

## WATER

### TF, Colorado Water Trust host talk with regional ranchers

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Between population growth, climate change causing extreme drought conditions and the over-use of Colorado River Basin water supplies, a complex set of inter-related problems are stacking up that will greatly impact everyone living in the West. Now, the public is invited to join the Telluride Foundation and the Colorado Water Trust for a panel discussion to dive deep into the challenges faced by Colorado agriculturalists navigating the water crisis. The panel aims to educate people on the impact of water scarcity, drought and how ranchers and farmers are rethinking how they use and depend on water. The panel speakers will share their own experiences and discuss innovative solutions that are shaping the way they grow crops, raise cattle, manage water and sustain local communities.

“The Telluride Foundation is pleased to partner with Colorado Water Trust, and we commend them for their pioneering solutions, working with ranchers and land managers to promote innovative practices in land management and demonstrating that agriculture can be part of the solution as we work through climate and water issues in our region,” said Jason Corzine, president and CEO of the Telluride Foundation.

This free event is Sept. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Telluride Arts Gallery West, 224 W. Colorado Avenue in Telluride. Those attending should please RSVP on the Telluride Foundation’s website homepage at [telluridefoundation.org](http://telluridefoundation.org).

Kate Ryan, executive director of Colorado Water Trust and a water lawyer, will facilitate the panel, made up of regional water and agricultural experts.

“We look forward to sharing how agriculture and the environment can be natural partners, leading Colorado towards a sustainable future,” Ryan said.

The panel includes Kathleen Curry, owner of a ranching operation in Gunnison County, who served in the Colorado House of Representatives, chairing the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. She currently serves on the Colorado River District’s Board of Directors. Also featured are Rob Lindner, who ranches near Pagosa Springs and previously worked for The Nature Conservancy and World Wildlife Fund, and Marsha Daughenbaugh, who comes from a multi-generational line of ranch-

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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

### Homecoming for combined football is Sept. 8

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Brycen Rummel, a high school student and football player from Norwood, told the San Miguel Basin Forum it’s homecoming week for the Mavericks — but that includes Nucla players too.

The Norwood girls volleyball team, which is not combined, will play first on Friday at 4 p.m. And, Nucla and Norwood will actually face each other as rivals for that game. Rummel said regardless of the girls’ outcome, the guys are wholly united and ready for the Friday night lights. They plan to take down Plateau Valley beginning at 7 p.m.

Opposite of the girls, Norwood

and Nucla are combined for football, and Rummel said all of the guys are a very close group.

“We have such an unbreakable bond,” Rummel said of his teammates from Norwood and Nucla. “There are 27 of us. Everyone is friends with everyone. There is no back and forth chit-chat. We are one team, united, and there for each other. ... Whether you wins volleyball, we want a good relationship on the field. ... Those eight men on the field will do the job for football and get it done.”

Last Friday Rummel and other student council members were decorating the inside of Norwood High School. This week they’re working on building floats and participating in other festivities.

They’ll have their powder puff

football game and also she-man volleyball, too. True North Youth Program is sponsoring activities, like a big hide-and-seek event, and also capture the flag, to support team-building.

Rummel is hoping that community members come out and support school spirit for the pep assembly and then the parade. He said the last few years have been more quiet for homecoming, and the students are looking for more community support. School classes are entering their respective floats in the parade, which should be big.

Rummel would like to see people lined up on the streets, cheering by the parade start at 2:30 p.m.

For Norwood’s homecoming

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## AGRICULTURE

### 4-H is not just about livestock

By ANNIKA KRISTIENSEN,  
San Miguel Basin 4-H

It’s a common assumption that 4-H is strictly rural and strictly about animals and shooting sports, but the truth is that this 1902-started youth programming has deeper roots.

In fact, 4-H can be found in every county in the U.S., is an offshoot of any local extension office and is tethered to each state’s land-grant university along with the USDA. This tie to higher education and the government ensures research and science-based programming and has led to local, state and national partners’ trust in 4-H for expertise in positive youth development. A 10-year partnership with Tufts University has led to in-depth studies as to the efficacy of this hands-on approach which gives kids the opportunity to learn by doing, while building life skills.

The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development is a longitudinal study that began in 2002 and was repeated annually for eight years, surveying more than 7,000 adolescents from diverse backgrounds across 42 U.S. states. Some noteworthy findings, which compare 4-H participants and non-participating counterparts, reveal that 4-H-ers are nearly four times more likely to make contributions to their communities, about two times more likely to be civically active, nearly two times more likely to participate in science programs during out-of-school time, two times more likely (identifying female, grade 10) and nearly three times more likely (identifying females, grade 12) to take part in science programs in out-of-school time and nearly two times more likely to make healthier choices (identifying males and females).

This year, San Miguel County’s 4-H program saw 56 members, ages 5 to 18, participate in projects ranging from leathercraft and baking to steer breeding and horseback riding. As always, 4-H-ers join monthly club meetings where they learn parliamentary procedure, engage in fun activities and community service and work diligently, under the watchful eye of trained volunteers to hone a craft of their choosing.

“I volunteer for 4-H because I believe in engaging our youth to learn about where our food comes from,” said long-time local 4-H leader, Cimmy Alexander. “Whether it’s garden-to-table or pasture-to-table, these kids learn to be responsible, respectful and caring. They learn public speaking, patience and understanding and compassion. Most importantly, they are learning all of these things without even realizing it, and then it becomes a part

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### Ranch life

JW Naslund bales hay in the West End. It’s the first cut on this field, but the Naslunds will get four or five big bales from it. (Photo by Keiran Bray)

## EVENTS

### Cowboy Poetry Gathering is Sept. 23

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Nucla-Naturita Chamber of Commerce announced the seventh-annual West End Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Nucla Town Park.

The event had been held at the community center in Nucla before, but chamber president Paula Brown said having it outdoors has provided for more seating, since there’s so much room. She said the event is now like an outdoor concert, which is nice.

She said the event is casual, and folks can dress in western attire or not. Many guests bring their own

lawn chairs and blankets to relax for the evening. The event is from 6 to 9 p.m., and typically a meal is served.

In the past the Garden Club handled the food, serving soup or chili, but the Garden Club group is now short on help. Brown is finalizing the food details this week, which will soon be announced.

There are six well-known cowboy poets coming to Nucla for the event, and they’ll read, tell stories and play music. Some bring several instruments for their performances, and others simply bring a guitar.

“It’s all very different each year and interesting,” Brown said. “There will be humor involved

too. The poets have their different styles and deliveries.”

The cowboy poets have all been recognized and won various awards. They’re acclaimed in literary circles for their work, Brown said.

Appearing in Nucla on stage this year will be Terry Nash, Jo Kirkwood, Floyd Beard, Valerie Beard, Doug Figgs and Jeneve Rose Mitchell.

“A lot of people will recognize Jeneve Rose Mitchell,” Brown said. “She’s been here before, and she’s been on American Idol. She’s a crowd favorite.”

Mitchell is just 22 and a Col-

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Miss Rodeo USA Anna Woolsey says western heritage events like rodeo are important. (Courtesy image)

#### FAIR AND RODEO

## It's important to preserve rodeo traditions

By REGAN TUTTLE, *Editor*

Anna Woolsey, age 23, is Miss Rodeo USA. She sat down with the San Miguel Basin Forum over the weekend at a national equestrian event and talked about her role and what it means.

Woolsey started riding as a very young child. She got her first horse, Hershey, when she was 4 years old. By the time she was 13, she was competing in rodeo queen contests — something she's now done consistently for a decade.

She'd wanted her own saddle back then, and her mother, who'd competed in rodeo queen contests in her earlier life, told her she could win a saddle by entering a rodeo pageant.

Woolsey won the first competition she entered, in Skiatook, Oklahoma. She's held a title nearly every year since then.

At age 21 she was crowned Miss Rodeo Oklahoma. Then, she began traveling to places like Cheyenne Frontier Days, and the Rodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, as well as to Florida for an event where many of the state queens meet up.

And, in January of this year, she was crowned Miss Rodeo USA. She has just a few months left carrying that title, and in January she will crown the new 2024 queen.

Part of Woolsey's work is mentoring young women. It's part of life for Miss Rodeo USA, and she enjoys guiding the ladies down "a good path" and giving them advice. She coaches them for their respective rodeo pageants, specifically for interviewing and modeling.

All rodeo queens compete in categories like horsemanship, speeches, modeling, and sometimes impromptu questions. They're judged on personality and appearance, too. They also take a written test.

"I like to help wherever I can," she said.

Part of her mission is to help create "a better rodeo queen," she said, because it's about represent-

ing the tradition well. And, everyone watches the queen. These days with social media, people are really paying attention.

Woolsey said the experiences in rodeo pageantry have helped shape who she is.

"I don't know the type of person I would have been if I didn't start queen contests," she said. "I can get on stage, I can talk to crowds, I am talking with the media, and I am also interviewing others."

For her, the experiences have opened doors and help guide her into the future. It's also helped her win scholarship opportunities, and she's basically debt-free with her education.

For young aspiring rodeo queens, Woolsey said there's something for everyone. She advises young women who want to follow in her footsteps to start in small, local pageants and work their way up. She recommends finding someone who's done the queen contests in the past. She said girls can also rent the clothes they need for the competitions.

"It will open doors no matter how far you take it," she said. "You can travel and go bigger."

Woolsey said it's important to carry on the rodeo queen tradition — and rodeo itself. She said it's about celebrating agriculture and western traditions.

"Rodeos — and horse shows — they started somewhere, and there are hardworking cowboys and cowgirls who started them, and who are still involved in these wholesome traditions with great morals and values ... and we need to preserve that and keep that going."

Part of her work is also educating people about adopting pets. It's an issue close to her heart. She asks all to "save a life and adopt a dog." She rescues animals, fosters them and also volunteers with animal shelters.

Anyone who'd like to learn more about Woolsey and her queenship can find her on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Snapchat.

## History: Rimrocker Historical Society Cliff Hiatt joins the war effort in 1943

By JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*



This late 1940s photo shows Uravan after the Manhattan Project mills had been torn down. (Image courtesy of Rimrocker Historical Society)

There is a story that has been passed down through the years about a young army man who came to Uravan to work on the Manhattan Project. I did not know Cliff Hiatt personally, but knew of him. His extended family still comes to the Uravan Reunion Picnics occasionally. We had always heard that there was a good interview in a National Geographic magazine about him being sent to Uravan during the war. We finally found the time frame and were able to read the article. This is from the August 1984 issue of National Geographic:

"A funny thing happened to Cliff Hiatt on his way to World War II. One night in 1943, at Camp Pickett, Virginia, his first sergeant told him, 'Hiatt, you're being transferred.' He had been ordered to Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Why? No one knew.

Something big was building at Oak Ridge. No one would tell Corporal Hiatt what it was. He twiddled his thumbs for a few weeks. Then new orders: Go to Grand Junction, Colorado. A lieutenant sent him on to Uravan, a small town by the San Miguel River then several hours south from Grand Junction by dirt road. Corporal Hiatt was puzzled mightily, but now, at least, he was on

familiar ground. Before joining the army, he had worked in a mill at Uravan. It extracted vanadium, a steel hardener, from carnotite, an ore found dispersed throughout the multi-hued sandstone ridges. Carnotite also contained another element, uranium, which was discarded.

The army rounded up other soldiers, who had processed carnotite and sent them to work in a new mill built to reprocess vanadium tailings. Sergeant Hiatt spent the war as a foreman for a precipitation process that produced a green sludge of uranium.

'We didn't know definitely what it was about,' said Mr. Hiatt, now 67.

But in August 1945 the atom bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki confirmed his guess."

The family story goes that because Mr. Hiatt was sent to Uravan to work on the top-secret Manhattan Project, he was not allowed to tell his family where he was. The problem was that his parents lived in Nucla, and he had grown up there. In our book, "100 years of Uravan," it says that Cliff would run into his folks, and he would wave and say, "Hi, Mom, Hi Dad!" But they supposedly didn't know where he was. I always thought that was such a

funny story, and the family always laughs when they tell it. Those were the times they lived in; if it was for the war effort, you kept quiet and followed the rules.

In our book, "The Hearth of War," the writer Vesta Fitzpatrick recalls when the army boys came to live in the housing that was built for the Manhattan Project workers. Folks were confused and a little suspicious about these men who came from Oak Ridge to be there.

She writes, "Within a short time it became known that a few of these engineers of the army had previously resided and worked at Uravan ... They went about their business with an air of indifference, never telling anyone where they had been or what they were doing ... Therefore, no one ever guessed that being from Oak Ridge would brand these particular boys in khaki as distinctive individuals and important in that mad rush of work in such an isolated mining camp ... One or few men do not count for much in big-world problems, but those united efforts by all, accomplish wonders."

And so, we hear another valuable story of what came out of Uravan. Thanks to all of those good people who did their part to preserve our freedoms. May we never forget the "Town That Was."

## West End Events

- **FAMILY LINK CENTER:** Meetings are third Wednesday of each month 1 to 3 p.m. at the airport
- **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](http://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](mailto: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.



**In it to win it**

The middle school Mustangs beat Ouray last weekend on the volleyball court. (Photo by Brandie McCabe)

**FORESTS**

# GMUG land management plan released

**SPECIAL TO THE FORUM**

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests just released the draft record of decision for the revised land management plan and final environmental impact statement. This will begin a 60-day objection filing period.

Starr Jamison, San Miguel County's Natural Resources and Special Projects Director, said it's important for users of public lands to weigh in on the revised plan.

"The revised plan is a foundational document that will guide future management decisions for the next decade or more," Jamison said. "Those who have commented on the previous draft are eligible to do so again."

In the works since 2018, the revised forest plan received significant public input, comments and observations that forest service officials then integrated into the version released this week.

"After we published the draft

plan and received an enormous volume of quality public input, the planning team spent more than a year to thoroughly study and integrate that feedback as much as possible," said GMUG Forest Planner Samantha Staley. "We believe the plan and preferred alternative reflect the diversity of our communities' input and interests."

The revised plan addresses drought, tree mortality and wild-fire risk, while amplifying forest restoration and resiliency through local and state partnerships. Forest service officials estimate the plan will support 3,900 jobs and provide \$125 million in labor income, add 46,000 acres of recommended wilderness and increase fuel treatment objectives by 60 percent.

For draft record of decision, revised plan, environmental impact statement and other documents associated with this release, including interactive maps, webinar recordings and instructions for how to object or file as an interested person, as well as all past publica-

tions and other helpful resources, the public should visit the planning website [fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/forestplan](https://fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/forestplan).

The objection process not only provides an opportunity for those who have participated in a prior formal public comment period, but also includes an interested persons' format for those interested in how objections are resolved. Interested persons includes any party not named in the objection and individuals who submitted substantive formal comments demonstrating their participation in the planning process.

The GMUG is hosting three public meetings to share information and provide orientation about the plan and the next steps. The first was Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. via Zoom. The next is an in-person meeting Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 5 p.m. at Montrose County Events Center, located at 1036 N. 7th St. in Montrose. Zoom information can be found at: [fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/forestplan](https://fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/forestplan).

Community Agriculture Alliance. Also on the panel is Sajun Folsom, who has been a rancher in southwest Colorado, specifically near Norwood for the last 10 years. In 2018, Folsom started implementing regenerative practices designed to increase biodiversity and capture water and is now using swales and ponds to build topsoil and make his ranch more drought resistant.

The Colorado Water Trust's mission is to restore water to Colorado's rivers. Similar to a land trust that works with landowners to protect natural ecological habitat, Colorado Water Trust serves as a facilitator for water rights owners who want to use some or all of their water to benefit rivers and streams. To learn more, the public may visit [coloradowatertrust.org](https://coloradowatertrust.org).

plays nine different instruments on stage. She's currently living in Grand Junction, but has a national following.

All are invited to the Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Brown said she's planning for a variety of guests to land in the West End for the evening. There are families that come

every year, and always new people. Brown said children are starting to want to come and learning it's something they enjoy too.

Tickets for the event will go on sale later this week. They'll be sold at the door the day of the event too, so there is no requirement to purchase in advance.

## Water

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ers based in the Elk River Valley near Steamboat Springs. She has a career spanning 25 years with the USDA Farm Service Agency and 15 years as executive director of

## Poetry

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orado native. She's performed in Nashville at big venues, but also trains and packs horses. She

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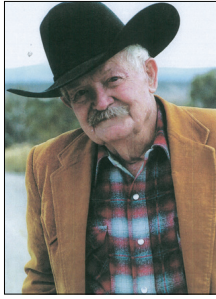
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This image shows Tamarisk. (Courtesy image)

**LETTERS**

**Tamarisk is San Miguel  
County's Noxious  
Weed of the Month**

Dear Editor,

San Miguel County's Noxious Weed of the Month is the Tamarisk, aka salt cedar, which in the county and throughout the American Southwest is found growing along river corridors. An introduced species, it was planted in the region to combat the effects of erosion.

This perennial shrub or small tree bears flowers that bloom from April through September and that range in color from pink to white. Its scale-like leaves are often encrusted with salt secretions. The leaves are similar in appearance to cedar or juniper leaves. Tamarisk reproduces vigorously both vegetatively and by seed. Each plant produces up to 600,000 seeds.

To say Tamarisk has become a scourge in riparian ecosystems is an understatement. Tamarisk is not a water-wise plant, as it consumes massive amounts of water daily and in so doing lowers water tables. The plant creates large deposits of salt in the soil and is capable of spreading downstream 12 miles per year. Further, Tamarisk degrades the value of wildlife habitat by out-competing native vegetation. Its severe impact along riparian corridors throughout the U.S. West is troubling.

San Miguel County Vegetation Control & Management urges all to manage any Tamarisk infestations with elimination in mind. Weed control is a community effort.

Please do your part.

For more information about Tamarisk and other noxious weeds in San Miguel County, please contact Julie Kolb, Manager of Vegetation Control and Management at [juliek@sanmiguelcountyco.gov](mailto:juliek@sanmiguelcountyco.gov).

Julie Kolb  
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

**Excellent job**

Dear Editor,

It has been 42 years since I first appeared on the front page of the San Miguel Basin Forum. I just wanted to congratulate the new owner Regan Tuttle, who seems to be doing an excellent job with the San Miguel Basin's oldest newspaper. The current Telluride and Norwood papers are relative newcomers.

I particularly enjoyed the Aug. 23 issue. I'm delighted that Kieran Bray is starting a new "Ag Talk" column. She is right that many newcomers don't understand the importance of ranchers and farmers. And, Jane Thompson's reprint of a 1939 Montrose Enterprise story about Uravan was very informative.

Art Goodtimes  
NORWOOD

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# Homecoming

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event, there will be the traditional half-time festivities. King and queen will be crowned then, and the attendants will be honored.

(Nucla will have its own Mustang homecoming later this fall.)

Rummel said he hopes to see the fans show up Friday, from both

Norwood and Nucla. Whether people are cheering for the girls and taking a side in the old rivalry, or standing with the guys team, which is combined and solid, he wants to see both communities out.

“Football is on a roll right now,” he said. “We’ve won nine straight games, including last year. It’s a nine-game winning streak, and we are going into Friday with our heads held high.”

Ben Kirk, high school teacher for Norwood and the student council advisor, said he and the teens are

grateful for the Lone Cone Library allowing use of their space for the homecoming dance. The group is also appreciative of DeeAnna Burbridge at the San Miguel Basin Fairgrounds for permitting the bonfire tradition once again.

Kirk said True North Youth Program has also been generous with their time and donations for the floats and other activities they help with for homecoming.

“They really like helping us out,” Kirk said, “and we always appreciate them.”

# 4-H

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of them.”

The possibilities for 4-H projects are endless and can range from entomology, photography, filmmaking, dance, ceramics and leadership. Some members choose to raise animals and learn about proper caretaking including giving medications, feeding, breeding and safe handling. It all culminates in the San Miguel Basin Fair: a week-long whirlwind event that includes showmanship, breeding and general projects events for kids to reveal and earn prizes for all that they have done.

So, in their clubs, the county’s local youth learn how to make and create and love and hone their craft and interests. They give their time and energy to the community painting benches and picking up roadside trash; they become a support to one another and a contributing member

of society. They take their work to the annual fair where items and animals are auctioned — some for up to \$10,000 and beyond. First-generation students pay their way to college, rural high schoolers buy a first car and some of it gets invested into next year’s project. Parents come together to bake for fundraisers, volunteer leaders give hours upon hours of their precious time and ultimately the future of our local youth, and therefore our locale, becomes just that much better. It is easy to forget the programming that goes on in our own backyards, the underpinnings of what builds our community and ensures a strong

future. It’s just as easy to join forces and make these assets stronger.

Four-H is one of these oft-overlooked, undoubtedly positive influences in the shaping of community. With clubs in Telluride, Nucla, Naturita and Norwood, there are plenty of opportunities to sign up, volunteer or donate. For more information, all may visit the 4-H page found on the San Miguel County Extension website at [sanmiguel.extension.colostate.edu/](http://sanmiguel.extension.colostate.edu/) or reach out to the county’s 4-H Youth Development Coordinator Annika Kristiansen to discuss ways to give or get involved: [annikak@sanmiguel-countyco.gov](mailto:annikak@sanmiguel-countyco.gov) and 970-327-4393.

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# West End Montrose County

## Sheriff's Office Blotter

**8/10/2023**

0032 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a trespassing report.

0253 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1523 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for an information report.

1640 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 31400 block of Highway 145 near Redvale for a civil matter.

1824 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist on Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla.

1824 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

1845 Hours - Deputy attempted a traffic stop in the 100 block of East First Avenue in Naturita. A warrant is being sought for Thomas Sullivan, 29, for vehicular eluding, driving under restraint, driving an unsafe vehicle, driver's vision obstructed, operated an unregistered vehicle, no license plates and failed to use turn signal.

1942 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Z26 Road and 2600 Road near Nucla for a fire.

2037 Hours - Deputy conducted public relations in the 400 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita.

1 VIN inspection

**8/11/2023**

1353 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Main Street in Naturita for a disturbance.

1915 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Payson Street in Naturita for an information report.

2122 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.

1 civil process attempted/served

**8/12/2023**

0902 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 26400 block of FF26 Road near Naturita for an information report.

1002 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a report of a protection order violation.

1127 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 21500 block of 600 Road near Paradox for a civil matter.

1236 Hours - Deputy was dis-

patched to the 200 block of Main Street in Naturita for a disturbance.  
1231 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Porter Street in Naturita for an information report.

1404 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 25 near Bedrock for an abandoned vehicle.

1705 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 35100 block of 3590 Road near Redvale for a 911.

1805 Hours - William Walker, 44, was arrested in the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita on an outstanding warrant.

2206 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 21500 block of 600 Road near Paradox for a report of gunshots.

**8/13/2023**

1025 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for found property. A knife was taken to the Sheriff's Office placed into found property.

1119 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1212 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a traffic complaint.

1240 Hours - Joshua Sinks, 53, was contacted on Highway 141 mm 60 near Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.

1300 Hours - Katherine Ullrich, 24, was contacted in the 300 block of East Main Street in Naturita and cited for speeding.

1352 Hours - Deputy took a report for a civil standby in the 29500 block of 2700 Road near Nucla.

2045 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Avenue in Nucla for an information report.

2053 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Main Street in Nucla for a disturbance.

**8/14/2023**

0929 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 25 near Bedrock for an abandoned vehicle.

1006 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28700 block of BB36 Road near Nucla for a 911.

1629 Hours - Deputy took a report for a civil standby in the 29500 block of 2700 Road near Nucla.

1602 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of GG25 Road near Naturita for a fire.  
1803 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East

Main Street in Naturita for found property. A wallet was placed into found property at the Sheriff's Office.

1915 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 88 near Naturita for an accident.

1953 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Adams Street in Naturita for a theft report.  
1 school zone in Naturita

**8/15/2023**

0811 Hours - Deputy took a report of a traffic complaint in the area of County Road 90 and DD30 Road near Nucla.

1415 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Main Street in Nucla for criminal mischief.

1504 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of Grape Street in Nucla for criminal mischief.

1549 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29500 block of 2700 Road near Nucla for a civil standby.

1701 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 145 mm 109 near Redvale for a traffic complaint.

1810 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a report of smoke.

1821 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Forest Service Road 402 for a medical assist.

2004 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a suspicious person.

**8/16/2023**

0812 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a disturbance.

1145 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a 911.

1257 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a civil matter.

1521 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.

1922 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a 911.

2131 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.  
4 VIN inspections  
1 school zone in Naturita

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### LEGAL PUBLICATION

#### ELK RIDGE MINING AND RECLAMATION - SL-26

to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase I, II, and III Bond Release of a portion of the New Horizon Mine site. The application is denoted as SL-26 and pertains to the New Horizon Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008 (approved April 6, 1983) by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P. O. Box 628, Nucla, Colorado 81424, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. The New Horizon Mine is located approximately 2 miles west of Nucla, Colorado.

The Phase I, II, and III bond release area applied for is a post mine stock pond named SP2 and a small surface water conveyance channel called C-15 Ditch. This bond release areas includes approximately 0.1 and 1.7 acres respectively and are shown in detail on Map 1 within the application. The status of the areas being applied for is consistent with the requirements of the reclamation plan, which includes constructing the stock pond and ditch per the approved designs. Listed below is a general legal description of the area:

SE ¼ NW ¼ NW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 36, Township 47 North, Range 16 West of the 6th P.M.

The New Horizon Mine currently holds a surety bond in the amount of \$1,685,639, which includes the above listed area. With this application, the New Horizon Mine will be requesting relinquishment of 100% of the bond held for this parcel.

A copy of the bond release application is on file at the Montrose County Courthouse Annex, 300 Main Street, Nucla, Colorado and the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety at Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference concerning this bond release application should be addressed to the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Comments must be filed within thirty (30) days from the last date of this publication, or within thirty (30) days of the completed inspection by the CDRMS, whichever is later.

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### LEGAL PUBLICATION

#### TOWN OF NATURITA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT PROJECT NO. 0037.0002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 28th day of September, 2023 final settlement with K&D Construction 648 North Terrace Drive, Grand Junction CO 81507, will be made by the Town of Naturita, 222 East Main Street, Naturita, CO 81422, for all services rendered, materials furnished and labor performed in the installation of the Water System Improvements Project. Any person, co-partnership, association of persons, company or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provisions, provender, or other supplies used or consumed by such contractor or its subcontractors, in or about the performance of the work contracted to be done or that supplies rental machinery, tools, or equipment to the extent used in the prosecution of the work, and whose claim therefor has not been paid by the contractor or its subcontractors, at any time up to and including the time of final settlement for the work contracted to be done, is required to file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid, and an account of such claim, to the Town of Naturita at the above stated address on or before the date and time hereinabove shown. Failure on the part of any claimant to file such verified statement of claim prior to such final settlement will release the Town of Naturita, its Board, officers, agents, and employees, of and from any and all liability for such claim.

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### LEGAL PUBLICATION

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety proposes to approve Permit Renewal Application No. 8 (RN-8), submitted by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC for a coal mining permit at the New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008). The proposed renewal will allow for continued mining and/or reclamation operations at the site.

The New Horizon Mine is a/an surface operation located in Montrose County, approximately 1.7 miles Northwest of Nucla, Colorado. Coal interest is private, and the surface to be affected is private land. The permit area encompasses approximately 342.25 acres.

This proposed decision is based on a finding of whether the proposed operation will comply with all requirements of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act, Section 3433101 et seq., C.R.S., and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

A copy of the "Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance", including any stipulations, is on file for public inspection at the Montrose County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Nucla, CO 81424. The renewal application and decision documents, as well as all other permit documents, can be viewed 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/1I8OUdf\\_Mpjo3kxIHkP5hMH-w7MeBtxX7/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I8OUdf_Mpjo3kxIHkP5hMH-w7MeBtxX7/view).

Persons with an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may request a formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board on the proposed decision. Such request must be made within thirty (30) days of the date following initial publication of this notice, must be in writing, and must state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and the objections to the proposed decision.

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
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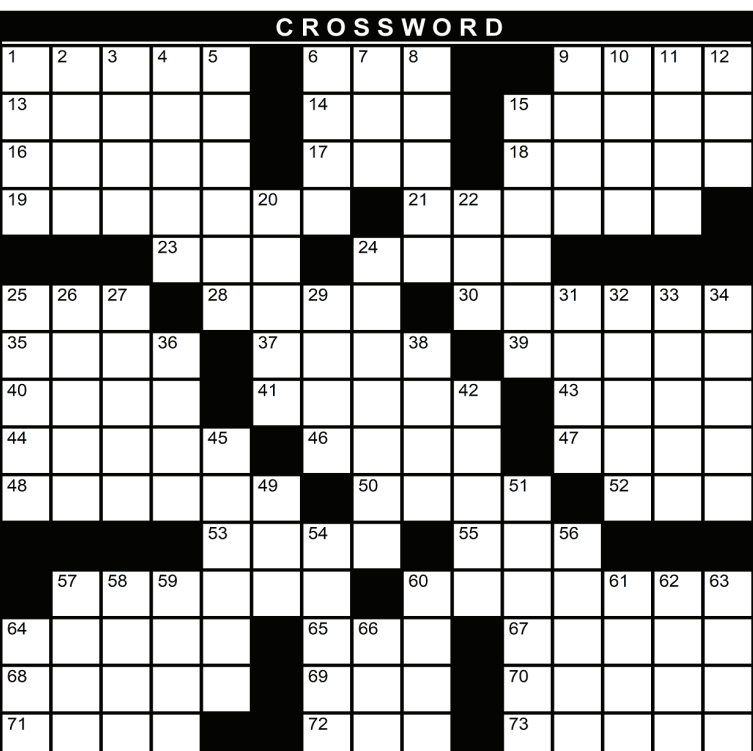
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19. \*Rhymes with Porgie
21. \*Container in nursery rhyme and Ella Fitzgerald's song
23. Ray shooter
24. Gloomy
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28. The Wise Men
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39. Marilyn's real name
40. Distinctive elegance
41. Meal in a shell, pl.
43. Plant anchor
44. Strong and sharp
46. \*\*"Three Little Kittens" cry
47. Shower with affection
48. Bungle (2 words)
50. Snow ride
52. P in mpg
53. Debilitating spray
55. \*\*"How I wonder what you \_\_\_\_"
57. \*Bed on the tree top
60. \* \_\_\_\_ John, or FrÈre Jacques
64. Formerly known as Pleasant Island
65. Commotion or fuss
67. One of journalism's Ws
68. Vinyl collectible
69. \*\*"Tom, Tom, the Piper's \_\_\_\_"
70. Israel's neighbor
71. Big Bang's original matter
72. Devil'd one
73. One deserving of respect?



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3. On top of
4. Website visitors
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8. Cuban dance
9. \*Old MacDonald's farm sound
10. Traveled on
11. Proofreader's mark
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22. Pitcher's pride
24. Bishop's jurisdiction
25. \*Life is but this
26. Marcello Mastroianni's "La \_\_\_\_ Vita"
27. Some Romanovs
29. SI unit of mass
31. \*\*"Here goes my \_\_\_\_ a trot, a trot..."
32. Sag
33. Portray emotion
34. \*Jack and Jill's quest
36. Black tropical cuckoos
38. \*Sheep's bagfull
42. Curse
45. Lollipop brand
49. Bud or chum
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57. Pay a visit
58. Bumpkin
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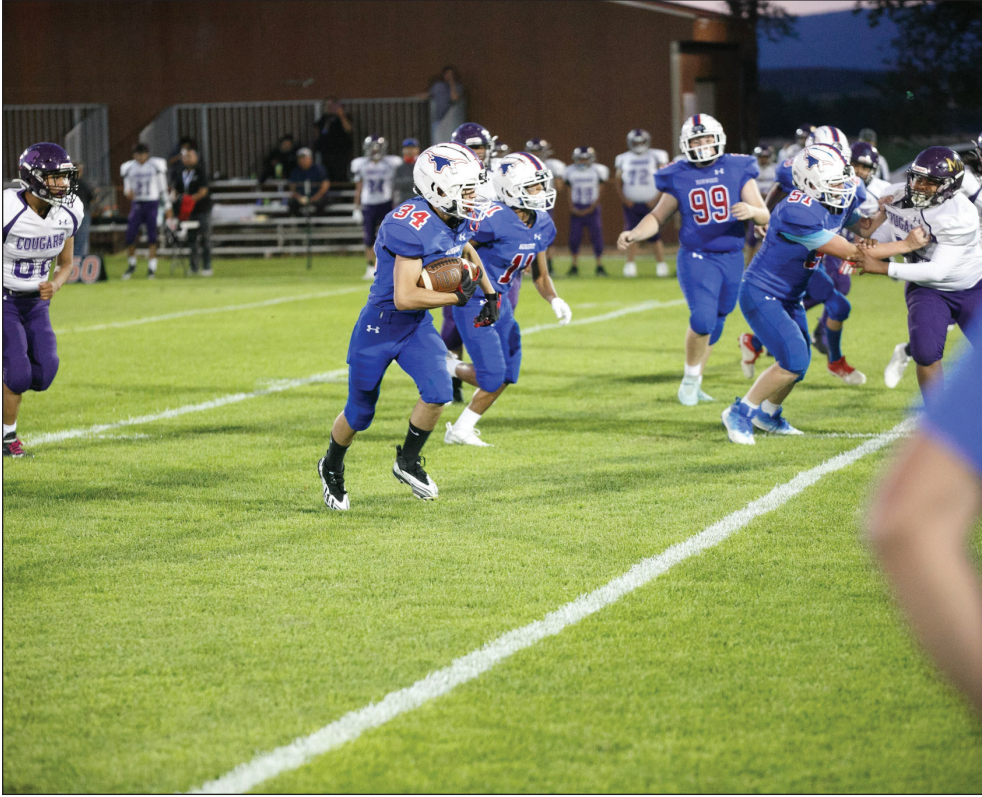
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Brycen Rummel (15) is quarterback.



Steele Arnold (2) is ready for it.



The team is on a nine-game winning streak, and morale is high.



Holtan McCluer (16) works to evade the tackle.



The guys play Plateau Valley Friday night at 7 p.m. (Photos by Brandie McCabe)