

San Miguel Basin Forum

AGRICULTURE

CSU- Extension Office announces programs

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Representatives of the Colorado State University-Extension Office have announced a range of programming over the next few weeks, much of it dealing with agriculture and food.

The CSU-Extension Office announced it also has an interim director, after Yvette Henson quietly retired from the organization after years of service. Gus Westerman, who is already the CSU-Extension Office director in Dove Creek, has been welcomed into the office for the time being. Representatives said he focuses on agriculture, community development and 4-H, plus works with local producers.

A meet-and-greet event with Westerman happens on Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Norwood.

Also upcoming is a forum held in partnership with the USDA called "Financial Strategies for Managing Risk on your Farm or Ranch," and it's sponsored by the Dove Creek Conservation District, but all in the area are welcome to attend. The meeting happens on Dec. 6 at the Dolores County Public Service Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Westerman will speak, as will other experts in insurance and various USDA programs.

Chili and cornbread will be served for lunch. Those who wish to attend should text "farm" to 970-676-8099. There will drawings for giveaway prizes too.

Additionally, there's a free webinar available Dec. 11 at noon called "Plant Talk Colorado." The session will discuss newest gardening myths, what the facts are and how to avoid misconceptions. The talk is led by Alison O'Connor of the Larimer County CSU-Extension Office. To register for the Zoom session, guests may visit the following webpage: zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN_FoBOILfNRK_m_zyq_OzUW-w#/registration.

There's a Western Colorado Soil Health, Food and Farm Forum happening too Jan. 24-25 in Montrose at the Montrose Pavillion. Keynote speakers are Jeanne Carver, the founder and president of Shaniko Wool Company, and also Nicole R. Masters, the founder of Integrity Soils, Inc.

There are workshops available on things like "Mastering Food and Ag Grant Proposals," "Engine Essentials: Guide to Repair and Maintenance," "Disruption with

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WEST END

Local holidays, cows missing, election is Dec. 10

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

With Thanksgiving over, the Nucla-Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce is ready for the West End's local holiday event. Elfin Eve happens Dec. 5 this year.

Traditionally, Elfin Eve is an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their goods and services, but also for patrons to shop local, supporting small businesses in the West End.

The Dec. 5 event happens from 5 to 8 p.m., and many businesses that participate will offer activi-

ties like cookie decorating, music and snacks. Others will have discounts, grab bags, giveaways and drawings.

The Parade of Lights happens the same night, and those who wish to enter are asked to do so by Dec. 3. The theme for 2024 is "Christmas Movies." Registration happens online or through the West End Visitor's Center, located at 230 W. Main in Naturita.

Parade lineup is at 5 p.m., and start time is at dark at the Visitor's Center and ending in Nucla.

Prizes will be given, but entrants must be present to win. Awards will go to the best for private/

family float, club/group, and also local government or business.

Noel Night in Norwood is Dec. 6

Similarly, Norwood's celebration, Noel Night, is Dec. 6, the following night. Hay rides begin at 4 p.m., and so does the holiday bazaar in the old hardware store building. The Norwood Chamber of Commerce of Wright's Mesa has thanked Demian Brooks for use of the space. Vendors will be set up with their wares, and cookie decorating happens there too.

The Norwood Parade of Lights happens at 5:45; parade at 6:15

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POLITICS

Larry Don Suckla already at work

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Nearly one month after Larry Don Suckla won the November election when he ran against Kathleen Curry for House Seat 58, the Forum asked how the outcome felt.

"It feels a lot better than losing," Suckla said Nov. 26.

For him, the work has already begun.

"Yes, ma'am. I've been up there once last week, in fact, for the first training. I go back Dec. 4, 5 and 6 for the second training," he said, "and I've already been in trouble ... the first five minutes when I walked in."

Suckla didn't know he couldn't wear a cowboy hat in the Colorado Supreme Court Chambers; he also didn't know denim wasn't permitted in session.

Having been raised in the local area, he's had a presence in the West End. The Forum asked if he would continue that, and he agreed he would.

"I want to go to the senior center and have another lunch," Suckla said. "I was treated very well there. ... Those are down-to-earth people, and that's who I am. You will see me."

He's not sure of his schedule just yet. He knows the first month or so is slow, except for committee meetings. He'll be in session most mornings in the beginning, but later that can go until 2 or 3 a.m. The first five months will be intense, he said.

He admitted there are parts of living in Denver that will be a challenge. He's had to rent an apartment, but selected one within walking distance. And, he won't see a horse or a cow for some time. His plan is to come home on the weekends, but he said realistically if he can get home twice a month, that will be good.

He just spent the weekend in Gypsum Valley on his family ranch and thought about what he was sacrificing to serve. Still, he'll have more freedom later, after the initial work is done.

"After (the beginning), I will spend time in the eight counties, learning more about them, so I can help the people better," he said.

Suckla thanks all that voted for him.

"You never know if you're going to win or lose, and I'm really appreciative of the people that believe in me," he said.

He said he made a promise to voters and himself: "to represent the people, and not the government." He wants to be held accountable if he breaks that promise, he said.

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Gathering together

As many as 75 people attended the community Thanksgiving dinner in Nucla at the Fire House Nov. 28, some dining in and others taking food to go. (Photo by Tonya Stephens)

EDUCATION

True North hosts expert journalists in Nucla

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

True North Youth Program, a nonprofit working in the West End, Norwood and Telluride, is helping students with a variety of projects, from scholarship applications to college readiness, social-emotional wellness and more. Now, the nonprofit is gearing up for its second annual publication of West End youth magazine The San Miguel Current.

The Current features the writings and art of local youth, specifically from Norwood and Nucla high schools. Last year, to support

the work, professional journalists George Lewis and Judy Muller gave a workshop at Nucla High School. The pair just returned Nov. 21 for a second time, since the story pitches and art are due by Dec. 13 for this year's edition.

The recent session was called "How to Hook Your Audience with Compelling Stories: Writing for Print." They worked inside Ms. (Megan) Urban's English Language Arts classes, specifically with upperclassmen.

Muller's brother, the late John Mansfield, was one of the founding board members of True North Youth Program, and executive

director Vivian Russell told the Forum she was honored to have the expert journalists giving their talks with students.

She said the collaboration is special, and they've assisted high school editor Cadence Shaw with learning different aspects of her job, and they've been guides for True North in the greater publishing process.

"They've been great supports for The San Miguel Current," Russell said. "We knew they had this talent, we wanted to bring that into the San Miguel Current, and we brought them into the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Safety isn't just for the holidays

Dear Community,

On the 22nd of November, my family and I experienced a property fire. It definitely could have been worse than it was, if not for the first-responders that came to our rescue.

First on sight were the Montrose County Sheriff Deputies, followed closely by our EMS team and then two NNFD trucks. On their heels came SMPA and a member from Black Hills Gas to make sure nothing else could join in the fray. My heartfelt thanks for the quick response of these wonderful people. The deputies pulled my small cargo trailer out of the way, or it would have burned to the ground.

The next morning, the recovery work began. The wood needed to be moved away from the garage, so that the damage could be assessed more easily. I would like to thank all of those people that stopped by and helped me clear all of that away from the garage. Without you, it would have certainly taken me a day or two. The burned insulation was pulled out of the garage and items moved outside to start drying. Damaged items were put into a trailer to be taken to the dump, pretty close to five yards worth. That trailer was full.

A fire started next to my wood pile, which was stacked next to the garage. Well, stacked next to the wood pile were my spare propane tanks. You see, over time I would move things around and wound up stacking more combustibles around those propane tanks. So, once the wood scraps caught on fire, it heated up the propane tank, which luckily the relief valve opened letting the propane out in a stream. This effectively turned it into a blow torch. These valves are designed that way, so as to prevent the actual tank from exploding. As the fire progressed, three other tanks joined the inferno.

So now with four tanks of propane going, a stack of wood four cords deep, the side of the garage didn't stand a chance. Of course, garages in Colorado are for storing everything except for cars — right? The fire department gained access to the inside of the garage, and as stacked full of crap that it was, were as careful as they could be to not cause further damage

than necessary. They carefully pulled down smoldering insulation to spray water onto the wooden part of the building. They used a thermal reader to identify the hot spots, making sure to keep the water on them until they cooled off. Paying attention to the jets of spray, the water damage was kept minimal. Thankfully, the garage was a metal frame and not made of wood. A wooden one would have put all the homecoming bonfires to shame.

Lesson learned. Don't stack combustibles around a fuel source. It seems we all have done it one time or another. As you look around your home, pay attention to things that just don't look right. Take the time right then to make it safer. Don't keep putting it off.

Propane should not be kept inside a building and should be separated from other sources of fuel, i.e. gas, diesel, wood piles, by at least 100 feet. If you burn wood for alternative heating, make sure you clean out your stove pipes from built up creosote. Creosote is the unburned particles that stick to the side of the pipes when the fire is not hot enough to burn everything. However, once this creosote builds up on the side of your pipes and your stove does happen to overheat, it will ignite and cause a chimney fire right through your roof or wall of the house. When you're disposing of your ashes from that heat source, be aware that there could still be live coals present, and make sure you are not dumping them near a fuel source. To be extra cautious, it is even recommended to douse any embers at that time. No loss of life happened here, and we thank the good Lord for that.

Things can be rebuilt, repaired or replaced; loved ones cannot. So, stop, look and listen to that inner voice telling you something is not right. Safety isn't just for the holidays. It's for everyday. Fire has no feeling or thought and can start at any time as long as there is fuel, air and heat.

Again, thank you to this wonderful community for all of your thoughts, concerns, prayers and contributions!

John Reed
NUCLA



This image shows the Reed's property fire. (Courtesy image)

History: Rimrocker Historical Society The Williams Store in Naturita

By JANE THOMPSON, Rimrocker Historical Society



This vintage photo has the following written on the back of it: "First store in Naturita started by John Williams in April 1912. Driver of 1914 Buick is Mae Williams and Rose Rice Johannsen. John and William in the back seat."

(Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

There is not a lot of information about what kind of stores there were in Naturita in the early days of that town. Rockwood Blake seemed to have some things for the miners to purchase. The Warner family had the post office in their large two-story building and possibly some goods for purchase. I'm sure there is somebody out there who knows, and perhaps I'll find more in my searches of the old newspapers. We do know about the Williams Store in Naturita and have some fine pictures of it, so I would like to share the short story of what I've gathered from the newspapers.

In April of 1912, John C. Williams, of Norwood, signed the contract to have a store building built in Naturita. His plan was to have a full stock of merchandise for sale. His brother William W. Williams, Jr. was to be his partner. By early June, Johnnie, as he was called, was very ill and was not expected to live long. Drs. Hadley and Bollinger both took care of him, and by the end of June, he was better.

The June 27 Montrose Enterprise said, "John C. Williams was in Redvale Tuesday, on the way to Naturita with a load of merchandise for his store at that place. The Naturita store will carry a complete line of staple articles and will no doubt have a large patronage."

In another section of the same issue of the paper it states: "John C. Williams who has been quite ill for some time past is about again, a fact that his friends, and there are many of them, will be glad to know."

Other articles talked about how

Johnnie had suffered with heart trouble for many years, but it sounds as if he didn't let that slow him down, and he pushed forward with his plans for the store.

John C. Williams was the youngest son of William W. Williams, one of the early settlers of the Norwood and Redvale area. William, Sr. was also the father of William, Jr., plus Roger, David, Benjamin and a daughter, Mrs. A. C. McKee.

Johnnie and William's store was very successful by all accounts. By 1913 they had built a warehouse addition on the east side of the store and an addition on the rear of the store. Some credited the success of the store to advertising. The Williams Bros. ran many different advertisements in the local newspapers from Naturita to Telluride:

"For High-Class, Genuine Navajo Blankets, or Tents, or Camp Supplies, all of Highest Grade and Quality, go to the Naturita Store. We can't be beaten anywhere on Earth."

"The Naturita Store is prepared to furnish prospecting parties with complete outfits; Tents, Tarps, Powder, Pack Saddles, Grub, etc. In fact, we carry anything that could be used in a Prospecting outfit; and every article in the list the best that can be bought for money."

"Williams Bros. will fit you out complete for a prospecting trip. Everything from a Burro at the start, to a Location Certificate when you return. Waterbags, Panniers, Tents, Grub; Everything at the Naturita Store."

It appears the store was doing

a great business, and Johnny with the help of his brother, William, kept it going and prospered. But, Johnny was sick much of those years, going to Denver for treatments and even to California for a time to improve his health. He seemed to always bounce back and then have these recurring spells of illness. Johnny finally passed in early October of 1915. He had never married, but from all accounts was very close to his family. He was buried in the Norwood Cemetery.

Always advertising, after John's death, in the Dec. 13, 1915 issue of the Enterprise: "The Naturita Store has a beautiful line of glass and chinaware and Christmas notions, just received and unpacked."

In January of 1916, a deal was made between William Williams and A. R. Payson, John Blake and W. R. Jones for the Williams Store. Payson, Blake and Jones as the new owners would name the store the Naturita Store Co.

The short, four-year run of the Williams Store was a success story to be sure, on the part of a young man who was determined to make it a success and never let life slow him down, and a family who helped him achieve his dream. The Williams Store in Naturita sat in the exact site of where The Yellow Rock Café building is now. The original building burned many years later. That's another story for another day ...

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

Author's note: The museum will be open during the Elfin Eve festivities. Stop in and say hello!

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Larry Don Suckla

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He said that philosophy served him well in working as a county commissioner, and he never lost track of who his “boss” was, the people. He said it’s easy for politicians to change their thinking as time goes on.

“This going to be a challenge,” he said, “but I stayed true to my word

as a commissioner, and I think I can do it again.”

He added he’s met the majority in the capitol, including the new 17 voted in, and he said they are “some very good people.”

“I’m very excited about serving with them,” he said.

And, he said he learned that each Colorado Representative has their own lawyer, and the lawyer picks

the representative — not the other way around. Suckla said he was chosen by a lawyer whose wife is from Dove Creek, and he hunts every year at the Lone Cone.

“What that tells me is he has a vested interest in our community,” he said. “That’s a good thing.”

Suckla said he will stay in touch with the Forum and plans to update his constituents soon.

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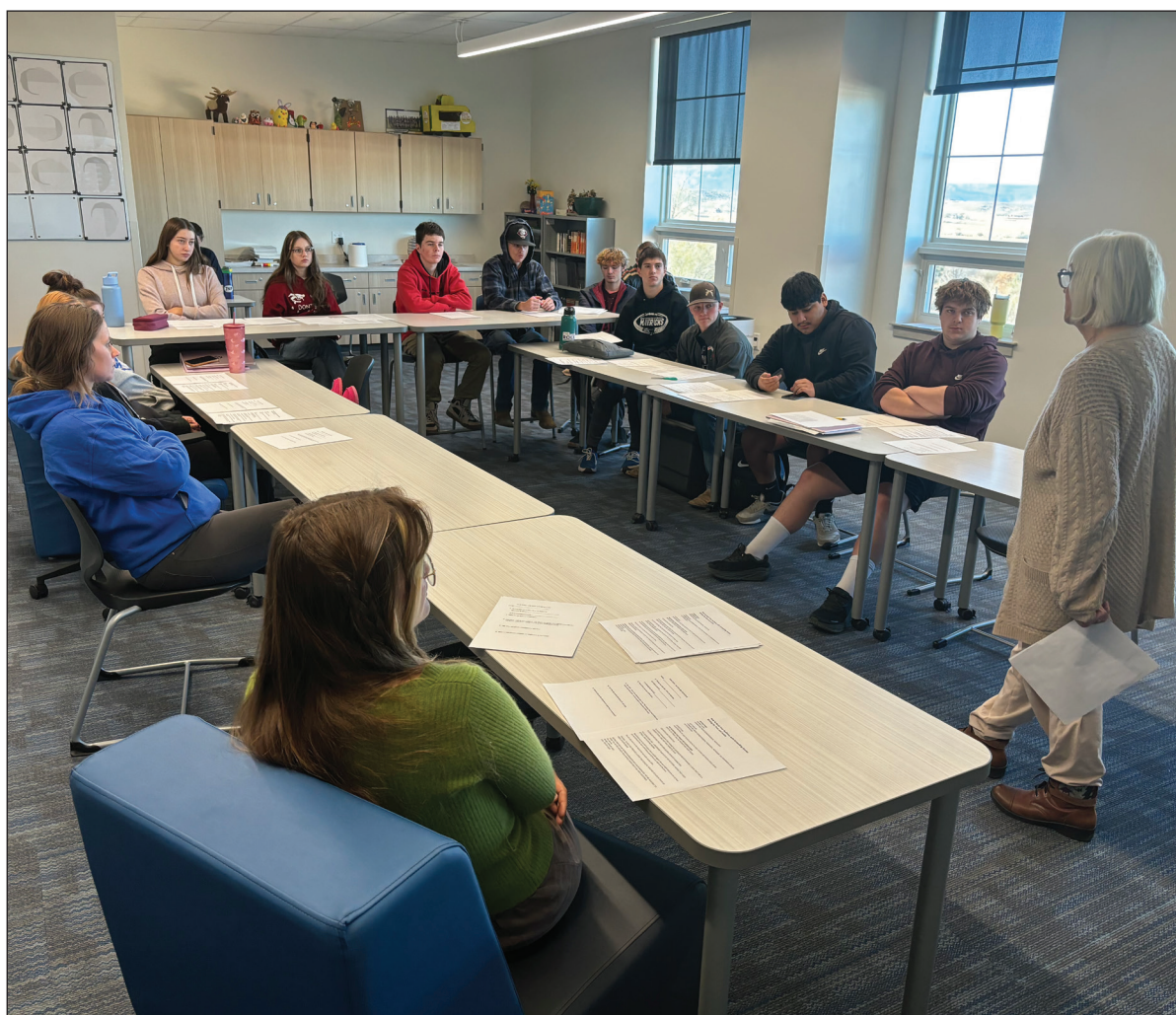
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Judy Muller teaches journalism through a workshop at Nucla High School. (Courtesy image)

True North hosts journalists

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schools,” she said.

Muller and Lewis are set to go into Norwood High School before the winter break too, on Dec. 5.

“We will do the same things with them,” Muller said.

She’s providing class assignments for teens to do, but she said the real focus is on getting them to understand there are stories all around them.

“Nobody thinks there’s a story that’s interesting where they live,” Muller told the Forum, “but people outside of a town like this might.”

She showed Nucla students a TV piece she did more than 15 years ago that featured Ethon Case in the mutton bustin’. She said it appeared on ABC World

News Tonight, and people in the city, who’d never heard of mutton bustin’ — and much less had seen a rodeo — really enjoyed it. She wants to inspire students to tell the stories of their own community.

With the deadline for student submissions coming right up, Russell hopes youth will consider sending in their work: poetry, personal essays, art and more. The next few months will focus on editing The San Miguel Current, plus laying it all out and getting it ready for press.

Lewis was a correspondent for 42 years with NBC News. He retired from the network in 2012 and is now working on a podcast with Muller for Telluride Science called “Straight Up.”

Muller is an award-winning broadcast journalist who worked

at CBS and ABC News. She’s also an author and a professor emerita of broadcast journalism, who taught at University of Southern California’s Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism for 15 years.

To learn more about The San Miguel Current, or to submit student writing, art, poetry and journalism pieces, the public is invited to visit www.thesanmiguelcurrent.org.

Lewis and Muller agreed the work True North Youth Program does is excellent.

“We love what they’re doing,” Muller said. “They’re one of the most successful youth organizations I’ve seen.”

“Vivian is a dynamo,” Lewis said. “She’s amazing.”

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Basketball season opens

The Lady Mustangs, a combined team of Nucla and Norwood students and coached by Stan Galley, won over Mancos Dec. 2. The boys team, also a combined team, lost by 2 points. (Photo courtesy of Brandie McCabe)



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p.m. Prizes will be awarded for best floats in the youth, individual, business float and also best decorated business.

Stargazing will also be possible, courtesy of the Norwood Dark Sky Advocates, who will have a booth set up at Lone Cone Saloon. And, Katie Alexander asks all kids to watch out for two stuffed animals, in the form of the “Grinch” and “Max, the Dog.” Children who find the animals should find her or Santa Claus for a reward.

Cows went missing

The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) announced missing cows, or what could

be stolen cows, in San Miguel County, including 26 mixed calves and three black cows. The livestock were last seen in Sanborn Park, 30 miles southwest of Montrose, and right outside of Norwood, in mid-October. Authorities said the 600-650 pound calves and running-age cows had the IS brand with an underlined “S” on the left hind.

Anyone with information is asked to call 970-729-0966 or 303-869-9160 with information. There were also missing cattle in Yuma County, CDA representatives said.

Election happens in Norwood

The Town of Norwood will have an election on Dec. 10 with voting happening at Norwood

Town Hall. The election is to put into office a town trustee, after Morgan Rummel vacated his seat earlier this fall. It’s also to see if voters wish to recall Norwood Mayor Candy Meehan.

Absentee ballots can be requested, but those must be returned by Dec. 5 and ballots have to be back by 7 p.m. on the election date. Anyone who needs an absentee ballot should see Town Clerk Amanda Pierce.

Pierce told the Forum that there are 418 registered voters in the Town of Norwood. She said the majority rules, but “there is a requirement for how close it is.” She said the town would have to do a recount, depending on how close the recall election is.



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Anyone with questions or who’d like to attend should visit the webpage soilfoodfarm.org/?source=sscampaigs&ss_email_id=67226673427f174512dda874.

There’s also a phone number, 970-249-0705, and an email address, foodfarmforum@gmail.com, for additional contact information.

There are digital options available for those who’d like to access the material of the conference

from a remote location.

And, an area women’s conference is happening again, Annie’s Project: Empowering Women in Agriculture. Held at the Dolores County Community Center Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, the conference is for ladies to meet others in the field of agriculture, but to also work on business management skills, plus learn more about estate planning, marketing, leasing, insurance, legal concerns and human resources.

Childcare stipends are available, meals are included, and some scholarships are possible too. To learn more, or to register, women may access the site 970tix.com/events/2025-annies-project-montezuma-county-1-30-2025.

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Tuesday, Dec. 10
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Wednesday, Dec. 11
 Oatmeal Round, Peaches, Milk, and Juice

Thursday, Dec. 12
 Granola, Pears, Yogurt, Milk, and Juice

WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lunch Menu
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Monday, Dec. 9
 Sloppy Joe, Bun, Baked Beans, Salad Bar, and Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 10
 Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Salad Bar, and Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 11
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Thursday, Dec. 12
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West End Montrose County Sheriff's Office Blotter

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 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
11/7/2024
 0953 Hours - Deputy took an

information report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.
 1118 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 70 near Naturita for a motorist assist.
 1 directed patrol in Nucla
11/8/2024
 1325 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 58 near Naturita for a traffic hazard.
 1439 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 block of Lookout Drive in Naturita for a medical assist.
 1557 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for an information report.
 2022 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Montana Way in Nucla for an information report.
 3 VIN inspections
 1 directed patrol in Nucla
11/9/2024
 1107 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Montana Way in Nucla for a medical assist.
 1550 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Second Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.
 1622 Hours - Ralph Tapia, 51, was contacted in the 300 block of Kelley Street in Naturita and cited for failing to provide proof of insurance and expired temporary permit.
 2021 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 145 near Redvale for an agency assist. Elizabeth Nephew, 44, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, criminal impersonation, reckless driving, driving under the influence, obstruction, driving under restraint, speeding, careless driving, and open container.
 1 directed patrol in Nucla
11/10/2024
 1644 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a criminal mischief report.
 1818 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Second Street in Naturita for a trespassing report.
 1828 Hours - A juvenile was contacted in the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.
 1 directed patrol in Nucla
 2 directed patrols in County
 1 directed patrol in Naturita
11/11/2024
 0517 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.
 0957 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 9000 block of Highway 90 near Bedrock for an information report.
 1243 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28600 block of DD Road near Nucla for a medical assist.
 1347 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29600 block of DD31 Trail near Nucla for a welfare check.
 1 follow up report
 3 directed patrols in County
 1 directed patrol in Naturita

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AA MEETING

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Medium cows	1.05-1.18	Low-yielding cows	1.00 Below

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 ridgeway, 40 bred running age cows from Montrose, 35 bred running age cows from Crawford, 50 mix calves from Eagle.

Saturday, December 7th - Horse Sale - 10 riding geldings and mares consigned.

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

Fun Corner

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: HAPPY HOLIDAYS

ACROSS

- F. unit of electrical capacity
- *Buche de Noël, e.g.

- What influencers do?
- Yemeni's neighbor
- Another word for Tokyo
- Singer Ross of "Where Did Our Love Go" fame

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- Laundry room fire hazard, pl.
- Much of it about nothing?
- Furnish with a fund
- *"A Bad Moms Christmas" actress Bell
- *Tiny Tim creator
- Tibetan ox
- Khrushchev's domain
- *Goo on real Christmas tree
- Sketch
- *Poinsettia's motherland
- "_____ Good Men", movie
- Brussels' org.
- Plant fungus
- Reluctant
- Klutzy
- *"It's beginning to look _____ like..."
- Domains
- Bog down
- Oxen connector
- Under epidermis
- Mums' mums
- Over, poetically
- Alleviate
- _____ Mahal
- *Tanne in "O Tannenbaum" (2 words)
- *It is feliz to Feliciano
- Radioshow host: "Hello, you're _____"
- Knot-tying vow (2 words)
- Dispatch boat
- Carthage's ancient neighbor
- *Egg_____

- Oil lamp dweller
- Fishing poles
- Bigheadedness
- Painter Degas

DOWN

- Lore people
- Mideast ruler
- Hindu princess
- Jittery
- Farthest from point of origin
- Ground beef description
- Like Lemmon and Matthau together
- Merchandise
- Swim's alternative
- Dwyane, once of Miami Heat
- Any day now, to Shakespeare
- Swerves
- King's order
- Increasing
- Philosophy ending
- Undo, as in strings
- Green side
- Before, in the olden days
- J.M. Barrie's Pan
- "Howdy, _____!"
- Internal picture
- Meltable home
- Singer Sam of "Twistin' the Night Away" fame
- Weasel's aquatic cousin
- *"Last Christmas" band, with !
- Edible pod
- Busybody, in Yiddish
- Mountain range
- Certain fraternity house letters
- Cruel

- Èle de la CitÈ es
- Not happening (2 words)
- Minor bumper damage
- "Heat of the Moment" band
- Opposite of talker?
- *The Grinch's Max
- Habitual twitch-

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Solution to Last Week's Sudoku

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All-Conference honors given

The San Juan Basin League recognized Mustang volleyball player Lantry Galley. She was named All Conference Honorable Mention recently for her fall season. (Courtesy image)



Top left: Layton Harrigan holds up his beverage in a toast to family.

Top right: Aniyah Gillaspy makes a pie.

Middle left: Seasoned turkey hunter Locklyn Galley gets another bird.

Middle right: Corbyn and Rynn Reams cut down a Christmas tree.

Bottom left: Mylee Snyder and mom Heather go out hunting.

Bottom right: Raylynn Forbes loves a snow day. (Courtesy images)