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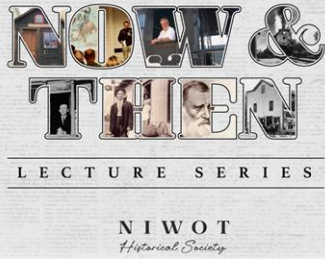
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## 2026 Now & Then Lectures



**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
***The Niwot Cemetery***



**at 7pm** (doors open at 6:30pm) **in the**  
**Niwot Hall** (195 Second Avenue)

**General Admission Is \$5 / Niwot Historical Society Members Enjoy Free Admission**

### The Niwot Cemetery

Orin Hargraves is the president of the Niwot Cemetery Association. He has lived in Niwot since 2012 and is now retired from the University of Colorado Boulder, where he taught semantics and writing. He was a lexicographer for 25 years and is the author of several books. He is also an avid family historian and researcher, managing an online family tree with about 900 members ranging from parents to third cousins twice removed.



### Community Service Announcement

on the next page. If you have wondered about cellular service, you will want to know this!



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*Some history of the U.S. Geologic Survey team in the Niwot valley*

In 1860, the U.S. Geologic Survey Team came to the Niwot Valley when they were in the territory to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Parallel (now known as Baseline Road in Boulder). Land north of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parallel was Nebraska Territory and south of it was Kansas Territory. Haystack Mountain in Niwot still serves as a key geologic survey point.

*Niwot: The Spirit Of Colorado, page 8.*

## ~ Community Service Announcement ~

### Here's why your cellphone hasn't been working in parts of Boulder County

A federal radio quiet zone north of Boulder forced major cellphone carriers to adjust signals, sparking widespread dead zones and more than 100 FCC complaints.

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LONGMONT, Colo — A federal law regarding radio signals north of the city of Boulder prompted the nation's three largest cellphone networks to alter their signals this year — causing widespread coverage problems, [Steve On Your Side](#) has learned.

More than 100 people in Longmont and Niwot have filed complaints about their cellphone coverage with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) since the beginning of September, according to data from the FCC. Their complaints come as dozens of residents have complained about cellphone service problems on Facebook pages, Reddit threads and Nextdoor feeds.

What happened?

Rumors have flown around online for months about the service issues. But Steve On Your Side learned the problems have to do with a nearby federal research facility.

The Table Mountain Radio Quiet Zone north of Boulder operates as a federal research site for several government agencies, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Geological Survey. Owned by the U.S. Department of Commerce and operated by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), researchers at the site study radio frequencies.

The site is protected by federal regulations restricting and limiting radio frequencies within 50 miles.

A spokesperson for NTIA said that in 2024, the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) discovered signals from the three major cellphone networks — AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile — exceeded limits for the quiet zone.

*Steve Staeger is the consumer investigator at 9NEWS. Consumer investigative producer Anna Hewson contributed to this report. We'll continue to follow these cellphone service problems until there is a resolution for consumers. If you have a story tip or consumer issue, [contact Steve On Your Side](#).*

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