

San Miguel Basin Forum

WATER

Source water meeting postponed due to weather

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The towns of Nucla and Naturita together have been holding Source Water Protection Plan meetings, a process that has included the community, local leaders, area agencies and West End municipalities. The process is about identifying and assessing risks to the local watershed, establishing a proactive approach, and the work makes a state grant possible for West End governments too.

Gabriel Matta, of the Colorado Rural Water Association, has been leading most of the meetings, along with other experts. He ended up cancelling the meeting scheduled for Nov. 7 at the Nucla Community Center, however. That was a result of inclement weather, heavy snow and sketchy road conditions, and poor internet connectivity for those Zooming in.

That meeting, the fourth in the series, will now happen on Jan. 15, which is a Wednesday.

"Please join the towns of Nucla and Naturita in our fourth Source Water Protection Plan workshop," Matta shared with community leaders in a news release after the rescheduling. "We will finalize our possible sources of contamination discussion with PFAS, and we will also begin our best management practices discussion."

The PFAS, often referred to as "forever chemicals," are synthetic substances that fail to break down in the environment. They're often found in firefighting foam, but other materials too.

The first three source water meetings in the West End were about reviewing the San Miguel River watershed boundary, looking at possible sources of contamination and also assessing mining and wildfire risk, respectively.

Matta said best management practices (BMPs), coming up next, are crucial for stakeholder involvement in source water protection for several reasons.

He said it's about enhanced communication, "because (the practices) provide a framework that facilitates clear communication among stakeholders, ensuring everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in protecting source water."

Additionally, he said it's important to make informed decisions, and the practices "offer guidance based on scientific research and proven strategies." He said it's important to help stakeholders make informed, effective and sustainable decisions.

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COMMUNITY

Cell tower hearing for West End is Nov. 21

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Tina Reed, who lives in Montrose County, is making sure people in Redvale are aware of the possibility that a cell tower could be established on the corner of II Road and Highway 145, what is commonly known as "KOA corner."

Reed said she and other residents had been approached by "Verizon" in the last year, but most residents who received the letters weren't interested in leasing their land to the cell phone company. Now though, one resident appears to be willing to let

Atlas Tower use his land. In this way, the lessor would also receive some monthly income.

Reed, however, said it's not worth it and it would be a detriment to the Redvale community. According to her, there's scientific research that shows cell towers emit harmful energy to humans, wildlife and the landscape. She told the Forum that everyone who lives in Redvale should research electromagnetic frequencies (EMFs) to understand the health risks, like headaches, brain tumors, leukemia and more. She said children especially, whose brains are not fully developed, shouldn't be living next to a cell tower, and neither

should anyone immunocompromised or the elderly.

"Radiation hurts everybody," she said.

Additionally, Reed said cell towers negatively affect market values of properties, and there are some landowners in Redvale with listings. Reed has been in Redvale for five years. She married into the Reeds, which have been in the region for quite some time. She said she didn't come to Redvale to retire next to a cell tower, have it block her beautiful views, devalue her investment, or give her health issues.

She added that the area might
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NORWOOD

Bockrath celebrates mill levy and award, makes new stations

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Norwood Fire Chief John Bockrath told the Forum over the weekend that he's pleased the recent mill levy passed in the November election. The Norwood Fire Protection District sought a mill levy increase to pay for personnel and equipment for various reasons, including aging volunteers and technology, as well as limited funding.

The ballot question passed by 79 percent in San Miguel County, and 64 percent in Montrose County.

"I'm extremely happy with that," Bockrath said. "It seemed to be pretty overwhelming... And, I had a few people that are not happy that didn't vote for it that have called me, but that's to be expected."

Now, the district will move forward, first by hiring three firefighter-paramedics that will be on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Next, the district will begin saving money to buy new equipment.

Bockrath had developed two different budgets to present to his board of directors for 2025. With the mill levy passing Nov. 5, he has a plan for taking the better budget to the fire district meeting Nov. 20.

He said he remains grateful to the community for its support and the relationship they've built.

Last Wednesday, Bockrath was caught off guard by an award he received, the ALS (advanced life support) Provider of the Year, courtesy of the West Region Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council.

"It was a complete surprise to me," he said. "I knew nothing about it."

Nominated by Heather King and Shannon Armstrong, both affiliated with the department and the area's EMS services, he was chosen for his work in the Norwood Fire Protection District, specifically the education he's done for his volunteers, the community and more.

The area fire chiefs and EMS coordinators vote on the award. Bockrath said he didn't realize that he'd not gotten a ballot this year, until the meeting began last Wednesday. When they announced his name as the recipient of the ALS award, which is essentially the paramedic of the year, he discovered why.

He said he was honored. Though he attended by Zoom, since he was the only person on call that day in Norwood, he does have a gift and

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Cowboy life in the West End

Eight-year-old quarter horse Eysey looks back after a day of gathering cows near Hamilton. (Photo by Carla Reams)

YOUTH

Berlynn Tomlinson wins state art award

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Nucla High School's Berlynn Tomlinson, a 10th grader, has won a state art award, and school officials as well as family members are expressing their congratulations.

Nucla art teacher Lisa Ross told the Forum there is an annual art competition held at the national art educator conference. This year, students were asked to redesign the state flag, based on the theme "healing through color."

Tomlinson said the contest served as an assignment for the students in her class, and Ross encouraged them to approach the flag design in whatever way they wanted. For her flag design, she did a technique

she'd worked with before, one that involves pouring watercolor onto paper, and then outlining that. Afterward, she used alcohol markers on the design. She said it took her three class periods to create her "healing through color" flag, and her teacher submitted it on Oct. 2.

Tomlinson found out two weeks ago she won the overall contest for the entire State of Colorado. Yes, she was surprised. Now her design will be made into a real flag that will be flown at the educators conference, this year happening in Louisville, KY, in March.

Needless to say Ross is proud.

"This is a huge honor, to represent the state of Colorado in such a capacity," Ross said.

Tomlinson won a \$150 gift card,

to be used at a website that sells arts supplies, and the Nucla school got \$250 to spend too. Ross said it was exciting to show that hard work can pay off in the art room.

Since she was little, Tomlinson has enjoyed making art. She especially likes painting and drawing, and in the last few years she taught herself to crochet. Her grandmother, Candace Tomlinson, used to be an art teacher in Nucla too; likely artistic talent runs in her genes.

She told the Forum she is more of an introvert, and she was a bit nervous about the attention and the obligation to talk about her work. Her mother, Amanda Tomlinson, said her daughter is quite humble.

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OBITUARY

Mona Marie Jones

Aug. 21, 1932 — Nov. 5, 2024

With a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Mona Marie Jones. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who touched the lives of many with her kindness, generosity and gentle spirit.

Mona was born to William Roy and Lydia (Alvey) Woods on Aug. 21, 1932, in Texhoma, Oklahoma. Roy and Lydia had homesteaded on Summit Point, Utah, but traveled back to Oklahoma to be with family for the birth of their first child. They returned to Summit Point when Mona was a few months old.

Her sister, Wanda June, was born a few years later in Monticello, Utah. The family remained on the homestead, farming and building a life together for nearly 20 years. On Nov. 17, 1952, Mona married Ira Custer Jones in Gallup, NM.

Mona's mother had two more children, David and Monica Wells, around this same time. Mona and Ira lived in many places, as Ira worked in various uranium mines in the Four Corners area.

Upon moving to Bedrock in 1972, they found the place to call home. That is where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Mona lived a life of hard work, loving care and cherished moments. She was dedicated to her role as a homemaker and took pride in car-

ing for her family's needs, home and yard. Everyone in her circle received love, as she provided physical and emotional care to all.

While Mona was never a member of a particular church, she lived Christian values throughout her life. She had respect for all who shared their beliefs with her. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Lydia; her husband, Ira Jones; her sister, Monica Zimmerman; and Paul and Viola Nixon, her father and mother-in-law whom she loved dearly.

Mona is survived by her children: Sherry Pribble (James), Tommy Jones (Ramona), Tammy Moyer and Chad Jones (Brenda); and grandchildren: Candace Knotts, Jamie Joslin, Colby Chiles, Timothy Jones, Stacy Dominquez, Shaylene Randolph, Cassie Miller, Nick Randolph, Shawna Yos, Ashley Warn, Casey Jones and Cody Jones. She leaves 26 great-grandchildren; her brother, David Wells; sister, Wanda Hemphill; numerous nieces and nephews; and individuals whom she considered family. She also leaves behind a community of friends who will miss her dearly.

A memorial service was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Paradox on Nov. 12, followed by the dedication of the grave and burial at the Paradox Cemetery.

OBITUARY

Mark Jones

Today we say "ta ta for now" to a dear friend and wonderful man, a beacon of light, leaving behind a legacy of joy, love and kindness.

Adrian Mark Jones was born to John (Jack) Wilmer Jones and Wilma Jean Leger on Nov. 26, 1958, in Craig, Colorado. He graduated Moffat County High School in 1977. Shortly after, he became a deputy sheriff for Moffat County, and later a police officer with the Craig Police Department. He completed his first EMT basic training in April of 1988.

One day, he walked into a bar and met Jesus; he met a gentleman entertaining there. He had seen the peace and changes in his life, things he didn't have at the time. He had only seen judgment from religions. He had said God cared for him, because of who he was. He couldn't change himself, but God could. There he met the love of God.

Feeling the need to help people before they were in trouble, he went into ministry. In his pursuit, he graduated from Restoration in Power School of Ministry and Missions. He had a hunger and drive to learn and grow more in the Lord. Mark led ministries of Indian missions, numerous home churches, and nursing home outreaches.

He met a lady who stole his heart, Veronica "Skitter" Zeck, the love of his life. They married on June 30, 1998.

Together they ran a Christian retreat lodge in Winter Park, Colorado. They relocated to Norwood in August of 2002, where he had been called to pastor Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Church. In June of 2019, they were called to pastor Community Bible Fellowship Assembly of God Church in Nucla.

Mark touched the lives of everyone he encountered with a mission to share the love and mercy of God. He was always ready with a helping



Mark Jones.

hand and a warm smile.

He was known for his unwavering generosity and selfless acts of service, including various boards, volunteer EMS and fire services, and Nucla Town Board. He felt it was his calling to love the people in his community.

Quick with an eye-rolling corny joke, or silly story to brighten your day, or help impart a lesson, Mark had an infectious joy for life and would strike up a conversation with strangers and make them feel as though he had known them for years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Jean Jones; brothers, David and Michael; and son, Joshua Michael Jones.

He leaves to cherish fond memories his wife, Veronica "Skitter" Jones; brother, Daniel Jones; three children, Kelly Kronsberg, Megan Breazeale, Maddison Jones; and step-children, Chad Antonson and Chris Antonson. He also leaves grandchildren: Krimson, Khloe and Kooper Kronsberg; and Alissah Lundstrom, Frannie, Tommy and Jack Breazeale; plus Chloe, CJ and Paige Antonson; and great-granddaughter, Everly Morris, as well as numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

A celebration of his life will be at New Hope Pentacostal Church of God in Naturita on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m. with fellowship at the Naturita Community Center afterward.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society Early cattlemen of southwest Colorado, Part 2

By JANE THOMPSON, Rimrocker Historical Society



This photo shows a branding on the Uncompahgre in 1915 near the Copper King Mine. (Photo courtesy of the Standard Chemical Company Collection)

This week we continue an article from the Sept. 11, 2014 Forum with Part 2 shared by Marie Templeton from the San Miguel Basin Forum, the centennial-bicentennial issue. It has more interesting history on some of the early cattlemen:

"About 1881, Alfred, Bob and John Dunham came into Disappointment country from Pine River by way of Rico. Bob later moved to the Dolores region where he built up one of the largest herds in that area. Alfred moved to the Norwood area and built up a large herd branded 'JS.' John located a homestead near Lavender on Disappointment Creek. His 'Swinging W' was the brand of one of the largest cattle enterprises in that part of the state.

William Nash was supposed to be the first person to bring his family into the Disappointment country. They came in a covered wagon, and his sons, Jim and Bob, built large herds. Jim branded his herd with 'Forked Lightning,' which looked like two Ys lying down and joined at the feet.

In 1883, John R. Galloway came into the Paradox Valley and ranched until his death. His sons moved into the Norwood area. Gord bought out Harry B. Adsit in 1900 and became one of the largest cattle ranchers in the region. The Galloways branded 'The Heart.' Harry Adsit's brand was the 'Turkey Track.' He had

brought longhorn cattle from Texas called 'Chipmunks.'

James O. Waggoner and S.T. Talbert also settled in the Paradox Valley and became stockmen. Waggoner's son and grandson have carried on the cattle business.

In 1885, Tom Ray settled in Paradox and built a herd of more than 500 head. Also, about that time Mel Turner arrived and started cattle ranching.

Edwin Joseph homesteaded about three miles east of Norwood in 1886 and started a cattle business. He branded 'JO.' That same year, Irvin McGrew arrived in the Disappointment and Lone Cone country from Chireau, Mexico. His cattle were branded the 'Flying Diamond.'

In 1886, L.G. Denison homesteaded near the Cone and introduced a higher brand of cattle. Two other large outfits were the I.B. Porter Cattle Company with 2,000 head of graded Herefords, managed by R.O. Caldwell, and the Naturita Cattle Company, with 1800 head managed by Al Herndon. Herndon also built up a herd of his own, branding 'U Quarter Circle.'

In 1884 and 1885, G.P., B.A. and F.H. Robinson, along with J.N. Pearce and E. Southall, homesteaded in Disappointment near Lavender and raised cattle. In a few years, B.A. and F.H. Robinson went to Denver and formed the Clay-Robinson Sales

Company. In 1893, H.M. Knight settled in Disappointment. He and his step-son Adam Embling built up the 'Bar AE' brand. W.H. Dawson settled in lower Disappointment at Cedar. So did John Davis. Dawson later sold to Jim and Charlie Mair, who raised belted cattle bearing the brand 'AT connected.'

In 1888, Billie Williams arrived at Norwood with 60 head of cattle. He homesteaded and built up a large herd branded 'W.'

Between 1895 and 1908, Disappointment Valley attracted many cattlemen, such as P.A. McKinney, whose herd was carried on by his step-son. And, Albert Reed branding 'Three 4s,' Charley Reed branding 'Double H Lightning,' Joe Bankston with 'Three T Quarter Box,' Sam Bankston with the 'Flying U,' Irvin Brumley with "Quarter Circle T," and W.L. Souther with 'TX Connected.'

Now, I don't know much about cattle, and I hope that this article is correct. If it has anything that seems off, let me know, and I will be happy to do more research, since I am not sure who wrote this article back in 1976. As Marie finished up this article, she recommended Wilma Crisp Bankston's book "Where Eagles Winter," if you want to know more about cattle ranching in Disappointment country. It is an excellent book, and I highly recommend it. It can be purchased on Amazon for \$20.

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Cell tower hearing

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need better cell service, but the tower could be placed somewhere better, at Mailbox or the school section across the road.

The Forum did contact the property owner, Don Hubbs, who plans to lease to Atlas Tower. He said he knows the neighbors are complaining, but said he does plan to lease to Atlas. He declined to reveal how much the cell tower company would pay him monthly and said it was nobody's business. He said he has no health concerns, and if he did, he wouldn't be agreeing to the tower. He said he's spoken to Atlas about possible health concerns, and the cell tower company has said there are none.

"(The) cell tower will improve cell phone service for the West End of Montrose County," Hubbs said. "The

tower company and all government agencies are doing many studies that would protect the area from any issue before construction is started."

Talmadge Richmond, Montrose County Planning and Development Director, confirmed the Nov. 21 meeting at 6 p.m. regarding the cell tower.

"The application is being presented at a public hearing to the Planning Commission this Thursday. Please note that there will be a satellite location to attend the hearing at the Nucla Community Center," he said Monday morning.

Reed and her family worked to make participation equitable. They felt many people would likely be working and unable to drive to the meeting in Montrose. It's because of Brian Reed's communication with Montrose County that the meeting will have the Zoom option based in

Nucla. In this way, anyone with concerns may voice those to Montrose County.

Reed is having signs made and selling them, so the opposition can express their feelings visually. She's also distributing informational materials on the harmful effects of radiation via cell towers.

The Forum asked Richmond if the permitting process for a cell tower was a two-step process. He said he agreed it was.

"The Planning Commission is advisory, so they will send a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)," he said. "The BOCC will then hold a public hearing, similar to the Planning Commission. The BOCC will have the final say on if it is approved or denied. If approved, the developer can begin construction immediately after approval."

Source water meeting

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And, Matta said risk reduction is key, and establishing BMPs "minimizes risks to water sources by addressing potential contamination and degradation proactively," essentially making sure drinking water is safe and of good quality.

Community engagement is another factor, and it's important for stakeholders to come together with agency and industry representatives. In this way, water protection

becomes a shared responsibility.

Regarding regulatory compliance, according to Matta, the practices often sync up with regulatory requirements, which helps stakeholders to follow the law and support the environment too.

"Efficient resource use" is also an aspect, and the practices provide strategies for resources to be used efficiently, so waste and costs are reduced.

Finally, Matta said the practices are about continuous improvement,

and they lend themselves to "adaptive management." Stakeholders can assess and upgrade strategies, depending on input from stakeholders and how the conditions change.

"Best management practices help unify efforts, guide actions and optimize outcomes for all stakeholders involved in source water protection," Matta said last week. "I look forward to seeing everyone, and thanks for your participation."

Bockrath celebrates

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an award certificate waiting for him in Montrose.

Additionally, Bockrath is helping to establish two new fire stations in the area. Folks in the Basin came to him with concerns over their property insurance as it relates to fire. Now, an older building close to the Basin Store will serve as an additional fire house. It only

makes sense, Bockrath said, since longtime firefighter Casey Griffith lives out there. Now, wildland fire equipment is being stored there, and Bockrath will soon be training Basin residents in CPR and first-aid.

Something similar might be happening in the Sanborn Park area too. Folks there are experiencing issues with their property insurance

due to the distance they live from a fire station.

Bockrath said he's meeting with Sanborn residents this week, and some were set to come to Wednesday's fire board meeting. He said establishing a building there would be necessary, but then it could house additional fire equipment and be a satellite station for Norwood Fire Protection District.

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Berlynn Tomlinson

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“She doesn’t accept success very well, because she doesn’t like attention,” she said, “but she’s entirely too talented to stick with that.”

Tomlinson doesn’t boast about any of her achievements, but she’s not only good at art. She’s advanced in academics too. At just 14 years old, she’s halfway through her sophomore year and will graduate before she’s 17. She’s taking college classes already at Nucla High School, receiving dual credit, and she loves to read.

At this point, she’s not sure of her career plan. She said she will always do art as a hobby, but she’s interested in things like mental health, psychology and therapy.

Sara Bray, the school principal, is “extremely proud” of both Tomlinson and Ross.

“Berlynn is an excellent student and always pours her best into everything she does at school,” she said. “For her Colorado flag to be chosen out of all students in the entire state, just reinforces her work ethic. I’m so proud and grateful for Ms. Ross, that she was willing to present this project to her art classes and then give them the creativity, materials and time to complete some amazing projects. We are blessed to have both Berlynn and Ms. Ross in our schools.”



Berlynn Tomlinson shows her award-winning art piece. (Photo by Lisa Ross)



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West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

10/24/2024

0810 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Palmer Avenue in Naturita for a citizen assist.

0925 Hours - Ashley Ware, 37, was contacted in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita and cited for driving with a revoked driver's license, no license plates, and no insurance.

1013 Hours - Jefferson Williams, 50, was contacted in the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita and cited for speeding.

1110 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.

1217 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1700 block of County Road 42ZN near Norwood for a theft report.

1511 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31100 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a lost property report.

1733 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of DD30 Road and DD31 Road near Nucla for an animal problem.

1905 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla for a traffic complaint.

1955 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

2005 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 108 near Redvale for a traffic hazard.

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1 directed patrol in Naturita

10/25/2024

1012 Hours - Bowen Novaez, 26, was contacted in the 300 block of East Main Street in Naturita and cited for speeding.

1104 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1111 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview in the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1143 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1219 Hours - Juan Gutierrez, 34, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 62 near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding and following too closely.

1525 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28700 block of BB36 Road near Nucla for a medical assist.

1644 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Reed Drive in Naturita for suspicious activity.

1916 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27600 block of BB Road near Nucla for a 911.

3 directed patrols in Nucla
1 directed patrol in County
2 directed patrols in Naturita

10/26/2024

0902 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine

Street in Naturita for a citizen assist.

1046 Hours - Darrel Elder, 24, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 59 near Naturita and cited for operating an unregistered vehicle.

1939 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 141 and County Road 90 near Naturita for a welfare check.

2 directed patrols in Nucla

10/27/2024

1320 Hours - Peter Gordon, 62, was contacted in the 28200 block of Highway 141 near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1622 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an accident report.

2 directed patrols in Nucla
1 directed patrol in County

10/28/2024

0942 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of Payson Street in Naturita for an animal problem.

1145 Hours - Omar Briones, 60, was contacted in the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita and cited for speeding.

1210 Hours - Matthew Redding, 40, was contacted in the 200 block of Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for a stop sign violation.

1216 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 52 near Naturita for a traffic complaint. Brian Wortman, 49, was cited for careless driving.

1452 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1532 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for an information report.

1554 Hours - Pricilla Obrien, 40, was contacted in the 900 block of Main Street in Nucla and cited for speeding.

2 school zones
2 directed patrols in Nucla
1 directed patrol in Naturita

10/29/2024

0656 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 81 near Naturita for a traffic hazard.

1214 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for an information report.

1219 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a citizen assist.

1318 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for an alarm.

1521 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

1604 Hours - Deputy conducted public relations in the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla.

1701 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Bear Pen

Gulch for an overdue party.
1728 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a trespassing report.

1806 Hours - Annie Crews, 26, was contacted at the intersection of CC Road and 2900 Road near Nucla and issued a warning for speeding.

1816 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a report of a protection order violation.

1942 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29600 block of 3000 Road near Nucla for an animal problem.

2335 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of Highway 141 and 90 Road near Naturita for a motorist assist.

1 VIN inspection

10/30/2024

1431 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28800 block of CC Road near Nucla for a harassment report.

1507 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for an agency assist.

1955 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Main Street in Nucla for an alarm.

1 VIN inspection
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in County

1 directed patrol in Naturita

10/31/2024

1215 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29700 block of DD31 Trail near Nucla for an animal problem.

1317 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.

1350 Hours - Deputy conducted public relations in the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla.

1651 Hours - Deputy conducted public relations in the 500 block of Main Street in Nucla.

2319 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the buckeye area for a welfare check.

2 directed patrols in Nucla
1 directed patrol in Naturita

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TEN-C

We will be accepting applications on an ongoing basis until positions are filled.

DELTA SALES YARD - MARKET REPORT

300-400# STEERS	3.15-4.04	300-400# HEIFERS	2.95-3.35 w/ high of 3.37
400-500# STEERS	3.15-3.45	400-500# HEIFERS	2.85-3.13 w/ high of 3.17
500-600# STEERS	2.65-2.84	500-600# HEIFERS	2.55-2.70
600-700# STEERS	2.58-2.70	600-700# HEIFERS	2.38-2.52
700-800# STEERS	2.33-2.45	700-800# HEIFERS	2.20-2.35
800-900# STEERS	2.25-2.40	800-900# HEIFERS	1.95-2.19
Top bulls	1.50-1.60 w/ high of 1.65	Medium bulls	1.20-1.25
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Medium cows	1.05-1.18	Low-yielding cows	1.00 Below

NEXT WEEK:

Thursday November 21st - Special Sheep & Goat has been moved up due to the holiday. Will sell cows and bulls also. All Feeders Sell Saturday November 23rd. All Feeders Sell Saturday, November 23rd.

25 Bred Cows.

Upcoming Saturday Feeder Sales Start @10:30

a.m.

UPCOMING SALES

Saturday November 23 - Special Feeder Calf Sale. 60 calves from Gateway, CO.

Thursday, November 28th - NO SALE -THANKSGIVING WEEK

Wednesday, December 4th - Special Weigh Cow Sale - Weigh cows ONLY

Thursday, December 5th - Special Bred Cow Sale - over 100 bred cows consigned - please have cows in to preg check by 12PM Tues. Dec. 3rd

Saturday, December 7th - Horse Sale

Thursday, December 19th - Sheep and Goat Sale - moved up for holiday



Fun Corner

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
THEME: MANIAS AND PHOBIAS

ACROSS

1. Figaro's solo, e.g.

5. Not sin, as in math
8. Designer Laroche
11. Pi-meson
12. Cut, like a log
13. *Telephobia, or fear of this

- device
15. "He's Just Not That ____ You", movie
16. 2D measurement
17. Gives a helping hand
18. *Ludomania, obsession with ____

20. Therefore
21. Poetic feet
22. Accident
23. *____mania, obsession with wealth and power
26. Type of throw, in baseball
30. Miner's load
31. Member of Round Table
34. Quartet minus one
35. Spacious
37. Last word of "America the Beautiful"
38. Young chicken
39. Cocoyam
40. Largest Asian antelope
42. Haute couture gala location, with The
43. Slimy phlebotomists
45. *____phobia, fear of public speaking
47. Took the bait
48. Tempter
50. Dumbstruck
52. *Gamophobia, fear of ____
55. September stone
56. Cantina cooker
57. Apple leftover

59. Lakes, in Scotland
60. ____ gin
61. "On a ____," or carefree
62. *____mania, obsession with oneself
63. Cough syrup amt.
64. Additional

- compulsive hand-washing
38. Pileus, pl.
40. Entomologist's catcher, sometimes
41. Agora, plural
44. Tannery supply, pl.
46. Delphi talker
48. Room partitions
49. Lowest deck on

- a ship
50. Full of excitement
51. Home to Baylor University
52. Lion's share
53. Hockey score
54. Commits a faux pas
55. A in IPA
58. Increase

DOWN

1. *____phobia, fear of bees
2. Bananaphone precursor
3. Itty bit
4. Language disfunction
5. Indigenous person of Lesser Antilles
6. Track and field star, 1936 Olympics
7. Tear in pantyhose
8. Struck with a mallet
9. Back arrow key
10. Indeed
12. Against the stream swimmer
13. Say "pretty please"
14. *____phobia, fear of snakes and crocodiles
19. Uncooperative, like a mule
22. "Battleship" success
23. Kind of mushroom
24. Grind down
25. Glittery stone
26. Carpet style
27. Lily genus, pl.
28. Angers
29. "All for one and one for all," to Musketeers
32. Egyptian goddess of fertility
33. Hair raiser
36. *____ effect, or

CROSSWORD

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Solution to Last Week's Crossword

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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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YOUTH

Showing up



Grace Harris, Jacque Tapia, Darcy Bray, Annabelle Griffin, Brycen Rummel and Cadence Shaw raked leaves in Norwood to help community members this fall. (Courtesy image)



Jacob and Zoe Łukaszewski performed at N3's Open Mic Night at the Livery last weekend, with music director Brendan Forrest's supervision. (Photo by Daiva Chesonis)

EDUCATION

Robotics teams for Nucla, Norwood head to state

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

At the regional robotics state qualifying competition in Durango over the weekend, both the Nucla and one of the two Norwood teams earned a spot in Denver. They'll both be traveling to compete at the state level for the Dec. 7 challenge.

Robotics coach Matthew Lagoe, representative of the Pinhead Institute, a Smithsonian Affiliate based in Telluride, told the San Miguel Basin Forum the results were very affirming. Only three of the 16 teams competing could advance to state competition, and West End schools are taking two of those spots. Ridgway has also advanced.

Lagoe works with both school teams, instructing the kids in ways to build the robots out of Legos, build the attachments that are controlled with motors, and then code them, so that the robots can turn and move things up and down. The robots have to be able to accomplish different missions.

Assisting Lagoe with the Nucla team, called the Atomic Circuit Bots, is Jeanna Jaspersen, an accomplished STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — teacher, who's retired but working in the West End for Pinhead. Kids met once a week on Fridays, or Saturdays, depending on their schedules.

Lagoe said he's impressed by the Nucla kids' commitment and their eagerness to learn robotics in their free time, outside of the school schedule.

The Nucla team won the robot game, and the "core values" division too. On the team are Emily Johnson, Ava Mock, Dennis O'Connell, Damara O'Connell, Jude Richardson and

Braiden Weimer.

In Norwood, Lagoe with Jennie Thomas coached students — and so many that there were two teams. The Norwood kids, specifically the Lone Cone Mavericks team that's headed to the state competition, won the award for robot design. On that team are Meadow Baker, Journey Bentler, Waylen Donnellon, Devon Fehrenbacher, Jacob Łukaszewski, Ashley Rivera-Flores, Avery Sarff, Jaxson Vasquez and Emily Wainwright.

Coach Thomas said the kids' work was "extraordinary" and she's definitely proud.

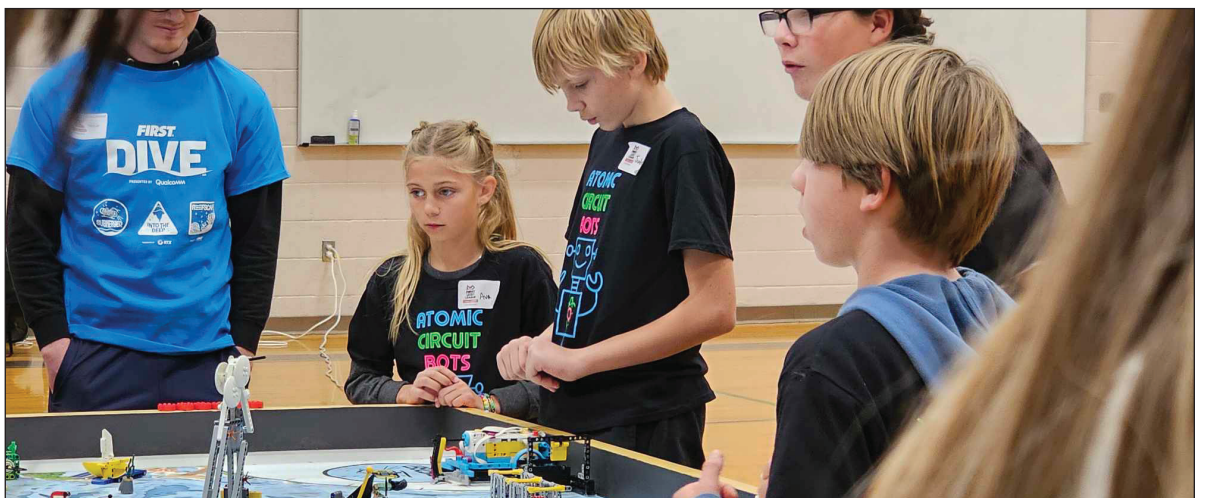
"I feel like those kids worked so hard," said Thomas of her teams. "I think if we'd had more time for practices — last year we had a coach two days a week, and this year only one day a week — but the kids did so much with so little time. If they'd had more time, I can't imagine what they'd achieve. What they didn't perfect wasn't for lack of trying."

Lagoe said it's true that Norwood kids requested more practices, something that also surprised him.

The Norwood Piranhas came in 13th place. On that team are Ember Alexander, Judah Baker, Sylvie Buckner, Gracie Dawson, Hunter Griffith, Kalibur Merrill, Elsa Romaine, Hazel Springer and Lucas Wainwright.

Lagoe said all the kids worked very hard. He wants them to all have opportunities in STEM and robotics, and he's happy to be helping them.

"All three teams in the West Ends put in the effort," Lagoe said. "The past two years, Nucla has been second in the robot game. It's nice that they got first place this year."



Top: Nucla's robotics team won the robot game and advanced to state.

Middle: Ava Mock and Jude Richardson, on the Nucla team, get serious.

Bottom: Norwood had 18 kids participate, and one team also advanced to the state competition. (Photos by Raena Michelle Wedel-Grindle)