ariana Sites, behavioral health services coordinator for Tri-County Health Network, talked about the Delta and West End Access Fund and the opioid abatement councils that are using the recovery access fund model. Opioid abuse, as well as other drugs, including alcohol are addressed through this program. Eligibility for the program is 0 to 400 percent of the federal poverty level and is self-reported.

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Finally, Christina Pierce, Executive Director for Basin Clinic, explained the health care services provided at the clinic. These include primary and urgent care, chronic care, wound care, DOT physicals, X-rays with technicians on site, EKGs, labs, and health care for all ages from the cradle to grave. The clinic assists with referrals to other medical providers

and offers financial assistance. Services are also offered through Tri-County Health Network for a variety of programs, including eye glasses and transportation for Medicaid patients.

Other issues discussed included the dire need for housing in the West End. Eva Veitch and Brian Bowler, from Region 10’s Area Agency on Aging, spoke about the needs throughout the region and Bowler, who will be taking over Vetch’s position upon her retirement, said, “There is money out there for affordable housing.”

Garber’s arson charges

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blew the can out of the pit and lit a tree on fire” and that “since Brent was unable to get the fire under control, he jumped on his four-wheeler and went down the hill.”

Sadly, several local landowners incurred damage as a result of the Bucktail Fire, some of them property; others vegetation and grazing land. The damages are

estimated to be approximately \$150,000 or more.

The Forum has a list of questions for Garber and would like to give him a chance to use the newspaper to address the West End community, if he’d like to. Still, Garber is in the middle of the court case, does have an attorney and might not be able to comment at this time.

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FORESTS

GMUG acquires 203 acres of wilderness land

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests, in partnership with the Wilderness Land Trust (WLT), announce the acquisition of approximately 203 acres of private land, known as inholdings, within or next to federally designated wilderness areas

in Gunnison County. USFS representatives said this acquisition helps protect these lands, so future generations can continue to enjoy Colorado's wild places.

The acquisition includes:

- Copper Glance: A 10.33-acre mining claim in Gunnison County, located within the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. This area, established

by the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1980, spans the White River and Gunnison National Forests in the Elk Mountains. It surrounds the popular Maroon Bells Scenic Area, a key entry point for wilderness visitors.

- Jacob Straeder: A 10.32-acre mining claim in Gunnison

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West End SWPP meeting

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Then, Lucas West, of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS), shared his knowledge about the Idarado Mine in Telluride, as it relates to source water. West gave a brief history of mining in the local watershed and showed claim maps. West said the majority of local claims are for gravel, stone and sand, but the Idarado is officially an active claim for lead; however, it's not mining.

The group discussed the Gold King Mine incident of 2015 and what might happen if the Idarado Mine inadvertently released toxic waste into the San Miguel River.

West said the joke at the state level is that the Idarado is a "water management company with a small mining problem." He said owners manage that operation very well and are inspected annually. He commended their bulkhead project that uses underground workings, designed to prohibit any release of substance. He said it's remarkably built and discharges into a lagoon system for treatment. Managed by the Newmont company, they're about best practices and compliance, according to West.

Murphy agreed it's a good thing Newmont is running it.

If a release of the Idarado happened, the CC Ditch could be turned off, so that water didn't

hit the West End's reservoir. The group discussed having a remote shut-off for the ditch head gate and a turbidity monitoring valve, to protect equipment from breaking at the water treatment plant. Could those be something the National Resources Conservation Service helps pay for?

Megan Eno, USFS Norwood Ranger, said some with claims are actually divesting in mining at this time. She also said there's been work locally in removing mine tailings, so that if something catastrophic were to happen, like an earthquake, those toxic materials would stay out of the water. The USFS works with the state and the EPA, surveying sites and identifying old piles that could be a risk to the public. They cap or remove a handful of those annually.

"It's part of our workload every year," Eno said.

Regarding uranium, not much is happening. West said five active mines are located in the Big Gypsum Valley. The rest are inactive. None are draining or within the watershed boundary.

Using the SWPP matrix, the group decided the risk of mining to local source water was unlikely and insignificant for any small mining operations, and the same was determined for inactive and closed mines. It was decided the

probability for abandoned mines to impact the water was unlikely or rare, and the impact insignificant. Overall, the mining risk was deemed low to very low.

The meeting ended with a wild-fire discussion, including the Bucktail Fire. The group agreed some black runoff was happening as a result of the recent fire.

Eno said the USFS will work on reseeding operations during the winter, so that when the spring runoff happens, seeds can travel and revegetate local terrain. She said reducing fuels on the Uncompahgre Plateau is a priority, and the Norwood Ranger District will be speaking to the towns of Nucla and Naturita this spring about prescribed burns to thin vegetation. She said it's about making sure fires don't get out of hand. She said more prescribed burns mean less severe impacts after any fire, plus less erosion and fewer invasive plants.


Eno said the Bucktail Fire was a good reminder of what can happen. As far as the matrix goes, she said the West End should rank wildfire as likely and significant. It's a high risk.

The next SWPP in the West End will discuss forever chemicals, PFAS, and any monies available from state programs. The time and date will be announced soon.



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Homecoming 2024



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Students hype the crowd for the volleyball game against Telluride. Sadly, the Mustangs fell to the Miners, 0-3.



Ryker Collins, Collin Johnson and Jace Bonaquista get a lesson in cheerleading.



The girls give Rylee Carpenter some love in the powderpuff lineup.



Sabry Bray is in it to win it.



The guys enjoy the cheap seats.



Austin Garvey and Brenna Morlang make it look easy.



A good time was had by all, especially when it came to line dancing. (Photos by Brandie McCabe)

WEST END

WE Sustainability Plan leaders meet with public Saturday

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

The communities of the West End — Nucla, Naturita and Norwood — are together working to create a shared roadmap for managing growth and creating prosperity: the West End Sustainability Plan. With help from West End Economic Development Corporation and Community Builders, a Colorado nonprofit, the towns of the West End are engaging the community to identify strategies to help preserve what makes the West End special, while looking ahead to new opportunities.

Representatives helping to drive the West End Sustainability Plan remind all that the process is taking place and ongoing. On Monday evening, Sept. 30, Marissa Mommaerts reached out to local leaders, including the San Miguel Basin Forum and others affiliated with the sustainability plan, to share reminders.

Mommaerts is part of the team at Community Builders that's helping to develop that shared vision for the West End's future, which should be rooted in a set of shared community values. She said that this coming Saturday, Oct. 5, she will be at the Heritage Festival in Nucla at the town park.

She'll be on site to let folks know more about the sustainability plan, how they can get involved, but also to hear from different community members about what matters most to them. She said she wants to listen to folks to discover what they have to say about their greatest hopes and fears for the future of the West End.

Mommaerts said it's import-

ant to help get the word out. She wants to encourage people to come out to the Heritage Festival, stop by her booth, and if possible, then sign up for a "Community Values Conversation."

Those events take place on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 9 a.m. at the Pocket Park or 5 p.m. at the Lone Cone Saloon — both in Norwood — but also at noon in Nucla during the festival. Conversations will last between 60 to 75 minutes, and the locations are kid-friendly, so people with families can attend.

"If you haven't already participated in a community conversation, or even if you have, I hope you'll join me for one of these conversations too," she said in her news release. "Finally, for folks who can't make it to the in-person sessions on Saturday, we will also be hosting a series of virtual community conversations you can register for online at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCghirFaAI3tDYLu5sUPT_oJbC4HYfosJvMzFwBLE15Lz984g/viewform.

The online versions take place on Oct. 10, Oct. 15 and Oct. 24.

The West End Sustainability Plan process has just begun and is expected to finish by late 2025. The key part of the project is getting input from the community, so the ideas in the plan will come from the people who actually live and lead in the West End.

The public can learn more about the West End Sustainability Plan online at bit.ly/WestEndPlanFB.

Anyone with questions should email Mommaerts at marissa@communitybuilders.org.

GMUG

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County, providing recreational access and hunting opportunities. This land lies less than 1,000 feet from the boundary of the Raggeds Wilderness, which was designated under the Colorado Wilderness Acts of 1980 and 1993. The wilderness is known for its dramatic rocky peaks and rugged ridgelines in the Ruby Range.

- Cross Mountain: 183 acres consisting of 11 mining claims in Gunnison County. The acquisition is located within the Fossil Ridge Wilderness and the Fossil Ridge Recreation Management Area, which was established by the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993. The area, about 16 miles northeast of Gunnison, includes granite peaks, high mountain lakes and valleys shaped by ancient glaciers. Fossil Ridge itself rises above 13,000 feet and contains the fossilized remains of prehistoric sea life.

"This acquisition protects wild

and undeveloped view-sheds and consolidates private ownership within National Forest System lands, eliminating the need for special use authorizations," stated Dayle Funka, Gunnison District Ranger. "Acquisition of these parcels will help strengthen and preserve Congressionally Designated Wilderness Areas."

The newly acquired lands contain sensitive alpine ecosystems and important wildlife habitats. This acquisition also enhances protections for wilderness character, improves recreational and hunting opportunities, helps address climate change, simplifies land boundaries and supports local economies through outdoor activities.

For information and updates on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities on the GMUG National Forests, the public may visit the forest website online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug>. The GMUG is also on Twitter and Facebook.

OBITUARY

Terry Kay Short

May 26, 1957 – Sept. 19, 2024

Terry Kay Short passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 19 at the age of 67, with her family by her side. Terry was born in Medesto, California on May 26, 1957, to Gail and Lyle Boag. Terry went on to make her home in Naturita with her husband of 48 years, Thomas Short, and her children: Lylia (Cary) Davis, Thomas Short Jr., Tracienna (Preston) Gardner, Starlene Hale and Michael Hammans.

She left a legacy of love in grandchildren: Aaron (Cheyenne) Haining, Ryan (Taylor) Hain-



Terry Kay Short (Courtesy photo) ing, Kyle Short, Kaprice Chuskia, Noah Short and McKenna,

Alysaha, Cyenna and Jaycee Johannsen. She also leaves her great-grand children, Amodeus and Hosanna Haining.

Terry was preceded in death by her great-grandson, Dawson Short; her sons, Kyle and James Short and Christopher Hale; her brothers, Ray and Bart Boag; and her parents, Lyle Boag and Gail Tapper.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Nucla Community Center with a potluck reception to follow directly after.

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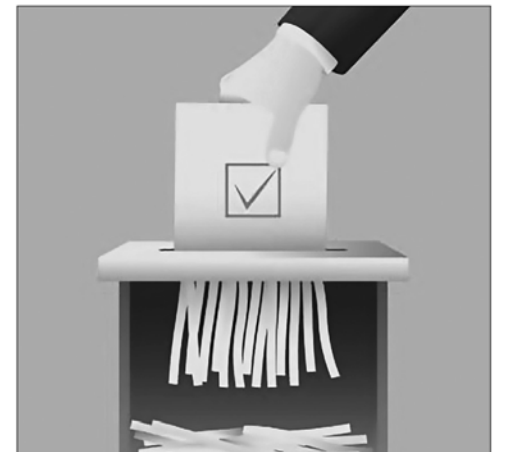
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1144 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an animal problem.
1230 Hours - Deputy took a lost property report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.
1720 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 37600 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for an animal problem.
2001 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of 2900 Road near Nucla for an animal problem.

1 school zone
2 VIN inspections
2 follow up reports
1 civil process attempted/served
9/4/2024
0816 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla for a suspicious person.
1303 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Grape Street in Nucla for a traffic complaint. Mignon Chadd, 42, was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license, reckless driving, disorderly conduct, expired registration, and no insurance.

1439 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for an information report.
1514 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35900 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a medical assist.
1608 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 108 near Redvale for an agency assist.
1 VIN inspection
3 follow up reports
1 civil process attempted/served
9/5/2024

1704 Hours - Brent Garber, 63, was arrested in the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla on an outstanding warrant.
2049 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of FF26 Road near Naturita for a suspicious vehicle.
2 school zones
1 VIN inspection
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in County
1 directed patrol in Naturita
1 civil process attempted/served
9/6/2024

0919 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29600 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for a civil matter.
0944 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 2000 block of 42ZN Road near Norwood for a harassment report.
1037 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 8000 block of Highway 90 near Paradox for an information report.
1140 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.
1430 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for a traffic complaint. Howard Chadd, 59, was cited for careless driving.
1532 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist in the 31100 block of County Road 90 near Nucla.
1917 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for an animal problem.
2320 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a trespassing report.

1 school zone
2 follow up reports
9/7/2024
0651 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla to relay a message.
1039 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Montana Way in Nucla for an information report.
1208 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the Paradox area for an information report.

9/8/2024
0536 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 9 near Paradox for a disturbance.
0731 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Grape Street in Nucla for an animal problem.
0907 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Adams Street in Naturita for an information report.

1237 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 33600 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a trespassing report.
1920 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Grape Street in Nucla for an animal problem.
2230 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29800 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for a noise complaint.

9/9/2024
1005 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a restraining order violation.
1516 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla for an information report.
1613 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita for a medical assist.
1 VIN inspection

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The proposed date of the commencement is April 1, 2025 and the proposed date of completion is December 31, 2035.

The proposed future use of the land is Native Grass Rangeland.

Additional information and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the Dolores County Clerk and Recorder's Office; 409 N. Main Street, Dove Creek, CO or the above-named applicant. A complete copy of the application is available at the above-named County Clerk and Recorder's office and at the Division's Office.

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18-1T-C

AA MEETING

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- To grab meat off a grill
- Tire meas.

- Flock member
- Hollywood sidewalk mark
- Architect's drawing
- Muhammad's teachings
- *Leaning Tower city

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- a.k.a. Pleasant Island
- *Angkor Wat country
- Like some Christmas sweaters
- Walt's Mickey
- Blunder
- Emerge
- "Midsommar" flower arrangements
- *Avenue des Champs-... lysÈes, technically
- Plural of stria
- Prescribed food selection
- On pins and needles
- Knee-related acronym
- Fur of the marten
- Hissy fit
- Political "shelter"
- The night before Christmas
- Eyewash vessel
- Food tester
- King Kong, e.g.
- Milk quantity
- *___ Verde National Park
- *Black Hills' Mount ___ National Memorial
- Short-trunked ungulate
- Geometric calculation
- Barbequed anatomy
- Not upright
- Mountain lake
- *Easter Island statues
- Short for detective
- Follow ems
- "Mr. Roboto" band

DOWN

- Recipe amt.
- Related to ear
- U.S. space agency, acr.
- Gram, in Great Britain
- Walks weary
- Composer of "GymnopÈdies" fame Erik ___
- *Machu Picchu empire
- Twelfth month of Jewish civil year
- On one's guard
- Ostrich-like bird
- Marcel of "Remembrance of Things Past" fame
- Harden
- *___ Familia, Spain
- Autocratic
- Earlier in time, archaic
- Use blunt end of pencil
- Sack fabric
- Change shoelace knot, e.g.
- *China's Great attraction
- *Mt. Everest's northern slope location
- Tool handle
- Ranch grazer
- Poison ivy woe
- *___ Strait, Alaskan cruise destination
- *Famous onion-domed cathedral's namesake in Russia
- Ingratiating behavior
- Gobbled up
- Relating to Utah

- Like exes
- Violent weather, pl.
- #13 Across' sacred writings
- Site frequenters
- First one on a ship
- Long narrative poem
- Loan attribute
- Heavy metal's
- Quiet ___
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Solution to Last Week's Sudoku

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Solution to Last Week's Crossword

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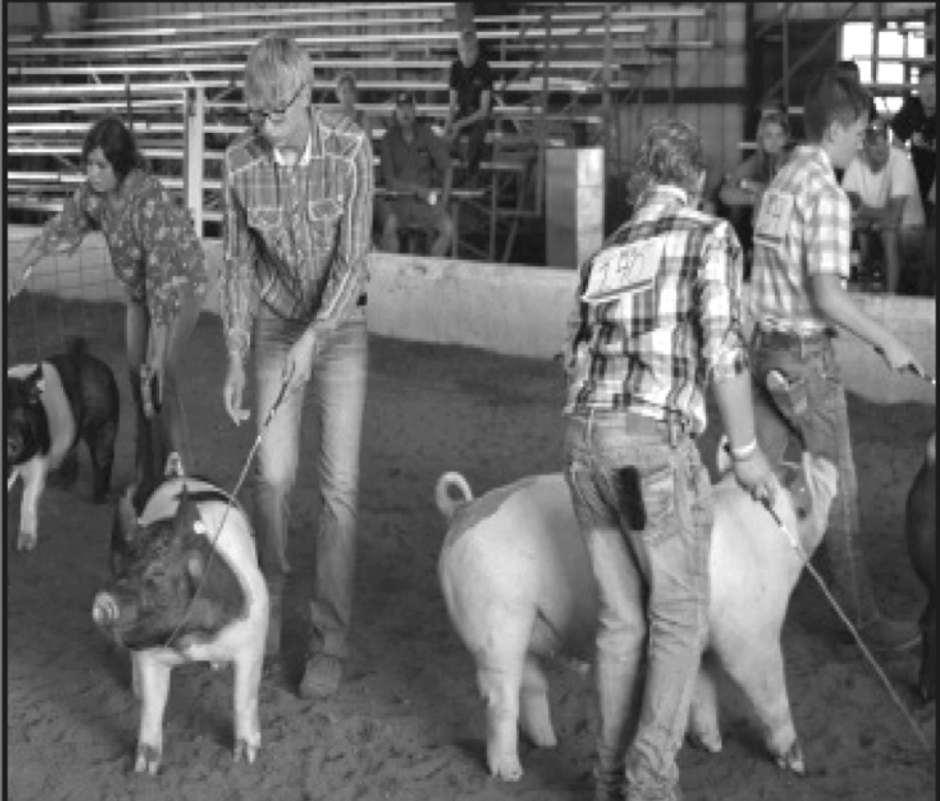
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