

TRANSPORTATION

SMART offers free fares in August

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

“Zero Fare For Better Air, We’ll Get You There” is a collaborative, statewide initiative designed to reduce ground-level ozone by increasing the use of transit. Starting Aug. 1, San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) is encouraging community residents and visitors to ride transit to help keep Colorado’s air clean during the summer months when air pollution is at its highest. SMART’s Down Valley, Norwood, Nucla/Naturita and Rico routes are free throughout the entire month of August, and the Lawson and Mountain Village routes are always free. The effort is made possible by Colorado Senate Bill 22-180, the Ozone Season Transit Grant Program in partnership with the Colorado Energy Office.

SMART welcomes individuals who may have never used its transit services and customers who are regular transit users to ride often and save money getting where they need to go.

“The pilot program that launched August of last year was highly successful. Transit systems from all over the state participated, ranging from those serving the largest cities like RTD in Denver to regional rural systems like SMART serving San Miguel County. Mid-size cities throughout Colorado, like Greeley, Pueblo and Colorado Springs participated in the program. Smaller communities in mountain towns, the eastern plains and Western Slope also took advantage of this amazing opportunity.” Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) Executive Director Ann Rajewski said. “All agencies that participated increased ridership — ranging anywhere between 2 percent to 59 percent. This year we are expecting to increase the number of transit agencies participating throughout the state.”

CASTA representatives said approximately 85 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions that come from transportation are due to day-to-day commutes. By leaving the car at home, a person can save up to 20 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions every day depending on the length of the trip. Air quality is also improved when people choose to ride the public transit.

Additional customer benefits of the Zero Fare program exist. Riders can experience environmental, financial, lifestyle and community benefits of riding transit that include cost savings on gas, along with reduced wear and tear on per-

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PEOPLE

Two Campbell cousins have a special visit

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

They’ve been called the Greatest Generation, those old-timers that lived through WWII and the Great Depression. They’re a demographic that developed character through strength and perseverance and as a result possess wisdom and hardiness. There are two left of the old Campbell men, one of the oldest families settling these parts, and last weekend, those two elders got to visit.

Lyman Campbell, age 87 and of Redvale, and Paul Campbell, age 92 and of Salida, are cousins. They grew up together and lived in the same house on Wilson Mesa. In that high-country home were 17 children, two sets of parents and an uncle, Rollie.

The kids were so close, people in town didn’t know which set of parents they belonged to. They all ate at a dining room table made of



Cousins Paul and Lyman Campbell are reunited for a visit. (Photo by Emily Davis)

sawhorses with wood planks on top. They shared meals together, the 22 of them.

Avery Campbell and Jess Campbell, the men of that house, were brothers. Their parents had the livery stable in Hotchkiss, but sent their young men to Placerville

to pull cedar trees with a team of horses. At some point, the family sold the livery and settled in Placerville full-time, where there was one of the biggest shipping points in the U.S. for livestock. The Camp-

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BUSINESS

Country Bougie Nail Shop celebrates 1.5 years

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Mandie Atkins has been doing nails for quite a while — since 2003 when she lived in San Luis Obispo County, California on the central coast. Yes, she has missed the beach since she moved to the West End a few years ago, but there are things she enjoys about Naturita and Nucla. Her family hunts and always has, and Atkins herself hunts elk too. Living in the local area has been enjoyable for her, and she has family that live close.

She opened up Country Bougie Nail Shop a year and a half ago, and she’s built up her clientele, enabling her to get to know many Naturita and Nucla people. She agrees she’s been successful as one of the only nail places around.

She knows some visit Michelle Zurich at the Worx Salon and Day Spa, and she’s happy to exist as another option in the West End, so that people don’t have to drive to Montrose or Grand Junction to receive nail treatments.

Atkins has a pedicure chair on site and can offer the full spa experience to her clients. She can do regular manicures, and also gel and acrylic nails. She tries to do what people want, in the colors and styles that are trending. People bring her photos of nails they want, and she tries her best to accommodate their wishes.

She loves to work with the young ladies for their proms and homecoming events, and she does bridal nails too. She’s done an entire wedding party in the West End, something she said was a lot fun for her.

But, she works for all ages. She enjoys working with senior citizens, and she’ll see the little girls too. She also has male clients, and agrees that pedicures are not just for women.

“They are essential for men,” she told the San Miguel Basin Forum, adding that men don’t have to receive polish on their toes.

She said it’s about grooming, health and self-care for all people.

Country Bougie Nails has been in the same spot the last year and a half, in the Collective Mine space in downtown Naturita. Atkins is open Monday through Friday, but by appointment only. It’s best to message her on Facebook through her business page, or send her a text at 805-769-0143. Atkins works alone and does not

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Laying the cornerstone

Freemasons traveled from all over Colorado to lay the cornerstone in the new Nucla school on July 13.

(Photo by Britt Hoff)

FAIR

Young horsewomen excel at local 4-H horse show

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Horse showing is different than gymkhana and rodeo. It’s not about speed; it’s about finesse. The horseman — or in this case the young horsewoman — must demonstrate that their horse is willing to perform certain maneuvers based on the rider’s cues. The horse and rider paint a sort of picture that’s pleasing to the audience, and the best horsewomen often make it

look easy.

For the showmanship class, exhibitors lead their horse at halter and complete a pattern on the ground, though they’re judged also on grooming, too. For other classes in English and western riding, competitors demonstrate patterns but under saddle, showing different gaits on demand, that they can turn their horse around and also change leads.

For a trail class, it’s a matter of showing the horse isn’t afraid

to cross a bridge or have the rider open gates — maybe the rider even opens a mailbox or picks up a raincoat without the horse spooking.

While this year’s horse show at the San Miguel Basin Fair held a variety of the standard classes one would see in an American Quarter Horse Show, or something similar, there were also gymkhana classes, too. Many of the AQHA shows have those types of classes

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HOOF & PAW

Molly and Roxie need forever homes

Hoof & Paw seeks pet parents for a couple of darling critters that are available for adoption. They are both wonderful doggos, would make excellent companions and adventure buddies and have landed at the shelter through no fault of their own.

We also have some younger pups that will be ready in the next few weeks, after they are spayed or neutered and vaccinated. These pups have mostly lived outside and have not been socialized though, so they will need a little extra time and love to be able to live their best lives. And, as well, we have an awesome collection of cats and kittens available for adoption.

Hoof & Paw is a small, volunteer-driven organization and right now, we are really struggling to care for all of the animals that are landing at the shelter. If you are thinking of adding a furry bestie to your posse, adopt from us. But if now is not the right time for a new critter, please consider volunteering or donating, because a little love goes a long way at Hoof & Paw!

Please meet the following girls:

Molly

Let us introduce you to the cutest little girl: Molly! We believe Molly is about 2 years old, 35 pounds, and she is spayed and vaccinated. She knows all her basic commands and absolutely loves to be with humans, and that includes little humans. She is a snuggler and requests that her “forever” home be okay with that. She can be energetic or lazy; she’ll let you decide. If you are looking for a companion for another playful pup, she would be your girl. On or off leash, she has the manners fitting of a princess and won’t go far without checking in. Molly is the little nugget that was picked up in Redvale a few months ago. She is great with other dogs, but she is very cat-curious, so introductions



Molly needs a forever home. (Courtesy image)

should go slowly there! If you’re ready for a fully trained, four-legged princess, come on down and get your girl.

Roxie

Introducing Roxie! Roxie is just over 1 year old, weighs about 50 pounds, and she is spayed and vaccinated. This girl is the whole enchilada. She is a fun hog, beautiful and very smart, and she will make a great adventure buddy or family pet. She is good with children, cats and with most dogs. She is a doll and came to us when her owners’ lives changed, and they felt they were no longer able to give her the care she deserved. You cannot go wrong with Roxie. This darling is ready and rearing to take off in her new life with you.

If anyone has any questions about these girls that are up for adoption, or cats, kittens and other pups, give Hoof & Paw a call or text at 970-428-7568. We are always looking for volunteers to care for animals and assist in the thrift store that exists to support our nonprofit. Anyone with time or resources to donate is welcome to join our team.

West End Events

- **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
- **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
- **REDALE COMMUNITY BUILDING BOARD:** Meets first Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. in the Redvale Community Building

History: Rimrocker Historical Society The Nucla Fair of 1914, continued

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

C. E. Adams, that cheerful editor of the Montrose Daily Press and hopeful member of the Colorado legislature, had come to Nucla for the Nucla Fair in the hopes of being the story, but soon realized that Nucla was its own story. He wrote of the bountiful vegetables and fruits that were displayed so abundantly at the 1914 fair.

Col. Endsley hung the banner over his display which said to all, “From sage brush in four years.” Indeed, there was no Town of Nucla four years earlier, just acres and acres of pinon, cedar and sagebrush. What an accomplishment for these colonists. Here is more of what Mr. Adams saw at the fair, thanks to the Montrose Daily Press of Sept. 24, 1914 (Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, Colorado State Library).

“E. G. Chamberlain had Hubbard squash, Danish mangels, Golden Tankard mangels, sugar beets, three kinds of spuds, two of onions, wheat and oats. One spud was 13 inches in circumference.

Stephen Reis showed some fine corn, with large well-matured kernels and Rural potatoes.

G. M. Love had squash, pumpkins, apples of various varieties, Siberian crab apples and prunes. Con Simeons showed Uncle Sam potatoes nine inches long and some very large peaches.

M. D. Bowen showed cabbage 50 inches in circumference, mammoth Pearl potatoes and cabbage.

E. C. Brooks showed cabbage, pie pumpkins, squash, navy and prolific beans, “Lazy Wife” beans, tomatoes, peppers, beets, sweet corn, yellow Dent and Swadley corn, pineapple muskmelons and apples.

Mrs. Sam Rowley, from Paradox, displayed two plates of Bietigheimer apples of immense proportions. They were perfectly colored.

Uriah H. Walker showed prunes, plums and apples.

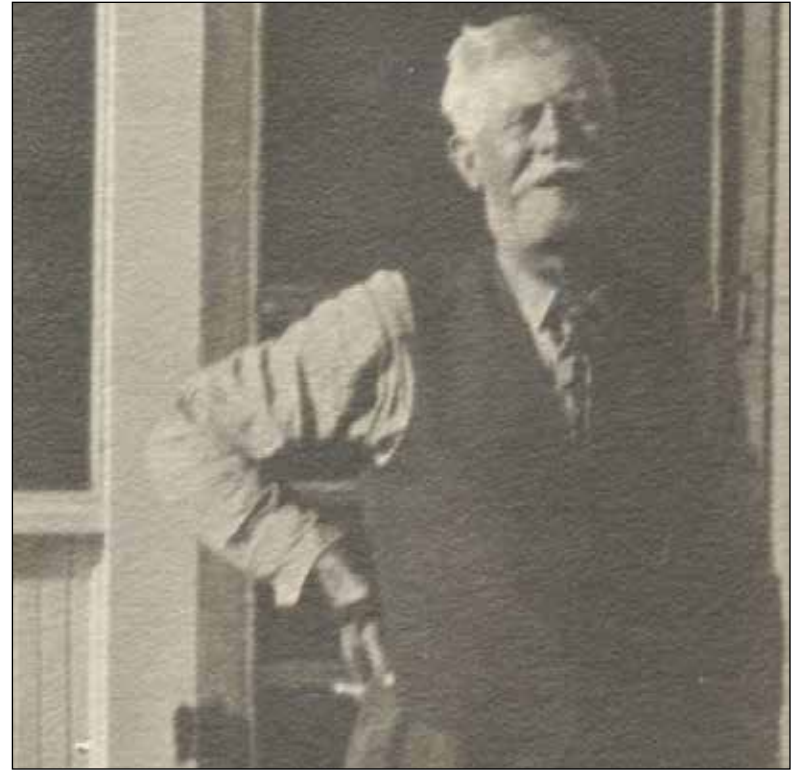
Chris Rod showed a display of N. W. Greening apples, Grimes Goldens, White Winter, Pearmains and Wealthies.

Blake and Payson of Naturita displayed Duchess, Oldenburg and Flemish Beauty apples.

George Sly exhibited Mackintosh Red and Bartlett pears and Flemish Beauties.

Joseph Barth showed white oats, Black Ben apples, Dwarf, Bartlett and Keifer pears.

J. M. Patterson of Third Park walked off with the rake in his dry



This 1918 photo shows E. C. Brooks, one Nucla farmer who entered “Lazy Wife” beans in the 1914 Nucla Fair. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

farming exhibit. His corn stood 12 feet high, and he had buckwheat and sorghum. This had all been raised without a drop of artificial water.

Mrs. Henrietta Skinner had an appetizing display of canned peaches, strawberries, plums, jellies, tomatoes, grapes, corn and beans, as well as a plate of ripe strawberries and gooseberries. Robert McNutt, of Naturita, showed eggplants that were beauties, onions, spuds, parsnips, beets, Oregon summer squash, watermelons and pumpkins.”

Not to be out done by the displays of the farmers, the ladies of the West End also showed up with their exhibits, and Mr. Adams was duly impressed with their work:

“LADIES’ FANCY WORK

On the wall covering nearly one side was hung the fancy work of the ladies. It was a most charming display and attracted a great deal of attention; in fact, the ladies centered around this and the cases containing the cakes, pies and the like, and I must confess that I hung around the latter awhile myself while sampling the goods.

Mrs. M. N. Havard had a large crochet centerpiece and a crochet baby bib; Mrs. N. Leep showed burnt-wood fancy work and a cosmos centerpiece; Mrs. M. D. Bowen, Mexican-drawn work; Miss Viva Vestal, a child’s patchwork embroidered dress; Mrs. J. W. Endsley, an embroidered centerpiece; Miss Hilda Stand-

ley, a Roman-stripe embroidered sofa pillow; Mrs. Helen Mueller, embroidered pillowcases and centerpieces; Mrs. Pansy Ashcroft, embroidered centerpieces and hand-painted china; Mrs. A. S. Delaplane, embroidered lunch cloth; Mrs. Emlac Ray, of Naturita, embroidered centerpieces; Miss Adeline Ashton, crochet centerpiece, and a hand-hammered brass bowl; Mrs. E. C. Brooks, an oil painting of columbines.

THE CULINARY DISPLAY

Mrs. Vestal had on exhibit, white bread, nut bread, rye bread, pies and cake; Mrs. Neilson, pie and cake; Mrs. Delaplane, coffee cake; Mrs. Jensen, lemon pie; Mrs. Sage, cinnamon rolls; Mrs. Skinner, pumpkin pie; Mrs. Patterson, loaf of bread; Miss Matie Brooks, rolls; Mrs. Bowen, cinnamon rolls and bread; Mrs. Taylor, biscuit.”

What a great fair in 1914. I enjoyed watching all of the sharing of the excitement of the San Miguel Basin Fair this past week. My grandmother, Ruth Evans, always had something to enter in the fair, and even I knitted a lovely pink vest for the fair back then. (Well, it was a long time ago. Let’s just leave it at that.) I love fair time and congratulate everyone who participated this year. I would sure like to know what those “Lazy Wife” beans were all about that Mr. Brooks grew back in 1914. Time to start planning for next year’s fair.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Watershed forum wants West End attendance

Dear Editor,

The San Miguel Watershed Coalition Forum is July 28, and the public from Nucla, Naturita and Norwood is invited. The forum is July 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Norwood at Lone Cone

Library, and lunch is served. Registration is recommended. The coalition would like to see West End community members attend. Topics include climate change and seasonal weather outlook, the Colorado River, watershed restoration and more. Presenta-

tions and panels feature regional experts. Please register at sanmiguelwatershed.org.

Adrian Bergere, Executive Director,
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MONTROSE COUNTY

Local contractor hired for courthouse renovation

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Montrose Board of County Commissioners signed a contract with Montrose-based Stryker and Company, Inc. for the design-build of the Montrose County Historic Courthouse renovation project.

The proposed contract amount is \$396,718 for Phase One design, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,000,000 for Phase Two final design and construction. Following Phase One, a guaranteed maximum price will be presented to the county for review by Dec. 20. Montrose County has \$14.7 million budgeted in 2023 for this project and is able to complete this renovation without incurring debt. At this time, the county is still discussing a congressionally directed spending award with the USDA.

“This has been a long time coming, and we are finally getting it done. It’s been years in the making, and we put it off because of the pandemic, so I am pleased to see this project moving forward,” said Commissioner Keith Caddy. “The historic courthouse was dedicated to local servicemen from World War I, and we will make sure to continue this tradition by dedicating this renovation to all military members who have proudly served

our nation.”

The Montrose County Historic Courthouse (320 S. 1st St.) is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was constructed in 1922 and dedicated to the community on Dec. 7, 1923.

“Stryker and Company is privileged to have been awarded the historic county courthouse renovation project contract,” said Jimmy Merritt, general manager for Stryker and Company, Inc. “We know the importance and significance of this building to the community and are excited to work with the county staff to develop the programming for a new, efficient office space while preserving the historical look and feel of what was built 100 years ago. This truly is a community project, with original framing timbers being logged off of the Uncompahgre Plateau and stone quarried just west of Montrose. We are honored to be a part of such a significant project. Being a local contractor and having worked on many historical renovations, we feel confident that we have the experience to complete this project on time and within the county’s proposed budget.”

“This December, the courthouse celebrates 100 years, and I’m excited that we are able to move

forward with a renovation that will update and restore the courthouse to its former glory,” said Commissioner Sue Hansen. “I’m equally excited that a local contractor was awarded the bid. Keeping a construction contract this size with a local contractor positively impacts our economy.”

“This has been a long time coming, and I want to thank the staff — you guys knocked it out of the park — scrambling in the eleventh hour to get it done,” said Commissioner Roger Rash. “This project has been overdue for decades, and I’m glad we were able to make it a priority. I am hopeful that this renovation will bring another 100 years of this iconic building.”

Moving forward, the courthouse is expected to be completed in September of 2025. The assessor, treasurer and geographic information system department will be moving temporarily during the construction. Once the project is completed, the historic courthouse will be home to the board of county commissioners, assessor, treasurer, administration staff, geographic information system department and the veteran service officer.

For more information on the bid award and contract, the public may visit montrosecounty.net.

MONTROSE COUNTY

Stage 1 fire restrictions begin; public review open for CWP2

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The unincorporated area of the West End of Montrose County began Stage 1 fire restrictions Monday, July 24. High temperatures and worsening dry conditions were the deciding factors in the precautionary measure.

“This year’s significant snowpack resulted in tall cheatgrass that is extremely flammable and spreads rapidly when ignited,” said Sheriff Lillard. “I want to thank the public for their help in preventing wildfire danger during these fire restrictions. Your cooperation is essential in keeping our community safe. I know that these restrictions can be inconvenient, but they are necessary to protect our homes and property. Thank you for your understanding and for doing your part to prevent wildfires.”

The restrictions apply to the unincorporated county area in the West End only and do not include the any property the east side of the Uncompahgre Plateau. The Stage 1 fire restrictions do not

allow open burning of any kind to include agricultural burning, open campfires and fireworks. Smoking cigarettes outdoors is not allowed, unless in an enclosed vehicle or building or in a developed recreation site. Campfires in a pre-approved campground or enclosed fire pits are permitted. As a reminder, fireworks on publicly managed lands are prohibited.

Penalties for violating the fire ban include a Class-2 petty offense with fines ranging from \$100 to \$500, depending on the number of offenses. If a fire causes damage to another individual’s property, additional criminal charges may apply.

In related fire news, Montrose County is announcing a public review period for the draft Montrose County Critical Community Wildfire and Watershed Protection Plan (CWP2). The review period will be open from July 24 to Aug. 4.

The CWP2 is a comprehensive plan that identifies and prioritizes wildfire and watershed risk in Montrose County. The plan also

includes recommendations for reducing wildfire risk and improving watershed health.

“The CWP2 is an important tool for identifying areas that need wildfire mitigation and provides recommendations to help reduce that risk and improve watershed health in Montrose County,” said Emergency Management Director Scott Hawkins. “We encourage the public to review the draft plan and provide feedback so that we can make the plan as effective as possible.”

The public is invited to review the draft CWP2 and provide feedback. The plan and a public survey are available online. The CWP2 is a critical component of Montrose County’s efforts to reduce wildfire risk in the local community. The plan will help the county secure future grant dollars and identify opportunities for wildfire mitigation and watershed improvement.

The public review period for the CWP2 will end on Aug. 4. All feedback will be considered as the plan is finalized.

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sonal vehicles, reduction in traffic, reduction in stress as a result of not driving in traffic and increased safety. Other benefits can include increased productivity, since public transit customers can check emails, read or listen to podcasts while on board.

SMART is designed to increase

mobility options for residents and visitors in the San Miguel region and beyond. SMART representatives encourage people to take advantage of free service throughout the month of August.

SMART supports all transportation options including buses, commuter vans, parking, bicycling, walking and trails used for commuting. The formation of

SMART provides permanent designated funding through a sales tax and mill levy for regional transit and expands local ability to obtain state and federal transportation grants. Overall, SMART provides transportation options for employment, education and everyday trips while reducing congestion and pollution throughout the region.

Campbell cousins

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bells got into sheep. They also had a gold mine up at Wilson Mesa, but according to Lyman Campbell they mostly "messed around with it," more than they actually mined anything.

The families farmed and hunted. They ate what they had.

At some point, the families split up. Avery and Viola Campbell, Lyman's parents, went to Redvale, and Jess and Blanche Campbell, Paul's parents, moved to Grand Junction. Even so, half of Jess and Blanche's kids stayed with their aunt and uncle.

Lyman Campbell's parents, when he was young, spent the summers in Ophir. They had two U.S. Forest Service permits there for

sheep. They owned Priest Lake and built cabins around it. They cared for the cabins all summer, and then came back to Redvale at the end of the warm season, bringing their sheep home.

Lyman has good memories of his younger days spent with his cousins, many of whom were like brothers and sisters.

"We had some good times together," he said and agreed it was a simpler time back in the 1930s.

Lyman and Norma Campbell were married in 1957 and have lived in Redvale ever since. They had three children: Tami, Melissa and Trace. Over the years, the family has always ranched, though sometimes Lyman did other jobs, too. Lyman's father and brothers were mostly into sheep; Lyman, himself, became a cattleman. He

also worked for Martin Plutt years ago.

Paul and his wife Kathleen didn't have children. Paul did serve his country in the U.S. Armed Forces and was in the Korean War. He worked in the trucking industry and in construction, too.

The two cousins, Lyman and Paul Campbell, hadn't seen each other in some time, only maybe twice in the last 20 years. Granddaughter Emily Davis was on a vacation with her grandparents, Lyman and Norma, and the group decided it was time to pay Paul Campbell a visit. The two elders had a "nice talk."

Davis said it was important to see the men get together.

"They're the last of the remaining Campbells, the last of that generation," she said.

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4-H horse show

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anyway, and the Fair Board gave the girls a chance to practice their speed events, including barrel racing, pole bending, the flag race and also the keyhole event — good, considering some of the same girls who showed July 15 will likely be competing at the San Miguel Basin Junior Rodeo on July 28.

This year's horse show crew accomplished a lot, and Fair Board President Regan Snyder said it was a great experience for all of the girls.

"The horse show was a success with several new, young 4-H contestants," she said Sunday night.

Chloe Sherman, riding both Coon and Lucky Puppy, won the intermediate English division and also the intermediate western divi-

sion. Josey Herland, riding Playboys Slick, won the ranch division and also the gymkhana division. Kyndle Weimer, riding George, was the junior western division champion. Emma Herland, riding Gypsy, took the junior ranch division, and Brynna Bonaquista, on Poquito, was the junior gymkhana division champion.

Norah Herland, riding Jacs Cool, swept the novice titles. She was both novice western division champion and also novice ranch division champion.

Regarding high-point awards for the horse show, Josey Herland took the title by one point in the intermediate division. Emma Herland was the high-point winner in the juniors. For the novice, Norah Herland took the all-around high-point award.

Sherman, who won 17 ribbons

at the horse show, told the San Miguel Basin Forum she was "kind of nervous" to compete that day. At the same time, she said it felt "good." She'd practiced many hours getting ready for the show, and she also does some of the English clinics with visiting dressage trainer Deb Hindi. Sherman was up early the morning of the show, grooming her horses, though she'd been cleaning them up all week before in preparation. She's proud of her ponies and what she accomplished with them.

She and her mother, Laura Sherman, agreed it was quite a large horse show for a small group of girls. They consider it "special" and thank the Fair Board for producing it.

The show was judged by Sandi Thurston.

Country Bougie Nail Shop

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have employees, so it's best to schedule with her in advance.

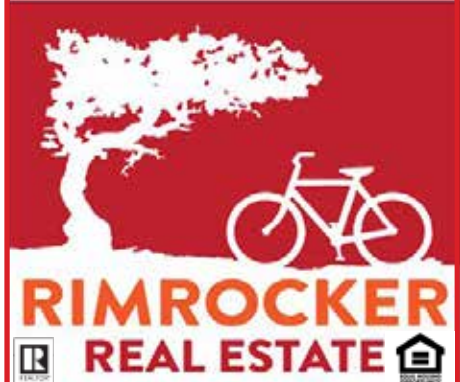
Atkins said she's enjoyed being a business woman in the West End.

"It's been interesting, and it's been nice — everyone seems to be nice," she said. "I just like the town ... It's small, everyone helps everybody, and everybody gets along."

She said it's good to live in a place like the West End, where

everyone comes together when someone is in need.

Atkins has two grown daughters, one of whom graduated Nucla High School in 2021. She also has three cats, a dog, six chickens, and her daughter has nine lambs.



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OBITUARY

Debbie Littlejohn

Dec. 13, 1961 — July 15, 2023



Debra Ellenor (McKinney) Littlejohn was born on Dec. 13, 1961, to Fred H. McKinney and Jo Ellen McKinney in Montrose. Debbie spent her childhood in Redvale. After graduating Norwood High School, she went to work for her father at his company, Southwestern Redi-Mix, where she quickly became a very important part of the company's success.

Debbie married the love of her life, Bryan Littlejohn, on June 27, 1987. Their family happily grew in September 1988 with the birth of their son, Dustin Ty Littlejohn. While Debbie played important roles in her career, marriage, extended family and community, it was the role of mother where she thrived. For the next 18 years, she dedicated her life to her family, raising her son and continuing to help her parents in their business ventures.

In 2006 Bryan and Debbie started their own business, Southwestern Construction. Owing their own company gave Debbie the opportunity to work away from home and enjoy her favorite thing in life, her grandchildren. Debbie never missed an opportunity to help the community, or spend time loving her parents, husband, children and grandchildren. They were the absolute joy of her life.

Debbie is preceded in death by her father, Fred H. McKinney.

She leaves behind her mother, Jo Ellen McKinney; husband, Bryan Littlejohn; son, Dustin, and daughter-in-law, Sara Littlejohn; stepdaughter, Rami, and son-in-law, Tommy Martin; grandchildren: Mya, Leah, Jaren, Jaxen, Alane and Avenn; sister-in-law, Brenda Littlejohn; nephew, Brady; and niece, Mandolyn.

She leaves many extended family members and friends who loved her dearly.

West End Montrose County

Sheriff's Office Blotter

06/28/23
0801 Hours - Deputy performed court security in the 300 Block Main Street in Nucla
1958 Hours - Deputy checked an abandoned vehicle in the 100 Block Payson Street.

06/29/23
1428 Hours - Deputy responded to a trespass in the 100 Block Wilson Street.
1542 Hours - Deputy took an informational report at AA and 2700 Road.
1718 Hours - Deputy took an informational report in the 500 Block Grape Street.
1809 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a theft in the 25600 Block Highway 90.
1819 Hours - Deputy responded to a report of a bear in the 600 Block King Street.

07/01/23
0033 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a juvenile problem in the 100 Block Main Street in Nucla.
1126 Hours - Deputy responded to a bear sighting in the 100 Block West Fourth Avenue.
1648 Hours - Jeremiah Maltby, 33, was cited for speeding at mile marker 116 on Highway 145.
2019 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a trespass in the 600 Block Ivy Street.
1503 Hours - Deputy performed a welfare check in the 12100 Block Highway 90.
1714 Hours - Deputy checked an abandoned vehicle at mile marker 4 on Highway 97.
2201 Hours - Deputy responded to a noise complaint in the 800 Block Grape Street.
2302 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a disturbance in the 100 Block West Second Avenue in Naturita.
2314 Hours - Deputy assisted state patrol with an accident at mile marker 59 on Highway 141.

07/02/23
1521 Hours - Deputy responded to a report of a bear attacking a dog in the 700 Block Ivy Street.
1609 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a disturbance in the 100 Block West Second Avenue in Naturita.
1834 Hours - Darci Staats, 42, was cited for expired license plates in the 200 Block Payson Street.
1933 Hours - Deputy responded to a civil matter in the 500 Block West Seventh Avenue.
1935 Hours - Deputy assisted the ambulance in the 500 Block West Main Street.
2052 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a disturbance in the 400 Block Heron Street.

2104 Hours - Deputy took an informational report in the 500 Block Main Street.

07/03/23
1421 Hours - Deputy assisted the ambulance in the 400 Block Adams Street.
1423 Hours - A citizen reported losing a paddle board while floating on the river.
1607 Hours - Deputy responded to a criminal mischief in the 22300 Block Highway 141.
2127 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a parking problem in the 100 Block Payson Street.

07/04/23
1212 Hours - Deputy took an informational report at mile marker 59 on Highway 141.
1724 Hours - Deputy assisted state patrol with an accident at mile marker 108 on Highway 145.
2034 Hours - Deputy responded to a trespass in the 500 Block Main Street in Nucla.

Deputies Performed
18 Civil Processes
2 Directed Patrols
1 VIN Inspection

07/05/23
1118 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a 911 open line in the 46700 Block 90 Road.
1521 Hours - Deputy performed a welfare check in the 600 Block Grape Street.
1708 Hours - Deputy assisted the fire department at mile marker 68 on Highway 141.

07/06/23
0841 Hours - Deputy responded to a trespass in the 100 Block West Second Avenue in Naturita.
0905 Hours - Deputy took a theft report in the 600 Block Main Street in Nucla.
1211 Hours - Deputy took an informational report at the sheriff's office.
1243 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a 911 open line in the 100 Block East Main Street.
1524 Hours - Deputy responded to a 911 hang up in the 200 Block West Fifth Avenue.
1701 Hours - Deputy took an informational report at the sheriff's office.

1834 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview in the 29000 Block 3000 Road.
1930 Hours - Ty Carver, 22, was arrested on a warrant in the 29500 Block 3000 Road.
2057 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a dog bite in the 100 block West Main Street.
2059 Hours - Deputy assisted the ambulance in the 35300 Block II Road.
2146 Hours - Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 100 Block Adams Street.
2240 Hours - Deputy conducted a civil stand by in the 100 Block West Second Avenue.

Deputies Performed
5 Civil Processes
3 VIN Inspections

07/07/23
0957 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a dog bite in the 200 Block West Fourth Avenue.
1013 Hours - Deputy responded to a trespass in the 100 Block Adams Street.
1126 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a report of a bear in the 600 Block West Sixth Avenue.
1210 Hours - Deputy responded to a trespass in the 100 Block Adams Street.
1652 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a traffic hazard at Highway 14 and Highway 145.

07/08/23
0601 Hours - Deputy took an informational report in the 21300 Block 600 Road.
1526 Hours - Deputy responded to a civil matter in the 200 Block West Main Street.
1642 Hours - Deputy took an informational report in the 200 Block West Main Street.
1741 Hours - Deputy assisted the fire department at mile marker 69 on Highway 141.
1950 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to a report of a found credit card in the 100 Block East Main Street.
2047 Hours - Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 100 Block Adams Street.07/09/23
1724 Hours - A citizen rode along with a deputy.

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13. Revered Hindu
14. Three, to Caesar
15. Poison ampules, e.g.
16. Neckwear option
17. **"Sometimes it's hard to be a woman, giving ____ your love to just one man"
18. Most populous country
19. **"It's going down, I'm yelling ____"
21. **"Sugarpie honeybunch, you know that I ____"
23. Act on IOU
24. Spanish sparkling wine
25. Mel ____, Giant Hall-of-Famer
28. Garbage in, garbage out, acr.
30. **"If everybody had an ocean ____ the U.S.A., then everybody'd be surfing"

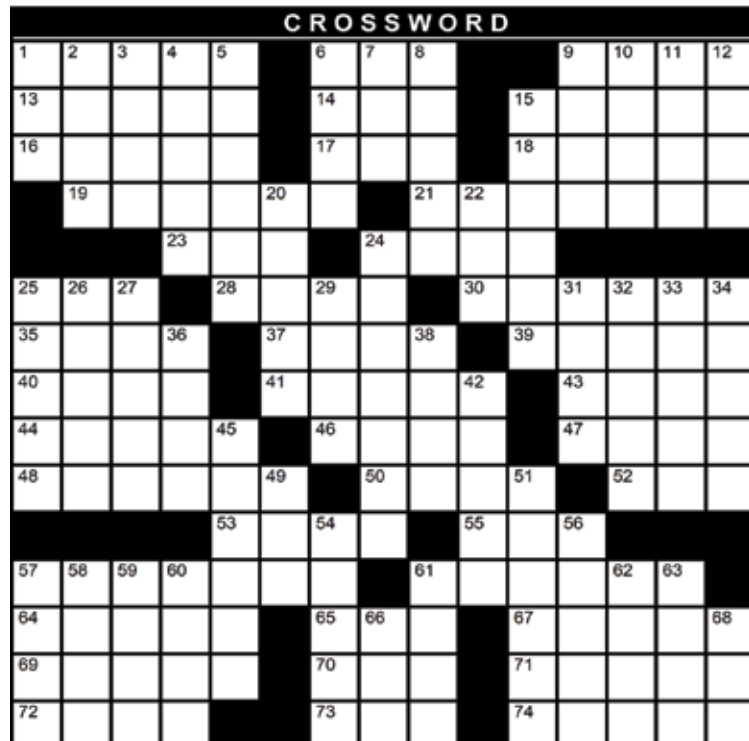
35. Less than average tide
37. All's opposite
39. ____, Wind & Fire
40. Gas station brand
41. Bottom-ranking employee
43. **"The future's not ours to see, que ____"
44. ____ Coffee, whisky drink
46. African river
47. Part of a sweatshirt, sometimes
48. ____-____-tat, drum roll sound
50. Please get back to me, acr.
52. 007, for one
53. Impulse
55. Consume food
57. **"I'm going to ____, I'm gonna mess around"
61. **"And I will ____ love you"
64. Do penance
65. Melvin Purvis' org.
67. High school balls
69. Goes with shaker
70. Cardinal, color
71. Lock horns
72. Eurasian duck
73. Pop-ups, e.g.



74. Earp of the Wild West

DOWN

1. Undergarment
2. Catalog
3. Fungal spore sacs
4. "____ at the bit"
5. Soldier's knapsack
6. Pinocchio, e.g.
7. Be unwell
8. Pancho's last name
9. Like certain print
10. **"Here's a story of a lovely ____"
11. Assortment
12. Genesis twin
15. Fast and lively, in music
20. Giving a once-over
22. Spermatozoa counterparts
24. Reassert
25. **"Believe it or not, I'm walking ____"
26. Sailor's cry: "____ firma!"
27. Like an implied agreement
29. **"You're here, there's nothing I fear, and I know that my heart will ____"
31. Possible allergy symptom
32. Black and white treats
33. Leather razor sharpener
34. **"Will the real Slim ____ please stand up"
36. Well-mannered Emily
38. Adult elvers
42. Live it up
45. Mooring rope
49. Though, shortened
51. Another name for papaw
54. Below, prefix
56. Be a slowpoke
57. Jellies' seeded cousins
58. A-bomb particle
59. Sheltered nook
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FAIR

Livestock auction is a success for local youth

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

The San Miguel Basin Fair Board is celebrating record success at this year's livestock sale. The 4-H youth worked hard this year, as they do every year, and the Fair Board has said they appreciate the support of local businesses and individuals that supported the kids in their endeavors as livestock producers. Highlights of this year's junior livestock sale are as follows:

In the small animal divisions, the grand champion market rabbit, sold by Jaron Bonacquista, went for \$500 to C&S Automotive. Grand champion market turkey, sold by Jace Bonacquista, was auctioned for \$625 to Reams Construction. Grand champion market chicken, sold by Norah Herland, went for \$620 to Murdoch's Farm & Ranch Supply.

The grand champion market swine, sold by Shay Snyder, was auctioned for \$5,200 to Telluride Towing. The grand champion market lamb, sold by Weston Elwood, went for \$3,250 to C&S Automotive. Grand champion market goat, sold by Reece Elwood, went for \$1,750 to Co-op Country Store. Grand champion market beef, sold by Shay Snyder, sold for \$10,000 to C&S Automotive.

In the reserve champion sales, in the small animal division, the reserve champion market rabbit, sold by Max Fahrenbacker, went

for \$500 to Walk-In Liquor. The reserve champion market turkey, sold by Chloe Sherman, sold for \$1,150 to San Miguel Veterinary Clinic. The reserve champion market chicken, sold by Holli Johnson, went for \$750 to Sisson's Feed & Ranch.

And, reserve champion market swine, sold by Hadley Snyder, went for \$4,400 to Delta Sales Yard. The reserve champion market lamb, sold by Weston Elwood, was auctioned for \$1,850 to Monte Snyder. The reserve champion market goat, sold by Hadley Snyder, went for \$3,300 to AS Ranches. The reserve champion market beef, sold by Hadley Snyder, went for \$6,000 to Clark's Market.

Representatives of the Fair Board said they were so proud of the kids — and appreciative of the buyers who came forward to support the work of 4-H.

"Our largest buyer this year was AS Ranches with C&S Automotive very close behind them," Fair Board representatives said over the weekend in a news release. "We are incredibly grateful for all of the support that our community provides to these youth by attending the shows, sponsoring the fair, participating and purchasing livestock through the junior livestock sale, and adding money onto the kids' projects. This event would not be successful without our community."



Lochlan Nelson, Jace Bonacquista and Jaron Bonacquista won many awards at the San Miguel Basin Fair.



Henry Enstrom and "Peach" win a grand champion in breeding goats.



Savannah Smuin had a great first show with her pig.



Jayton "Bubba" Spor got himself a pet goat, Mr. Peabody, at this year's fair. (Courtesy images)