

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## YOUTH

### N3 gears up for Open Mic Night, theater auditions

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

This fall N3 Music & Theater Club for teens was launched to offer opportunities for local youth to learn and perform, as well as travel to see live theater performances in the region. Additionally, on Thursday, Nov. 14, N3 will host Open Mic Night for ages 7 and older.

“We hope this will give all those who are interested in the club, but unable to take part, a chance to get out on stage,” N3 representatives said in a news release.

Representatives said Open Mic Night is ideal for singers, musicians, poets and storytellers, in groups or by solo. From the voices heard belting out all the words to “Let it Go” at a school dance to the brilliant deliveries in “12 Angry Jurors,” plus poetry gracing the pages of the San Miguel Current magazine, N3 representatives know there are young people in Norwood, Nucla and Naturita worth hearing. Teens are invited to sign-up online (form. jotform.com/242949018877169) or contact N3 officials Brock Benson or Liza Tanguay.

For Open Mic Night, beginning at 6:30 p.m., up to 10 performers aged 7 to 18 will get on stage. Not to discount the valuable talents of local adults, four spots for those ages 19 and older are available, each for a maximum five minutes. After those prepared pieces, audience members will have a chance to give it a shot with some karaoke.

The N3 Music & Theater Club came about when Brock Benson, of Naturita, and Brendan Forrest, of Norwood, simultaneously approached members of the Norwood Park and Recreation District (NPRD) with a wish to create a space to share their passion for theater and music. Having worked with students in local public schools, they saw many with talent, wanting to do more. Both men believe in the value of making music and drama a part of young people’s lives, and NPRD believes in the value of such creative recreational outlets, no matter what age, supporting health and wellness throughout life.

At the start of the fall N3 series, five teens signed up. Forrest began meeting with them in late September, introducing music basics, theory and practice techniques. On Oct. 4, the group attended the High School Performing Arts Festival held at the Colorado Mesa University campus in Grand Junction. Following a day of workshops and a competitive final presentation,

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## COMMUNITY

### Pumpkin smashing causes conflict

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Rudi Barbee called 911 Friday evening after noticing that pumpkins had been stolen and smashed all over Nucla and Naturita. Barbee, known as Al Booker on social media, lives in Nucla and is very concerned about the mess — what’s been known for years locally as a teenage tradition.

Barbee told the Forum Saturday night that town employees shouldn’t have to clean the pumpkins up; furthermore, he said those employ-

ees were off Friday to Sunday, so the pumpkins would rot. He added even though people claim deer will just eat the pumpkins, having deer in the road is not safe. He said it’s problematic for motorcycles and bicycles. And, he wasn’t sure the pumpkin smashing was done only by teens; he wondered if adults were involved. He planned to stay up Saturday night and film any suspicious activity on Nucla’s Main Street.

Barbee spent time cleaning up some of the pumpkins. He said he worked three hours on Friday evening, from the court house to the

co-op. He doesn’t like these types of traditions and had plans to call Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard to voice his concerns.

He’s furthermore disappointed that local deputies laughed at his 911 call.

“It’s disrespectful,” he said. “The first night there were 30. Friday night there were 18 or 19, and more on Main Street.”

Barbee had let folks in the West End know he was unhappy on social media, but his anti-pumpkin smashing stance wasn’t received well.

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## NORWOOD

### Kothe, Bellerose are ‘Gourd’ guests Nov. 20

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Nina Kothe and Karen Bellerose, both of Norwood, will be the featured speakers at the Talking Gourds’ monthly Stories & Poems series at the Lone Cone Library in Norwood on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m.

“Kothe, who worked for San Miguel County before taking a job at the Lone Cone Library, will be talking about housing opportunities in the area,” explained Talking Gourds Director Art Goodtimes. “And, Bellerose will be performing her stories, essays and poems.”

Kothe has lived in the area for the last 38 years. She was educated to be a secondary-level social studies teacher, but wound up working for local governments for 26 years instead. One of her responsibilities was managing various grants and special projects. Part of her expertise in housing comes from having rented in the Ski Ranches neighborhood, the Town of Telluride and the Fall Creek area, until finally she settled in Norwood 16 years ago as a homeowner. Retired, she now works part-time at the Lone Cone Library.

“I have a passion for design and particularly housing and interior design,” said Kothe. “I managed construction on the six Habitat for Humanity homes here in Norwood, as well as my own home.”

Originally from central Illinois, Bellerose has lived and written in San Miguel County since the 1990s. She spent a decade in local and regional journalism, which included editing for The Norwood Post between 2000-04.

In January of this year, she launched Spruce and Sagebrush, a blog of essays and poems influenced by living in and exploring the Colorado Plateau and the southern Rocky Mountains. Though rooted in place, her writing is raised in modern life and reflects the tension of trying to stay connected to both the natural world and the human one, “even as the two seem to grow further apart,” she notes.

The Stories & Poems, a free series, happens on the third Wednesday of each month. The featured guests will give a 15 to 20 minute presentation each, followed by a short question and answer period after the presentation. Then, there’s a passing of the gourd, during which community members are encouraged to share stories or poems.

For those who like prompts for stories or poems, this month’s theme is “Home.”

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### Girls on the Run

This photo shows the Nucla Elementary School’s Girls on the Run team. The girls, in third through fifth grade, ran a 5k race in Durango last week, culminating a season of physical and mental health. (Photo by Bri Bonacquista)

## HEALTH CARE

### Basin Clinic seeks full-time provider, gets grants

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Basin Clinic is still looking for a full-time medical provider, though executive director Christina Pierce told the Forum the clinic has coverage. Dr. Tiffany Ordoñez is the Basin Clinic’s medical director, and she’s on site a few days each month. Dr. April Randle is still coming in on some Mondays, three this month

and three next month. And, Alice-Marie Slaven-Emond, family nurse practitioner, covers other Mondays, and the clinic still has Mark Walker and Carol Scott, both mid-level providers.

Basin Clinic recently received a \$75,000 Colorado Health Foundation grant to work on data, and with staff, regarding diversity, equity, inclusion and justice (DEIJ). Pierce said the funds

will be used to better understand and operate Athena, the medical records program, and to serve the demographic. She said a consultant has been hired. And, the clinic aims to do the best it can by its patients of all backgrounds, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations and genders.

“It’s patient-centered care for all

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# A big thank you from LCLT

Dear Editor,

The 2024 Harvest Celebration Dinner hosted by the Lone Cone Legacy Trust on Oct. 12 at the Liv-  
ery was by all accounts a success, thanks to the many volunteers, vendors, donors and producers who made it possible. About 100 people enjoyed the delicious food and festive atmosphere. The event was co-sponsored by CHFA (Colorado Housing and Finance Authority) in recognition of LCLT's role in community development on Wright's Mesa. A special thanks goes to the hard-working LCLT board members: Sheila Grother, Emily Haight, Gretchen Wells, Andrew Kauffmann, Sue Reynolds, George Lewis, Lisa Foxwell, Jenny Wheeler, Vivian Russell, Joel Sevick, Zita Surprenant, Laurel Henderson, Caroline Duncan and April Montgomery. Eight vendors deserve kudos and thanks for preparing the fabulous food using local producers: The Divide Restaurant, Desserts by Davina, Wild Gal's Market, Dark Sky Pie, Coffee Camp, Kyle's Smoke Shack, Birdhouse Botanicals, along with the FRESH Food Hub and Blue Grouse Bread. The FRESH Foundation provided ingredients at cost. Meat for the sliders was donated by Mex and Sons Ranch. The silent auction and door prizes were made possible thanks to many generous donors: Mesa Rose, Snyder Ranches, Wild Iris, Ellen Metrick, Kate Wadley, Crossbow Leather, Deborah Pattishall, RRC Leather, Sol Paddleboards, Jam Ranch, Lori Kozey, Local Liquor and Wine, Laurel & Johnny Lombino, Susie Mansfield, Judy Muller, Barbel Hacke, Dave Muller, Terri Lamers, Montrose Recreation Center, Many Ponies, Alpine Wellness, Abby Altschuler, Apple Core Project, Ace Hardware, Olioveto, Teluride Truffle, Blue Grouse Bread, Clark's Market and Arena Hair Salon. The event was made memorable thanks to Rhonda Oliver's creative fall decorations and the terrific Ghost River Band. Appreciation goes to the Norwood Fire Protection District for the use of their building, tables and grill and to the Norwood Chamber of Commerce of Wright's Mesa for use of their canopies and patio heaters. Local Liquor and Wine Shop provided wine and beer at cost. Thanks also go to Many Ponies for the loan of the hay bales for outdoor seating. No major happening like this is possible without many hard-working volunteers: Liza Tan-  
guay, Craig Grother, Marsha West, Paul Finley, Laura Knight, Johnny Lombino, plus all the board members listed above. High school students from the True North Youth Program provided much appreciated help for the set-up crew and dishwashing. We are grateful to all who attended the event and supported our efforts to increase the endowment for Wright's Mesa. We hope to see you all next year.

*The Lone Cone Legacy Trust Board  
NORWOOD*

## Join Us for West End community spaghetti dinner

Dear Editor,

The West End community is coming together, and we want to invite everyone to be a part of it! On Thursday, Nov. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m., we're hosting a community spaghetti dinner at the Lone Cone Library in Norwood (1455 Pinion St). This dinner is a wonderful chance for residents from Nucla, Naturita, Norwood, and surrounding areas to connect, enjoy a good meal, and talk about our community's future. You can learn more and RSVP at [bit.ly/WE-Spaghetti](http://bit.ly/WE-Spaghetti).

This isn't just a meal — it's an opportunity to learn more about the process and to share your values. We're working together to create a shared vision that preserves what makes the West End special, while looking ahead to new opportunities. Your input is essential to ensure that the plan reflects our shared priorities.

Everyone is invited, and dinner is on us! We'll also have a kid-friendly activity to make it easier for families to attend. If you can't make it in person, you can still share your thoughts online at [bit.ly/WE-Values](http://bit.ly/WE-Values).

Let's come together to shape a future that works for all of us. We hope to see you there!

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## You're invited

The Talking Gourds Stories & Poems series will host "Traditions with Art Goodtimes" Nov. 17 at the Naturita Community Library at 11 a.m. This is in conjunction with the Sunday Social events. All are welcome.

*Amanda Scott, library branch manager  
WEST END*

## Veterans Day ceremony is Nov. 11

Dear Editor,

Hello, all veterans. The upcoming Veterans Day ceremony will be held at the new Nucla school in the auxiliary gym. This will happen on Nov. 11 at 2 p.m., 1400 hours for you lifers. Bring the family, as the children will be honoring all the veterans in attendance. Each veteran will be named and given a flower. Plenty of seating will be available.

*John Reed, Quartermaster/Adjutant of  
VFW Uranium Post 9058  
NUCLA*

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society It's all about the bull

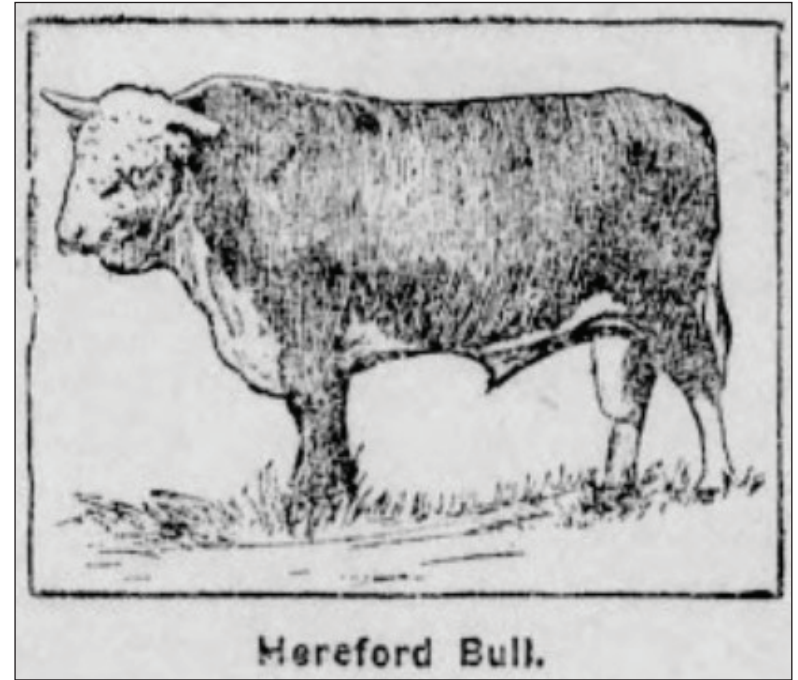
By JANE THOMPSON, Rimrocker Historical Society

**Y**ou have probably seen or driven through a herd of cattle, on the move in the past few weeks. Our local ranchers have been moving their cows from one place to another, getting ready for winter. I always feel a little disappointed if I haven't been stuck on a road in a "cow traffic jam." I have a growing collection of articles about cattle from the old newspapers, and I thought this was a perfect time to pull a few of those out.

A story I found in The Rocky Mountain News of Dec. 8, 1884, was very interesting. Remember, in 1884 cattle were just beginning to show up in most of the west end of Montrose County. Paradox Valley had some well-established cattle ranches by that time, but cattle ranching was still in its earliest stages. This article from the Denver newspaper talked about the cattle coming into Gunnison by train.

The article says, "One of the most valuable and important additions ever made to the Montrose cattle interest occurred last Monday in the arrival of six cars of blooded stock, intended for the Paradox Valley. They had been purchased in Missouri by Frank Steele and Thomas Swain. Frank Steele, who has been for years and now is a prominent hardware dealer of Gunnison, recently formed a partnership with P.T. Stevens, of Paradox, and has been busily engaged for some time in stocking up. About a month ago, Steele was out in Utah and purchased some 400 head of stock cattle, and Mr. Stevens is now gathering them together and preparing to drive them out on the range ... Mr. Steele has been East buying bulls, and the lot which arrived Monday contained some 40 bulls; 80 odd head were heifers, cross between full-blooded Shorthorns and Herefords, with a few full-blooded Shorthorns.

Mr. Swain went East for the purpose of buying a thoroughbred registered Hereford bull ... and the animal he unloaded here Monday will take the blue ribbon over any-



This image of a Hereford bull is from an advertisement from The Norwood Post, April 2, 1915. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

thing we have seen on this side of the range. The bull, Milford, was dropped June 15, 1883, is therefore 17 months old and weighs 1,100 pounds. He is perfect both in form and in his markings, and is as handsome as a picture. Of course, Mr. Swain has his pedigree running back 10 or a dozen generations. Of Mr. Swain's heifers, 60 are bred to imported bulls, so that his crop of calves will be a valuable one, and with his bull Milford to breed from, every season's crop will be fully as valuable. Altogether, this is one of the most valuable small bunches of cattle unloaded in this country."

Twenty years later, from the Norwood Post of March 13, 1914, obviously the young bulls had gotten bigger: "Alfred Dunham ... has shipped in some fine thoroughbred Hereford stock, one bull in the lot, a 2 year old, weighing 2,100 pounds."

Also, from the Norwood Post of Sept. 24, 1915: "The cattle pens at Placerville have been filled during the week, almost without interval. Last Saturday, Albert Reed shipped 30 cars, and on Sunday, Bug Johnson followed with 21 carloads, Jim Nash and Elbert Nunn with four

carloads each — all of these cattle coming from Disappointment. The Alfred Dunham and Wheeler & Lavendar outfit's shipment on Tuesday numbered 30 carloads."

One of my favorite stories is from The Nucla Independent printed in the Montrose Daily Press of July 14, 1919, written by the always entertaining William Hopkins, owner of the Independent. The Nucla Independent says, "Monday a big Holstein bull came up the Main Street of Nucla. He stopped out in front of the Alcan Hotel building and pawed the earth, and inside of two seconds he had the whole street to himself. It was thought for a minute he was going to try his head on the plate glass window, but he probably thought he had glory enough in running everyone off the street. Anyway, he walked on up past the bandstand, monarch of all he surveyed."

Of course, we now know the bandstand was the bell tower, which sat in the intersection of 4th and Main streets. I wonder how long it took for everyone to come back out onto the street after the bull moseyed on ...

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Veterans Day in Norwood

Dear Editor,

Norwood School is once again hosting a Veteran's Day program. It will be in the HS gym at 9:30 a.m. on

Nov. 11. Veterans and their spouses are invited to a free lunch in the school lunchroom after the program. We ask that they RSVP to the school by Wed., Nov. 6. That being said, veterans can

still RSVP after that, and they'd be welcomed, even if they did not RSVP.

*Nancy Wells  
NORWOOD*

## N3 gears up

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the club members and chaperones stayed for the live theater performance of "Amadeus" at CMU's new Asteria Theater.

The winter series of meetings, directed by Benson beginning Jan. 14, will be all about theater, preparing and rehearsing a full production, with shows currently scheduled for March 13-15.

To open up N3's upcoming performance for both middle and high

school ages, there will be auditions on Friday, Dec. 13, in the morning in Norwood, and in the afternoon for Nucla. To support this, free audition workshops are being offered the week prior.

Additionally, upcoming N3 field trips to see shows at CMU could include "No Exit" (Feb. 15), "Ride the Cyclone" (Feb. 27 to March 8), and/or "The 39 Steps" (April 24-26). All field trips are funded by N3.

The costs for the N3 Music & Theater Club are covered, in part, by grants from Just For Kids Foundation and the Lone Cone Legacy Trust, as well as funding through Wide Sky Arts Collective, a sub-committee of NPRD, plus multiple generous donations from citizens of the West End (past and present) who want to see theater kept alive.

*For more information, those interested should email [play@norwoodparkandrec.org](mailto:play@norwoodparkandrec.org).*

WEST END VOICES

# Is it necessary to dismantle the food supply chain?

By JANIE VANWINKLE

Our food supply chain has evolved to current status, because it is the most efficient way to move food from areas it is grown and raised to the masses in population centers. After the COVID pandemic, producers and consumers realized the shortcomings with this system. In an effort to make food more accessible to all consumers and add resiliency to the system, even in an emergency, our government and others have begun to focus more on local food.

Consumers want to know where their food comes from. And, they certainly have that right. One of the reasons we are open and transparent with our work at Van-Winkle Ranch on social media, mainstream media and in this column is the belief consumers have that right.

In recent years, as we have begun to sell our beef directly to our customers here in the Grand Valley, I have learned a lot about food processing, marketing and distribution. There is a lot to learn. Caring for the livestock, crops and stewarding the land takes a lot of expertise. Managing all segments from farm to fork is another challenge.

Recently, working through the ERC Fellowship at the Business Incubator Center with the Agri-West Initiative, I coordinated moving over 7,000 pounds of ground beef from the members of the Mesa County Cattlemen's Association family ranches to School District 51 Nutrition Services, providing a local protein source in seven meals to our students in Mesa County for the 2024-25 school year. Mesa County Valley School District 51 has over 22,000 students.

Once the project began to move forward, it required numerous conversations and communica-

tions with a substantial number of people. This included two procurement folks from SD51, 12 local family beef producers, a veterinarian, a brand inspector, a USDA inspector, the manager/owner of the processing facility, a scheduler at the processing facility, workers at the processing facility and warehouse workers at SD51 to receive product. I transported the product from the processing facility to the SD51 warehouse. More than 25 people were involved to ensure a safe and healthy product was delivered to our students. More drivers were required to load, deliver and unload at each school facility. Even more were involved in preparing, baking and serving the meatloaf.

Producing, processing, marketing and distribution in an efficient manner is the reason our current food system has evolved to where it is today. Our consumers expect to have a safe and reliable supply of food at the lowest possible price.

Can we do it better? Absolutely! Should we completely dismantle the current food supply chain? I think not.

From my perspective as an experienced producer, and one who is learning about processing, marketing and distribution, I would suggest we consider the question carefully.

Local food is amazing. We all like to know how it was grown and cared for. What impact did it have on our environment? Is it the healthiest it can possibly be? But, if a family is experiencing hunger, the biggest questions are when and how will it get to our plate?

Purchasing local food, either for your family or for an institution, looks different than going to the grocery store or having a major distributor show up and

unload your order. It is, at best, a bit inconvenient. Not everything is in one place. Some farms and/or markets may have more than one commodity, but not all items on your shopping list, as you would experience at the grocery store. The packaging may look different on any given day; there may not be as many options for the same item. A particular product may not be available exactly when and where you were expecting for your menu. Perhaps, the item is only available in one size, not several choices. And, most likely, the cost will be different.

Size has its advantages; efficiency matters.

I would propose we consider local food and the modern food supply chain together. It can be an "and" proposition. It does not have to be "either/or."

When we experience disruptions, such as during the pandemic, both will be important. Let us not prioritize one over the other. Let us work to ensure food is available, no matter our circumstances, no matter where our family chooses to purchase food. We need large food producers that ensure safe, secure, nutritious food is available to the masses. We need local food producers to provide choices fitting for each family's circumstances with the same level of safety, security and nutrition.

We need all sizes of producers, all production methods and all commodities to provide for our communities, no matter where they are located. Let us work toward the solution that includes local food distribution and larger production units to feed everyone.

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# Basin Clinic

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in a healthy way,” Pierce said.

Additionally, the clinic got an \$80,000 USDA grant for equipment. That went toward a new defibrillator, a new urinalysis machine, a new device for measuring blood chemicals and a laryngoscope. A faster ultrasound machine was also purchased, and Samsung tablets can be hooked up to it.

Pierce said the clinic is also going for a \$30,000 Telluride Foundation grant, and the board asked Montrose County for \$500,000, though she thinks it will get closer to \$250,000.

She said the clinic is going through a big strategic planning process and wants to get things in place like chronic care management and transitional care management. She said the clinic is working on ways to increase revenue too.

It’s possible Basin Clinic will stay a rural health care center, but it could change into something else too. Pierce said she was unable to comment at this time as to what the full range of possibilities were. A \$50,000 nonprofit infrastructure grant is helping right now with the planning process, and that was made possible through the state’s Department of Local Affairs and also the Gunnison Valley Health Foundation.

Pierce said the clinic is grateful for the \$1,000 grant from Citizens State Bank and West End Pay it Forward Trust to assist with the prescription drug program, since some cannot afford their medications. The Western Colorado Community Foundation donated another \$1,000 for medication support too.

Pierce said Basin Clinic is making payroll and paying its bills. Still, building repairs need to be addressed, and painting the exte-

rior and installing guttering is a priority.

Regarding patient visits, the flu shot clinic was not as well attended this year, and Pierce wonders if that was because the flashing electric road sign was not out. But, folks are coming in for sick visits, and a respiratory virus is circulating in the West End. Some are reporting their neighbors have COVID, and some are requesting tests for strep throat.

The Basin Clinic has updated its mission statement: “to provide exceptional, compassionate health care.” It’s also updated its vision: “to become the clinic of choice by promoting positive outcomes for patients and staff.”

Pierce said she reminds all of the sliding scale and indigent program for those who lack insurance and have difficulty paying for medical care.

“We can help,” she said. “We are here to serve you.”

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**A reason to celebrate**

Ann Gabbett, of Norwood, threw a baby shower Nov. 2 for Samantha Lee, of Paradox Valley. Lee is due to have a baby girl on Dec. 20. (Photo by Tanner Sonnenberg)

# Pumpkin smashing

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Tammy Gillaspay told the Forum she wants the kids to have their fun. She said most of the local cops have also smashed pumpkins in their youth, and doing so doesn't make a teen a degenerate. She said anyone who lives in the West End and doesn't want their pumpkin smashed should bring it in by 8 or 9 p.m. She said the activity is just a rite of passage, a game.

Years ago, she grew a giant pumpkin and her family carved it carefully. She said kids stole that one too, but she wasn't disappointed. In fact, she was amused that teens put it in the top of the school breezeway, so it could be viewed before entering the gym.

She said the pumpkin smashing was nothing to be worried about, then or now. And, she said people should notice the kids didn't make any pumpkin mess in their new school parking lot.

"They're not trying to hurt anybody," she said. "Call them degenerates, and I will be the first to step up. We have good kids, for the most part."

Law enforcement commander Bruce Schmalz agreed pumpkin smashing is a tradition. He said it could be viewed as controversial, but he thinks the community would prefer to see teens out smashing gourds, rather than participating in true criminal activity. He also said many people are glad they don't have to compost theirs, including

his wife.

He added that if most West End residents were against the smashing, it would be different.

"But the majority of the community supports the teens in letting them have some fun once a year," he said.

He said it's unfortunate if a family new to the area didn't know about the pumpkin smashing tradition. Perhaps they had a small child who got their pumpkin taken.

"But the pumpkin is not going to last forever," he said, "and it's easy to bring them in, if you don't want something to happen to them."

He said in the future, anyone who doesn't want their pumpkin stolen or smashed should take it inside.

# 'Gourd' guests

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Cone Library and the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds poetry program, Stories & Poems is free and open to all ages, thanks to the

generosity of the library, a Town of Telluride CCAASE grant, private donors and the Talking Gourds' Fischer & Cantor poetry contests.

For more information on the event or upcoming sessions in

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# West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

**10/8/2024**  
0951 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 near Norwood for a traffic complaint.

1214 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a report of a protection order violation.

1337 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita for found property.

1431 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita for a medical assist.

2103 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Grape Street in Nucla for a medical assist.

2109 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a parking problem.

2253 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 7200 block of U Road near Paradox for a report of threatening.

1 school zone  
1 follow up report

**10/9/2024**  
1409 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a civil standby.

1520 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Heron Street in Nucla for an agency assist.

1714 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a disturbance. Eileen Burke, 52, was cited for careless driving.

2 school zones  
1 follow up report  
1 directed patrol in Nucla

**10/10/2024**  
1052 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

1415 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for a fraud report.

1449 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

1 school zone  
1 VIN inspection

**10/11/2024**  
1213 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 5500 block of U Road near Paradox for a report of threatening.

1329 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Third Avenue in Naturita for an information report.

1346 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28700 block of BB36 Road near Nucla for a medical assist.

1621 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to 25 Mesa Road mm 43 near Nucla

for an accident.  
1 civil process attempted/served

**10/12/2024**  
0911 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1130 Hours - A juvenile was contacted on Highway 145 mm 112 near Redvale and issued a warning for speeding.

1208 Hours - Deputy was dispatched Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla for a traffic hazard.

1427 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1539 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1603 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31100 block of 90 Road near Nucla for an accident.

1621 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview on County Road 90 mm 38 near Nucla.

1749 Hours - Paul Haining, 48, was contacted in the 700 block of Main Street in Nucla and arrested for driving with a revoked driver's license, failing to yield to an emergency vehicle, and violating a protection order. An arrest warrant is being sought for Carrie Goode, 43, for violating a protection order.

2332 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of 3000 Road near Nucla for a traffic complaint.

2 follow up reports  
1 directed patrol in Nucla

**10/13/2024**  
0315 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Cascade Circle in Naturita for an unwanted person.

1137 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita for a traffic complaint. A juvenile was contacted and cited for careless driving.

1225 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an animal problem.

1357 Hours - Mary Culver, 74, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 1 near Naturita and cited for speeding.

1408 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28200 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for a medical assist.

1432 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Grape Street in Nucla for a traffic complaint. 3 juveniles were contacted and issued a warning for driving off highway vehicles without a valid driver's license and no insurance.

1618 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 100 block of West

Main Street in Naturita.  
1752 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist in the area of BB Road and 2700 Road near Nucla.

1859 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 82 near Naturita for an accident.

2048 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Montana Way in Nucla for a medical assist.

2304 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 145 and II Road near Redvale for a motorist assist.

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**Wednesday, Nov. 6**

Smoothie, Graham Crackers, Milk, and Juice

**Thursday, Nov. 7**

English Muffin, Cheese, Pears, Milk, and Juice

**WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS Lunch Menu**

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**Monday, Nov. 4**

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**Wednesday, Nov. 6**

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**Thursday, Nov. 7**

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**\* HEARING NOTICE \***

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners in the **Public Works Building 63160 LaSalle Road**, Montrose, Colorado, on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, at 9:30 a.m. to review proposed amendments to the Montrose County Zoning Regulations.

The proposed amendment includes changes to the following sections of the Zoning Regulations:

**Section II - Zone District Standards**

- Proposes changes to use tables related to Power Generation Facilities.

**Section III - Use Standards**

- Proposes to add a new section with new language related to Power Generation Facilities use standards under Section III.A.13. It is proposed to include minimum standards for setbacks, buffers, impact mitigation, and more. It is also proposed to include required application materials for Power Generation Facilities.

**Section VIII - Definitions**

- Proposes to alter the definition of Alternate Onsite Energy Generation to include adjacent properties under same ownership.

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

The application materials may be examined during regular business hours at the Montrose County Planning and Development Office, 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose, Colorado or on the Montrose Citizen Portal:

<https://co-montrose-co.smartgovcommunity.com/ApplicationPublic/ApplicationHome>

Search application: AA23-001

Documents will be available in the Montrose Citizen Portal a week prior to the scheduled hearing in the "Notes" section of the application.

**THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO OFFER COMMENT**

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### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: FAMOUS ACTORS

### ACROSS

1. QA's focus, pl.
5. "Swan Lake" steps

8. Evite request, acr.
12. Long stories
14. Final, abbr.
15. Opposite of neo-
16. Synagogue scroll

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17. Poseidon's domain
18. One-eighty
19. \*Mary Poppins and Maria von Trapp
21. \*Vivian Ward and Erin Brockovich
23. Kum Ba follower
24. Cry out loud
25. Stolen, slangily
28. Greek salad cheese
30. Popular clubs of the 1970s
35. Chimpanzees, e.g.
37. Porcine fat
39. Great divide
40. Cat o'how many tails?
41. Podium, pl.
43. Dead against
44. Work the dough
46. Urban haze
47. Manner of walk
48. Parlor piece
50. Riyadh native, e.g.
52. Sixth note
53. Common fairway club
55. Brewed beverage
57. \*"Red" Redding and Nelson Mandela
61. \*Ricky Bobby and Buddy
65. Beat the Joneses
66. Outrage
68. Adjust, as laces
69. Tears violently
70. Anointment liquid
71. Talks and talks and talks
72. a.k.a. Operation Neptune

### Solution to Last Week's Crossword

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73. "Just kidding!"
74. Billy Joel's "Always a Woman"

### DOWN

1. Between Phi and Kappa
2. Second word in a fairytale
3. Encircle
4. Like Freddy Krueger, e.g.
5. Boot-wearing feline
6. Draft pick
7. Impolite look
8. Miles per hour, e.g.
9. Insult
10. Between bleu and jaune
11. Connection between brain and spinal cord
13. Bundle of wheat
15. Like certain libraries
20. Pup
22. Hemingway's "The \_\_\_ Man and the Sea"
24. Railyard worker
25. \*Forrest Gump and Jimmy Dugan
26. Offer two cents
27. Doctrine
29. New Mexico town
31. Deep pile carpet
32. Atlantic Ocean/Pacific Ocean waterway, e.g.
33. Ostium, pl.
34. \*Violet Crawley and Minerva McGonagall
36. Center of authority
38. "The New Look" main character
42. September stone
45. Phobos' brother,

49. Time period
51. \*Catwoman and "Jinx" Johnson
54. Vidalia one
56. Regions
57. \*Han Solo and Indiana Jones
58. Wished undone
59. Europe's highest volcano

60. \*Nelson, star of 8 films with Jeanette MacDonald
61. Matted wool
62. Write on tombstone, e.g.
63. Facebook button
64. More is \_\_\_?
67. Duran Duran's 1982 album

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

**Solution to Last Week's Sudoku**

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