

## BUSINESS

### Oxygen still available in West End

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Some community members have been concerned about AeroCare, an oxygen supply business that also has medical equipment like CPAP machines, because of the rumor that it has left the West End altogether. AeroCare, which is a type of chain store and appears all over the U.S., has been operating in Nucla on the corner of 5th Avenue and Main Street the last few years.

In June, community members were discussing what a loss it would be for the West End to lose the oxygen company, especially since there are elderly or sick people who depend on having an oxygen supply available for their health care needs.

Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen contacted Maggie Kline at the AeroCare offices on behalf of her constituents to find out what was going on with the business. AeroCare representatives said they'll still be supplying oxygen to Nucla and Naturita.

"She confirmed that they are still servicing the clients in the West End," Hansen told community leaders in the West End in an email last week. "The only thing that changed is they no longer have a physical location."

Hansen said AeroCare has an on-call technician who will address emergencies with oxygen needs. Someone who calls with oxygen needs late in the day would receive a delivery the next day. And, if someone were needing an extra tank of oxygen at a residence, AeroCare representatives said they would accommodate that need.

There is an AeroCare business in Montrose. AdaptHealth's website states it has related stores in 715 locations in 47 states.

The San Miguel Basin Forum contacted headquarters for AeroCare last week. Luke Cavanagh is the director of communications for AdaptHealth, the national organization that includes AeroCare under its umbrella.

Cavanagh agreed that business operations would continue for the West End.

"At AdaptHealth, patient care and quality service are the top priorities," he said. "We remain committed to the residents of Nucla, Colorado, and will continue to provide the same excellent service to patients as we have for years. Any patients with concerns about their individual orders are welcome to contact our customer service staff at 970-765-7950."

Christina Pierce, the executive director of the Basin Clinic in Naturita, told the Forum there are quite a few people that depend on oxygen

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## FAIR

### July 15 kicks off SMB Fair

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The San Miguel Basin Fair and Rodeo kicks off July 15 with a week-long schedule of fun family events, rich in western heritage. The event marks 115 years of local tradition. Fair week is jam-packed with fun community contests, numerous junior livestock and horse shows, open fair contests, the junior livestock sale and a community dance.

Fair week will begin with an open youth horse show on July 15.

"It's nice to be able to bring the horse show back," said Regan Snyder, Fair Board President. "Last year we didn't have any kids enrolled in horse 4-H. So this year, the board decided to open it up to any youth in hopes of trying to grow the show."

The community dessert contest will also take place on Saturday, July 15. The contest is a true crowd pleaser. Contestants are

invited to prepare their favorite pie, ice cream and/or cookies to bring to the event for judging and a community tasting afterwards.

Besides horses, 4-H exhibitors will bring approximately 27 market beef, six breeding heifers, 43 market hogs, 21 market lambs, 12 market goats, 10 pens of market rabbits, 10 pens of market chickens and six market turkeys.

"It is really positive to see more kids interested in learning about

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## COMMUNITY

### Farm and Craft Market begins

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The West End Farm and Craft Market started last week in Nucla in front of Wild Gal's Market on Main Street. The first market was June 29 and was well attended. Almost all of the scheduled vendors were present, and the crowd showed up to buy produce and other items.

Managed by Wild Gal's Market owner Galit Korngold, she's making an effort to round up local produce in the few days before the market to get the fresh food into West End hands. Her store is also open during market times, so shoppers can enter and get what they need inside.

Korngold said having the markets on Main Street have been good. Vendors don't have to walk as far like they used to when markets were in the park. Shoppers can park on the street and easily shop, too.

On site last week were Nicole Brandt, of Cypress Roots Craft Herbalism, and also artist Cynthia Sampson. Kathy Zurich was there with her hand-sewn and crocheted things, and Mallory Rice had jams, free-dried candies and preserves. T.J. Williams brought the biochar soil supplement, and a few others had offerings. Currently, Wild Gal's Market is the only vendor with produce.

Farm and Craft Market hours are Thursdays from 4 to 7:30 p.m., and Korngold said each week will likely be a bit different. There may be music, but probably more regularly when Farm and Craft moves to Naturita with Wild Gal's Market in the future.

Korngold said all should bring their own shopping bags, and Farm and Craft is accepting all forms of payments, including cash, credit cards and also the seasonal orange WIC vouchers. SNAP assistance and also the Double-Up Bucks are welcome.

Korngold said the markets will go until mid-September, and she's expecting really good items the next few weeks. She reminds all to get ready for their beloved summer favorites and said much of what is coming will be farm-fresh, local stuff.

"The abundance is on the verge," she said.

She wants the West End community to know that when certain things are in season, like cucumbers and tomatoes or peaches and corn, West End Farm and Craft can take orders for cases. The cases are priced reasonably and give locals an option to do their preserving, canning and freezing.

While there is not a dinner option at the West End Farm and Craft Market at this point, there could be.

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Keiran Bray spent July 20-25 in Washington D.C. for a national FFA conference. (Courtesy image)

## EDUCATION

### Bray back from DC, ready to talk ag

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Nucla High School senior Keiran Bray earlier this spring was nominated to attend a leadership conference in Washington D.C. on behalf of her FFA chapter. After receiving a grant to cover the costs of the program, the trip was made possible.

Bray attended the national FFA conference June 20-25. She departed Montrose alone and flew to D.C. by way of Denver on the way there, and Houston on the way home. It was her first experience traveling solo.

The FFA students stayed at the Omni Hotel in D.C. and were provided three meals each day there.

Bray had three roommates, and said they all got along very well. Participants were in grades nine through 12, but Bray said it seemed like mostly juniors and seniors on the FFA leadership trip.

Bray told the San Miguel Basin Forum last weekend that the conference was a great experience. Called the National Washington Leadership Conference, she said the purpose was to teach students about community involvement and how to make students' communities better. The conference had different workshops to help students make plans for community involvement.

For Bray, she wants to see the West End focus more on communication regarding agriculture.

She said there are policies being placed into law that not everyone has information about. She said she wants to get truth out into the public, so that voters are educated when they go to the polls.

Bray was able to use her time in D.C. to focus on how to reach her goals after arriving home in her community.

"It was really good — and eye opening," she said. "And, one of the biggest things I learned was that in FFA we are super supportive of each other, but there is outside support as well."

Bray said people in Washington D.C. were asking the students who they were and what

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## OUTDOOR TIPS FROM THE WEST END POSSE

## Going in circles

By MARK RACKAY

In countless searches for lost persons, we have found that folks really do walk in circles. Several times I have found myself walking in a circle when I was temporarily misguided (another word for lost). My wife of many years claims that I spend my life going in circles, never finding a landmark. Perhaps those long years of marriage could be the reason for the circling, but in the interest of marital bliss, I shall keep that thought to myself.

I recall a search for lost hunters who had left camp in the early afternoon. Weather moved in, bringing eight inches of heavy, wet snow in just a few hours. These hunters had no GPS or compass.

We started following their tracks around 10 that night. Our GPS showed we were about to close a circle when we happened upon them. The total distance they had covered in that circle was near 2 miles, but they were about to come upon their own tracks.

Jan Souman, a psychologist at the Max Planck Institute in Germany conducted a study in 2007. Previously, researchers had suggested that walking in circles could result from subtle differences in the strength or length of the two legs that would bias a person to veer toward the left or right.

Souman's experiments found that most subjects showed no strong bias for left or right turns, even though subjects did have small differences in the strength of their left and right legs. These differences did not correlate with their turning tendencies.

The findings did suggest that the reason people walk in circles involves the brain. When people are blindfolded, the brain must plot a course for straight ahead, based on limited information, including input from the vestibular system, which informs the sense of balance and movement sensors in the muscles and joints.

Those signals have small errors that can lead a person in a random, meandering path. Occasionally, the errors in a particular direction build up, leading us to walk in a circle.

Some believe our dominant eye misaligns us to a focused point when both eyes are open. Being a past competition shotgun shooter, I have a fair amount of experience with dominant eye. I have little confidence in that theory because your dominant eye will take over and lead the way, hence the term "dominant."

We all tend to edge away from environmental obstacles such

as wind, slope of a hill, rain, and sun in your face — or a cliff. As humans, we will veer off course, taking the path of least resistance.

I think the biggest reason we circle is because of a lack of visual reference points. Our internal compass is not very accurate. When the sun is blazing down on you, it is near impossible to walk a straight line in open spaces, such as a desert or plains without one or two visual reference points. Human beings must have visual cues in order to navigate.

I have always said that it is always darkest, right before it turns completely black. Night falling can take away your visual references in a hurry. If it is a clear night, you can use a bright star or the moon as a visual cue. Keep in mind the rotation of the Earth, which will affect your direction of travel over the long haul of several hours.

Inclement weather, such as heavy rains or a snowstorm can cause your visual landmarks to vanish. The simplest solution is to use a compass or a GPS. Staying on a course using either of these instruments will keep you going straight.

If you have neither of these, it may be best to wait it out. When you must move in bad conditions, perhaps there is a noise you can use for a reference, such as a waterfall or river. Verify direction by cupping your hands around your ears and rotate your head horizontally. This will give to the direction of the highest sound intensity.

Knowing that you will not maintain a straight course without an aid is half the battle. Plan your trip with a GPS and keep a compass as a backup. Then, even without visual references, you will still navigate your way out.

My wife says I just go in circles all the time, something about chasing my tail. I tried to explain that it is not circling, but "hovering," waiting to move in. It is more of a tactical mindset, but she refuses to hear the explanation. If you happen to see me in the woods, going around in a circle, or hovering, just point me toward my truck.

Mark Rackay is a columnist for several newspapers, as well as a feature writer for multiple salt-water fishing magazines. He is an avid hunter and world-class salt-water angler, who travels around the world in search of adventure and serves as a director and public information officer for the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse. For information about the posse call 970-252-4033 (leave a message) or email [info@mcspi.org](mailto:info@mcspi.org).

History: Rimrocker Historical Society  
Water Days celebrations  
of the pastBy JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

Another successful Water Days celebration happened this past weekend! The vendors were wonderful, and there were so many people: happy class reunions, lots of families spending time together, great food choices, lots of horseshoes thrown, and water! water! water! Really a great day! Thanks to the Water Days Committee who work tirelessly all year to see that enough funds are raised to put on this great day! You all rock!

I love to go back and look at Water Days of the past ... reminisces from the San Miguel Basin Forum, the years 1983 and 1984, which, I believe, were the third and fourth years of the Lions Club sponsoring Water Days.

Margaret Galley was the Water Day Queen in 1983. The newspaper says, "She rode in an old antique car and was the honored lady of the day at the Town Park festivities. She's been a Nucla resident many years and is a retired school teacher, although she still subs when needed. She made a lovely queen."

The day started with a very impressive parade.

"Never in the history of parades in Nucla has there been so many floats," stated several Nucla old-timers.

The Rimrocker Historical Society won first place for their float, with Naturita Lions and Lionesses winning second, and the Town of Nucla taking third. In the junior division, Jason and Chris Hibbert won first place for their float.

There was a noon barbecue, homemade cake and ice cream, volleyball games and water bucket races. Results for events were the three-legged race winners, Paula and Penni Brown. Junior sack race winner was Stan Galley. Cow chip toss winners were Matt Weimer and Phillip Pfifer. Egg toss was won by Chris Colcord, and John Warner and Montrose West Rec won the bed race.

King and queen for Water Days in 1984 were Bud and May Maupin. They rode their horses down Main Street in the parade, which was declared to be a great event. There were decorated bicy-



Shannon Reeder and family enjoy the ice cream social.  
(Photo by Jane Thompson)

cles and tricycles. For bicycles, first place went to Jennifer Brown and Kylie Nelson, and Nikki Woods tied for second place. Keith Delasandro took first place in tricycles, and Trenton Garber received second place.

Taking first place in the senior division was a float by the alumni, second place went to Rimrockers, and third to the Nucla Congregational Church. In the junior division, first place went to Cub Scout Pack No. 460, second went to Rainbow Girls and third to Sue's Second Park Club.

Taking first place in the volleyball tournament was the team of Dean Blair, Paul Cooper, Mike Epright, Mike Gardner, John Reams and Rusty Roberts. In the horseshoe tournaments, first place for singles went to Dave Johnson, while the doubles went to Bob Burbridge and Barney Mock.

Other games included tug-of-war, a pie-eating contest, sack races, a water balloon toss, bucket brigade, cow chip toss, chainsaw competition, and three-legged races. Everyone involved and those watching had a terrific day.

There were several Nucla High School reunions held over the July

4th holiday weekend of 1984, and each was successful and enjoyed. A reunion of the first 25 years of Nucla High School, classes of 1918 through 1942, held a banquet and dance at the Nucla Moose Lodge. The meal, served by the Moose, was served to nearly 200 people. (Wouldn't you love to visit with that Alumni group?)

Many people who had come to Nucla for one of several reunions going on during the holiday weekend were "impressed that there was so much going on in our small town." And many local residents smiled, knowing the work involved to make the day a memorable one.

That was Water Days in 1983 and 1984, with still a lot of familiar names. With a successful celebration 40 years later, Nucla still has her shine on!

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Rimrockers 10th Annual Ice Cream Social on Friday evening! It was fun to have A&W Root Beer floats this year, as well as the build-your-own sundaes, but the squirt guns seemed to be the biggest hit! I'm not sure who had more fun with those, the adults or the kids! Fun times all around!

## Bray back from DC

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they were doing. She said they were happy that young people are advocating for agriculture, and the teens felt encouraged.

Bray's parents, Zandon and Sara Bray, are also proud. Already the ranching family is a part of the Farm Bureau and the Cattlemen's Association. They regularly participate in advocating for agriculture.

Bray agreed she will be carrying

on her family's legacy of ranching, and she will be advocating for agriculture, too. She spoke with the San Miguel Basin Forum about coming on board as a youth columnist. Readers in the future should plan on seeing columns by Bray in the Forum.

This week, Bray is touring Texas A&M, though she will be looking at schools in Nebraska and Kansas, too. She's also open

to starting college at a smaller school, where she could potentially play basketball.

As far as the leadership conference for FFA goes, she said she highly recommends it to other teens.

"It was a really cool experience," she said. "I learned a lot and met a lot of people. It seemed scary, but it was a lot of fun, and I recommend it to anyone who is interested and who wants to travel."

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**POLITICS**

# America 250 – Colorado 150 Commission Bill is law

**SPECIAL TO THE FORUM**

State Representative Marc Catlin's SB23-297, America 250 – Colorado 150 Commission Bill, is now law. The bill was signed by Governor Jared Polis on Tuesday, June 6. This law is a companion piece to a previous Rep. Catlin law that was passed last year for the creation of the America 250 – Colorado 150 Commission.

The commission will develop programs and plans for the official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood. The commission is directed to develop and

promote historical activities, publication of historical documents, public ceremonies, educational activities for Colorado youth and other commemorative events to be supported by comprehensive marketing and tourism campaigns.

The prime sponsors in the Colorado House of Representatives were Barbara McLachlan (D-HD59) of La Plata County and Marc Catlin (R-HD58) of Montrose County. The prime sponsors in the Colorado Senate were Rachel Zenzinger (D-SD19) of Jefferson County and Rod Pelton (R-SD35) of Cheyenne County.

Rep. Catlin said he was proud. "It is exciting to see how the

communities in Colorado are planning to celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2026," he said. "This bill will make resources available and encourage people to get involved and have a great 150th and 250th birthday celebration. Happy July 4th and God bless America"

Rep. Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel. He vice chairs the Agriculture, Water and Natural Resources Committee, is a member of the Capital Development Committee and is ranking member of the Transportation, Housing and Local Government Committee.

**MONTROSE COUNTY**

# Building codes updated

**SPECIAL TO THE FORUM**

Montrose County updated its building codes to the International Building Code (IBC), 2018 Edition at a special board meeting on June 27. This update is the result of state legislation and is the least burdensome option for residents and builders.

"We compared the 2009, 2018 and 2021 codes and decided that the 2018 codes were the best option for builders, contractors and residents, based on how modern the codes are and the costs involved," said Tallmadge Richmond, Planning and Development Director for Montrose County. "It is also important to note that the

county's building codes and city's building codes will match, as both agencies recently updated codes. This is helpful for contractors in the area."

Building permits are not proposed to be affected. In addition to the update for the international building code, this also includes updates for the International Residential Code (IRC), 2018 Edition; the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), 2018 Edition; and the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards/American National Standards Institute (NCSBCS/ANSI) A225; and 1-1994 Non-Permanent Foundations Guide for Manufactured Housing.

Some of the major changes from the 2009 codes to the 2018 codes include increased insulation requirements. The 2018 codes require more insulation (than 2009 codes) in homes and buildings, which can help to save energy and money on heating and cooling costs. And, there are changes to fence requirements. The 2018 codes now require a permit for fences that are seven feet or taller, instead of six feet, as in the 2009 codes.

The new building codes are effective immediately. Anyone who is planning to build or remodel a home or building in Montrose County should see the new building code resolution available online for reference.

# San Miguel Basin Fair and Rodeo

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animal husbandry, leadership and work ethic," said Snyder.

The market animals will be sold at the junior livestock sale auction on July 22. The sale is open to the public, and it is a great opportunity for people to purchase local, high-quality, home-grown meat.

"We are really trying to drum up support for the sale this year, as we will be marketing more animals than last year. The sale is crucial for the kids to be able to pay their expenses and hopefully save money to reinvest," said Snyder.

Besides market animals, the 2023 SMB Fair will showcase several 4-H breeding animal projects. This year, spectators will have the

opportunity to see breeding heifers, lambs, pigs and rabbits. And, hopefully next year exhibitors will return with their breeding projects and offspring.

Another beloved community contest is the pee-wee showmanship class, which will be held in the evenings on July 20-21. Local youth, most of which are younger than 8 years old, will shine up their orphaned bucket lambs and calves, put on their best western clothes and practice showing their animals in front of a judge. Parents can sign their kids up by calling 970-210-3447.

The open fair will be on display July 21-22. The open fair is an opportunity for locals to show the toils of their labor, such as

garden produce, artwork, photography, canning, baking, sewing, knitting, crocheting and so much more.

"We are really looking to grow our open fair and art division this year," said Becky Hannigan, San Miguel Basin Fair Board member, "and to do so, we need more participation from our community. I think that most people don't realize that almost anything they create can be exhibited. The open fair is for all ages from children to senior citizens."

In the evening of July 22, families are encouraged to put on their dancing shoes for a free, fun family dance with music by Chrome Velvet. Rodeo takes place July 28-29.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Thank you

Dear Editor,

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My family and I would like to thank everyone for their generosity at my fundraiser. The support I have received has been

San Juana Chavez  
WEST END

## West End Events

- **THE SECRET GARDEN:** July 7 at 6 p.m. and July 8 at 11 a.m., at Nucla High School, by the Missoula Children's Theater
- **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
- **BASIN CLINIC:** Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month; next meeting is 5:30 p.m. on July 18 at Hopkins Field
- **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.
- **FARMERS MARKET:** Thursdays, 4 to 7 p.m., in front of Wild Gal's, starting late June
- **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
- **MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE :** Meets first Monday of the month, 6 p.m., at Nucla Airport
- **VETERANS COFFEE AND DONUTS:** second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., at Nucla Airport
- **REDDALE COMMUNITY BUILDING BOARD:** Meets first Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. in the Redvale Community Building



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OBITUARY

# Wayne 'Leonard' Haining

Dec. 29, 1947 – June 23, 2023

**W**ayne "Leonard" Haining passed away on June 23 with his wife Connie and his son Toby and daughter-in-law Amy holding his hands. He is no longer fighting for each breath.

Leonard was born on Dec. 29, 1947, to Dale and Evelyn Haining in Prescott, Arizona, the fifth of six kids. At a young age, his family moved to Placerville, Colorado, where he would always call home.

He attended school at the old Placerville Schoolhouse and later graduated Telluride High School in 1966. After high school, he served proudly in Vietnam from November 1968 to November 1969. Upon returning from Vietnam, he married his first love, Gail Cotter. They enjoyed 43 years of marriage, until her passing in 2014.

He worked hard his entire life to provide for his family. If he was in between jobs for whatever reason, he would find something to do to make sure his family was taken care of, whether it be selling firewood, or moving the family elsewhere to take on a new job.

He found his true passion in driving his semi-truck all over the U.S., often taking Gail and his beloved dogs along to see the country. He didn't meet many strangers; if he knew your name, he would call you his friend. He would give anybody his last dime or the shirt off of his back. His love for his kids, grandkids and dogs was like no other. His dogs were probably more spoiled than his kids ever were. He truly loved them.

He is survived by his loving wife, Connie Brown, of Grand Junction;



Wayne 'Leonard' Haining (Courtesy image)

his sons, Toby (Amy) Efurd, Adam Haining and Paul Haining; daughter, Melissa (Sterling) Spor; and his grandchildren, who he loved so very much — Jesse (Shelby) Efurd, Heather (Landon) Snyder, Aaron (Cheyenne) Haining, Ryan Haining, Taylor Haining, Brydon (Shay) Haining, Lucas and Simon Haining, Morgan, Kaitlyn, and Calder Spor, Joseph Fleming, McKayla (Andy) Jensen, and Sarah (Travis) Webb. He also leaves great-grandbabies, Aria and Mylee Snyder, and Addie Lou Efurd; and Connie's kids, who were just as close to him as his own kids were, Billy Brown and Travis (Kristine) Brown; and Connie's granddaughter, Alex (Kevin) Brink.

He also adored his bonus grandbabies, Lucas and Dylan Brown,

Kinlee (who he called his best friend), Ben and Charlie. He also leaves his brothers, Glen and Danny Haining, and sister, Margaret (Fred) Barrett. And, last but not least, we can't forget his beloved dogs — Poncho, Banchee and Coco.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Gail; his parents, Dale and Evelyn; his brothers, Paul and Bobby; his sisters-in-law, Mary and Joanne Haining; his parents-in-law, George and Peggy Cotter; and two of his favorite fur babies, Tazz and Daisy.

There will be a potluck memorial service at the Placerville park at 1 p.m. on July 8. Please bring a side dish, a chair, and your favorite stories of Leonard to share with everyone who loved him.

## Farm and Craft Market

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The option does exist. Anyone who wishes to do some sort of a food operation should speak with Korngold about the details of that. Fundraising opportunities are the way to serve food on Farm and Craft evenings, and she's happy to explain the process. She said a simultaneous barbecue at the Thursday markets would be lovely.

On another note, Korngold said food prices are something to celebrate. In a world where everything seems to be increasing in cost, local food is basically at what it was last year.

For more information on West End Farm and Craft Market or to speak with Korngold about vending or food, contact her by calling 970-864-2265.



Farm and Craft Market is in full swing on Main Street. (Photo by Galit Korngold)

## Oxygen still available

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in the West End. She said between five and 15 patients who are on oxygen come to the clinic weekly

for health care needs. She said that doesn't include some patients who need oxygen only at night.

The building that was occu-

pied by AeroCare has been listed for sale. It's priced at \$225,000. Nobody can say what the new space will evolve into.

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**2023 San Miguel Basin Fair Schedule**

*Saturday, July 15th*  
9:00AM YOUTH HORSE SHOW | EVENT CENTER  
2-5PM DESSERT CONTEST REGISTRATION | NORWOOD SCHOOL  
6:00PM PUBLIC DESSERT TASTING | NORWOOD SCHOOL  
OPEN FAIR ENTRIES RECEIVED DURING DESSERT TASTING

*Sunday, July 16th*  
7:30PM COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER | EVENT CENTER  
ACCEPT OPEN FAIR ENTRIES DURING COMMUNITY DINNER

*Tuesday, July 18th*  
6:00PM ALL ANIMAL WEIGH-INS | EVENT CENTER

*Wednesday, July 19th*  
10:00AM SMALL ANIMAL SHOW | EVENT CENTER  
3-7:00PM ACCEPT OPEN FAIR ENTRIES | NORWOOD SCHOOL  
7:00PM SWINE SHOW | EVENT CENTER

*Thursday, July 20th*  
10:00AM LARGE ANIMAL BREEDING INTERVIEWS | EVENT CENTER  
6:30PM PEEWEE BUCKET LAMB SHOW | EVENT CENTER  
7:00PM LAMB SHOW | EVENT CENTER

*Friday, July 21st*  
9:00AM GOAT SHOW | EVENT CENTER  
10AM-7PM OPEN FAIR - OPEN TO PUBLIC | NORWOOD SCHOOL  
6:30PM PEEWEE BUCKET CALF SHOW | EVENT CENTER  
7:00PM BEEF SHOW | EVENT CENTER

*Saturday, July 22nd*  
9:00AM ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP | EVENT CENTER  
10AM-5PM OPEN FAIR - OPEN TO PUBLIC | NORWOOD SCHOOL  
11:30AM JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE BBQ | EVENT CENTER  
1:00PM CATCH-A-HEIFER COMPETITION | GRANDSTANDS  
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE | EVENT CENTER  
8:00PM FAMILY DANCE | EVENT CENTER



## DELTA SALES YARD - Market Report

300-400# STEERS	2.85-3.05	300-400# HEIFERS	2.50-2.80
400-500# STEERS	2.40-2.70	400-500# HEIFERS	2.25-2.45
500-600# STEERS	2.30-2.60	500-600# HEIFERS	2.05-2.15
600-700# STEERS	1.85-2.15	600-700# HEIFERS	1.90-2.00
700-800# STEERS	1.80-2.02	700-800# HEIFERS	1.70-1.89
800-900# STEERS	1.78-1.88	800-900# HEIFERS	1.60-1.70
Top bulls	High of 1.25	Medium bulls	1.10-1.18
Young Cows	1.05-1.35	Top cows	1.00-1.07
Medium cows	.88-.99	Low-yielding cows	.88 down

**NEXT WEEK: JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> - NO SALE** Next regular cattle sale Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>

Bubbaduts café is open at the Delta sales yard, serving Breakfast and Lunch. OPENS AT 8:00 A.M. The café will be open Friday 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEXT SPECIAL HORSE SALE** - Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>. Free facebook advertising for you horse, you provide a photo, and the information, by August 3. If you are interested, please call us at 970-874-4612. If your horse is not advertised on Facebook feel free to bring them in like normal.

### SUMMER SCHEDULE:

JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Cattle Sale

JULY 20 - NO SALE

JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Cattle Sale/ Sheep & Goat Sale

AUGUST 3 - NO SALE

AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> - Horse sale

AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Cattle Sale

AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> - NO SALE

AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> - Regular Cattle Sale/ Sheep & Goat Sale

AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> - NO SALE



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# West End Montrose County

## Sheriff's Office Blotter

6/12/2023

0708 Hours - Deputy took an information report on Highway 145 mm 109 near Redvale.

0927 Hours - Darci Staats, 42, was contacted in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita and cited for driving with an expired driver's license and no license plates.

0949 Hours - A juvenile was arrested on two outstanding warrants in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita.

1040 Hours - Deputy took a fraud report in the 29600 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1244 Hours - Dillon Bosch, 36, was contacted in the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for no license plates.

1347 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 55 near Naturita for an abandoned vehicle.

1349 Hours - William Walker, 44, was arrested in the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita on two outstanding warrants.

1420 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Lake Avenue in Naturita for a 911.

1705 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35500 block of 3900 Road near Redvale for a medical assist.

1931 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 9 near Paradox for a traffic hazard.

6/13/2023

1446 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 141 and FF31 Road near Naturita for an abandoned vehicle.

1708 Hours - Kyle Christ, 40, was contacted in the 100 block of West Tenth Avenue in Nucla and cited for speeding.

1906 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31400 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a fire.

2134 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for suspicious activity.

6/14/2023

0826 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a citizen assist.

1521 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 91 near Naturita for an animal problem.

1829 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to

Highway 90 mm 15 near Bedrock for an abandoned vehicle.

2247 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a citizen assist.

2 VIN inspections  
 1 directed patrol in County

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ELK RIDGE MINING AND RECLAMATION, LLC**  
 TECHNICAL REVISION NO. 107 (TR-107)

Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P.O. Box 628, Nucla, CO 81424 has filed with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety an application for Technical Revision No. 107 (TR-107) to the New Horizon Mine Permit No. C-1981-008. TR-107 proposes the Johnson Access Road to allow long-term access across a portion of backfilled pit. The terminus portion of the Johnson Access Road where it intersects BB Road is within 100 feet of BB Road, and is located within the SW ¼, SE ¼, SE ¼, of Section 36, Township 47 North, Range 16 West of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, Montrose County, Colorado.

The New Horizon Mine office is located at 27646 West 5th Street, P.O. Box 628, Nucla, Colorado. The permit area contains tracts of land located in Section 6, Township 46 North; Range 15 West; Section 31, Township 47 North, Range 15 West; Section 1 Township 46 North, Range 16 West; Section 36 Township 47 North, Range 16 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, Montrose County, Colorado. The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on USGS 7.5 minute Nucla Quadrangle map.

A copy of the complete technical revision application is available for public inspection at the Montrose County Courthouse Annex, Nucla, Colorado. Written comments, objections, or a request for a public hearing to determine the interests of the public and affected landowner by this technical revision can be submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, Telephone (303) 866-3567. Should a hearing be requested, it will be held within the locality of the New Horizon Mine. All comments, objections and request for public hearings must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety within 30 days after the last publication of this notice.

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## EVENTS

### Masons to lay cornerstone

#### SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Vicko Vidal, of Telluride, announced that on Thursday, July 13, Telluride Masonic Lodge No. 56 with the assistance of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Colorado will lay a cornerstone at the new West End School RE-2 in Nucla at 1 p.m. This event is open to the public and sponsored by Telluride Lodge No. 56, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

The West End School RE-2 is located at 224 W. 4th Ave. in Nucla.

It is understood that members of the town board and the associated Masonic Ladies organizations will attend the ceremony.

A time capsule will be installed behind the cornerstone. The capsule will contain a history of the Masonic Lodge, as well as a history of the West End School RE-2 and other items as provided by the members of the two organizations. It is the custom to seal the time capsule for 100 years.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this ancient ceremony. The laying of the cornerstones for public buildings has long been a standing traditional practice of Freemasons. Perhaps one of the most noteworthy examples of this was the laying of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol building in 1793 by George Washington who officiated as master. A number of local buildings have Masonic cornerstones. The cornerstone of the Colorado State Capitol building was laid by the Freemasons in 1890 and rededicated in 1990.

Freemasonry arrived in Colorado with the early miners. Today in Colorado, there are about 5,600 Freemasons who belong to one of the 104 lodges scattered throughout the state. The Masonic Fraternity is worldwide. Thirteen signers of the Constitution and 14 U.S. presidents were Masons including George Washington. In the United States alone there are more than 2 million Freemasons.

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### ACROSS

- 1. Deli side
- 5. \*"Breakfast at Tiffany's"

- animal
- 8. Songs for one
- 12. What formica and biochemical have in common
- 13. Prefix for partly

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- 14. Dark
- 15. Crew equipment, pl.
- 16. Steinbeck's "East of \_\_\_\_"
- 17. Golf shirt
- 18. \*"Marmaduke" animal
- 20. \*"Away & Back" animal
- 21. Game "field"
- 22. Slightly insane
- 23. Casual top
- 26. Vending machine
- 30. Rocks, to a bartender
- 31. Bowling prop
- 34. Lush
- 35. Trots and canters
- 37. Broadcasting medium
- 38. Inflammatory swelling
- 39. Highland tongue
- 40. Sock pattern
- 42. Bring into play
- 43. Go back over
- 45. Theater passages
- 47. Part of a cheer
- 48. Lump of anything
- 50. Milo and Otis, e.g.
- 52. \*"Dunston Checks In" animal
- 56. Wheel on a spur
- 57. CISC alternative
- 58. Private theater box
- 59. Resembling wings
- 60. MacFarlane or Rogen
- 61. Go-\_\_\_\_
- 62. \*Bullseye, Hamm and Lotso

- Bear, e.g.
- 63. Lyric poem
- 64. Immediately, doctor's jargon

- Lightness of \_\_\_\_" Across
- 40. "That feels 51. Home versus \_\_\_\_ good!" exclamation game
- 52. Guesstimate
- 41. Set in motion phrase (2 words)
- 44. Like a go-getter 53. To perfection (3 bird words)
- 46. Lies in ambush 54. Taj Mahal city
- 48. Wept 55. As opposed to
- 49. It makes waste? gross
- 50. Singular of #17 56. \*"Willard" animal

### DOWN

- 1. Air quality concern
- 2. Fibber
- 3. Farm measure
- 4. Sushi condiment
- 5. Natural moth repellent
- 6. To change, as in the U.S. Constitution
- 7. Fork prong
- 8. \*"Harry Potter" animal (2 words)
- 9. Earthenware pot
- 10. \*"Born Free" animal
- 11. I in T.G.I.F.
- 13. Administer diazepam
- 14. When Cinderella wins
- 19. Civil wrongs
- 22. "Some Nights" band
- 23. \*"Life of Pi" animal
- 24. Close call
- 25. Bank job
- 26. Gossamer
- 27. Cry like #5 Across
- 28. Licorice flavored herb
- 29. Hues
- 32. Backgammon predecessor
- 33. \*"Babe" animal
- 36. \*"Anchorman" and "The Wizard of Oz" animals
- 38. Kundera's "Unbearable"

### Solution to Last Week's Crossword

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### Solution to Last Week's Sudoku

9	2	8	1	5	3	4	7	6				
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