

San Miguel Basin Forum

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

4 wrestlers head to state tournament

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Nucla Mustang wrestling team is celebrating several victories on the mat. After the regional tournament last weekend, four wrestlers are now headed to compete at the state level in Denver this weekend.

J.W. Nasland was the regional champion, wrestling at 126 pounds. Head coach Rob McCabe wasn't sure what Nasland would be seeded, but he thought perhaps third.

Also, Arthur Connely was the runner-up at regionals, wrestling at 175 pounds.

Paxton Caruso, at 190 pounds, took third place. Caruso is a sophomore, who didn't wrestle last year due to medical reasons.

Derrick VanDellen was one match away from getting on the podium and qualifying for the state tournament. Hunter Rowe was also a regional competitor.

Riley McCabe, Nucla's only female wrestler and who is the coach's daughter, took fourth place and also heads to state.

As a father, coach said it was a wild ride.

"Probably the most up-and-down emotional day you could get," McCabe said.

Riley McCabe knocked off the No. 1 seed in her first match and ended up pinning the other girl. She then wrestled a girl from Colorado Springs, who ended up the regional champ. Riley McCabe was able to give that opponent a great match, though she did lose that one. Still, while the other girls were pinned by the regional champ in less than a minute and a half, McCabe made it to five minutes on the mat.

Later, McCabe won her consolation match against the No. 6 seed from Loveland. But, she then lost to the No. 1 girl from Olathe, which put her in a wrestle-back against a Durango girl.

McCabe won her first and only ticket to the state tournament, 1-0, as organizers were rolling up mats and trying to clean up the space and close it down. Many other coaches and wrestlers were cheering for her, since she was an underdog in the tournament and the only female from the West End.

"It was fun to see the camaraderie," coach said.

Now, the senior girl heads to state to wrestle alongside her male team members, since 1A, 2A and female wrestling are all competing together at the same time.

The Nucla team leaves for Denver this Wednesday at 8 a.m. They're set to get a practice in before wrestling at noon on Thursday. Win or lose, they'll all be wrestling Friday morning too, coach said, but times are to be determined.

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BUSINESS

Wild Gal's grows, plans move to Naturita

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

It was November 2019 that Galit Korngold opened Wild Gal's Market in Nucla. Now the West End's beloved grocery is going on four years, and planning a relocation to Naturita in the near future.

Before, Korngold had been working as a graphic designer for 25 years and was living in Paradox after first arriving to the West End. She didn't know anyone and was mostly at home. She missed Montreal's food scene so badly — ethnic foods like Greek and Lebanese. She was tired of driving for a few hours to find the foods she wanted, and she had also been dreaming of reinventing herself.

She and her husband, now Nucla's mayor Kirk Yerke, purchased a building in Nucla in 2019. By May of that year, she'd decided she was going to open a store inside part of it to offer good food to the community.

Supported by the West End Economic Development Corporation and Leila Seraphin, of Norwood and who helped co-found the FRESH Food Hub a few years ago on Wright's Mesa, Korngold began to "bootstrap" everything. She found found used materials to finish her building, showed up at local farms to talk to producers, and worked really hard to open Wild Gal's. She began with just two shelves of items for sale.

Now she's grown from a one-woman show to a team, in which Linda Rich and Mallory Rice help her tremendously; so have other women who come for catering



Galit Korngold is feeding the West End and planning a move to Naturita. (Courtesy image)

events, which Wild Gal's occasionally takes on.

The shop has expanded the last few years to cover more product lines, especially things that are hard to find in the West End. Korngold offers exotic, international and other types of foods that support people's dietary sensitivities. At least 90 percent of her shop is organic, and as much as she can get is local. That includes produce, meat, dairy and

honey, as well as seasonings.

She's pleased to support food-assistance programs, too, like SNAP, the Double-Up Food Bucks program and WIC vouchers. When Wild Gal's has a surplus, it donates to local food banks, and in the past has also contributed to senior luncheons at minimal cost.

"We give back when we can," Korngold said. "It makes us feel really

"We give back when we can. It makes us feel really good. We love feeding people. It's our biggest pleasure."

Galit Korngold

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EVENTS

TTR creates online store, preps for spring

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Brandie Richardson, of Nucla, is president of the Tabeguache Trail Riders club, an equestrian association in the West End that sponsors not only the gymkhana series events, but also trail riding activities, too.

Having first been involved with the club 20 years ago, she is back once again with a daughter of her own. President since August of the Tabeguache Trail Riders, Richardson is contemplating the upcoming season for local horse enthusiasts. While the club doesn't have its dates for the gymkhana series set just yet, the board will be able to announce the dates in the near future. First comes approval for use of the arena and working with town staff to meet the permit requirements.

The group is always trying to fundraise for events. For New Year's Eve, the club held a small dance at the Nucla Fire Station. Then, they raised a few hundred dollars. Richardson said that's a small portion of the \$3,000 her club needs to raise to pay for the facilities rental, insurance and the awards program at the end of the season.

Now, the group is also doing an online fundraiser. It's a web store through which the public may shop to purchase nuts, chocolates and other snacks.

Richardson said the profits support the club, and she's been trying to spread the word locally. The site can be accessed at ttr.terrilynn.com.

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PEOPLE

West End local earns triple crown of U.S. hiking

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor



Dale Allen earned the "triple crown" of U.S. hiking. (Courtesy image)

Dale Allen, who's lived in Naturita since 2012, has done something that only a limited number of people have. He hiked nearly 8,000 miles and completed the three major hikes in the U.S. that comprise the "triple crown."

Allen started his journey hiking from Mexico to Canada on the Pacific Coast Trail in 2019. That's also where he met his partner, Megan Urban, who is now a Nucla High School teacher.

Next he completed the Continental Divide Trail in 2020, hiking southbound from Canada to Mexico through Wyoming and New Mexico.

This last year, in 2022, Allen spent 130 days hiking the Appalachian Trail, from June 29 to Nov. 7, hiking roughly 17 miles a day, from Maine to Georgia.

Those that complete the three major through-hikes earn what is called the "triple crown." Allen estimates that 700-1,000 people have actually done it.

It's an honor system, but there are ways to check to see that people have actually made the journeys, including certifications from the trails and also tracking on a GPS system.

For the Appalachian Trail, Allen stopped in towns every four to five days to obtain food. Sometimes he'd also get a gift from his mother or from Urban.

Allen, who turned 40 on Nov. 7 when he finished the triple crown, said sobriety is part of what has inspired his hiking. He's gone through some challenging experiences in life. He turned to hiking before when he'd gone through a difficult breakup. He said he headed out to the trail, instead of

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TIPS FROM THE WEST END POSSE

Jackrabbits

By MARK RACKAY



Jackrabbits are nocturnal. (Courtesy image)

My adopted dad owned a fair-sized ranch west of Laramie, Wyoming, and I got to spend a few years there with him. One critter that was thick on this ranch was the jackrabbit.

Prior to my arrival, the only rabbits I had ever seen were the fuzzy little cottontail variety. The first jackrabbit I encountered scared five years off of my 10-year-old little body. The bloody thing was bigger than me. I could have ridden the thing if I could catch it. I figured if rabbits were this big on the ranch, I couldn't wait to see the trout.

For starters, there is the white-tailed jackrabbit who lives in the mountain parks, sagebrush prairies, and sometimes all the way down in the native

prairies. His cousin, the black-tailed jackrabbit, lives in the desert country in southern and southwestern Colorado, and occasionally on the eastern plains. The black-tail is the one we are most likely to encounter around here.

You can find him in the phonebook under his Latin name *Lepus Californicus*, but on the street he is the black-tailed jackrabbit. You will recognize him because of his unusually large ears, way oversized for the rest of him. He also has long and very slender front legs, but it is the back legs you will notice.

The legs on a jackrabbit have very large feet, almost five inches long. They seem to make his ears not stand out so much. Those long legs can reach speeds of close to 40 mph when they need to escape from something.

Because of the size of the ears, legs and feet, you would guess this animal to be the size of a large dog at first glance, but jackrabbits are much smaller. The adult black-tail jackrabbit will reach two feet in length and tip the scales close to eight pounds.

The white-tailed jackrabbit is a bit larger than the black-tail. We always call these guys "rabbits," but they are really in the family *Leporidae*, which includes rabbits and hares. There are five species of jackrabbit hares in North America, but only three call Colorado home.

The third hare to call Colorado home is the snowshoe hare. The

snowshoe hare has much smaller ears, but still has the long legs and oversize feet as factory equipment. The snowshoe hare only weighs about half as much as the jackrabbits and are usually a foot long. A fun fact is the snowshoe hare and the black-tailed jackrabbit turn white in the winter months to help them avoid predators.

Jackrabbits are solitary animals, except during the mating season which takes place from February to July. The phrase "as mad as a March hare" refers to the unusual boxing behavior of jackrabbits that is typically seen during the spring. Females use their paws to hit the males when they want to avoid copulation — kind of makes one wonder how they produce so many litters with behavior like that, but it's one of nature's mysteries, I guess.

A normal litter produces around five babies, called "leverets." The snowshoe hare will have two litters a year, while the jackrabbit four. The normal lifespan of a jackrabbit can reach five years in the wild.

Jackrabbits are nocturnal, moving around mostly at night. They bed up during the daylight hours, usually to avoid predators, in shallow depressions in the ground known as forms. Those predators include coyotes, foxes, wolves, bobcats and large birds of prey. The main predator of the snowshoe hare is the lynx.

When alarmed, a jackrabbit can leap 10 feet or more and can jump and run in a zig-zag pattern to confuse the predator that is on their fantail. Jackrabbits thump the ground with their hind legs to alarm other animals about potential danger.

Jackrabbits were once hunted commercially for their fur, and often for meat. They're doing well as a species, but anything not listed as endangered or threatened is rare these days, and these guys are on neither list.

I enjoyed my years in Wyoming with my adopted dad: the ranch, fishing, and all the wild game. I'll never forget that first encounter with a rabbit that was nearly as big as I was.

Long live the jackrabbit.

History: Rimrocker Historical Society

One family's mysterious history in the West End

By SHARON JOHANNSEN for the Rimrocker Historical Society

In this age of DNA, you can trace your family back generations and get results both good and bad. For those of you close to my husband, Duane Johannsen, you know he was adopted in 1955. His adoptive parents were Eddie and Edna Johannsen. Clara and George Elliott were his maternal grandparents, and Edward and Rose Johannsen were his paternal grandparents. They were all long-time residents of Nucla.

Over the years many people have asked what we knew about his adoption. It always seemed there was a cloak of mystery surrounding him. We never pushed his parents for information, but when the subject came up, they said they didn't know who his biological parents were, and they were never listed on any birth certificates that we could find.

We do know he was born in Denver General Hospital, June 14, 1955. Duane never cared to find out anything else, as he had a wonderful family and loved his parents very much. It was when our children got older, they wanted to know what the circumstances were and where their roots originated.

So, this is his story. As with every story, some of the details are sketchy, but we believe they are as accurate as they can be. Some information was pulled from the San Miguel Basin Forum archives and some just talking and visiting with people who remember. It is not our intent to bring up bad memories for family members affected by the story, but it is public knowledge and "our history." Thank you for reading, and I hope you enjoy his story.

The beginning

The headline in the June 24, 1955 Forum newspaper read as follows: "Accident Virtually Wipes Out Nucla Family" — It tells of an accident, June 20, 1955, on what we now refer to as Naturita Hill (Highway 97). Earl Elliott, who was a nephew to Edna (Elliott) Johannsen, was driving an ore truck owned by Edward Johannsen, of Nucla. The article stated the truck went down an embankment near the Uranium Drive-In sign. Earl Elliott rode the truck to the bottom of the hill and was alive and talking when emergency personnel got there. He said the brakes had failed to hold the truck as he came down the hill. He was transported to Montrose Memorial Hospital, but died later as a result of the accident. His wife Julia Ann (Hilleary) Elliott and their 6-year-old daughter Kenna Rae Elliott were thrown from the vehicle and died instantly. Their 7-year-old son Derald Elliott was thrown from the vehicle and survived with multiple fractures to his legs, skull and clavicle.

An interview with Bob Million resulted in this information on the crash. He and his family lived on Million Avenue in Naturita and heard the accident. He and his dad immediately went to the scene and found Derald. They laid him on



Duane Johannsen was adopted in 1955. (Courtesy image)

some lumber they had at their home and carried him to a waiting ambulance. According to other articles written about the accident, Derald was taken to Montrose Memorial Hospital and on Wednesday, June 22, he was flown to Denver General Hospital for further treatment. This was a terrible tragedy, not only for the families, but to the West End as well. Earl and Julia were high school sweethearts and very active in the community.

Donald Bunch was about 14 at the time of the accident. He also lived in the area where the accident occurred. He stated the day after the accident, his dad got him up early and told him to gather the picks and shovels. They went to the Nucla Cemetery and met Red Elliott there. Together, they dug a mass grave for the family. The funeral took place on Friday at the Nucla Town Hall. For more information on the family, the obituary can be found in the July 1, 1955 Forum newspaper on page 13.

Later on

Around 2017, our daughter, Aimee, came to us and said she wanted her dad to take a DNA test. She wanted to see if we could find any living relatives from Duane's biological family. It took a while for Duane to warm up to the idea, but he finally did it. We used 23andMe but got no useful results. We just figured it was over and moved on with life.

Enter our grandson, Allden Johannsen. Allden received an Ancestry DNA kit for Christmas. He wanted to know his ancestry, what his background was, and where his roots were planted. He was not interested in relatives, so he never really looked at that part of the test. Months went by, and he lost his password, so he never looked at the site again.

A text message from an unknown person to my daughter opened a

door we were never expecting. It stated in so many words, "What I want to talk to you about deals with situations that happened a long time ago. If you do not wish to communicate with me, please do not feel obligated. I would like to talk with you and hope you accept this invitation with an open heart and mind."

Aimee called me right away and read the text to me. I calmly said, "He found us." Duane and I knew there was a baby out there, as we had gotten adoption papers in the mail in 1976. I was 17 when I married Duane, just starting my senior year in August of 1976. The papers came in October 1976. I won't go into details of Duane's wild days, but yes, he was a bit of a partier. We discussed what to do, keeping it from our parents.

The adoption papers were signed and mailed back. At that time there was no DNA. It was a "she said" scenario. We knew it was a boy, and we knew he went to Montana. We told our kids about him when they got old enough to understand. Of course, my daughter searched for him for a very long time with no results.

Finding us

Duane's son Mike came to us in May of 2019. He too had taken an ancestry DNA test that he had received for Christmas. It stated that Allden Johannsen could be his nephew. He had been searching for us for many years, but never had a correct name to go by. When he hit on Allden as a relative, everything fell into place. He searched the Johannsen name and found Aimee. The rest is "history" as they say. We couldn't be happier to be able to meet him and see he had a good family and a fantastic life. We keep in touch with him and his beautiful wife Destini.

But, there's more. Read next week's column for Part 2 of this family history.

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Wild Gal's

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good. We love feeding people. It's our biggest pleasure."

Now, she's planning a move to Naturita for more space and a commercial kitchen. The timing is to be determined, since some construction is involved in the new shop.

Then, the West End Farm and Craft Market that she's been managing will also move to Naturita. This will happen in the space that surrounds the store, and food-assistance programs will still be honored.

Korngold is excited to soon offer even more prepared foods, meals that people can take home for dinner, and potentially a daily soup. She wants to provide a new option to the area, and she can't wait to spend more of her time cooking.

Nestled in Nucla, people have discovered Korngold and Wild Gal's. Now people throughout the region stop by. Mentors from Telluride are coming this week to give her business advice.

She said she's enjoying all of the work and how it's unfolding. Anybody who'd like to reach Korngold with questions may email wildgalsmarket@gmail.com.

"Making good, clean healthy food accessible to everybody is our mission," she said.



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Hiker

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turning to old habits. He agreed hiking can also be addictive, but in a good way.

"It comes down to purpose and simplicity," he said.

He added it's about the journey and what happens between the beginning and the finish. For him, hiking gives him something to do with his time that "fills his cup." He explained it as a type of deep, walking meditation.

"You can think through baggage and hit a point of no thought," he said.

For someone working toward sobriety, or struggling with life challenges, Allen said a person doesn't have to hike as far as he has. He recommends simply getting outdoors and embracing the power of nature.

"It's the best teacher," he said. "You learn who you are out there."

Living in the West End, he said there's so much available in the high desert.

While he hasn't given any talks around town, he's open to speaking about his experiences. He would like to uplift people on a similar journey and to share the tools that he's used to get himself as far as he has in his sobriety.

He did help some local young people get onto the trails in Colorado. He supported a pair of 21-year olds to hike the Colorado Trail, from Denver to Durango.

Allen agreed his family is proud of his accomplishment with the triple crown of hiking. They always encouraged him throughout his journey. His mother picked him up at the finish line of the Appalachian Trail, and together they went to an AA meeting. She's also nine years sober.




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Mustang Wrestling



J.W. Nasland is first place at regionals. (Photo by Brandie McCabe)

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The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) will have a link for live-streaming, and anyone wishing to watch online should visit <https://chsaa.org/sports/wrestling/> for more information.

Coach said he's proud. The Mustangs won the matches

they were supposed to. He said the guys performed well. He's grateful for assistant coach Lars Nasland for taking charge of the guys in Hayden, so he could coach his daughter in another facility at Battle Mountain.

"They all wrestled well," coach said.

TTR preps for spring

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The Tabeguache Trail Riders season typically starts in June. Six weekly sessions will be on the calendar, and they'll be finished by the San Miguel Basin Rodeo. In this way, junior rodeo competitors get a chance to practice in the weeks leading up to the rodeo.

For the gymkhanas, age divisions are as follows: 6 and under, 7-10, 11-14, 15-18, and 19 and older. The club always has barrel racing and pole bending for the weekly events, but adds in a third event too, which changes. Sometimes the club offers goat tying or a stake race. In the past, they've done a trail course, too.

"I hope to do that again, but it's what the members choose," she said.

A small club, there are approximately 21 members presently. Richardson would like to grow that number. She invites people of all ages to join.

She said there are two members in the group who joined only for trail riding. Members don't have to participate in gymkhana events. Dues are \$30 for the year.

Trail rides are something she'd like to see more of this season. This time of year, with snow and mud, is not supportive of getting horses out in the back country, but spring and summer should make for better weather on trails.

Anyone who'd like to speak with Richardson is welcome to text her for more information or to give ideas for supporting the club. Since she teaches for West End Public Schools District, texting is a better option for her than phone calls. She can be reached at 970-428-7137.

Also, the Tabeguache Trail Riders have monthly meetings. Those happen the last Sunday of every month. The public is also invited to follow the group on Facebook.



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The Poms, coached by Miranda Richardson, perform in Naturita. (Photo by Carla Reams)

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WEST END MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BLOTTER

2/7/2023

1406 Hours - Deputy conducted a medical assist in the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla.
1651 Hours - Trista Gaddis, 24, was arrested in the 28600 block of DD Road near Nucla on 5 outstanding warrants.
1820 Hours - Jami Peters, 33, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla and cited for driving under FRA suspension.
1858 Hours - Malisha Reed, 32, was contacted in the 400 block of Main Street in Nucla and cited for disregarding a stop sign.
1934 Hours - Creston Jessop, 24, was contacted in the 300 block of Main Street in Nucla and cited for making a U-turn where prohibited.
1 VIN inspection
2 directed patrols in Nucla
1 directed patrol in County
3 civil processes attempted/served

2/8/2023

1934 Hours - Donald Mitchell, 44, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 1 near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.
2001 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a suspicious vehicle.
2245 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of King Street in Nucla for a theft report.
1 school zone in Naturita
1 directed patrol in County
1 directed patrol in Naturita

2/9/2023

0802 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28000 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for a suspicious vehicle.
1238 Hours - Nicolas Calvillo, 33, was contacted at the intersection of West Third and Short Street in Naturita and cited for failed to present insurance, driving while under FRA suspension, driver's vision obstructed through required glass, and expired license plates.
1302 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to relay a message in the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita.

2/10/2023

1308 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to relay a message in the 400 block of Reed Drive in Naturita.
1312 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to relay a message in the 31300 block of EE26 Road near Naturita.
1534 Hours - Randy Gabriel, 59, was contacted at the intersection of Highway 141 and Highway 90 near Naturita and cited for speeding.
2 VIN inspections
2 directed patrols in County
0728 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a disturbance. A warrant was issued for Wayne Fenimore JR, 41, for harassment x2, domestic violence, and child abuse.
1027 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 105 near Norwood for an alarm.
1233 Hours - Deputy conducted a

medical assist in the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita.
2037 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Wilson Street in Naturita for a 911.
2 VIN inspections
1 directed patrol in Nucla
1 civil process attempted/served

2/11/2023

1415 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a fraud report.
1609 Hours - Deputy conducted

a fire assist in the 29300 block of CC Road near Nucla.
1 directed patrol in Naturita

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400-500# STEERS	1.80-2.35	400-500# HEIFERS	1.85-2.15
500-600# STEERS	1.80-2.25	500-600# HEIFERS	1.75-2.11
600-700# STEERS	1.65-1.90	600-700# HEIFERS	1.65-1.85
700-800# STEERS	1.70-1.82	700-800# HEIFERS	1.58-1.65
800-900# STEERS	1.62-1.75	800-900# HEIFERS	1.50-1.60
Top bulls	.85-.95 no top offered	Medium bulls	.75-.81
Young Cows	.90-1.15	Top cows	.87-.95 no top cow
Medium cows	.77-.86	Low-yielding cows	.79 down

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF A PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) Board of Directors will be considering certain revisions to the General Rules and Regulations affecting all electric consumers at their regular board meeting on March 28th, 2023. The purpose of the proposed revision is to ensure fair and equitable rates for all members and to adequately recover costs to operate and maintain the grid.

The proposed change concerns accounts for which the same member routinely disconnects and reconnects the service within a 12-month period and it applies to any SMPA service which has been inactivated or disconnected for a period of at least 90 days.

Such services shall be classified as abandoned and may be retired from SMPA's system at SMPA's discretion. Applicants or owners applying for new service or restoration will be liable for payment of expenses not limited to: 1) Reconnect Fees, 2) monthly Access Charge for the period that the service was disconnected, or 3) New line extension costs in cases where service equipment was removed.

Further details are available at www.smpa.com/start-new-service-or-discontinue-service#idle_services.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 25 (SL-25) for the New Horizon Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008. The Division proposes to approve Phase I bond release on 2.7 acres of dryland pasture located in the southeast quarter of Section 6 (topsoil stockpile E footprint). The Division proposes to approve Phase I bond release on 1.9 acres located in the southeast quarter of Section 36 that have been reclaimed to permanent stock pond SP2. And the Division proposes to approve Phase I bond release on 16.3 acres of irrigated pasture and 3.6 acres of dryland pasture (Parcels DP-10, DP-12, and DP-13) located in south east quarter of Section 36.

The Division proposes to approve Phase II bond release on 11.4 acres of reclaimed pasture. 2.9 acres have been reclaimed as Irrigated pasture, parcel IP-10. A portion of this parcel requires minor adjustment to correct an area of differential settling and the formation of a small gully. The Division proposes to approve 3.6 acres of dryland pasture (Parcels DP-10, DP-12, and DP-13) located in south east quarter of Section 36. And the Division proposes to approve Phase II bond release on 4.9 acres of dryland pasture, parcels DP-16 and DP-17, located in the southeast quarter of Section 6. The Division proposes to approve to release the applicant from liability for: all reclamation work on eleven reclaimed monitoring wells. The Division entered 0.001 acres into the Phase III release category to allow the permit system to display that Phase III release was approved for the wells. Even though the wells had no acreages associated with them in the application due to their negligible footprint. Specifically wells GW-N41, GW-N42, GW-N43, GW-N16P1, GW-17P1, GW-N19P1, MFBF-71, MW BF-63, GW-N-40, GW-N39, and GW-N3. The surface operation is operated by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. The bond release application was submitted by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC on May 16, 2022. The permittee is requesting Phase I, II and III bond release for nine (9) plugged and abandoned monitoring wells, and two (2) plugged and abandoned backfill wells. The permittee is requesting Phase I release on 24.5 acres that have been backfilled and graded. The permittee is requesting Phase II release on 11.4 acres of dryland pasture and irrigated pasture reclaimed areas. The affected area is located in Montrose County, approximately 1.7 miles Northwest of Nucla, Colorado.

Copies of the proposed decision are available for review at <https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/drms/search.aspx> by searching C1981008 in the "Permit No" field. A user guide is available to help first time users of the imaged document system and can be viewed at https://drive.google.com/file/d/118OUdf_Mpjo3kxIhkP5hMH-w7MeBtxX7/view..

Any person who has an interest which is or may be adversely affected may request an adjudicatory hearing regarding this proposed decision. Requests for a hearing must be made in writing within thirty (30) days of the date following initial publication of this notice, and shall state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and objections to the proposed decision.

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ACROSS

- Pampering places
- * ___ de trois
- Lend a criminal hand
- Toy block
- As old as time?
- Milan's La ___
- Drug addict
- Craving
- Some primatologists' study object, for short
- *Shoe, not a titular character in Henry James' novel
- What spirits and culprits have in common
- Falstaffian in body
- Jack Kerouac's ___ Paradise
- *Shoe, not lazy person
- Concealing plant, in a painting (2 words)
- Not leg

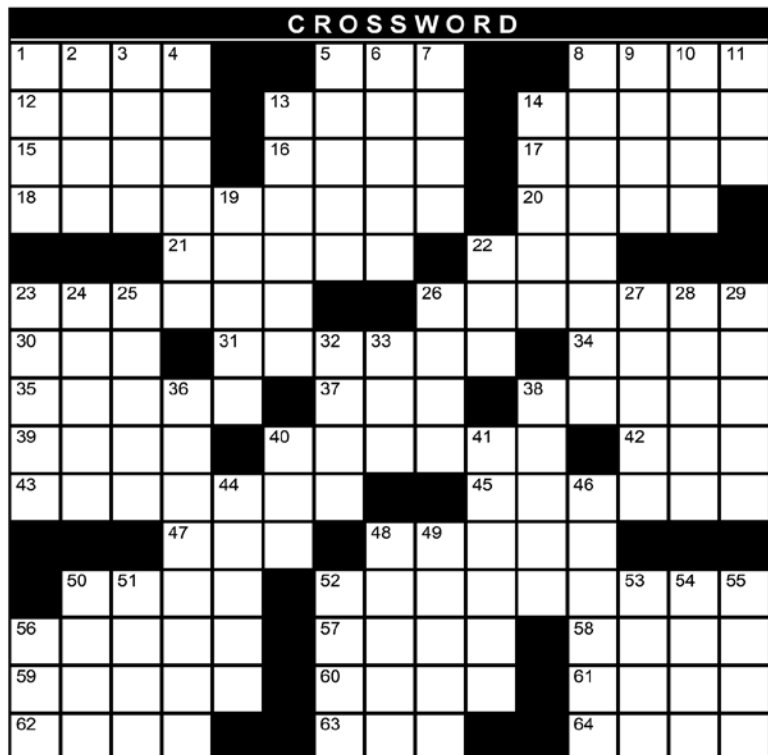
- ___ help
- Poet Pound
- *Sound of Wellington boots
- U.N. labor issues org.
- Twig of a willow tree
- Database command
- Type of purse
- "Platoon" setting, for short
- Canadian province
- Overly preoccupied with something
- Motion of assent
- Louisiana swamp
- Like list of chores
- *Animated movie about a dancing penguin (2 words)
- "All About Eve" star
- Biblical birthright seller
- Generic dog name
- Are not
- What snob puts on
- Cogito, ___ sum
- Mountain, in Germany



- Trinitrotoluene, for short
- Movie tape

DOWN

- Yarn defect
- 100 centavos in Mexico
- A long time ago
- Somewhat (2 words)
- City on the Seine
- Pool growth
- ___ but not heard"
- *Rupturing this will take you off your feet
- Can of worms
- Deciduous tree
- *Percussion with one's feet
- Piano adjusters
- Scrawny one
- Caribbean religious and healing practice
- Noble title
- Apple TV+ coach
- Acrylic fiber
- Amortization root
- *0.3048 meters
- Web mag
- Domains
- Agricultural enterprises
- Narc's unit
- Contagious bug
- *On your feet
- Exclamation of delight or dismay (2 words)
- El ___
- Nutrias
- Fowl perch
- Bear pain
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