

San Miguel Basin Forum

HEALTH CARE

SMC revamps mental health plan

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Grace Franklin, public health director for San Miguel County, confirmed with the Forum that the county is upgrading its behavioral health strategic plan. The work is only to see what needs to be improved and how citizens may be better served.

Franklin shared that previously there was a behavioral health collaborative, a small group in the county, that had developed a strategic plan for supporting mental health. That work was initially done in 2016 and continued through 2019. That plan helped with some grants and then the mill levy that passed, the behavioral health fund which supports counseling services and more for those that qualify.

A year or two ago, the behavioral health collaborative and a solutions panel that was overseeing the mill levy got a message from those doing the same work in Eagle County. Representatives from Eagle County reached out to San Miguel County officials, because they were making their own changes and wanted to share their process. As they were looking at their own gaps and needs in behavioral health care, representatives from San Miguel County realized they needed to refresh their own plan too.

As the local revamp began, San Miguel County officials hired a contractor, and after receiving many RFPs, the Steadman Group was hired to facilitate. The Steadman Group came into San Miguel County, did interviews and managed focus groups. They analyzed data and have been sorting through it the last few months.

On May 29, there will be a meeting, so that those involved in the work can come together and talk about some of the findings. Those findings will be used for the greater strategic plan update.

“We will review it and go through it together,” Franklin said.

The Forum asked if current behavioral health services will basically continue, or even be expanded. Franklin said the county “will not stop doing anything.”

She said it’s about moving forward.

“We made huge progress in 2016 to 2019 in behavioral health,” she said. “The landscape we live in now — how can we continue to improve our systems? How do we de-silo institutions and make access easier?”

She added community connection is a theme that keeps coming up. She’s also a part of

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HEALTH CARE

Basin Clinic looks at paths forward; SSD appeals to audience

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Jason McCormick, of Fruita, explained the Basin Clinic’s options for paths forward in a community meeting May 19. McCormick, through grant funds, has spent time on Basin Clinic’s strategic planning this year. In Monday’s meeting at the Nucla Community Center, he explained the four options for the 501C3-designated rural health care clinic in Naturita.

McCormick said the goals are

to strengthen financial viability, expand offerings and improve services, replace facilities and have local control. He added the health care trends currently are difficulty in recruitment for rural areas, inflation costs increasing, Baby Boomers impacting health care, rural places having high numbers of elderly and also the county denying tax money to cover rising ambulance costs.

McCormick presented four paths forward: Basin Clinic remaining a free-standing rural health care

clinic as it is now; becoming a federally qualified health care center (FQHC); becoming a special service district (SSD); or becoming an SSD critical access hospital.

Remaining as-is

Basin Clinic could remain as-is, a free-standing rural health care clinic with no direct tax support. Sometimes it acts as emergency care, but it’s not. It can receive an ambulance, but doesn’t get reimbursed. It can do some labs and

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EVENTS

Bands announced for Norwood’s free summer concert series

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Music on the Mesa, the free concert series in Norwood now in its second year, is excited to announce the lineup for the two shows at the San Miguel County Fairgrounds on June 15 and Aug. 10.

“We’re in for another energized storm of sound and motion with this year’s bands, showcasing foot-stomping talent from sassy youngsters to the deep thrum of brassy veterans,” said producer Daiva Chesonis.

Like last year, gates for these Sunday afternoon concerts open at 4:30 p.m., with food and vendors in the Pig Palace, a robust KidZone, Cornhole Alley and a cash bar. The music starts at 7 p.m., allowing plenty of leisurely pre-show picnicking, catching up with old friends and perhaps making a few new ones.

“We loved seeing career ranchers shooting the breeze with career ski patrollers, farmers dancing with bus drivers, grandpas and face-painted grandkids sharing blankets making hometown memories,” Chesonis added.

Vendors again run the gamut of locally-made offerings: from in-the-moment henna art to hand-made jewelry, from leather goods to tallow-based health products, plus the local 4-H kids doing a plants sale.

On June 15 will be Pixie & The Partygrass Boys. Hailed as “the hottest band in the Wasatch” by the Intermountain Acoustic Music Association, Pixie and The Partygrass Boys is composed of lifelong professional musicians drawn together by a common love of bluegrass and skiing in the Wasatch. Featuring soulful, often harmonic vocals and solid strings and rhythm, this tight-knit crew was born out of the belly of a warm cabin after a long day on the slopes, sipping whiskey and singing into the night. With a high energy sound and a love for silly outfits, they travel the land spreading the gospel of whiskey, chickens and fun for everyone. They’ve been touring extensively since the release of their 2018 debut EP “Utah Made,” with notable festival appearances that include becoming a five-year fixture at WinterWonderGrass, as well as gracing the stages of Bourbon and Beyond, Delfest, High Sierra Music Festival, Jam Cruise, Rockygrass, Blue Ox Music Festival and Hangtown. They have directly supported musical greats such as Billy Strings, The Infat-

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State track medalists for the Mustangs (from left to right, back to front) are Cole Bray, Drake Long, Brycen Rummel, Austin Garvey, Cadence Shaw, Daniel Zunich and Owen Tackett. (Photo by Sara Bray)

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Track team takes state placings

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

This year included the largest number of track students that head track coach Sara Bray has taken to the state meet in the last five years she’s directed the Mustangs. On the combined team, made up of Nucla and Norwood teens, Bray took 10 to Denver over the weekend to compete at the state level, after kids qualified in various events.

Cadence Shaw had qualified in three events: the one-mile, two-mile and the 4x8 relay race. Shaw came away with sixth place in the one-mile and fourth place in the two-mile. Coach said it’s competitive in the distance league, and Shaw ran really well. In fact, she set personal records in both

events at state.

The girls in the 4x8 relay team — Shaw, Sydney Tomlinson, Kieley Sheparadon and Amber Bockrath — remain state qualifiers. Bray said the ladies ran hard, but didn’t make it to the podium.

Shepardson also qualified for the open 800-meter race. She didn’t medal, but coach is pleased to see her qualify for the state meet in an individual event.

“It’s huge to make it there,” Bray said. “For mid-distance, they only take the Top 12 teams for 1A.”

She estimated there to be 50 to 60 schools competing at the Mustang’s level.

Drake Long qualified in the 110-meter hurdles and the high jump. He came away sixth in hurdles with a big personal record and fourth in the high

jump, marking 5’11”.

Austin Garvey qualified in the high jump and got third at state, marking 6’1”.

And, the boys 4x8 relay team, who also had every member competing in high school baseball at the same time and had only competed in four track meets, medaled. Brycen Rummel, Owen Tackett, Cole Bray and Daniel Zunich earned the bronze, third place.

Bray said the guys’ excitement was fun to watch. They missed second place by two 10ths of a second. Bray said the guys made it to regionals in basketball and baseball — and then state for track and came away as medalists. She’s thrilled for them.

She added the atmosphere at the state meet is “awesome” with all

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AGRICULTURE

Climate Resilience Grants invest in producers

By RILEY MAY, CDA Regional Assistant Commissioner

Colorado farmers and ranchers are resilient. They never see a “normal” year.

One of our favorite lines around our operation is that we like to work in a climate-controlled environment, because our environment is truly controlled by the climate.

For decades, we’ve coped with either drought, hail storms, snow drifts or record temperatures — sometimes all four within just a few weeks. There is no doubt these weather events are getting worse and are happening more often, and sometimes the ways we’ve always dealt with them just don’t work any more.

For me, I’ve seen first-hand how the impacts of extreme weather can be devastating. In 2002, we were aware that we were most likely entering into a seven-year drought and my dad always said that he didn’t know if we would survive a seven-year drought. In fact, that seven-year drought lasted for about 20 years, and we were able to survive — but it wasn’t easy. Once we were partially out of that drought, we then suffered from a catastrophic wildfire on our ranch that started on a day when wind gusts were 70 miles per hour-plus.

This was a fear that we had lived with since we have been on the property. There was a very small chance that we could have controlled it, if we were there immediately, but once the flames started growing they blew out of control quickly. The fire fundamentally changed our operations, but the verdict is out on whether or not we will be able to sustain this impact. If that wasn’t enough, we endured blizzards and snowstorms in 1997 and, in 2007, we had massive amounts of snow and wind that created its own micro-climate, leading to bitter cold and fog for months.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) has made it a point to listen to stories like these from across the state and is working to do something to help Colorado farmers and ranchers like me deal with the worsening effects of climate change. As one of CDA’s four Assistant Regional Commissioners, I am grateful CDA is responding to a need I see all around me.

It is no longer enough to build back. We must be prepared to innovate, knowing that next season is once again going to be full of extraordinary climate-driven weather events.

To prepare for this changing future, CDA is offering its inau-

gural round of Climate Resiliency Grants to farmers and ranchers who have experienced disasters or are at elevated risk of climate disasters. This ongoing funding is intended to help Colorado agricultural producers build strong operations that can withstand adverse weather events, or recover from them quickly. In this grant round, CDA is looking to fund projects that address snow, drought and fire impacts. Applications are being accepted until May 30.

Colorado is a leader in climate response, because it knows that it’s right for the Earth and good for a farmer’s bottom line. Colorado understands how important our agricultural communities are to our state. Adapting to climate change is critical to preserving and advancing agriculture. In addition, the state needs innovation from the agriculture community to find the best solutions.

Not only does agriculture produce sustainable crops and livestock that are essential for feeding people here at home and across the world, farms and ranches also provide wildlife habitat, reduce heat island effects, improve soil health and water retention, and more. Making sure our agricultural operations are better prepared to deal with a changing climate will help the resilience of the entire state.

This grant aligns with CDA’s strategic plan, especially the agency’s focus on farmer- and rancher-led environmental stewardship and climate resilience. Across its different programs, CDA is prioritizing partnerships that will lead to a sustainable and resilient future for our food supply and our agricultural producers.

With the help of CDA, our state’s agricultural community has the financial and technical support to innovate and be prepared for what is an uncertain future. I am hopeful that this funding will make a real difference on the ground and will help ag producers across Colorado learn from the forward-looking farmers and ranchers who take this opportunity to strengthen their operations.

Riley May is a fifth-generation rancher from Prowers County and a conservation advocate. He is a Regional Assistant Commissioner at the Colorado Department of Agriculture, as well as an active member of Colorado Cattlemen’s Association, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, Colorado Farm Bureau and Rocky Mountain Farmers Union.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society

The Woman’s Club of Pinon, Part 3

By JANE THOMPSON, Rimrocker Historical Society



In the early 1900s, the bustling community of Pinon had the second largest population in Montrose County, with Montrose having the most residents. (Photo courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

The Woman’s Club of Pinon started in early 1899 with the thought of making the community of Pinon a better place to live. The laundromat was their first big project and from all accounts a great success. They even had a gentleman from Denver purchase a “copper-lined bathtub” for their bath house. The ladies on the Laundry Committee stated, “A bath tub is something we have long been in need of and which every body will appreciate.” I’m not sure if I would have enjoyed my turn in the “community bathtub,” but to them it was a glorious treat!

The Woman’s Club was moving forward with enthusiasm. The ladies planned a big July 4th celebration, and it sounds like it was a great time. The Woman’s Club had a booth and sold their home-made candies, ice cream, lemonade, fireworks and flags. They reported that they “... cleared \$28, out of this we have \$10 to finish paying for our cow ‘Lady,’ \$5 toward the Laundry fund, and the remaining \$13 will go toward buying another cow.”

By this time, the club ladies were meeting to sew quilt blocks for quilts and carpet rags for rugs. These items would be for sale to the colonists. The ladies were doing all of this work in their spare time while still keeping up with their chores at home. The dedication to the cooperative spirit was

evident throughout their mission.

The Woman’s Club moved into the year of 1900 with a masquerade ball: “Many of our neighbors from the south and west honored the pleasing occasion by their presence, and the fact that quite a party came up from the Paradox Valley, 50 miles away, is evidence that entertainments given by the Woman’s Club are justly popular.”

The Woman’s Club formed a “girls’ industrial school.” The girls were formed into different clubs by age groups and all were “being taught something useful.” The girls, from the very young to the older girls, were sewing the carpet rags, making quilt blocks, learning to knit, mending, crocheting and embroidery. According to Mrs. Robinson, who was in charge of forming this industrial school, it was important to teach all of these young girls these useful ways as, “The day will come when they will take our place in the colony.” Their next big project would be to purchase a loom to make these large carpets.

By the end of 1900 and into 1901, the Woman’s Club had achieved many of their goals. They had acquired a small house, which they called the “Riverside Cottage,” where they rented out two rooms to visitors. They received their loom and began making the rugs and carpets that many families were so thankful to have. They

had formed a mitten industry and were making and selling mittens to the working men. The ladies also started a fine library, which they were quite proud of. An article from the Altrurian of Feb. 27, 1901, titled “Woman’s Club Notes” tells of their achievements:

“The Club feels real proud these days now that we are practically out of debt ... During the past year the Club has purchased and paid for a five-gallon ice cream freezer, an organ, a carpet loom, the Club Home, consisting of meeting, bed and loom rooms, some books and bedding, representing a cash outlay of \$148.75, and \$75 in credits, saying nothing of the credits paid to the Company for freight, of itself no small item. We have only a handful of workers, but they are energetic and wide-awake women.”

Much of their funds were raised not only from the products they were producing, but from the plays they put on and the many dances and parties they held. What an amazing group of women, and they were still four years away from moving to the Park and founding the town of Nucla. Cheers to the ladies!

(Articles sourced from The Altrurians, 1900 and 1901; Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, Colorado State Library. Newspapers are also in the possession of the Rimrocker Historical Society.)

Mental health plan

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conversations about substance abuse and misuse. She’s hearing that there are no real sober spaces for people to gather in San Miguel County. She said the free counseling services through the mill levy are definitely being utilized, and in fact, funding tends to run out by fall. She said people report gratitude for the

Axis partner in Norwood, who takes Medicaid insurance.

The gaps and needs that have been established by the recent work through Steadman will be published in a month or two on the county website. By August, those results will be presented to the behavioral health collaborative and commissioners before they’re finalized.

“We are building on the steps, and it’s collaborative,” she said.

Franklin said it’s about revisiting what’s been the current plan and asking how the county can do better.

“How can we build on the work we’ve already done to make behavioral health services more accessible? — and meet the needs of our community better?” she said.

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EVENTS

Archaeologist Glade Hadden to speak in Norwood May 21

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Stories & Poems program will host archaeologist Glade Hadden, of Paradox, on Wednesday, May 21, at 6 p.m. at the Lone Cone Library in Norwood.

“Glade’s work revealing the amazing history of Eagle Rock Shelter in Delta County made him a superhero for those interested in Colorado archaeology,” said Talking Gourds’ director Art Goodtimes. “Plus, he’s accomplished a storyteller as he is a researcher. This will be an evening not to miss.”

After more than 30 years as a professional archaeologist, Hadden moved to Paradox Valley in 2018 to be close to the archaeology he loves. He’s been leading archaeological tours in the region through Naturita Public Library. A former area archaeologist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management’s Uncompahgre Field Office in Montrose, he started as a seasonal “dig-bum” for the National Park Service and the BLM, before becoming a private consultant.

A Registered Professional Archaeologist, Hadden’s credentials include membership in of the Society for American Archaeology, Colorado Archaeological Society, the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists, and he’s a former member of the Montana Archaeological Society, as well as the Utah Professional Archaeology Council.

The Stories & Poems sessions happen on the third Wednesday of each month. The program’s featured guests will give a 15-to-20-minute presentation each, followed by a short question-and-answer period after the presentation. Then, there’s a passing of the gourd, during which



Glade Hadden will speak in Norwood May 21. (Courtesy image)

community members are encouraged to share stories or poems.

For those who like prompts for their stories or poems, this month’s prompt is “Ruins.”

A collaboration of the Lone Cone Library in Norwood and the Telluride Institute’s Talking Gourds poetry program, Stories & Poems Norwood is free and open to all ages, thanks to the

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

For more information or with questions, the public may text 970-729-0220 or email Goodtimes at art@tellurideinstitute.org. All are invited to visit the website at www.tellurideinstitute.org/talking-gourds.

May is Mental Health Month

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Masonic Lodge honors scholars

Grace Harris, of Norwood, (pictured far left) received a \$1,000 scholarship along with Hasten Sutherland, of Nucla (pictured second from right). Tom Bain and Benjamin Crain, of the Telluride Masonic Lodge, presented the awards. Paxtin Caruso, of Nucla, and Amber Bockrath, of Norwood, were also awarded but not pictured. (Courtesy image)

Basin Clinic

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disperse some generic medications. Many in the audience, including Don Colcord, said this doesn’t seem to be working or sustainable.

Becoming FQHC and merging
Becoming an FQHC could mean federal grant resources, enabling Basin Clinic to provide care to the uninsured. It would also include the pharmacy rebate program. Only, it would mean that Basin Clinic would operate under Uncompahgre Medical Center in Norwood.
McCormick said FQHC’s are invasive entities; the grants allow for expansion. He said FQHCs must be approved by those in Washington, D.C., and there are restrictions. No emergency services are allowed. Dental and behavioral health are required, as is imaging.
FQHCs treat those without access, though they’ll take commercial insurance too. Sometimes the stigma around FQHCs isn’t good, but some are run well. FQHCs basically remain FQHCs. Not many close, but the feds can choose to shut one down.

Becoming an SSD
Basin Clinic could become a hospital district. In this way, it would remain a clinic within its hospital district, like several others in Colorado. It would operate under the state’s Department of Local Affairs, collect property tax, and have an elected board. It would be a state entity, not a town or county one. The elected board would approve budgets.
The process would involve going to voters with a ballot question in 2026, first by obtaining signatures to place it there. Then campaigning would happen before the April election, with voters ultimately deciding. If established, community approval would be required for capital projects.

Becoming an SSD with a critical access hospital
An SSD can transition to a mini critical access hospital. McCormick said the options include nursing home services and a swing-bed unit. It would enable a small emergency department, a lab, X-rays and physical therapy.
McCormick said something like

two to three patients could be in the in-patient unit, with 12 to 14 beds for nursing home patients. He said the cap is 25 beds, but 22 could be nursing home beds. He said folks can come home from St. Mary’s in Grand Junction and rehab in the West End.
This type of facility would require approximately 70 employees, with one-third working the nursing home side. McCormick agreed it would grow the community a bit.
“Hospitals are the largest employers in rural communities,” he said. “Schools are usually second.”
He agreed hospital jobs are good jobs.
He said the West End could start with an SSD, and in few years decide whether or not to transition to a critical access hospital. Rangely has one; so does Blanding, UT.
McCormick has the ideas for grants, tax-credits and more. He said the critical access hospital reimbursements from Medicare would pay 50% of the annual costs, which helps with borrowing money or getting grants.
Already the Basin Clinic owns 11 acres in Nucla, and McCormick said it’s large enough, though soils testing and a feasibility study would be needed.
Ultimately, the Basin Clinic board will make a recommendation, and then the community will decide through the election process. Nobody can say at this point what a mill levy would look like. There’s no need to worry about housing in this stage either. County commissioners could help with equipment and other big purchases if the West End moves to a hospital district.
When asked about any benefit of merging with another clinic, McCormick said, “there’s no advantage to being a part of big system.”
He said that just means more CEOs and bureaucracy. He said small hospitals have less administrative fees.
At this point, the Basin Clinic board and the audience expressed interest in discussing the option of an SSD, a hospital district, with the option of having a critical access hospital in the future.



San Miguel County celebrates employees

John Huebner was honored May 14 for 25 years of service. Pictured here are District 3 Commissioner Galena Gleason, County Planning Director Kaye Simonson, Huebner, District 2 Commissioner Lance Waring and District 1 Commissioner Anne Brown. (Photo courtesy of San Miguel County)



Dennis Strohm was honored for 10 years with the Road & Bridge Department. Pictured here are District 3 Commissioner Galena Gleason; Alan Hatfield, of Road and Bridge; Ryan Rhiggetti, Road & Bridge Supervisor; Strohm; District 2 Commissioner Lance Waring and District 1 Commissioner Anne Brown. (Photo courtesy of San Miguel County)

Bands announced

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mous Stringdusters, Grace Potter, Lindsay Lou, The Brothers Comatose and Lake Street Dive. More about the band can be found at pixieandthepartygrassboys.com.
On Aug. 10 will be Electro Lust, where electronic funk pulses through the veins, entwined with a stampede of live beats and brass. This musical journey begins with a deep connection between electronics and live musicians, ignited by a passion for multi-cultural rhythms that echo across the festival scene. At the core of Electro Lust beats the hearts of Grammy Award-winning artists from Asheville, North Carolina’s musical scene: Yo Mama’s Big Fat Booty Band, The Fritz, Empire Strikes Brass and Marcus King Band. Their odyssey into the realms of Funk, Latin, Cuban and Afrobeat reads like a musical adventure, spawned from encoun-

ters with diverse cultures while on the road and under the influence of vinyl treasures unearthed in record shops scattered across the nation. The soundtrack to this journey is an eclectic hip-hop mix tape, a melodic manifesto that invites the audience to lose themselves in the raw energy of the Electro Lust experience.
More about the band can be found at at electrolustmusic.com.
Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours the weekend of either or both concerts may email musiconthemesa.norwood@gmail.com. The gig comes with a free T-shirt.
“Every penny makes music,” said Chesonis. “Music on the Mesa 2025 is presented by Norwood Park & Recreation District, Town of Norwood and Pickin’ Productions, with support from Telluride Foundation, Lone Cone Saloon, Norwood Chamber of Commerce

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WEST END

Chamber celebrates WEEDC

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Founded in 2013, The West End Economic Development Corporation (WEEDC) is a nonprofit that nurtures economic development on the West End by recruiting new industries and primary jobs in the region, and supporting new and existing small businesses and employers through resources that support business expansion, formation and attraction. Seven volunteer board members and two staff members help to guide WEEDC in their vision to create a West End economy that is thriving and can sustain the changes in industries over time through industry diversification.

WEEDC was founded to create and encourage a friendly, pro-business environment in the west end of Montrose County that integrates with its independent spirit and friendly culture, while capitalizing on the region's natural and historic resources.

The goals of WEEDC are to ensure that the West End has the resources needed to thrive. WEEDC strives to provide a regulatory environment and the infrastructure to support business development that is culturally compatible to the unique character of the West End. With a goal of building on the West End's strong sense of identity, WEEDC helps to shape the unique character of the West End by attracting diverse talent to the area.

A membership-based organization that fosters partnerships with state, regional and local organizations that share their interests, WEEDC's current partners and members in business and government allow them to bring in resources, financing and incentives, cut red tape and break down barriers to job creation. WEEDC assists local municipalities with grant writing, management and other community development initiatives. Currently, WEEDC works with many local organizations to bring in grant funding for projects on the West End.

Led by Executive Director Makayla Gordon, WEEDC staffs a team of talented professionals to provide services to employers interested in doing business in the West End, with services for small businesses and entrepreneurs including site selection assistance, small business development and counseling. WEEDC also connects businesses with local grant opportunities, and educational resources.

WEEDC developed the West End Apprenticeship Program to work with local high school students to provide opportunities for students to learn trades such as HVAC, plumbing, bicycle and vehicle mechanics, agriculture, culinary and medical trades. They are currently applying for funding to expand the program to 18 years and up.

WEEDC will soon be meeting with businesses one-on-one to reach out about needed resources and to help them outline the class/workshop schedule for 2025-26. WEEDC is also working with CMUTech to establish a hybrid classroom in their building in Naturita, so residents can attend college classes remotely. They are hoping to have the classroom fully opened by fall semester.

The Collective Mine, a proximity workspace at the WEEDC office building in Naturita, is undergoing a remodel and will soon expand their existing co-working space for small businesses and entrepreneurs. The commercial kitchen at the Collective Mine is available to community members interested in catering an event or getting their food business off the ground.

WEEDC is also collaborating with towns and organizations on the West End Vision Project to ensure that our community has solid values to guide our decisions currently and for the future.

The West End Vision Project is a community-wide strategic planning and visioning project led by Community Builders, a nonprofit founded in Glenwood Springs dedicated to helping communities facing challenges in the face of change. The Vision Project allows us to engage in collaboration with our community to decide what the West End wants to see in the future. They have reached more than 600 people in the community to outline values that will shape future decisions based on a unified voice. The Vision Project is bringing together folks and organizations across the region and beginning to create the next set of leaders by creating a roadmap that can serve as a guide for leaders as they make decisions for the future of the West End. The first phase of the Vision Project was just completed, where outreach to hundreds of residents helped to identify the core values that matter most to the West End. It has moved on to the visioning phase, where community members are rolling up their sleeves and using the core values to develop the framework for a shared vision for the West End. In the coming months, the community will have many opportunities to engage in the current phase, with important discussions on subjects like jobs, public lands, housing, health care and rural community character.

WEEDC is also currently in the beginning stages of working with a private business to establish a USDA meat-processing facility in the West End, which could provide many exciting opportunities for local ranchers and businesses. Due to client confidentiality, there isn't much they can share yet, but they hope to announce more information soon.

Contact WEEDC at 970-865-2499 or mgordon@chooswest-end.org to learn more about any of their programs and opportunities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Memorial Day celebration

Dear Editor,

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Uranium Post 9058 will be hosting the Memorial Day ceremony. This will be on the 26th this year, the last Monday of the month of May. This day is for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving the United States Armed Forces.

The ceremony will start at 10 a.m. at the Nucla-Naturita Cedar Ridge Cemetery. Look to the skies, as weather permitting, a F16 flyover is scheduled. Following the ceremony, the VFW will be putting on a grill-out for our local veterans and their families. This will take place at our post, located in the Nucla Community Center.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, toppings, baked beans, potato salad, water, tea and lemonade will be provided. If you would like to bring a side dish or dessert to share, please feel free to do so.

*John Reed,
Quartermaster/Adjutant
VFW URANIUM POST 9058
NUCLA*

Your voice matters

Dear Editor,

Without a vision, a roadmap for the future, anyone can get bogged down and burdened by division, slowed by endless backtracking or re-routing, or lost in the woods of uncertainty. And the same is true of our communities.

That's why the West End Vision

Project is happening. It's a chance for local voices to lead the conversation about where we're headed. This process isn't about writing another dusty plan to sit on a shelf. It's about identifying what matters most to us as a region and turning that into clear, community-driven goals and strategies that can chart our course for years to come.

Whether you care most about housing, public lands, the economy, or preserving our small-town character, your voice matters, and this is the time to share it. If you have three minutes or 30, you can share your thoughts on the topics you care about at bit.ly/WE-Visioning. Let's build a future that reflects our values.

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Congratulations, graduates

Nucla's Class of 2025 walked last weekend, and Norwood's will do so this weekend. More graduation photos will be featured in next week's edition. Pictured here (top to bottom, left to right) are RyLee Carpenter, Viviana Zunich, Merrilee Gallagher, Mont Zunich, Kira Rowan, Ashlee Meeks, David Quigley, Hunter Rowe, Slade Gillen, Hasten Sutherland, Paxtin Caruso, Thomas Jones and Alyssa Bristow. (Photo by Debbie Wytulka)

Track team takes state placings

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schools, 1A through 5A, competing at the same time.

"They watched it all," she said. "(The big schools) have trained coaches and pick the best of the best athletes. They have tracks to run on. Watching that level is mind-blowing — and mind-opening."

Bray said the students are already talking about next year's goals.

She added the experience was really good for coaches too, and she

appreciates her assistant Rachel McNiel, a former college thrower who's an asset to the Mustang staff, along with Keoni Souza, a critical team member who's taken on high jump.

She's additionally grateful for the middle school program, under the leadership of Megan Urban and Lisa Ross. She said they're building that younger program up, and it does support varsity track for high school kids. She said students who never thought


of participating are doing so, and it's a great thing.


"We have a lot of really talented athletes," Bray said. "We are small and rural, so we are thankful we get to showcase these kids. They work hard."

It should be noted Nucla has no track facilities. Students practice by running down roads and/or around their football field, which is not even a full 400 meters.

"We do the best we can with what we have," Bray said.

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

**This Proclamation designates May 2025 as
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- **WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to the well-being of our community;
- **WHEREAS**, Colorado ranks 50th in prevalence of mental illness, indicating Coloradans experience more mental health challenges and substance use challenges than every state except one (Mental Health America);
- **WHEREAS**, according to a Colorado Health Foundation poll in 2024, 3 in 5 Coloradans (59%) reported experiencing a mental health challenge in the past year;
- **WHEREAS**, stigma persists in being a barrier to accessing care, with nearly 50% of Coloradans who needed mental health support reporting they did not seek out care due to stigma (Mental Health America);
- **WHEREAS**, the most recent data on suicide death in our combined region of Delta, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel, Gunnison, and Hinsdale Counties indicates 33 community members died by suicide in 2023 (CO Vital Statistics);

1. **WHEREAS**, organizations such as Tri-County Health Network are dedicated to shining a light on mental health and bringing hope to those experiencing a mental health challenge through research, education, advocacy, and resources and urge that we:
2. Recognize mental health challenges affect all members of our community.
3. Normalize conversations about mental health, suicide, and substance use in open and understanding ways to erase stigma and remind community members they are not alone in anything they may be experiencing.
4. Acknowledge that there is no one size fits all program or effort that will be appropriate for all populations or communities, and address the disparity in access to mental healthcare for underserved and underrepresented groups while advocating to end these disparities.
5. Support the efforts of social movements like We Are The Ones that build upon the innate ability of every individual to take meaningful action to strengthen our communities.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that, I, EUGENE GREENWOOD, MAYOR of NATURITA and NATURITA TOWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS hereby designate May 2025 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Naturita Colorado.

WEST END EVENTS

WEST END DARK SKY ALLIANCE: Meetings the fourth Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at Flying Bear Pizzeria; next meeting is May 22.

NATURITA PACK BURRO RACES: Moved to Oct. 11

WATER DAYS: July 4-5

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IN NUCLA: Thursdays at 6 p.m., Community Bible Fellowship Church (in the back)

COFFEE AND DONUTS FOR VETS: Second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; Hopkins Field, open to all veterans

CHAMBER MEETING: Board meetings are third Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the West End Visitors Center

WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Nucla Middle-High School, in the library

NUCLA-NATURITA FIRE DEPARTMENT: Board meetings are second Monday of the month, 6 p.m., Nucla Fire Hall

TOWN OF NUCLA: Board meetings are second and fourth Wednesday, except in November and December, at 7 p.m. at Nucla Town Hall

TOWN OF NATURITA: Board meetings are second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Naturita Community Center

TOWN OF NORWOOD: Board meetings are the second Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m., at Norwood Town Hall

BASIN CLINIC: Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month

MONTROSE WEST REC: Board meetings are first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the office of West End Visitors Center, 230 W. Main St. in Naturita; limited hours. See montrosewest.com for programs.

WEST END DARK SKY ALLIANCE: No meeting schedule set. Email westenddarkskyalliance@gmail.com to join or volunteer.

RIMROCKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Board meetings are third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the museum building

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CUIDADO DE LA SALUD

La Clínica Basin considera caminos a seguir; SSD apela a la audiencia

Por REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Jason McCormick, de Fruita, explicó las opciones de la Clínica Basin para caminos a seguir en una reunión comunitaria el 19 de mayo. McCormick, a través de fondos de subvenciones, ha dedicado tiempo a la planificación estratégica de la Clínica Basin este año. En la reunión del lunes en el Centro Comunitario de Nucla, explicó las cuatro opciones para la clínica de salud rural designada como 501C3 en Naturita.

McCormick dijo que los objetivos son fortalecer la viabilidad financiera, expandir la oferta y mejorar los servicios, reemplazar instalaciones y tener control local. Agregó que las tendencias en el cuidado de la salud actualmente son la dificultad en el reclutamiento para áreas rurales, el aumento de los costos de inflación, el impacto de los Baby Boomers en el cuidado de la salud, los lugares rurales con altos números de ancianos y también el condado negando dinero de impuestos para cubrir el aumento de los costos de ambulancia.

McCormick presentó cuatro caminos a seguir: permanecer como una clínica de salud rural independiente como está ahora; convertirse en un centro de salud calificado a nivel federal (FQHC); convertirse en un distrito de ser-

vicios especiales (SSD); o convertirse en un hospital de acceso crítico SSD.

Permanecer como está

La Clínica Basin podría permanecer como está, una clínica de salud rural independiente sin apoyo fiscal directo. A veces actúa como atención de emergencia, pero no lo es. Puede recibir una ambulancia, pero no recibe reembolso. Puede hacer algunos análisis y distribuir algunos medicamentos genéricos. Muchos en la audiencia, incluido Don Colcord, dijeron que esto no parece estar funcionando o ser sostenible.

Convertirse en FQHC y fusionarse

Convertirse en un FQHC podría significar recursos de subvenciones federales, lo que permitiría a la Clínica Basin proporcionar atención a los no asegurados. También incluiría el programa de reembolso de farmacias. Solo significaría que la Clínica Basin operaría bajo el Centro Médico Uncompahgre en Norwood.

McCormick dijo que los FQHC son entidades invasivas; las subvenciones permiten la expansión. Dijo que los FQHC deben ser aprobados por aquellos en Washington, D.C., y hay restricciones. No se permiten servicios de emergencia. Se requieren salud dental y de comportamiento, así

como imágenes.

Los FQHC tratan a aquellos sin acceso, aunque también aceptan seguros comerciales. A veces el estigma en torno a los FQHC no es bueno, pero algunos están bien administrados. Los FQHC básicamente siguen siendo FQHC. No muchos cierran, pero los federales pueden elegir cerrar uno.

Convertirse en un SSD

La Clínica Basin podría convertirse en un distrito hospitalario. De esta manera, seguiría siendo una clínica dentro de su distrito hospitalario, como varios otros en Colorado. Operaría bajo el Departamento de Asuntos Locales del estado, recaudaría impuestos sobre la propiedad y tendría una junta electa. Sería una entidad estatal, no de un pueblo o condado. La junta electa aprobaría los presupuestos.

El proceso implicaría ir a los votantes con una pregunta en la boleta en 2026, primero obteniendo firmas para colocarla allí. Luego, se llevaría a cabo una campaña antes de la elección de abril, con los votantes decidiendo en última instancia. Si se establece, se requeriría la aprobación de la comunidad para proyectos de capital.

Convertirse en un SSD con un hospital de acceso crítico

Un SSD puede convertirse en un mini hospital de acceso

crítico. McCormick dijo que las opciones incluyen servicios de hogar de ancianos y una unidad de camas de transición. Esto permitiría un pequeño departamento de emergencias, un laboratorio, radiografías y terapia física.

McCormick dijo que algo así como dos a tres pacientes podrían estar en la unidad de pacientes hospitalizados, con 12 a 14 camas para pacientes de hogares de ancianos. Dijo que el límite es de 25 camas, pero 22 podrían ser camas de hogar de ancianos. Dijo que las personas pueden regresar a casa desde St. Mary's en Grand Junction y rehabilitarse en el West End.

Este tipo de instalación requeriría aproximadamente 70 empleados, con un tercio trabajando en el lado del hogar de ancianos. McCormick estuvo de acuerdo en que haría crecer un poco a la comunidad.

“Los hospitales son los mayores empleadores en las comunidades rurales,” dijo. “Las escuelas suelen ser segundas.”

Él estuvo de acuerdo en que los trabajos en hospitales son buenos trabajos.

Dijo que el West End podría comenzar con un SSD, y en unos años decidir si transitar o no a un hospital de acceso crítico. Rangely tiene uno; también Blanding, UT.

McCormick tiene ideas para subvenciones, créditos fiscales

y más. Dijo que los reembolsos de hospitales de acceso crítico de Medicare cubrirían el 50% de los costos anuales, lo que ayuda a pedir dinero prestado o a obtener subvenciones.

La Clínica Basin ya posee 11 acres en Nucla, y McCormick dijo que es lo suficientemente grande, aunque se necesitarían pruebas de suelo y un estudio de viabilidad.

En última instancia, la junta de la Clínica Basin hará una recomendación, y luego la comunidad decidirá a través del proceso electoral. Nadie puede decir en este momento cómo sería un impuesto de milésimas. No hay necesidad de preocuparse por la vivienda en esta etapa tampoco. Los comisionados del condado podrían ayudar con equipos y otras grandes compras si el West End se convierte en un distrito hospitalario.

Cuando se le preguntó sobre algún beneficio de fusionarse con otra clínica, McCormick dijo: “no hay ventaja en ser parte de un gran sistema.”

Dijo que eso solo significa más directores ejecutivos y burocracia. Dijo que los hospitales pequeños tienen menos tarifas administrativas.

En este momento, la junta de la Clínica Basin y la audiencia expresaron interés en discutir la opción de un SSD, un distrito hospitalario, con la opción de tener un hospital de acceso crítico en el futuro.

CUIDADO DE LA SALUD

SMC renueva el plan de salud mental

Por REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Grace Franklin, directora de salud pública del Condado de San Miguel, confirmó con el Forum que el condado está actualizando su plan estratégico de salud conductual. El trabajo es solo para ver qué necesita ser mejorado y cómo se puede servir mejor a los ciudadanos.

Franklin compartió que anteriormente había una colaboración de salud conductual, un pequeño grupo en el condado, que había desarrollado un plan estratégico para apoyar la salud mental. Ese trabajo se realizó inicialmente en 2016 y continuó hasta 2019. Ese plan ayudó con algunas subvenciones y luego con el impuesto que se aprobó, el fondo de salud conductual que apoya servicios de consejería y

más para aquellos que califican.

Hace uno o dos años, la colaboración de salud conductual y un panel de soluciones que supervisaba el impuesto recibieron un mensaje de aquellos que realizaban el mismo trabajo en el Condado de Eagle. Los representantes del Condado de Eagle se pusieron en contacto con los funcionarios del Condado de San Miguel, porque estaban haciendo sus propios cambios y querían compartir su proceso. Al mirar sus propias brechas y necesidades en el cuidado de la salud conductual, los representantes del Condado de San Miguel se dieron cuenta de que también necesitaban actualizar su propio plan.

A medida que comenzó la renovación local, los funcionarios del Condado de San Miguel contrataron a un contratista, y después

de recibir muchas propuestas, se contrató al Grupo Steadman para facilitar. El Grupo Steadman llegó al Condado de San Miguel, realizó entrevistas y gestionó grupos focales. Analizaron datos y han estado revisándolos en los últimos meses.

El 29 de mayo, habrá una reunión, para que aquellos involucrados en el trabajo puedan reunirse y hablar sobre algunos de los hallazgos. Esos hallazgos se utilizarán para la actualización del plan estratégico mayor.

“Lo revisaremos y lo analizaremos juntos,” dijo Franklin.

El Forum preguntó si los servicios actuales de salud conductual continuarán básicamente, o incluso se expandirán. Franklin dijo que el condado “no dejará de hacer nada.”

Ella dijo que se trata de avanzar.

“Hicimos grandes avances de 2016 a 2019 en salud conductual,” dijo. “El panorama en el que vivimos ahora — ¿cómo podemos seguir mejorando nuestros sistemas? ¿Cómo desmantelamos las instituciones y facilitamos el acceso?”

Ella agregó que la conexión comunitaria es un tema que sigue surgiendo. También es parte de las conversaciones sobre abuso y mal uso de sustancias. Ella ha escuchado que no hay espacios realmente sobrios para que las personas se reúnan en el Condado de San Miguel. Dijo que los servicios de consejería gratuitos a través del impuesto definitivamente están siendo utilizados, y de hecho, la financiación tiende a agotarse para el otoño. Dijo que las personas expresan gratitud por el

socio de Axis en Norwood, que acepta el seguro de Medicaid.

Las brechas y necesidades que se han establecido por el trabajo reciente a través de Steadman se publicarán en un mes o dos en el sitio web del condado. Para agosto, esos resultados se presentarán a la colaboración de salud conductual y a los comisionados antes de que se finalicen.

“Estamos construyendo sobre los pasos, y es colaborativo,” dijo.

Franklin dijo que se trata de revisar lo que ha sido el plan actual y preguntar cómo puede el condado hacerlo mejor.

“¿Cómo podemos construir sobre el trabajo que ya hemos hecho para hacer que los servicios de salud conductual sean más accesibles? — y satisfacer mejor las necesidades de nuestra comunidad?” dijo.

En Espanol

DEPORTES DE SECUNDARIA

El equipo de atletismo obtiene posiciones estatales

Por REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Este año incluyó el mayor número de estudiantes de atletismo que la entrenadora principal Sara Bray ha llevado a la competencia estatal en los últimos cinco años que ha dirigido a los Mustangs. En el equipo combinado, formado por adolescentes de Nucla y Norwood, Bray llevó a 10 a Denver durante el fin de semana para competir a nivel estatal, después de que los chicos se clasificaran en varios eventos.

Cadence Shaw se había clasificado en tres eventos: la milla, la dos millas y la carrera de relevos 4x8. Shaw obtuvo el sexto lugar en la milla y el cuarto lugar en la dos millas. El entrenador dijo que es competitivo en la liga de distancia, y Shaw corrió muy bien. De hecho, estableció récords personales en

ambos eventos en el estado.

Las chicas del equipo de relevos 4x8 — Shaw, Sydney Tomlinson, Kielely Sheparadon y Amber Bockrath — siguen siendo clasificadas estatales. Bray dijo que las chicas corrieron con fuerza, pero no llegaron al podio.

Shepardson también se clasificó para la carrera abierta de 800 metros. No ganó medalla, pero el entrenador está contento de verla clasificar para la competencia estatal en un evento individual.

“Es enorme llegar allí,” dijo Bray. “Para media distancia, solo toman a los 12 mejores equipos para 1A.”

Ella estimó que hay de 50 a 60 escuelas compitiendo al nivel de los Mustangs.

Drake Long se clasificó en los 110 metros con vallas y en el salto de altura. Obtuvo el sexto lugar en

vallas con un gran récord personal y cuarto en el salto de altura, marcando 5’11”.

Austin Garvey se clasificó en el salto de altura y obtuvo el tercer lugar en el estado, marcando 6’1”.

Y, el equipo de relevos 4x8 de los chicos, que también tenía a cada miembro compitiendo en béisbol de secundaria al mismo tiempo y solo había competido en cuatro encuentros de atletismo, ganó medalla. Brycen Rummel, Owen Tackett, Cole Bray y Daniel Zurich, obtuvieron el bronce, tercer lugar.

Bray dijo que la emoción de los chicos fue divertida de ver. Perdieron el segundo lugar por dos décimas de segundo. Bray dijo que los chicos llegaron a los regionales en baloncesto y béisbol — y luego al estado en atletismo y regresaron como medallistas. Ella está emo-

cionada por ellos.

Ella agregó que la atmósfera en la competencia estatal es “increíble” con todas las escuelas, de 1A a 5A, compitiendo al mismo tiempo. “Lo vieron todo,” dijo. “(Las grandes escuelas) tienen entrenadores capacitados y eligen a los mejores de los mejores atletas. Tienen pistas para correr. Ver ese nivel es asombroso — y abre la mente.”

Bray dijo que los estudiantes ya están hablando sobre los objetivos del próximo año.

Ella agregó que la experiencia fue realmente buena para los entrenadores también, y aprecia a su asistente Rachel McNiell, una ex lanzadora universitaria que es un activo para el personal de los Mustangs, junto con Keoni Souza, un miembro crítico del equipo que ha asumido el salto de altura.

Ella también está agradecida por el programa de la escuela intermedia, bajo el liderazgo de Megan Urban y Lisa Ross. Dijo que están construyendo ese programa más joven, y apoya el atletismo de varsity para los chicos de secundaria. Dijo que los estudiantes que nunca pensaron en participar lo están haciendo, y es algo grandioso.

“Tenemos muchos atletas realmente talentosos,” dijo Bray. “Somos pequeños y rurales, así que estamos agradecidos de poder mostrar a estos chicos. Trabajan duro.”

Cabe señalar que Nucla no tiene instalaciones de atletismo. Los estudiantes practican corriendo por las carreteras o alrededor de su campo de fútbol, que ni siquiera llega a 400 metros completos.

“Hacemos lo mejor que podemos con lo que tenemos,” dijo Bray.

EVENTOS

Bandas anunciadas para la serie de conciertos de verano gratuitos de Norwood

ESPECIAL PARA EL FORO

Música en la Mesa, la serie de conciertos gratuitos en Norwood ahora en su segundo año, está emocionada de anunciar la alineación para los dos shows en el recinto ferial del condado de San Miguel el 15 de junio y el 10 de agosto.

“Estamos en camino a otra tormenta energizada de sonido y movimiento con las bandas de este año, bandas, mostrando talento que hace vibrar los pies desde jóvenes atrevidos hasta el profundo retumbar de veteranos de bronce,” dijo la productora Daiva Chesonis.

Al igual que el año pasado, las puertas para estos conciertos de domingo por la tarde abren a las 4:30 p.m., con comida y vendedores en el Palacio del Cerdo, una robusta Zona Infantil, Callejón de Cornhole y un bar de pago. La música comienza a las 7 p.m., permitiendo mucho tiempo para un picnic relajado antes del espectáculo, ponerse al día con viejos amigos y quizás hacer algunos nuevos.

“Nos encantó ver a rancheros de carrera charlando con patrulleros de esquí de carrera, agricultores bailando con conductores de autobús, abuelos y nietos pintados de cara compartiendo mantas creando recuerdos de la ciudad natal,” agregó Chesonis.

Los vendedores nuevamente abarcan una gama de ofertas hechas localmente: desde arte de henna en el momento hasta joyería hecha a mano, desde artícu-

los de cuero hasta productos de salud a base de sebo, además de los niños locales de 4-H haciendo una venta de plantas.

El 15 de junio estarán Pixie & The Partygrass Boys. Aclamados como “la banda más caliente en el Wasatch” por la Asociación de Música Acústica Inter-montana, Pixie y The Partygrass Boys están compuestos por músicos profesionales de toda la vida unidos por un amor común por el bluegrass y el esquí en el Wasatch. Con voces profundas, a menudo armónicas, y cuerdas y ritmos sólidos, este grupo unido nació del vientre de una cálida cabaña después de un largo día en las pistas, bebiendo whisky y cantando hasta la noche. Con un sonido de alta energía y un amor por los trajes tontos, viajan por la tierra difundiendo el evangelio de whisky, pollos y diversión para todos. Han estado de gira extensamente desde el lanzamiento de su EP debut de 2018 “Utah Made,” con notables apariciones en festivales que incluyen convertirse en un elemento fijo de cinco años en WinterWonderGrass, así como adornar los escenarios de Bourbon and Beyond, Delfest, High Sierra Music Festival, Jam Cruise, Rockygrass, Blue Ox Music Festival y Hangtown. Han apoyado directamente grandes musicales como Billy Strings, The Infamous String-dusters, Grace Potter, Lindsay Lou, The Brothers Comatose y Lake Street Dive. Más sobre la banda en www.pixieandthe-partygrassboys.com.

El 10 de agosto estará Electro Lust, donde el Funk Electrónico pulsa por las venas, entrelazado con una estampida de Beats y Bronces en vivo. Este viaje musical comienza con una profunda conexión entre la electrónica y los músicos en vivo, encendida por una pasión por ritmos multiculturales que resuenan en la escena del festival. En el corazón de Electro Lust laten los corazones de artistas ganadores de premios Grammy de la escena musical de Asheville, Carolina del Norte: Yo Mama’s Big Fat Booty Band, The Fritz, Empire Strikes Brass y Marcus King Band. Su odisea en los reinos del Funk, Latino, Cubano y Afrobeat se lee como una aventura musical, surgida de encuentros con diversas culturas mientras están de gira y bajo la influencia de tesoros de vinilo desenterrados en tiendas de discos esparcidas por la nación. La banda sonora de este viaje es una cinta de mezcla de hip-hop ecléctica, un manifiesto melódico que invita al público a perderse en la energía cruda de la experiencia Electro Lust.

Más sobre la banda en www.electrolustmusic.com.

Cualquiera que esté interesado en ofrecer unas horas de voluntariado el fin de semana de uno o ambos conciertos puede enviar un correo electrónico a musiconthemesa.norwood@gmail.com. El trabajo incluye una camiseta gratis.

“Cada centavo hace música”, dijo Chesonis. “La Música en la Mesa 2025 es presentada por el Distrito de Parques y Recreación de Norwood, el Pueblo de Nor-

wood y Pickin’ Productions, con el apoyo de la Fundación Telluride, Lone Cone Saloon, la Cámara de Comercio de Norwood de Wright’s Mesa, la Autoridad de Vivienda y Finanzas de Colorado, Back Country Inn, la Asociación de Energía de San Miguel, el Condado de San Miguel, Blue Grouse Bread, Abby Altshuler y Mark Vandenberg, Lone Cone Legacy Trust, Wild Iris Greenhouse and Gardens, Alpine Bank, Judy Muller y George Lewis, Earth-Tech West, Lisa Foxwell y Paul

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West End Montrose County Sheriff’s Office Blotter

4/16/2025

1314 Hours - Deputy conducted a search warrant in the 100 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita.
1557 Hours - Lawrence Rood, 71, was contacted in the 400 block of Highway 97 in Naturita and issued a warning for a defective brake light.
1610 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 27500 block of 2700 Road near Nucla for an accident.
1641 Hours - Chris Antonson, 42, was contacted in the 27500 block of 2700 Road near Nucla and cited for driving with a suspended driver’s license.
1718 Hours - Amber Wyatt, 39, was contacted in the 27500 block of 2700 Road near Nucla and arrested on an outstanding warrant.
1834 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a 911.
1908 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Main Street in Nucla for a welfare check.
2015 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 40300 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for an accident.

4/17/2025

1400 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a traffic complaint.
1409 Hours - Eileen Burke, 52, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 1 near Naturita and cited for driving with a suspended driver’s license, defective vehicle, and speeding.
1411 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 38000 block of Highway 145 near Norwood for a report of a protection order violation.
1445 Hours - Deputy conducted a civil standby in the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla.
1944 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a fire.
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in Naturita

4/18/2025

1559 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the Norwood area for an agency assist.
1832 Hours - Deputy took an information report on Highway 145 mm 106 near Norwood.
2239 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 5600 block of U5 Road near Paradox.
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in Naturita

4/19/2025

1215 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 29600 block of Highway 97 near Nucla.
1358 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Crabtree Road in Naturita for a civil matter.
1945 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 13 near Bedrock for a traffic hazard.
2 directed patrols in Nucla
2 directed patrols in County
1 directed patrol in Naturita
3 civil processes attempted/served

4/20/2025

1318 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for a welfare check.
1507 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35000 block of 3575 Road near Redvale for a citizen assist.
1547 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an

unwanted person.
1901 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for an agency assist.
1932 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 96 for a citizen assist.
2142 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Fifth Avenue in Nucla for suspicious activity.
1 directed patrol in Nucla
3 directed patrols in County

4/21/2025

0903 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for found property.
1111 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 7200 block of U Road near Paradox.
1318 Hours - Deputy took a theft report in the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla.
1 school zone
2 civil processes attempted/served

4/22/2025

0715 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 29600 block of Highway 97 near Nucla.
1303 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for an information report.
1329 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29600 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for a juvenile problem.
1336 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Heron Street in Nucla for an animal problem.
1558 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28700 block of DD Road near Nucla for a 911.
1750 Hours - Deputy took a welfare check report in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.
2221 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a noise complaint.
1 school zone
1 VIN inspection
2 follow up reports

4/23/2025

0726 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for an agency assist.
0817 Hours - Deputy conducted court security in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla.
0830 Hours - Deputy conducted public relations in the 1100 block of Summit Street in Norwood.
0838 Hours - Dillon Earley, 33, was

contacted on Highway 145 mm 115 near Redvale and issued a warning for speeding.
0947 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 1200 block of Ragsdale Road near Norwood for an animal problem.
1218 Hours - Shayla Knuckles, 29, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 1 near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.
1217 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 5800 block of U5 Road near Paradox to relay a message.
1618 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Main Street and Highway 97 in Naturita for a traffic hazard.
2020 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a traffic complaint.
2152 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 16700 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for suspicious activity.
2 follow up reports

4/24/2025

0114 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 109 near Redvale for an accident.
1032 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35100 block of II Road near Redvale for an agency assist.
1144 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 33300 block of Highway 141 near Naturita.
1336 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Montana Way in Nucla for a medical assist.
1429 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an information report.
1 VIN inspection
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 directed patrol in Naturita
4 civil processes attempted/served
4/25/2025
0856 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a theft report.
1246 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a civil standby.
1330 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 24900 block of X7 Road near Paradox for an animal problem.
2154 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 62 near Naturita for an information report.
1 VIN inspection

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Solution To Previous Sudoku

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THEME: ON BROADWAY

ACROSS

1. Benatar and Morita
5. Certain tray contents
8. In custody
12. *Main character in “Shrek the Musical,” based on 2001 flick
13. Soreness
14. Wore (2 words)
15. Street in Anytown, USA
16. Burn to a crisp
17. Opposite of alpha
18. *Musical with most Tony Awards, with The
20. Grape holder
21. Entertain
22. ___ Aviv
23. Unrhymed Japanese poem, pl.
26. Snakebirds
30. Opposite of hence
31. Shooting star
34. Milk’s favorite cookie
35. Zoroaster follower
37. A Beatle bride

38. Mix-up
39. Type of cotton
40. * ___ Lloyd Webber
42. Dog command
43. Inference of similarity
45. 4th letter of Hebrew alphabet
47. “But I heard him exclaim, ___ he drove out of sight...”
48. Pool table fabric
50. Altar location
52. *Last year’s Tony Award winner for Best Musical, with The
56. Santa Anna’s target
57. To, archaic
58. Small cave
59. Cocaine-producing plant, pl.
60. Diagnostic test
61. Biblical Isaac’s firstborn
62. Not quite an adult
63. Craggy peak
64. Tear

DOWN

1. Circumstance’s partner
2. Lab gel

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3. Domingo, Pavarotti and Carreras, e.g.
4. “Where the Wild Things Are” author
5. Plural of #13 Across
6. Social media button
7. Not his
8. *Musical with most Tony nominations
9. Barbara of “I Dream of Jeannie”
10. *Private box
11. Double helix-shaped structure
13. Emile Zola’s “J” ____...!”
14. What helicopter parents do
19. Savory taste sensation
22. Black gunk
23. Tapa, alt. sp.
24. “Encore!”
25. ____ Jean, a.k.a. Marilyn Monroe
26. Don’t let this hit you on the way out
27. Use the other end of a pencil
28. Re-equip
29. *Rodgers’ and Hammerstein’s “___ Pacific”
32. *Award nickname, short for Antoinette
33. Finish line
36. *Arthur Miller’s “Death of a ___”
38. Swaziland native
40. *”___ of Aquarius,” song from “Hair”
41. a.k.a. the Wizard of Menlo Park
44. Plural of #34 Across
46. Late actor Heath
48. Social dice game
49. Rose oil
50. Medicinal house plant
51. Tempo
52. Give a boot
53. Gaelic
54. Multicolored horse
55. Wall support
56. *Part of a play

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