

San Miguel Basin Forum

YOUTH

Juvenile Services gives annual update

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Wendy Crank, of Juvenile Services, went before the Norwood Town Board of Trustees to give an annual update. She said she appreciates the intergovernmental agreement that her organization shares with area towns and counties, so it can help area youth get out, and stay out, of trouble.

First started by Bill Masters and John Mansfield 35 years ago, Juvenile Services exists to help youth and families, keeping kids out of the court system whenever possible. There are tiers of intervention, and the organization produces the safe and sober after-proms and the mock car crashes. Crank said her work includes individual and family counseling, helps with introducing kids to Job Core, makes sure youth aren't being trafficked, completes trauma assessments, and incorporates other restorative justice practices.

Juvenile Services tries to keep kids out of municipal court and on a juvenile docket. They want kids to learn from mistakes, retain the ability to join the military or receive financial aid, not feel like an outsider in their own community, and make better choices in the future.

In the schools, they monitor a kid's grades and check to make sure kids are receiving special educational services, in the event they qualify for any; they also give various trainings across the board to all middle schoolers on what it means to be successful.

Crank shared the latest data with the Norwood trustees, numbers from 2021-2023.

According to her presentation, Juvenile Services helped 21 clients in 2021 (nine females and 12 males), 22 in 2022 (four females and 17 males) and 13 in 2023 (five females and eight males).

The demographics indicate that 23 were Caucasian, 19 were Hispanic, and one was African-American.

In 2021, the majority of those served, 12 kids, were ages 16-17; six were age 18 and older. One was in the 14-15 category, and two were 11-13 years old.

That year, the majority of offenses were alcohol related with 20 kids referred. Other offenses that year included marijuana, criminal mischief, nicotine, theft, truancy and trespass.

In 2022, the majority of those served, 12 kids, were ages 14-15; and eight were ages 16-17. None were age 18 and older, but two

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MONTROSE COUNTY

Cell tower hearing continued to Dec. 19

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Approximately 30 people showed up to the Nucla Community Center on Nov. 21 for the Montrose County Planning Commission's meeting on a proposed cell tower in Redvale. The meeting was actually in Montrose, but the county had a satellite station in Nucla for those in the West End to join.

Planning and Development Director Tallmadge Richmond told the Forum last week, he couldn't send a broad Zoom link for "any-

one" to join for legal reasons. He said many technical problems have been occurring with Zoom meetings, and having just one moderated session was the way to go to stay safe.

The cell tower issue is a divided one, with some opposing an additional cell tower at the intersection of II Road and Highway 145, and others supporting it. Right now, Atlas Tower has a deal working with a landowner in Redvale.

Some say it's true that the Redvale area has spotty cell phone reception and the tower is

needed. Others say that might be true, but the health risks are too great for surrounding landowners and wildlife.

Richmond told the Forum that approving the cell tower's installation is a two-step process. The Planning Commission had their hearing last week, the first of meetings, but it was not complete.

Evelyn Luna, planning tech for Montrose County, told the Forum on Monday there are delays, and no recommendation can be made at this time.

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Approximately 30 people went to the Nucla Community Center Nov. 21 to hear more about a proposed cell tower in Redvale. (Photo by Tanner Nelson)

WEST END

Community feeds personnel at Bucktail Fire

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Editor's note: This story was written for a Montrose County annual magazine, but that publication will not go to press this year for various reasons. Because of that, it's running in the Forum for this edition in the spirit of Thanksgiving.

Penni Philbrick — who co-owns and operates Saucy Mama's, a tiny pizza take-out place on Main Street in Nucla — is in business with her daughter, Brittany Berry. The duo, who started Saucy Mama's in April of 2022, are used to a little heat in the kitchen. Though, after the BuckTail Fire started in August, their work in the food service industry reached a surprising new level of intensity, but one that

included the greater Nucla community — and for a good cause.

The fire started Aug. 1, and by Aug. 5 BLM representatives contacted the owners of Saucy Mama's to see if they could start officially preparing meals for the crews working the Bucktail Fire. Some community members had already been doing so in those first few days, taking homemade sandwiches, burritos and other things to the fire site.

Before Philbrick and Berry knew the details of how many they'd feed, or when and how much they'd be paid, they said "yes" — though they contacted those who'd already been volunteering at the Nucla Fire Hall to see if they'd stay on, assist and move over to the Nucla Community Center.

"We couldn't do without them," Philbrick said.

Of course, everyone in the West End knew the fire crews did have and were prepared to eat their government-issued rations, but Philbrick said nobody wanted to see firefighters living off MREs.

When Saucy Mama's took kitchen command, so appeared menu items like marinated chicken breast, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables. The cooks also baked homemade rolls, fixed salad and gathered fresh fruit. Then came made-from-scratch macaroni and cheese with sausage or chicken, enchiladas (which took a huge, collaborative effort, she said), tacos and fresh granola with yogurt.

Philbrick said a few of the firefighters told her it was some of the best food they'd ever had.

"And it wasn't just me," Phil-

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FOOD

Tax credits available for state farmers, ranchers

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Susan Kelley, of the West End and who works for FRESH Food Hub in Norwood, is a liaison for the state's Department of Agriculture (CDA). She told the Forum she wants all to know about a tax credit available now through 2030 for farmers and ranchers — anyone working to make fresh food available for low-income, low-access (LILA) communities.

Kelley said the program is about sustainability, in that it exists to help people stay in business and also grow their operation to be able to serve others.

First, two grant cycles happened this year to support small food shops staying in business and making fresh food available for LILA areas. Good-E's Grocery in Nucla was one recipient of those grants, and Kelley said the funds received this year would support the West End business in purchasing walk-in or reach-in refrigeration, so that more fresh vegetables, fruit and cheeses could be served in the community.

Now that the grant cycles are complete, the tax credit is available through 2030, and Kelley wants locals from Nucla and Naturita to Norwood and Paradox to be aware of it.

That tax credit goes to support equipment for producers, so they can make healthy food more accessible.

"It's pretty fantastic," Kelley said over the weekend. "They can get 85 percent of the purchase price on something back from the state."

She agreed it's a way for local ranchers, egg producers, fruit growers and other farmers to build their infrastructure and grow.

The CDA, on its website, says the following are eligible tax-credit purchases: "display shelving and display cases; certified and calibrated scales; point-of-sales (POS) machines, including hardware, monitors and printers that are directly related to implementing or improving SNAP, WIC, or other food incentive programs (leased equipment is not eligible); food preservation equipment required to extend the availability of healthy food for LILA communities beyond the local harvest or slaughter calendar; deli slicers and meat grinders for fresh meat; dry storage containers; delivery vehicles that will be exclusively used for the transportation of healthy food to LILA communities; and power generators that will expand availability of healthy food in rural areas (businesses will need to report

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to all our great volunteers

Dear Editor,

Leila and I (Emily) both had the same reaction when we learned we were being awarded the Volunteer of the Year (VOY) Award from the Telluride Foundation: "But there is no way we could do what we do without a whole host of other dedicated volunteers serving with us!" We are just representative of so many others who deserve recognition and thanks. We appreciate the Telluride Foundation for allowing us to broaden the focus of the VOY celebration on Nov. 19 to include all the Norwood volunteers. Thank you to all who came and made the evening such a delight.

There are far too many people to list individually. This list is probably not exhaustive but will give you some idea of just how many groups depend on volunteers to support this community:

Elected and governmental volunteers:

- Board of County Commissioners
- Norwood Planning and Zoning
- Norwood Town Council
- Norwood Water Commissioners
- Norwood Sanitation Board
- Election judges and volunteers
- Political party volunteers

Community development volunteers:

- Lone Cone Legacy Trust Board
- Harvest Celebration
- Dinner volunteers
- Chamber of Commerce Board and volunteers
- Town beautification volunteers/Pocket Park, pole planters, sidewalk planters
- WEEDC Board and volunteers
- Telluride Foundation Board and volunteers

Health and safety volunteers:

- Norwood Fire Protection District, EMS services volunteers
- San Miguel Search and Rescue volunteers
- Uncompahgre Medical Center Board
- Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund project volunteers
- Hospice volunteers
- San Miguel Resource Center volunteers
- Red Cross disaster volunteers

Education and youth program volunteers:

- Norwood K-12 school board
- School volunteers/room parents/PTA/ field trip and event chaperons/fund raising volunteers
- Wright's Stuff Community Foundation Board/Prime Time volunteers

- N3 Teen Music/Theater Club volunteers
- True North Youth Program volunteers
- One to One mentors
- 4-H leaders and volunteers
- FFA leaders and volunteers
- Girl Scout leaders and volunteers
- Lone Cone Library Board and program volunteers
- Just for Kids Board and M2D riders
- Dark Sky Advocates (local and regional)
- Wright's Mesa Historical Society

Food security volunteers:

- FRESH Food Hub/Foundation Board
- Food Bank volunteers
- Senior Meals volunteers
- Farmers Market volunteers
- Norwood Community Garden Board and volunteers
- Master Gardeners
- Colorado State University-Extension Office volunteers

Recreation volunteers:

- Norwood Park and Recreation Board and volunteers
- Gymkana volunteers
- Dressage Club youth program volunteers
- Norwood Nordic Association volunteers
- West End Trail Alliance volunteers
- Norwood Youth Organization, coaches and athletic events volunteers

Arts volunteers:

- Wide Sky Arts Collective/play casts and volunteers
- Saturday Night Live

Special events volunteers:

- Noel Night
- Star Spangled Saturday
- Pioneer Day
- Music on the Mesa
- New Year's Eve Fireworks
- San Miguel Basin Fair Board and volunteers
- San Miguel Basin Rodeo/Roping Club Board and volunteers

Animal welfare volunteers:

- Hoof and Paw volunteers
- Second Chance volunteers

Religious organization volunteers:

- Church service project volunteers
- Salvation Army volunteers

At this time of giving thanks for the bounty of the Earth, we give thanks for you all.

Leila Seraphin and Emily Haight
NORWOOD

History: Rimrocker Historical Society Cowboys celebrate Thanksgiving in 1913

By JANE THOMPSON, Rimrocker Historical Society



This old photograph shows Nucla cowboys Art McKlaskey, Bryan Patterson and Bob Carver. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

The last two weeks, I shared a story that told about the big cattle ranches in the West End. These cattlemen were finding great success at raising cattle in our area. From Paradox Valley to Naturita to Redvale and Norwood, and all the way out through Disappointment Valley, ranches sprang up and cattle thrived. Going through the old Norwood Posts, I found an article heralding the Cowboys' First Annual Ball in Norwood.

An article from the Oct. 10, 1913 Post says, "What promises to be one of the most interesting events of the season is the Cowboys' First Annual Ball to be given at the McKeever Hall Thanksgiving. About 20 Knights of the Hondo came in from the camp on Goshorn flats Tuesday and made the greater portion of the arrangements. A fund of about \$300 has been raised to defray the expenses, and a royal good time is anticipated. A delicious spread at the Western Hotel will be one of the features of the occasion, and the best music obtainable will be had ... No person can afford to refrain from paying his respects to this hardy band who preside over the destiny of our greatest industry."

Cattlemen were enjoying their new-found success as their cattle ranches were growing. A dance of thanksgiving must have sounded like just what was needed: "The citizens of the surrounding communities are invited to attend, and this bunch of good fellows will

help to blot out dull cares in their own jolly way."

The Telluride Daily Journal of Nov. 26 states, "From all reports that big annual cowboys' ball to be given in Norwood by the boys of the range Thursday night will be a hummer. All arrangements have been perfected for the biggest, best and grandest time ever had in the Wright's Mesa metropolis. Several Telluride people will doubtless go down to take in the affair."

According to the Post of Nov. 28, "The Cowboys' First Annual Ball here last night was the occasion of the largest gathering of happy people that has ever met here for a similar purpose. About 400 people were present, which necessitated dispensing with programs, as only 200 were provided. Notwithstanding the immense size of the hall, the crowd had to be divided into two parts to prevent crowding the floor. The crowd was orderly and good-natured hilarity prevailed until the close of the dance at 5 o'clock this morning ... The excellent supper at the Norwood hotel was enjoyed by 275 people."

The Telluride Journal reported, "It is such history as will never grow dim and will live in the memories of those who were present as the most successful affair ever held in Norwood. The dance was attended by over 300 people who rode, drove and motored for miles, going from here, coming from Paradox country and all intermediate points, to partake of the unexcelled hospitality of

the Lone Cone cowboys.

J. R. Curtis, who with his family went down from here to attend the dance, reports that the gathering was one of the happiest he ever had the pleasure of mixing with. He says it was more like a big family reunion than a mere gathering of friends, everybody doing his utmost to make the event the most enjoyable possible for everyone else.

He further asserted that it was the most orderly crowd ever known to have attended a similar affair at that place. There was not an intoxicated man in the town of Norwood during the day previous or the day following the festivities. The home waltz was played at 5:30 on the morning of Friday, and the crowd, tired though happy, departed for their respective homes with the wish in their hearts that the affair might be repeated each recurring year and be attended with the same brilliant success as was the first affair given by the big-hearted men who ride the range."

(Articles sourced from Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, Colorado State Library.)

On behalf of myself and my amazing Rimrocker board of directors, we want to thank you for your wonderful support this past year, and we wish you all the happiest of Thanksgivings. Blot out the dull cares of the world and make some wonderful memories with family and friends! God bless the cowboys!

Update

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were ages 11-13.

One that year identified as transgendered.

That year, the majority of offenses were about marijuana with 11 kids referred. Other offenses in 2022 included burglary, criminal mischief, DUI, harassment, menacing, nicotine, alcohol, sexual assault, shoplifting, theft and trespass.

In 2023, the majority of those

served, seven kids, were ages 14-15; four were in the 16-17 age group. None were age 18 and older, but two were ages 11-13.

That year, the majority of offenses were about marijuana, with eight kids referred. Other offenses in 2023 included assault, arson, criminal mischief, harassment, nicotine and truancy.

The data also lists the communities who referred kids, and Montrose County Sheriff made no referrals during this time; no kids from Montrose County are identified 2021-2023.

In Ouray County, the data

shows Ouray County Sheriff and the Ouray Police made referrals, and 11 kids were in the program.

From San Miguel County, the Telluride Marshal, Norwood Marshal, Mountain Village Police and San Miguel County Sheriff's Office made referrals, and 41 kids were served.

Juvenile Services does rely on donations for many of their programs, and Crank said she was grateful for the support of all communities who contribute.

"It's about giving kids a chance to fix things and get back on the right track," Crank said.

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Tax credits available

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their yearly outages and their impact on food accessibility).”

The CDA also says the tax credit can go for “new or used costly agricultural equipment that will demonstrably and significantly increase retail healthy food access in LILA communities, including but not limited to equipment that is primarily used for planting, harvesting, packing, storing, extending the growing season, raising

food-producing animals, and shipping healthy food. It adds that all farms will need to submit a letter of support from a retailer in order to demonstrate the connection between increasing production and increasing access to a healthy food for a LILA population.”

To receive the tax credit, equipment purchased must help to increase access to, or lower prices for, healthy food in low-income, low-access and underserved areas

of the state. This tax credit is available on a rolling basis through 2030.

Kelley said this year the tax credit is 85 percent, and next year it does move to 75 percent. She said all paperwork to apply for the tax credit should be submitted to the CDA, and officials there decide to approve the tax credit or not.

For more information, or to apply, the public may visit <https://ag.colorado.gov/markets/markets-funding/community-food-access-program>.

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Jaxson Mueller-Schultz, Dawson Winner and Jayton Spor recently shared a campfire meal in the West End.
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Cell tower

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“The cell tower was continued to the December Planning Commission meeting,” she said. “That meeting will be held on Dec.19.”

The next few weeks allow for more pieces of the permitting process to be submitted.

“The Planning Commission members are requiring some more information before they can make suggestions,” Luna said. “One of the items they are requesting more information on is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) report, updated site plan, and coverage maps.”

There is a Zoom recording of

the Nov. 21 meeting: <https://www.montrosecounty.net/177/Agendas-Minutes>. The meeting gives clarity as to items that the Planning Commission requires for their part.

Once the Planning Commission makes their recommendation, they’ll give that to the Montrose Board of County Commissioners. Ultimately, the commissioners will decide whether the Redvale tower is approved.

The landowner, Don Hubbs, shared with the Forum last week that the cell tower will improve cell service for the West End of Montrose County.

“There is a need for the tower, even though we all agree it will change the land’s cosmetic look,” he said.

He added that “research does

not substantiate the claims of (his) neighbors” and that there are other towers in the West End already.

“Why are there so many towers across the country, if they are so hazardous?” he asked. “How many have cell phones that will benefit from the service?”

He said Atlas Tower and government agencies are completing the preliminary studies, and those will show there’s no harm before construction starts.

In the last few weeks, Tina Reed and her family, who are neighbors of the landowner, have expressed opposition.

“We all appreciate the county commissioners bringing the meetings here, so more could attend,” Reed said Monday.

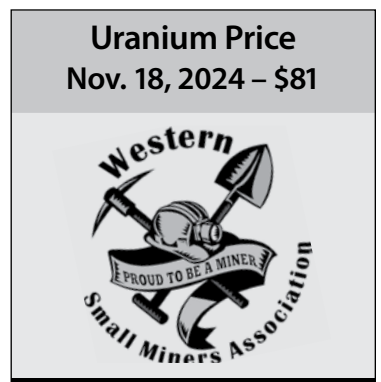


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West End

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brick said. “There were so many cooks in that kitchen.”

Actually, Philbrick admitted she was mostly on the phone, managing the outfit, something different for her, since she’s used to chopping vegetables and running the oven.

She said even though nobody knew how long the large-scale feeding operation would last, nobody ever complained. Volunteers spent 11 full days in Nucla giving the firefighters all they had, until the mission ended on Aug. 15.

They served an average of 600 home-cooked meals daily during the Bucktail Fire, and for as many as 160 people at the height of the crisis.

Philbrick, born and raised in the West End, wasn’t the least surprised at the community’s spirit of giving.

“This town is a family,” she said. “There’s a lot of love.”

She said for illnesses, emergencies or deaths, the West End always comes together and offers support through food, resources and more.

Looking back on the Bucktail Fire, Philbrick said it truly took a team.

“Brittany and I couldn’t have done it ... it took the community to pull it off.”

She’ll always remember certain moments of the Bucktail Fire experience, like husbands helping to load and transport food, and then driving up to the fire site to visit with the crews. Grandkids too, including Doylene Garvey’s, wanted to go out and be of service.

Philbrick recalls before the fire was out, a big rainstorm rolled in, with the wind blowing sideways. The food tent canopies had become unstable, and one firefighter stood for a solid hour, holding the structure in place, so that volunteers could continue to feed everyone.

There were the also the BLM higher-ups, two men who refused to take a plate, until all of their firefighters had been fed. Philbrick said regardless, though, even if the volunteers seemed to be short on food, there was always enough. Nobody left hungry.

Tonya Stephens, local EMT, was one of the first cooks for the Bucktail Fire. She worked the first five days of volunteer food ser-

vice, before Saucy Mama’s took over. Stephens said from the start, people baked hundreds of cookies, donated their fresh eggs, or gave fruit from their trees.

Stephens said instrumental in the greater effort — though the list could go on and on — were Laura Denney, Emily Mock, Doylene Garvey, Tina Carver, Keila Carver, Sue Case, Vicki Allen, Danielle Reyes-Acosta, John Reed, Danielle Pond, Miranda Fengel, Joanne Evans, Vicki Garber — and, of course, Philbrick and Berry.

Even businesses, like Family Market of Naturita, Clark’s Market of Norwood, Timberline Ace Hardware, Backcountry Catering, Dark Sky Pie and Wild Gal’s Market all helped out.

Stephens agrees with Philbrick. When tragedy befalls those in the West End, the helpers rush in to see what they can do.

“This community just bonds together and gets things done when the need arises, and it’s amazing,” Stephens said. “I am proud of this community ... for the resilience and the tenacity, for coming together, whatever differences that might be. When something needs to happen, it happens.”



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Forrest Richard Herring

Jan. 7, 1955 - Nov. 17, 2024



Forrest Herring.

Forrest Richard Herring, age 69 and of Nucla, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17.

Forrest was born on Jan. 7, 1955, in Elkhart, Kansas, to Frank James Herring and Velma Sue Kennedy. He spent his childhood in Nucla, graduating from Nucla High School in 1974, and also lived in Uravan and Naturita.

Forrest married Evelyn Wescoat on July 26, 1974, in Naturita. He was a member of the 10 Ring Gun Club and Tabaguache Archers. Forrest

worked as a geologist for Union Carbide and was the owner of "The Mustang" and "Yellow Rock Cafe." He also served as the manager of the Family Market.

Forrest had a deep love for the outdoors, enjoying fishing and hunting. His other hobbies included photography, traveling and exploring new places. He was dedicated to his community and cherished the people in it.

Forrest is preceded in death by his father, James Herring.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; his daughters, Charlotte Blevins (George) and Caryn Herring-Flores (George); his mother, Sue Herring; his sisters, Jimmie Sue Neely and Pam Marshall; granddaughters, Dahlia Gallegos (Kyson) and Olivia Gallegos; and two and one half great-grandchildren.

Above all, Forrest cherished his family, especially his daughters, and was incredibly proud of all his girls.

West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

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

11/1/2024

0755 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for a civil matter.

1106 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of 25 Mesa Road near Nucla for an agency assist.

1140 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a fraud report.

1147 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Maple Street and Lake Avenue in Naturita for an animal problem.

1300 Hours Deputy conducted an agency assist in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.

1610 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

1618 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35000 block of 3575 Road near Redvale for a traffic complaint.

2149 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the intersection of Main Street and West Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a traffic hazard.

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

11/2/2024

1407 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for an animal problem.

2110 Hours - Deputy conducted a security check in the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla.

2351 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Grape Street in Nucla for a suspicious vehicle.

1 follow up report
2 directed patrols in Nucla
1 directed patrol in County
1 directed patrol in Naturita

11/3/2024

0725 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Adams Street in Naturita to relay a message.

0902 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29100 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for an animal problem.

1528 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview at the intersection of DD Road and Highway 97 near Nucla.

1602 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to 25 Mesa Road mm 21 near Nucla for an accident.

2103 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35100 block of 3590 Road near Redvale for a fire.

1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in County

11/4/2024

1133 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

1510 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a civil matter.

1755 Hours - Tyler Weimer, 25, was contacted at the intersection of Highway 97 and Main Street and issued a warning for no tail-lights.

2010 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 12 near Bedrock for a motorist assist.

2119 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a noise complaint.

2203 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28500 block of 2900 Road near Nucla for a welfare check.

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

11/5/2024

0558 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a 911.

0638 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 70 near Naturita for a suspicious vehicle.

0849 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27000 block of 25 Mesa Road near Nucla for a welfare check.

1020 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a parking problem.

1442 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a welfare check.

1639 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview in the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita.

1644 Hours - Donald Colbert, 51, was contacted at the intersection of West Tenth Avenue and Lincoln Street in Nucla and cited for speeding.

1736 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 70

near Naturita for a suspicious vehicle.

1809 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 105 near Norwood for a motorist assist.

1831 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 115 near Redvale for a motorist assist.

1858 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Juniper Street and West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for an animal problem.

2001 Hours - Deputy conducted an agency assist in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.
1 VIN inspection
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 civil process attempted/served

11/6/2024

1025 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 400 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita.

1637 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla to relay a message.

1648 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a civil matter.

1654 Hours - Deputy took an information report at the intersection of Highway 141 and Highway 90 near Naturita.

1727 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 69 near Naturita for a motorist assist.
1 directed patrol in Nucla
2 civil processes attempted/served

WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS Breakfast Menu

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Monday, Dec. 2

Whipped Cream Cheese, Fruit Toast, Milk, and Juice

Tuesday, Dec. 3

French Toast, Mixed Fruit, Milk, and Juice

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Smoothie, Graham Crackers, Milk, and Juice

Thursday, Dec. 5

English Muffin, Cheese, Pears, Milk, and Juice

Friday, Dec. 6

Cook's Choice, Milk, and Juice

WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS Lunch Menu

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Monday, Dec. 2

Grilled Chicken Bacon Sandwich, Fries, Salad Bar, and Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Soft Taco, Meat & Beans, Chips, Salad Bar, and Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Spaghetti, Roll, Salad Bar, and Milk

Thursday, Dec. 5

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Friday, Dec. 6

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600-700# STEERS	2.58-2.70	600-700# HEIFERS	2.38-2.52
700-800# STEERS	2.33-2.51	700-800# HEIFERS	2.20-2.35
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NEXT WEEK - NO SALE - THANKSGIVING WEEK

UP COMING SALES:

Thursday, November 28th - NO SALE - THANKSGIVING WEEK

Thursday, December 5th - Special Bred Cow Sale - over 150 bred cows consigned - please have cows in to preg check by 12PM Tues. Dec. 3rd

34 bred heifers, 50 bred running age cows from Ridgway, 40 bred running age cows from Montrose, 35 bred running age cows from Crawford, 50 mix calves from Eagle.

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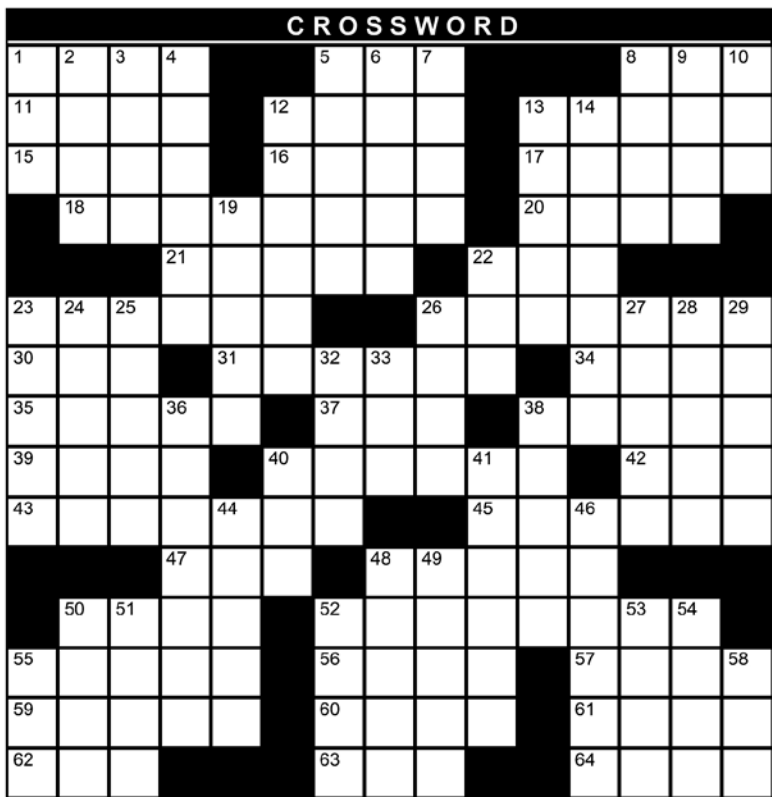
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THEME: SPORTS

ACROSS

1. Combat vehicle
5. Semi

8. *Biathlon gear, sing.
11. Keiko of "Free Willy"
12. *Ashi Waza and jugodi sport
13. Audience's approval
15. Tandoori bread



16. Ned Stark's daughter, "Game of Thrones"
17. Röntgen beams
18. *Warning track sport
20. Monetary "thank you," pl.
21. Indigo dye shrubs
22. "Arabian Nights" bird
23. Destroyer
26. Danced to certain Polish music
30. Crematorium container
31. One without magic powers in Harry Potter stories
34. Largest volcano in Europe
35. Do nothing (2 words)
37. Singer Yoko
38. Be at the helm
39. Tropical tuber
40. *Player who delivers in a crucial sports moment
42. Recipe qty.
43. Display proudly (2 words)
45. Smells
47. Lake, in France
48. Clean a spill (2 words)
50. #8 Across, pl.
52. *Cornerback and direct snap sport
55. Russian pancake
56. Pasta option
57. Go cold turkey
59. *Reward for multiple sports championships, pl.
60. "Breaking Bad" victim
61. The Beehive State

62. King Kong, e.g.
63. Type of lightbulb, acr.
64. Spooky

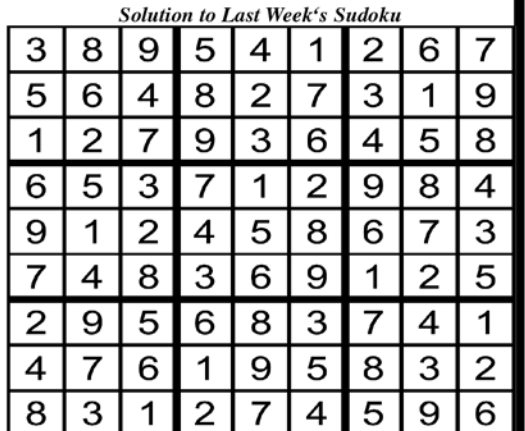
- DOWN**
1. Boatload
2. Riyadh native
3. *Collegiate sports grp.
4. Topeka native
5. Not urban
6. Short poems of pastoral life
7. *Hockey score
8. *Powerful shot in hockey
9. 11th letter of Roman alphabet, pl.
10. Elvis' "___ Now or Never"
12. White and black stork
13. Glorify
14. *Gully and deep mid-wicket sport
19. Foe
22. Fish eggs
23. Corrodes
24. Heap of "David Copperfield"
25. Preface
26. Scheme
27. Mr. T's TV show "The ___"
28. Olden days constipation treatment
29. *Bag of nails and baby ton sport
32. *Eagle and mulligan sport
33. African migrator
36. *Turkey and split sport
38. Woody perennial

41. He gets a flag?
44. Reprive in a desert
46. Not light-transmitting
48. Dots and dashes
49. Did like goo
50. Women's under-skirt
51. Plural of cow, arch.
52. *Sports transgression
53. Plucked string instrument
54. Pinocchio, e.g.
55. Type of undergarment
58. Olden day "your"

Solution to Last Week's Crossword



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YOUTH

Mustangs on the court



Upper left: Mustang cheerleaders, through Montrose West Recreation, hype the crowd for middle school basketball.

Above: Nucla's No. 11 Xaden Caruso takes his shot against Mancos.

Left: Ani Anton, Viviana Zunich, RyLee Rankins, Ashlee Meeks, Kyra Redd, Skylee Vose, Alexis Eggen and Sydney Tomlinson participate in senior night for Mustang volleyball. (Photos by Brandie McCabe)

YOUTH VOICES IN THE SAN MIGUEL WATERSHED

The future of Norwood High School

By CADENCE SHAW, *Forum intern*

The vote to build a new school here in Norwood has been denied, which is terrible news for staff and students. I am senior in Norwood and have been going to Norwood School since I was in infant care in the pre-school building.

When I was younger, I didn't realize the problems that our school has had to endure, but as I have grown up, I've begun to see all the issues that Norwood students have to deal with.

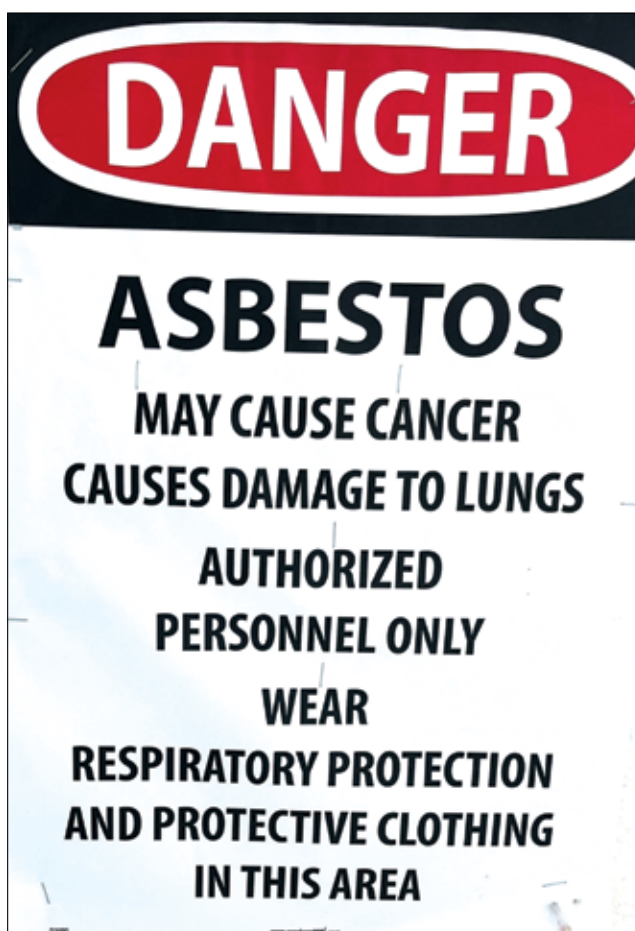
I walk down the hallway and look up to see a hole in the ceiling that is dripping down water from the prior night's rain or snowstorm. I go to my first hour class, and it's 60 degrees in the classroom. My peers and I huddle around the tiny space heater for warmth, but sometimes the space heaters blow a breaker in the wall, because of the outdated electricity. Now we are stuck trying to learn with no heat — and no lights some days.

Norwood now has had to tackle another facility problem. The school has been undergoing asbestos mitigation in multiple areas of the school. Recently, the gym was closed off for the asbestos removal, meaning that students were not able to use the space for sports, P.E., or even to walk down the hallway. There were workers constantly in and out of the building during school hours.

So why have I stayed enrolled in Norwood, knowing the facility was old and falling apart? Because I believe that Norwood offered the best education and the best opportunity to be successful after I graduate by preparing me for college. I believe that our staff really do believe in students and will help them be successful, if they ask for help.

Now, I will graduate in the spring, but I can't help feeling a little nervous about the future of Norwood School. I say this also because our academic guidance counselor Rick Williams will retire in the spring of 2025. This is devastating news for the rest of the high school.

Over the years, Mr. Williams has helped high school seniors to the path beyond high school. Throughout the 10 years that



This sign has hung in Norwood High School, warning people of the dangers inside. (Photo by Cadence Shaw)

he's worked in Norwood, he's helped students achieve opportunities including attending colleges, trade schools, military and the workforce. During his tenure, students in Norwood have earned an excess of \$18 million dollars in scholarship and

grants, and 70 percent of Norwood students do attend post-secondary schooling or military service.

There has been no difference this year. Already, he's helped the senior class of seven students earn \$831,808 in scholarship and merit money, without most of the scholarships even being released yet.

With rumors of other teachers leaving, I am concerned for Norwood, and students are leaving now more than ever before. Since the new Nucla school was built, multiple students have transferred there, and others have thought about going.

Many students who live in Norwood already go to school in Telluride.

Norwood has had administrative turnover as well. Now our new administration is trying to get the school into the best shape possible. I interviewed new principal Malisha Reed, who came to Norwood after working as a secondary principal at Nucla High School. When asked about Norwood's three-to-five year plan, she replied that the Norwood School board has voted to pursue the BEST Grant again this year.

She said "no" is not always a bad thing, and that sometimes it can be powerful to get motivation and people involved. She said what we are looking at now is how we can look at this master plan, in not only the facility in the next two to five years, but the program we have here at the school.

"My goal is for the school to continue offering the programming we have and also bring in other things to help prepare kids for their future and to give them experience they might not get elsewhere, and make sure we meet the needs of our students," Mrs. Reed said.

She also stated that in the start of December and January, she will start the teacher recruitment process by reaching out to colleges and universities.

As a student who is starting a new journey beyond high school, I will keep a close eye on Norwood to see how they will solve these underlying issues.