

# Walk-in vaccine clinics start today for 1B tier

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**RBC** Changes made to the state's vaccination roll-out plan last Wednesday that added additional groups of people to Tier 1B have created new opportunities for vaccination distribution.

"Supply chains have been able to get allocations out sooner than expected," said RBC Public Health Director Alice Harvey. "We have 300 doses coming this week."

The first vaccinations in RBC took place last week at both county hospitals and assisted living centers and vaccinations continue for individuals in the Tier 1A group this week. Beginning Thursday, the county will start vaccinations for individuals in Tier 1B, which now includes people over 70 years of age, moderate-risk health care workers, first responders, frontline essential workers, and essential officials in state government (see ad on [Page 2A](#) for details).

RBC Public Health has been making plans to hold drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination clinics, and tested their plans with flu shot clinics in the fall, with very successful turnout from the public. The changes coming from the state have prompted Public Health to schedule walk-in vaccination clinics in Meeker and Rangely beginning today, Jan. 7 and continuing weekly. Drive-thru clinics are scheduled to begin Jan. 18.

"A large percentage of our population falls into the essential workers category," Harvey said.

No appointment is required for the first come, first serve walk-in clinics, which will be held at the Fairfield Center (200 Main St.) in Meeker from 2-6 p.m. and at the Rangely Fire House Training Hall (2121 E Main St.). Vaccinations will be available until the supply

on hand runs out.

"We expect the demand to be very high these first couple of weeks. My expectation is we'll be vaccinating our 1A individuals faster than the rest of the state," Harvey said.

There will be separate entrances for high risk clients, and maximum capacity limits inside to ensure safe distancing. Still, those in the 1B category who are concerned about risk factors can wait for the drive-thru clinics or contact their primary health care provider.

There's no charge for the COVID-19 vaccine. Recipients will be asked to remain on site briefly to monitor for severe side effects, and will be instructed how to report any subsequent side effects. No serious side effects have occurred at the county level thus far, which Harvey said is encouraging.

Vaccination will not put an immediate end to public health recommendations for masking, hand hygiene and physical distancing, among other guidelines.

"Like every other vaccine it takes time for your body to develop those antibodies, or you could have been infected prior to receiving it [and therefore be contagious]. All of those public health recommendations will still stand. Once we have a good portion of the population vaccinated, we'll then be able to start talking about how those recommendations will be lifted," Harvey said.

For additional information and facts about the vaccine, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine>.

### FOR THOSE WHO'VE ALREADY HAD COVID-19

If you're one of the almost 300 RBC residents to have had COVID-19 and are at least 14

days recovered and symptom-free, you are still encouraged to be vaccinated, as antibody levels in people who have contracted COVID vary following recovery, Harvey said. "The vaccine is showing that it is very effective, 95% coverage for immunity."

Recovered individuals who qualify may be eligible to donate blood plasma through St. Mary's Hospital for the development of monoclonal antibody treatments that could save lives of those who are critically ill.

To donate you must have had a positive test for COVID-19 (a copy of the positive test results required), have been recovered for 14 days, and qualify for blood donation. Call 970-298-2555 for more information.

While a few new positive cases have been added this week, there's not been a dramatic uptick like there was after Thanksgiving. Harvey said she anticipates a reassessment from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to happen this week. As of press time, the county is still in Level Orange on the state's COVID-19 dial framework.

A discrepancy in the number of local COVID deaths — listed at two by the county and three by the state — is the result of an error in reporting by the state. "An individual was added who was determined that it was not a COVID-related death, but was among COVID cases," Harvey said, adding that she is working with the state to get that corrected.

Harvey said the county's website is the best place to look for the most up-to-date information on COVID counts and statistics. Businesses and organizations can also complete a vaccine interest form there.

The county is also updating its COVID-19 hotline number where people can call in for information: (970) 878-7121.



LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

Lafayette, Louisiana native and barber Jason Boudreaux is building a clientele in Meeker.

# Barber on the run

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**MEEKER** Jason Boudreaux has a lot of stories to tell. Whether you catch him outside the local Go-Fer Foods, run into him on the street, or sit down for a haircut in his barber chair, you're sure to hear at least one of them.

Growing up in Lafayette, Louisiana, Boudreaux learned many hard lessons early. "When I was 15 I got emancipated from my parents so I could work the rigs in the gulf, to be able to provide for my mother." That early start in the workforce also put a damper on his educational opportunities.

Still, he did what he could do to put food on the table. "I had a little car detailing business at 16, I worked in the kitchens too. My dad helped me out a little bit with a job working in his convenience stores," he said.

"To go from that poverty-stricken place to how Colorado is here, it still to this day is a culture shock to me." Boudreaux uses the term "shock" in a positive way, describing the freedom he found living in a community where people leave their cars running without a second thought, and where he can have a pleasant chat with a stranger outside the store. "You can't do that at home without watching your back," he said.

Boudreaux takes pride in his cultural roots. "I love get-togethers and cookouts. I love music, and all those things are embedded back home, on a daily basis," he said. "I do miss the seafood. Gulf seafood, that's what I grew up on. You know

crab, shrimp, crawfish, you don't really get that up here."

Boudreaux credits his upbringing for contributing to his positive outlook and desire to help others. "And that's something I could never shake off and that I never wanna change about myself. If anything I would wanna introduce other people to it too. A little bit of our culture and how we do it," he said. "We'll have a fry-up, cook gumbo, pair it with rice, potato salad, french bread, you know and stuff like that."

Those types of get-togethers, often a daily occurrence in Louisiana, played a role in his decision to start cutting hair. "We're sittin' around, we're drinking, we're barbecuing... Hey, I got a pair of dog clippers right here, lemme clean up the side of your head," he said. As soon as he cut one friend's hair, someone else was in line right behind them.

Offering free haircuts in the beginning meant friends and family could stay fresh and keep cool in the humid Louisiana climate, even if they couldn't afford the service from a professional barber or stylist. "Like I said, I come from a poverty-stricken place," he said. "If I can save that guy some money, let's do it."

"Practice makes profession," Boudreaux added, describing the opportunity to pursue barbering as a way to make a living doing something he enjoyed. Eventually he opened his own barber shop, where he perfected his craft for more than a decade.

After a series of life-changing events, including his father's death, a divorce, and a car

accident that injured his back, Boudreaux closed his barber shop and moved away from Louisiana for a "change of scenery."

He's had various jobs in the area, mostly working in kitchens and the oilfield. He was doing roustabout work on Piceance Creek for a local contractor when COVID hit and Boudreaux found himself unemployed.

Though he had not worked as a barber for years, he never lost his passion for the craft and getting laid off gave him a chance to jump back in.

"It kinda gave me a window of opportunity, me being unemployed, not working 50 hours a week, to kinda get back into the mode of, hey what can I do? How can I utilize this? That's where I jumped into this little spot," he said.

That spot is a space in Go-Fer foods convenience store, where he has been building a clientele. "I'm still new to this town and nobody knows me, and just trying to build a name for yourself, it's not an easy process."

But the process is worth it for Boudreaux, who feels inspired and excited by his work. "Just giving these guys something more than just a haircut. Almost like a transformation. That's the kind of stuff that really just excites me. I can't even put it in words sometimes."

Boudreaux is available from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, but he says he is open to changing the schedule depending on what people need.

Book an appointment, and maybe you'll hear one of his fascinating stories. Call or text Jason Boudreaux at 970-819-1839.

## FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR ...



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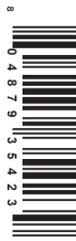
The Rangely Rural Fire Protection District presented their 2020 service awards to its members in December. Notably, long time Rangely resident Travis LeBleu was named Firefighter of the Year. LeBleu has been on the Rangely Fire Department for more than six years. Keenan LeBleu was honored with the Distinguished Service Award. Pictured are Travis LeBleu with Keenan LeBleu and Fire Chief Jasper Whiston.

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on edge

# In the wake of furloughs, closings, suicides, a mountain town businessman searches for balance

By **TINA GRIEGO**

Colorado News Collaborative

**BRECKENRIDGE I** Dick Carleton came to Breckenridge from Virginia when he was 24. He had a business degree from Virginia Tech, a '69 Volkswagen bug, \$100 and three friends willing to share a crappy two-bedroom condo with no insulation. It was awful. It was glorious.

He was "full of rebel spirit" in a town of kindreds and so he never left. He grew up with Breckenridge, jumped into the restaurant business in '81, married Cathy, his wife of 27 years, had three kids, became a city councilman.

Forty years passed. Time gave him no more preparation for 2020 than it had given anyone else. It sure as hell didn't prepare him for the drumbeat of anxiety, the worry, the weight of responsibility that comes with being a family man, businessman, councilman in a ski town during a global pandemic.

This was the year in which he was forced to temporarily close his restaurants, Hearthstone and Mi Casa. He cut staff from a seasonal high of 150 full- and part-timers to 15, wondering whether he was abandoning them and how they would survive. This was the year he contemplated kissing his retirement goodbye, almost certainly postponing it with two high schoolers and one college sophomore. This was the year COVID took dear friends. And, worst of all, this was the

year that claimed Toby Gard.

"Toby committed suicide," Carleton says, and for a while he can't say anything else. "He was a friend of my kids. He was 16 and no one saw it coming."

A little more than a week later, another Breckenridge teen, a freshman, killed himself. Then two more high school students attempted suicide, Carleton says.

You don't return to normal, or what passes for it, when kids in your town kill themselves. That mountain communities tend to have higher suicide rates is neither a solace nor an explanation. "It is a mystery to all of us," Carleton says, "how did this get started?"

The deaths and attempts have commanded him to think hard about mental health.

"I ask myself — how am I taking care of myself during these times? And am I really? ... I know a lot of it is this mountain community where I live."

You should know, he says, he counts himself lucky to be able to soak in the surrounding natural beauty, or to play hockey with a motley group in which income, occupation and politics don't matter. They are equals on the ice and their camaraderie has a life outside the rink. His work keeps his plate and heart full, allowing him to help people and to witness the generosity of individuals and nonprofits keeping locals fed and housed.

But you also need to know this, Carleton says: About 5,000 people call Breckenridge home.

Living as long as he has in a town with a core that small means always seeing the way your friends and neighbors are connected to you because their stories and yours have intersected again and again over time. So, Toby is not just Toby who played hockey with your son. Toby is also Heather's son and Heather is Tinker's daughter and good ol' Tinker came out here in the '60s, a hippie, living in a cabin, Heather born in the back of a Rambler station wagon. And these stories, they fix you to a place and to a people and when the connection breaks down somewhere, it can be felt everywhere.

Connections broke down this year. Some people needed and still need help. So, he talks to his 17-year-old twins, Toby heavy on his mind because he would have turned 17 on Dec. 19. "We just talk about how we're feeling because I felt a lot of guilt, still do, you know. ... I keep asking, 'What did I miss as a parent, a friend?' and wearing the community hat, 'What did we miss?'"

"...My generation, we were all raised with this mindset that you just can't talk about it, either you suck it up or you get help privately. It's private. It's not: 'If you are not well, you are not well, and it's OK to be not well.' So that's a huge part of what we are trying to bring to the forefront in our community now ..."

"We all realize that we have to do more every day, every week, every year, we need more



MARC PISCOTTY PHOTO

**Dick Carleton, 64, of Breckenridge is a Breckenridge Town Council member and owns two restaurants in Summit County including the Hearthstone Restaurant in Breckenridge. New rules in Summit County have allowed for 25% capacity at the restaurant during what is prime season in the high country of Colorado. Despite all the challenges of owning a restaurant in these times Carleton said he's thankful to be surrounded by the mountains in Summit County as a way to find peace and escape during these tough times.**

funding, we need to overcome the stigma. We are trying, but we have a lot of work to do."

He wonders what happens to a place built on fearless rebel spirit in a time of so many rules. He thinks about it as a parent of active teens, as a councilman in a town both reliant and wary of visitors, as a restaurant owner with employees who need to be paid — and protected.

He thinks hard about trade-offs: His kids went to a small Halloween party that turned into a big Halloween party that turned into a spreader event. He and Cathy gave them a talking — Carleton the father and Carleton the council member both present — but he acknowledges that doing what's best for your kids and community is not so easily deciphered these days.

A party with 40 kids crosses a clear line, he says, but smaller groups, "we're not saying no to that."

He and other parents weigh the instinct to lock kids down against the desire to allow them the kind of freedoms that drew them to the community in the first place.

"Teenage children, I don't believe, were made to be quarantined. If, all of sudden, you snap your fingers and you take away their sports and you take away their interaction with their friends in person and it all goes to their devices, you know, that's not healthy at all. They've gotten parts of their youth — in their short lives, it's huge pieces of their youth — that you have just ripped away from them."

The struggle, at the end of

2020, is what it was at the start. Somewhere there must be a balance. A mental and emotional balance. A practical balance. Carleton says he and everyone else he knows are just trying to find it.

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## COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

### PHASE 1 Winter



1A

**Highest-risk health care workers and individuals:**

- People who have direct contact with COVID-19 patients for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- Long-term care facility staff and residents.

1B

**Coloradans age 70+, moderate-risk health care workers, first responders, frontline essential workers, and continuity of state government:**

- Health care workers with less direct contact with COVID-19 patients (e.g. home health, hospice, pharmacy, dental, etc.) and EMS.
- Firefighters, police, COVID-19 response personnel, correctional workers, and funeral services.
- People age 70 and older.
- Frontline essential workers in education, food and agriculture, manufacturing, U.S. postal service, public transit and specialized transportation staff, grocery, public health, frontline essential human service workers, and direct care providers for Coloradans experiencing homelessness.
- Essential officials from executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government.
- Essential frontline journalists.

### PHASE 2 Spring



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**Higher-risk individuals and other essential workers:**

- People age 60-69.
- People age 16-59 with obesity, diabetes, chronic lung disease, significant heart disease, chronic kidney disease, cancer, or are immunocompromised.
- Other essential workers and continuity of local government.
- Adults who received a placebo during a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial.

### PHASE 3 Summer



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**The general public:**

- Anyone age 16-59.

Revised date: 12/30/2020

\*Timeline subject to change based on supply chain. Prioritization subject to change based on data, science, availability.



**Any residents in Group 1B can now receive a vaccine.**

**Community Vaccination Clinics:  
Thursdays, 2 to 6 p.m.**

Meeker Clinic: Fairfield Center Community Meeting Room  
Rangely Clinic: Rangely Fire House Training Hall

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Monday, Feb. 1, 4 to 6 p.m.

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## Historical Society annual meeting Jan. 17

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# SNOWY SNAPS ...



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EDITOR'S COLUMN

# Maybe politics shouldn't be a profit game

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Anyone who thought politics was a slow-moving game, or dreadfully dull, has had that idea challenged this year. Now almost every political race is a neck-and-neck battle to the finish line (if a finish line can ever be agreed upon... how I miss those simpler times).

It's exciting when a horse race comes down to the wire, particularly if that's the horse you bet on to win. There's a thrill in those "heart attack" football games when your team comes through in the last play and saves the day. "The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat" is a big chunk of the reason people love sports so much. Our emotions get involved, whether it's watching our own kiddo on the basketball court or watching a famous quarterback on the football field.

It's not so much fun when it's politics. Those horses and jockeys at Churchill Downs don't approve tax packages or Social Security

reform. NFL quarterbacks aren't deciding our multi-trillion dollar defense budget or formulating the health care packages that may decide who lives and who dies, depending on who has better insurance funding.

How did our political playing field devolve into a 50/50 state? Are we really that divided? Have we really come to see other Americans who don't vote the same way we do or who disagree on some political linchpin as "the enemy"? If so, how did we get here? What follows is a hypothesis. It's not complete, but it is something to think about.

There are teams on the field in every political measure now. We saw it in Colorado with the wolf reintroduction proposition. Millions of dollars of out-of-state funding went into promoting that

proposition statewide. Should out-of-state funding even be allowed in state-specific ballot measures?

Billions of dollars are spent on campaigns. Thanks to Citizens United (2003), money can be rolled into a political campaign from corporations and labor unions, via above board and underground political action committees, and through outside interference from foreign nations taking advantage of social media. Basically, whoever has the cash gets a bigger place at the table.

What if we took the money away? What if all political campaigns from this moment forward had to actually go out and convince the average voter their cause was the most worthwhile one? No pricey cable TV ads, no paid pundits to rally for you, no PACs, and no repetitious mailers clogging up your mailbox while you're waiting for the last thing you ordered from Amazon.

What if we actually had to sit down and talk about real life issues face to face, not ad to ad or meme

to meme, or talking point to talking point? What if that person you perceive to hate because of their political posture slipped on the ice and broke a hip? Would you go out and help them, or leave them there and call them names because of your ideological differences?

Let's take it a step further... what if national public service occurred at a volunteer level, not as a career plan? What if when you got elected to national (or state, for that matter) service, you abdicated all of the benefits someone working for a giant for-profit corporation would receive (health insurance, retirement, a set salary) and agreed to minimum wage and no benefits for the duration of your service as an elected representative? One, we'd have fewer peeps running for office and two, the ones who ran might be slightly more trustworthy.

There are a lot of things I think shouldn't be organized and orchestrated around profit margins. Politics is one.

Just a thought.



# Loose Ends: Resolutions

By **DOLLY VISCARDI**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Are you tired of making resolutions year after year, only to watch them fade away shortly after making them? According to a study done by social scientists, most of us are not tired of this tradition. The majority of us continue to try to make a new start by setting some goals.

This brief report about the survey was too broad and did not cite the specifics of the survey before concluding that the average length of time an individual dedicates to actually working on those goals is two weeks! For some perverse competitive reason I felt better about my goals lasting longer.

The pandemic has thrown a weird kink in that scenario. By the end of 2020, everyone was complaining about their increase in outdoor exercise, so the chances of them needing to get more exercise, walking particularly, are slim. Conversely though, most everyone packed on pounds. It is safe to say that losing weight could remain at the top of everyone's list.

Upon hearing the recent news about New Year's resolutions lacking staying power, a close friend asked, "you know who benefits from keeping this tradition alive, don't you?" When I responded that I hadn't thought about it, he claimed that the fitness industry had been part of this myth making for years. They had been part of the eat less, exercise more for years.

The pandemic simply made sure it happened. Some would say that this statement is contradictory, when many of us have been complaining about the previously dubbed "freshman 15" to describe the weight gain of most college students. Sadly, Covid -19's staying power has made sure that many of us are now facing hunger for the first time. They are not eating less by choice or resolve, their cupboards are bare.

Yet for many of us, hunger is not a problem. I suspect those old tried and true New Year's resolutions will remain to be a tradition — lose weight and exercise more. I didn't bother making even one resolution this year. Why bother if I might break them before the end of the month? Happy 2021!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PMC's column

Dear Editor:  
Authors generally attach their names to their publications. A series of Guest Columns in your newspaper related to COVID-19 carries the byline "Pioneers Medical Center Providers."  
Who is writing these articles? And what is their purpose? The articles say that we should not trust the experts. Is that really the intent of Pioneers Medical Center? Don't

trust the advice of medical experts? The PMC author's Dec. 31 article, titled "Evidence-based discussions need to occur," takes us through a series of calculations for the infection fatality rate (IFR) associated with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. The author bases his/her analysis on a study (O'Driscoll, 2020) that accounts for uncertainties in the prevalence data (seropositivity rates). But the author lops off another 75% from the published IFR, without

justification. The uncertainty in IFR is already accounted for in the O'Driscoll methodology (never mind that the author's age-related mortality figures don't match the data published in O'Driscoll, anyway). That said, peer-reviewed research does show that individual risk for death from coronavirus in younger age groups is very low. Yes, that is reassuring for otherwise healthy young individuals. And while it is certainly true, as the author says,

that a healthy diet and exercise go a long way toward reducing individual risk for coronavirus, those measures will not end this pandemic.

As of Jan. 2 COVID-19 has caused over 1.83 million documented deaths worldwide, more than 348,000 deaths in the U.S., and affects all age groups. And we're not anywhere near the end. Compare that to seasonal influenza, which kills on the order 40,000 each year in this country. By the author's own figures, without improved compliance with public health recommendations we're on track for one to two million covid-related deaths in the over-65 age group in the U.S. alone.

It has been well established that public health precautions including masks, distancing, avoiding indoor group gatherings, and frequent handwashing prevent viral transmission and prevent deaths (CDC, 2020). We are fortunate to have skilled and dedicated medical experts at Pioneers Medical Center taking care of our community. Their message needs to be loud clear. Follow the public health guidelines, and, unless you have other medical contraindications, get vaccinated.

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Dr. Bob Dorsett  
Meeker

Good morning, America

Dear Editor:  
Good morning, America. 2020 has now passed through. Good, bad and ugly, we knew it wouldn't last. With God, guns and ol' glory we've nothing to fear.

We must keep these things close to our hearts for they are so dear.

As we move forward in our lives here today give thanks and hugs and do not sway, for this is what America is about.

Stand strong, stand fast and do not doubt.

Your children and grandchildren deserve the best. You may have to fight hard and long without much rest.

If we stand together in our world today, we'll get back to work and school and play.

So as you move forward in 2021, Be kind and caring for you are the one.

So as Americans I want you to know,

The world needs us to sparkle like the bright, shiny snow.

We must pull together and stand as one,

To prove to the world our work is not done.

So as Americans given a new start,

Put a skip in your walk and love in your heart.

God bless America.  
Randy Ridgeway  
Meeker

Fast tracking wolves

Dear Editor:  
Residents of Rio Blanco

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# OBITUARIES

## Sue Ann Smith

April 15, 1934 ~ Dec. 30, 2020

Sue Ann was born April 15, 1934, to George Jr. and Eileen (Hite) Elliott at her grandparents' farm home in Phillipsburg, Kansas. Throughout her childhood, she lived and attended schools in many places before settling in Meeker, Colorado, for her junior and senior years. She met David H. Smith, Jr. at a football game, and he became enamored with the pretty girl with the angelic voice, who was now singing "solos" at community events. They were married Dec. 28, 1951.

After marriage, she had a brief career at the *Meeker Herald* before starting her life's dream of living in one place and raising her family. She was active in the affairs of a busy ranch wife and mother, participating in the St. James Guild, Cowbells,

scouts, 4-H, school activities and Curtain Call (a local theatre club that she and David enjoyed). After the kids were grown, she volunteered for the start-up boards of the Northwest Colorado Mental Health Association and Safe House. Throughout her married life and after David's passing, she lived on the family ranch and loved (and was so loved by) her family.

She is survived by children David W. Smith (Laura) of Meeker [granddaughters Brittany and Meghan]; Brent A. Smith of Meeker [grandsons Landon (Sylvia) of Meeker, Jared (Elizabeth) of Craig, Nick (Alysha) of Meeker]; Phillip ("Matt") Smith (Judy) of Grand Junction [granddaughter Brittiany Rozman (Will) of Grand Junction]; Lori E. McInnis (Scott) of Grand Junction

[grandchildren Dax McInnis of Denver, Tessa McInnis of Timnath, Andrea Pollack (Tony) of Littleton]; Brian E. Smith (Jeanette) of Pueblo [granddaughters Madeline of Colorado Springs and Hayley (Ronald Dukes) of Ft. Collins]. Sue Ann is also survived by nine great-grandchildren.

Sue Ann joined her beloved husband David, their infant daughter Susan Marie, her granddaughter Sarah Lynn, her brother Richard Elliott, and so many family and friends with her passing on Dec. 30, 2020.

A celebration of her life will be held for the family, as the gathering restrictions may allow. Her family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Pioneers Medical Center, the St. James Guild or to a charity of the giver's choice.

## Vena Meb Smith Wardell

April 9, 1924 ~ Dec. 28, 2020

Vena Meb Smith Wardell of Rangely, Colorado, passed away peacefully on Dec. 28, 2020, at the age of 96. She was born April 9, 1924, in Riverton, Utah, the first of five children to Clifton and Alma Rasmussen Smith. She was the last surviving member of this family.

As a young girl, Vena traveled from Vernal where she attended school, and the Book Cliffs up East Douglas Creek, where her parents and grandpa John Taylor Rasmussen homesteaded. There were many homesteaders in the area brought in by Coltharp Company and Vena often recalled the fun trips to the Owen's place for monthly dances up on the mountain. She was also very active with school and church activities. Vena graduated from Vernal High School in May of 1942 and just two months later married her only sweetheart, Harold Wardell.

Meb and Hal first lived 12 miles downriver from Rangely and soon began work on a cabin in the Book Cliffs. Summers were spent on the mountain and winters found them down on the Banta Homestead. Together they built



Vena Wardell

located above the old football field, where others came to admire her beautiful yard. And Halloween just wasn't the same without a trip to Meb's for those special popcorn balls.

Meb was very active in the Elkettes, the Republican and Libertarian parties, and the Ladies Woolgrowers Auxiliary. A bit of an adventurer and sportswoman, she became expert with the family snowmobile, an avid trap shooter and golfer. She enjoyed being on the ladies bowling team, often speaking of the fun trips they had. After cruising with Hal a few times, she took to cruising with her daughter followed by many trips they shared to Mexico. She

was known for having a special talent and love for knitting and crochet and was a 4-H leader for five years.

In 2003 Meb and Hal sold their home on the hill and moved to Eagle Crest, where they decided a few years earlier to "retire." After attending the grand opening, they put their bid on the only "couple" apartment. They both loved Eagle Crest and considered it a blessing to have such a facility in Rangely.

Vena Meb was preceded in death by Harold, her husband of 64 years. She is survived by her daughter Sharon; stepson Tom Hurla (Lois); one granddaughter, three grandsons, great-granddaughters, great-grandsons, nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also survived by her many special and appreciated friends.

Graveside services were held at the Rangely Cemetery on Monday, Jan. 4, 2020, at 1 p.m. at the Rangely Cemetery. Services are entrusted to the care of Vernal Blackburn Mortuary.

We would like any donations to be made to the Rangely Museum Society

**OBITUARY POLICY:** The Rio Blanco Herald Times chooses not to charge a publication fee for obituaries or death notices with a local connection to the county. It is our opinion that publishing obituaries is a matter of public record and part of our responsibility as a newspaper to maintain a living record of our local history. If you need to submit an obituary or death notice, please stop by the office or email [editor@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:editor@theheraldtimes.com)

## Kirk A. Womack

April 21, 1952 ~ Dec. 30, 2020

Meeker resident, Kirk Womack, passed away surrounded by family on Wednesday afternoon. He was 68.



Kirk Womack

Kirk was born to Jack and Nyda Womack in April 1952. During his childhood he lived and attended schools in Lovington, Tatum, and Hobbs, New Mexico. He ran track and field, played football, soccer, baseball and was in the Boy Scouts. After high school, Kirk attended New Mexico Junior College for a while but left to begin an electrical apprenticeship in the oilfields of Texas and New Mexico. A year later he had earned his Journeyman's license at the age of 22.

Kirk met the love of his life, Linda, in September 1975. They were married just weeks later,

on Halloween. The couple had the honor of celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary this year. They raised three children together, and spent time in Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. Kirk held multiple state Master Electrician licenses and worked exclusively in industrial construction.

He often acknowledged that he was proud to have worked for Southwestern Electrical Contracting in Alamogordo, New Mexico, the last 14 years of his career. He was able to work at Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range before retiring in May of 2019. After retirement, Kirk and Linda moved to Meeker, Colorado, to be closer to their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who live in Grand Junction.

In his spare time, Kirk enjoyed hunting, camping, woodworking and barbecuing. Kirk was a devoted husband and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be deeply

missed by his family and friends across multiple states.

Kirk is survived by his wife Linda Womack of Meeker; their children Michael and Carrie Womack, and Melanie and Mike Sexton of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Clinton and Brandi Womack of LaPorte, Texas. Kirk is further survived by 14 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a larger extended family who loved him dearly.

Kirk was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Nyda Womack; and his sister, Neysa Powell.

The family has decided not to have any local viewings or services. There will be a celebration of life later in the spring where friends and family will be able to gather together in the mountains of Colorado.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made directly to the Grant Mortuary, 621 Yampa Ave, Craig, Colorado 81625 to help with final expenses.

## LETTERS: wolves, shout out

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County, I strongly encourage you to write a letter to the Wildlife Commission voicing your concern about any effort to fast track the introduction of wolves in Colorado. The wolves have been misrepresented and the impact they will have has been skewed to persuade voters that they are needed in our ecosystems. It has been stressed to voters that the wolves are necessary to manage wildlife populations and maintain streams and riparian areas, but this is far from accurate. Wolves are already present in northwest Colorado and if the State introduces even more wolves into our area, they will decimate our wildlife and impose yet another severe hit to our local economy.

It is crucial that the people of the western slope become vocal about the damage that the wolves will inflict and ensure that the State adheres to the process that the voters voted on which said they would hold hearings statewide. If the effort to fast track the introduction of wolves prevails, it will be disastrous to our state and communities. We must make the Commission aware of the negative impacts that introduction will have on the Western Slope. You can find numerous resources on the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts website [www.whiterivercd.com/wolves](http://www.whiterivercd.com/wolves) to help you have your voice heard. Please send letters to the State Wildlife Commission asap.

Thank you,  
Klinglesmith Family  
Meeker

### Shout out

Dear Editor:  
We are writing this to give a shout out to a couple of gals, who in our opinion, really rallied and stepped up to the

plate during the turmoil of 2020. Those two people are Alice Harvey (RBC Public Health) and Niki Turner (Editor Rio Blanco Herald Times). As we are all aware 2020 was a difficult and trying year, so all the more important to have people, in key positions, who can maintain professionalism and integrity to their community during adverse times.

Ms. Harvey had the very difficult task of monitoring, reporting and relaying Covid stats, while keeping the community informed of government Covid guidelines as well as overseeing public health testing and tracing, not to mention untold meetings with county commissioners to advise on strategies. A monumental task was thrust upon her in an unprecedented pandemic. She kept a cool head and gave sound advice based on the facts and CDC guidelines. Likewise, Ms. Turner had the equally difficult task of keeping the citizens of Rio Blanco County informed of new developments and reporting the facts and statistics, which she did in an unbiased and neutral manner. There has been undeniable controversy in this community, however, as stated above Ms. Turner sticks to the facts and produces a quality newspaper that is very informative and worth reading. So kudos to both

of these amazing ladies! We are very pleased to have such quality people in our community, you are the true heroes of 2020! Please keep up the good work, it doesn't go unnoticed.

Matt Wells and Sinclair Rios  
Meeker

## CONSERVATION CORNER

### Colorado Wolf Introduction Process Needs YOUR Input

With Proposition 114 narrowly passing in November, you may be asking "how can I make a difference at this point?" NOW is your opportunity to help hold the State accountable to following through on the actual language of the ballot initiative. Per the ballot initiative, the State is required to, "HOLD STATEWIDE HEARINGS TO ACQUIRE INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED IN DEVELOPING SUCH PLAN, INCLUDING SCIENTIFIC, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS PERTAINING TO SUCH RESTORATION."

However, there is an effort to fast track the introduction of wolves and it is critical that you speak up, speak up loudly, and speak up often. Decision makers need to hear from those most impacted by the introduction of wolves on the western slope. Every person in Rio Blanco County has the opportunity to have their say.

Here is your first important opportunity/responsibility! The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission will be meeting on January 13 & 14. You can send written comments and/or provide public comment during the virtual meeting. No matter how you feel about wolves being introduced into the State, you are encouraged to request they remain true to the process spelled out in the ballot initiative that will ensure the Western Slope citizens are heard. It is critical that they listen to those that will be most impacted and the only way to do that is to have hearings in rural Colorado, not just zoom meetings or negotiations by a few "stakeholders".

Visit [www.whiterivercd.com/wolves](http://www.whiterivercd.com/wolves) or scan the below zapcode for a copy of the ballot initiative, CPW leadership and Commission contacts, Commission meeting information, and how to "find my legislator".



## Knowing, Loving, and Serving

By Dr. J. D. Watson  
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

... I love thee ... Feed my lambs. (Jn. 21:15)



Dr. J.D. Watson

**A** FITTING CLOSE to our long (seven year) series of devotional studies (all of which have been taken from the author's book, *Seek Him Early*) is again Jesus' recommitment of Peter in John 21:15-17. Few knew, loved, and served our Lord as Peter did, so he will help us with our final review.

First, we have meditated on knowing the Lord. As we have noted, Peter was, indeed, our Lord's "little shadow." With rare exception, wherever Jesus was, there was Peter also. He shared in every aspect of his Master's life and knew Him better than anyone else. Why? We would submit first that he wanted to know more. Observing every action and hanging on every word, Peter was the proverbial sponge that absorbed it all. Further, we suggest that Peter wanted to think deeper. Perhaps he thought back to the time when Jesus told him to "launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" (Lk. 5:4) and applied that to going deeper in every aspect of life. Finally, we propose that Peter wanted to do right. If knowing and thinking do not lead to doing, it is all empty. Peter wonderfully encourages us, then, to know our Lord ever better. "That I may know him" (Phil. 3:10) Paul reminds us again (Feb. 25-27). And if we are tempted to think that none of this is "practical," as we often hear today, let us consider this challenge: "Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord" (J. I. Packer).

Second, we have matured in our loving the Lord. I never tire of this scene of Peter with Jesus. His three-fold question, Peter's three-fold admission, and Jesus' three-fold recommitment

comprise the perfect test for all those who say, "Oh, yes, I love Jesus." In a very real sense, in fact, our love for the Lord has been at the core of all our daily studies. Without a deep love for Him, knowing is nothing but mental exercise and serving is nothing more than mechanical exertion. It is our love for Him that is the motivating energy that gives it all meaning. As Peter's love grew deeper from a *phileō* affection to an *agapaō* application, so have we grown in our understanding of the primacy of love for Christ. We love God not because "we have fallen in love with Him," as today's expression goes, but because we willfully love Him with a conscious, committed, and compliant adoration.

Third, we have measured our serving of the Lord. With full knowledge that he would die a martyr's death (Jn. 21:18-19), Peter served His Lord with fervor, fortitude, and faithfulness. Church tradition indicates that he was crucified under Nero's reign. All the Apostles, in fact, except John, as well as countless servants since, died for Christ's sake. It has been wisely said that we never get a second chance to make a first impression, but we submit that we do have every chance to make a lasting impact. Peter made such a measured impact. So should we.

Oh, my Dear Christian Friend, get to know your Lord further, so you can love Him deeper, and then serve Him better.

Scriptures for Study: Meditate today on John 14:15-24.

We hope you will visit our website [www.TheScriptureAlone.com](http://www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find not only our podcast of these devotional studies but also other resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files. You are also invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is: "continu[ing] steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

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**Driver's License clinic dates**

*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER I** Meeker Driver's License pop-up clinic dates will be as follows.  
 ■ Afternoons: 1-4:30 p.m.  
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 ■ Appointment required – no walk-ins allowed. Call 720-295-2965 or go to the website: [mydmv.colorado.gov](http://mydmv.colorado.gov) for an appointment.  
 ■ Jan. 14 afternoon and Jan. 15 morning  
 ■ Feb. 11 afternoon and Feb. 12 morning  
 ■ March 11 afternoon and March 12 morning  
 ■ April 8 afternoon and April 9 morning  
 ■ May 13 afternoon and May 14 morning  
 ■ June 10 afternoon and June 11 morning  
 Dates may be changed due to weather or other circumstances. Call the Clerk's office at 970-878-9460 if you have questions.

**MHS students start fundraiser**

**By SOPHIA GOEDERT**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER I** Meeker High School students Ainsley Selle and Savannah Mendenhall have recently created a program called Hope for Healing Hands, designed to

give back to healthcare workers, EMTs, school staff and administrators, and law enforcement.

The idea started when the two students saw how COVID-19 has impacted those on the front lines. "We've seen how hard they've been working and we wanted to

give back and bring joy to the workers," says Selle. Savannah Mendenhall has always admired the work that frontliners put in and it has inspired her to pursue a future in nursing.

The two will use all locally-purchased items to supply their baskets for the workers. Featuring an assortment of sweets, knick-knacks, and thank you cards from the elementary school students. For the nurses and hospital, they plan to work alongside the local restaurants to cater meals for the workers.

Hope for Healing Hands will run solely off of donations from the community. There has been a Go Fund Me created specifically for the program and with the community's help they hope to raise \$2,000 or more for purchasing the goods for the baskets. To donate to the organizations, you can go to the website <https://gofund.me/01ea4872> and enter a donation of your choice.



**MHS students Ainsley Selle (left) and Savannah Mendenhall have created a fundraiser to support front line workers.**

SOPHIA GOEDERT PHOTO

**AGNC submits CORA about potential "fast-track" of wolves**

**By NIKI TURNER**  
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**RBC I** Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) has submitted a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request to determine if the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission and the Governor's office are planning to "fast-track" the reintroduction of wolves into the state.

In an opinion piece on Colorado Politics (<https://www.coloradopolitics.com/opinion/opinion-wolf-initiative-will-come-back-to-bite-us/article>), AGNC Executive Director Bonnie Petersen said, "It causes grave concerns when we hear wildlife commission members advocating for a plan to introduce new wolves in Colorado circumventing the public process."

The language on Proposition 114, which passed in November by less than 2%, scheduled reintroduction for 2023, following development of a comprehensive management plan and public input. According to Petersen and other AGNC members, a 2021 implementation is being pursued by the Governor's office, prompting the CORA request.

AGNC is a council of governments representing Mesa, Garfield, Rio Blanco, Moffat and Routt counties. As of press time Tuesday, Moffat and Garfield county commissioners had expressed their concerns in public meetings.

The next CPW Commission meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13-14, 2021, and will be streamed via YouTube. Wolves are on the agenda beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, with the wolf plan process and timeline proposal and a period for public comment scheduled at 11 a.m.

To provide oral public comment at the virtual meeting, please complete the January 2021 oral public comment sign-up form ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQ-huKyXiYo-uccGkirnR2Xxl7B\\_B5sCqdNYPxxcd1h-vpJg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQ-huKyXiYo-uccGkirnR2Xxl7B_B5sCqdNYPxxcd1h-vpJg/viewform?usp=sf_link)) by 12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2021. Or, provide comments prior to the meeting via email to [dnr\\_cpwcommission@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us)

**WHO:** Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commission

**WHAT:** Meeting to review wolf plan

**WHEN:** Jan. 14, 2021 beginning at 8 a.m.

**WHERE:** livestreamed on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)

To submit public comment, complete the oral public comment sign-up form by 12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 (link above) or provide comments prior to the meeting via email to [dnr\\_cpwcommission@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us)

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[ SNOWSHOEING ]

## LET'S MAKE TRACKS

By Brett Dearman  
Adventure Colorado

Growing up in Meeker in the '70s, I always looked forward to winter because it was a great time for outdoor activities. In those days, snowmobiles were just becoming popular, but were still a little financially "out of reach" for many of us. As a result, we had to come up with more traditional means of

transportation in the snow covered White River Valley. It really came down to two choices... cross country skis or snowshoes. Having neither in my possession, I began to ask around if anyone had either skis or snowshoes they would be willing to lend me until I could figure out which I liked better and could save up enough money from my part time job at the local drug store to make a purchase. As it turns out, the

first person I contacted (our neighbor) had a pair of plastic "emergency" snowshoes that I could borrow for as long as I liked. Being somewhat pragmatic in my approach, I jumped at the opportunity. As a result, I spent many weekends in those wintery days tromping around our hay fields wearing the bright red plastic snowshoes.

Simply put, I was hooked.

### >>> TO SNOWSHOE, OR NOT TO SNOWSHOE? <<<<

The choice between cross country skis and snowshoes isn't as easy as it may seem. Why choose those cumbersome snowshoes over the elegance of cross country skis, you might ask? It really boils down to a few simple questions...

- > Where do I need to go?
- > How deep is the snow?
- > How much do I want to spend?

If you're planning on staying on a road or trail where the inclines are gradual and the snow is fairly packed, cross country skis might be best solution. However, if you want to get off the beaten path and there's seven feet of powder snow, a pair of snowshoes would be a far better choice. Even the most advanced cross country skis will have you floundering in deep powder snow. Skis are great fun in the powder, as long as you're going downhill. Trying to muscle uphill through deep snow on cross country skis is absolutely exhausting and can take all the fun out of your experience. That's not to say that snowshoes are less tiresome, but you'll cover a lot more ground to show for your efforts.

### >>> ECONOMICS <<<<

The cost comparison between cross country skis and snowshoes is nothing short of shocking. In my unscientific approach to this analysis, I came up with a ballpark estimate of the costs. The cost of getting outfitted with snowshoes will cost you about 20 percent of what it would cost to get set up with cross country skis. Again, this was a very unscientific comparison and I'm sure that you can spend a ton of money on snowshoes, but on the surface, they appear to be the most economic choice.

### >>> HOW TO <<<<

Something else to consider is the "learning curve." Don't get me wrong, I love to ski. Along with my high school cohorts, I learned to downhill ski early in life. To be brief, there was a lot of falling down involved in the learning process, but I finally mastered it (i.e. I could ski without falling down... much). The transition to cross country skis wasn't as easy as I had expected. First of all, your heel isn't locked in place like with downhill skis. Only the toe of your shoe (or boot) is bound to the ski. Contemporary cross country skis have something akin to fish scales along the bottom to help you climb up inclines. Learning to walk in snowshoes is quite intuitive, although you may find yourself sitting in the snow on occasion. Essentially, it's like walking with your feet further apart than you're accustomed to.

Whether you choose cross country skis or snowshoes, the important thing is to get out there in the great outdoors and have some fun.

### A LITTLE HISTORY

Snowshoes had been around for more than 4,000 years and appear to have origins in Mongolia. The original design was primitive, but effective.

The concept migrated to Eastern and Central Europe sometime after their initial invention and evolved into devices that were far more practical. A far cry from the wide blocks of wood the Mongolians used, Central Europeans' snowshoes were still mostly wood, but had leather stretched across a frame.

It was the Native Americans who invented what most people think of as snowshoes: a large beaver-tail shaped, bent wood frame with a lattice of rawhide in a crisscross pattern. Early North American style snowshoes reached upwards of seven feet in length. They also had a somewhat smaller design referred to as a "bear paw." As pioneers continued their migration from the eastern settlements to snowy Rocky Mountains of the West, it didn't take long for snowshoe to gain popularity among trappers who needed to cover a large area on foot. Easily constructed out of existing materials, mountain men adopted the snowshoe as an essential means of deep snow transportation.

Snowshoes have evolved even more during the last 40 years, becoming "high tech" in their overall design. Wooden frames have been replaced with super-light aluminum or carbon fiber. Rawhide lattice has been replaced by tough and flexible nylon fabric. Even the bindings are built from modern materials and designed in such a way that they can accommodate almost any size and shape of boot.

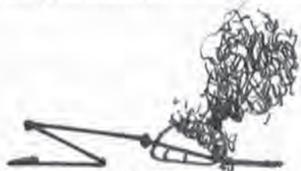
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2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.



To kick off the New Year, let's create something new with this classic pose, Child's Pose. This pose will be the first in a three part series that stretches and strengthens your chest and upper back.

**To begin, come onto your hands and knees, stacking your shoulders directly over your wrists and stacking your hips directly over your knees. Inhale filling your lungs completely, exhale and shift your weight back reaching your hips towards your heels as you lower your chest towards the ground and your arms reach long. Perhaps you can rest your forehead onto the ground, or maybe you have a yoga block or even a thick book you can release your head onto. Either way work to relax through your body, releasing tension in all the places it is not needed so you may deepen this stretch further. Practice deep inhales and exhales for as long as is comfortable.**

Additional Pose Options: There are many little things you can do in a pose to make it "fit your own body like a glove." If you wish a deeper stretch down your arms and across your back as well as an additional stretch in your hips you can shift your weight forward from Child's Pose in order to move your knees out to both sides, touch your big toes together, and release your hips back towards your heels once more effectively transitioning into Devotional Pose where your torso is allowed to nestle down in-between your thighs. Another option is to add some movement, "Barrel Roles" are the term used to describe the motion of making a circle with your hips from Child's Pose. To do this reach your hips back then over to one side and forward until your shoulders are again over your wrists before rounding to your other side and back to your starting position.

# January is National Radon Action Month

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Governor Jared Polis has proclaimed January 2021, National Radon Action Month and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is reminding Colorado citizens to test their homes for radon as part of National Radon Action Month.

"Testing your home for radon is simple and should be done when all your doors and windows are closed," said Chrystine Kelley, radon program manager for the department. "That's why January is a great time to test, during National Radon Action Month."

Radon is a gas that you cannot smell, see, or taste that comes

naturally from the earth. It is radioactive and can easily enter homes and buildings through small openings. The Surgeon General lists radon exposure as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.

In Colorado, 50 percent of homes have high radon levels and more than 500 lung cancer deaths are attributed to radon each year. The best way to protect yourself against radon is to test your home. More information is available on the department's website: [www.coloradoradon.info](http://www.coloradoradon.info)

Homeowners with radon mitigation systems should retest their homes every few years to make sure the system is working properly.

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- Romantic getaway destination
- "Hold on!"
- Foolish
- Unit of electrical resistance
- Ann Patchett's novel "Bel \_\_\_\_"
- Parallel grooves
- New Zealand's bygone bird
- Daisy-like bloom
- \*En \_\_\_\_, cooked and served in individual pot
- \*Raw fish
- Like Second Testament
- Archipelago unit

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- "Days" in Havana
- Just one of TV's "American \_\_\_\_"
- Russian mountain range
- Urban haze
- Spiral-horned African antelope
- Aggressive remark
- 10 percent to charity, e.g.
- Milk choice
- Burnt \_\_\_\_
- "Nobody \_\_\_\_ It Better"
- London art museum
- Evening party
- Boll weevil, e.g.
- Dianne Feinstein, abbr.
- Windmill blade
- "... \_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight!"
- \*It's battered and fried
- \*Cheese and potato dumplings
- Loudspeaker noise
- Sheep sound
- Frank Wright's middle name
- Atones, archaic
- Days of \_\_\_\_

- Containing fat
- Cut the crop
- College degrees
- Stainless material

**DOWN**

- Catchall abbr.
- Gung-ho about
- DEA agent
- Jimmy Hoffa's organization
- Position while landing
- A few
- \*Vietnamese soup
- Accumulate
- Done in loads
- Opposing prefix
- Unit on a list
- Torus, pl.
- Milk protein
- \*Cocktail garnish
- Mont Blanc, e.g.
- Heavy hydrogen, e.g.
- \*With jus
- First-rate
- Browning's "\_\_\_\_ ben Ezra"

- In the thick of
- Benign lump
- New Zealand parrots
- Like NCAA's eight
- \*Japanese noodle soup
- Suggestive look
- \*Clarified butter
- Ruhr's industrial center
- "The Dean Martin Show" and "The Carol Burnett Show"
- Lobe locale
- Ogres of the Norse
- Bigwig in the Orient
- Approval of the audience
- Tow rope alternative
- River in Bohemia
- Comedian Rudolph
- "Dead Poets Society" school, e.g.
- Cowboy's prods
- Apple leftover
- Jekyll's alter ego
- Bucolic poem
- \* \_\_\_\_ mode

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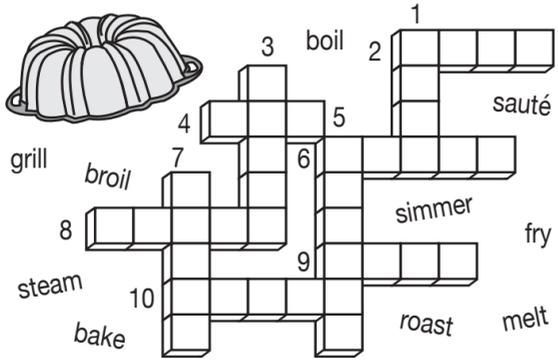
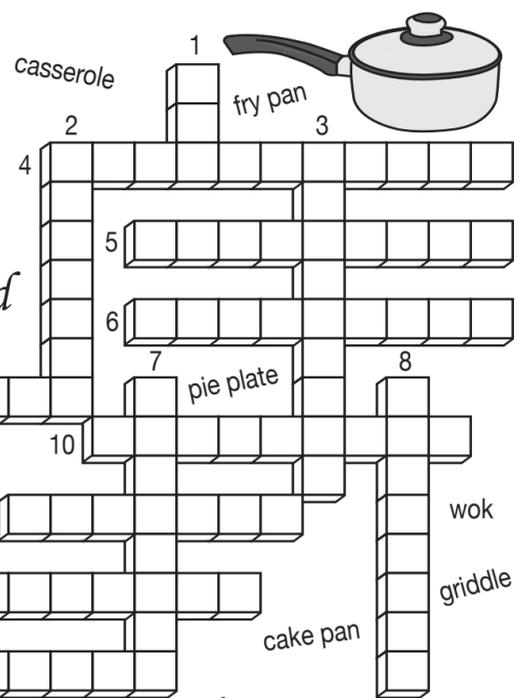
I'm crazy for crossword puzzles as you can see!

Can you read the clues to fill in my puzzles about cooking?

I enjoy cooking and baking. I like putting foods together to make new, hopefully delicious, combinations. One of my favorite hobbies is to take an old recipe that everyone loves, like cheese and macaroni, and "lighten" it to make it a healthier dish that's just as tasty.

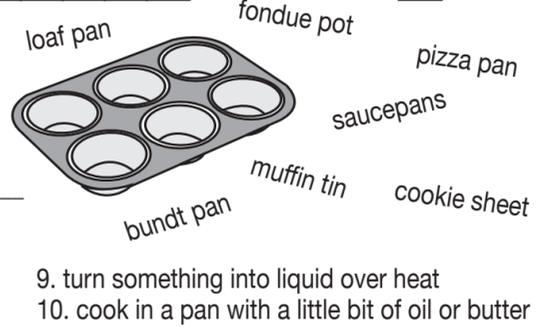
1. bowl-shaped pan used to cook Chinese food
2. comes in many shapes and sizes, usually metal
3. very deep with handles and lids
4. flat piece of metal for laying out pieces of dough
5. bowl heated from below - keeps cheese and chocolate melted for dipping
6. mixed foods cooked in a large, deep, usually uncovered dish in the oven
7. round, doughnut-shaped baking pan
8. shallow, round, glass or metal dish used to bake one of America's favorite desserts
9. round, flat, with low sides; may be made of iron, may have a non-stick surface, handle
10. has several, tiny cups for batter; a cupcake pan or a \_\_\_\_\_
11. square or rectangular "frying pan," may be flat or have ridges, drains off extra grease
12. rectangular pan that is deep, used for breads and a favorite meat dinner
13. large, round, flat metal pan, sometimes deeper for "deep dish"

#### Pots and Pans



#### How We Cook It

1. cook in oven using dry heat
2. heat liquid until it starts to bubble and steam
3. cook over an open fire
4. cook in a pan or griddle, usually in very hot oil
5. cook food just below its boiling point
6. heat using water in the form of wisps of \_\_\_\_\_
7. cook meat in oven, uncovered in a shallow pan without adding liquid
8. cook at high temperature using direct heat from the top of the oven

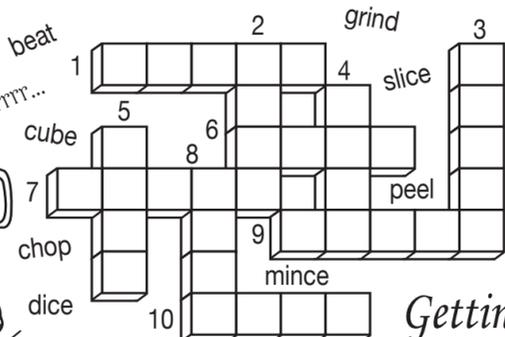


### Running the Kitchen Smoothly

I'm helping Chatter in the kitchen today. I am her "sous chef," which means I am the second in command! I make sure everything is ready and the kitchen is running smoothly, and I help to cook the food.

**Getting food ready and keeping the kitchen running smoothly:**

1. cut into thin strips with a knife
2. cut food into small square pieces
3. crush food in blender or other machine
4. press to remove lumps
5. cut food into squares smaller than 1/2 inch, using a knife
6. stir ingredients together with a whisk or spoon
7. chop into tiny pieces
8. cut ingredients into pieces using a knife or food processor
9. cut into long, thin pieces (may use round holes on grater)
10. pull off or cut off the skin or rind of fruit or vegetable



#### Getting It Together

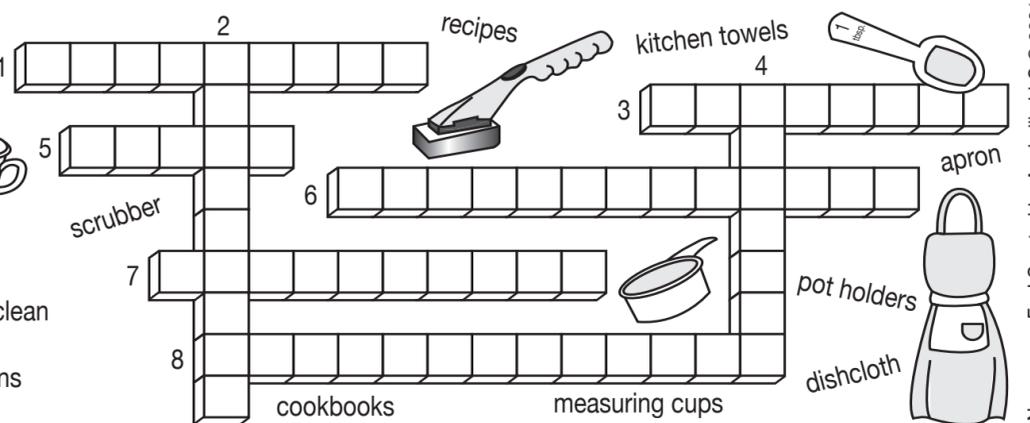
1. pour liquid or food into a filter that catches any solid bits
2. blend milk, butter, or sugar until smooth
3. swirl different types of batter for an interesting look
4. put ingredients together
5. make ingredients fluffy by adding air, beating quickly
6. mix smoothly together
7. blend food into a liquid until it disappears (like sugar in water)
8. stir very fast so ingredients mix or fluff up
9. work on dough by pressing and stretching
10. mix a salad until everything is coated with dressing



We are helpers in the kitchen. Read the clues to find out how we help. Then, fill in the puzzle!

### Kitchen Helpers

1. small rag used for washing plates, pots, and pans
2. books filled with recipes
3. rough, sponge-like tool for removing food from pots and pans
4. sets of instructions for making or preparing something
5. special piece of clothing that covers the front to keep clothes clean
6. cups with markings on the side
7. thick cloths that protect hands and table from hot pots and pans
8. larger cloths for drying off your washed plates, pots, and pans





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# DAYS GONE BY

### The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

Some folks, like tug boats, seldom accomplish anything without a great deal of puffing and blowing; but unlike tug boats, they often puff and blow without accomplishing anything.

The skating pond has proved a popular attraction and is drawing large crowds of merry-makers daily.

The weather started in a little bit chilly this week, being 19 below last Saturday night, 18 below Sunday night, and 17 below Monday night, from which point it gradually rose to zero last night.

### The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

Colorado has a chance to be a unique center of medical and public health service. Colorado will eventually have one of the foremost medical schools and one of the finest state hospitals in the country—a great health

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~ Meeker Herald,  
125 years ago

center where citizens of the state may avail themselves of every modern facility of medical and surgical skill.

Meeker has a few Civil War veterans who are getting up in years. The oldest, we believe, is Alonzo Cure, who is nearing 90. Zeke Allen and Freeman Fairfield are nearing the 80 mark, while John A. Watson is over 70. But one of the hale and hearty veterans is E.A. Proctor, who is close to 85. Despite the fact that he was in some of the hardest fighting in southwest Missouri and was pretty well "shot-up." Mr. Proctor enjoys good health for his years.

### The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

The message came through loud and clear Monday evening at the Town Council meeting that livestock owners in the town of Meeker were going to take action to stop, if possible, the passing of a proposed ordinance which would prohibit livestock in the town of Meeker. A delegation of about 25 were present.

Tom Allen, who received a broken right leg in a skiing accident at Steamboat Springs Saturday, was released from St. Mary's hospital in Grand Junction Tuesday. Tom is a sophomore student at Meeker high and a member of the JayVee basketball team.

A temperature of a minus 29 degrees Tuesday night, Jan. 5, is the lowest the mercury has dropped in this area since the 12th day of January, 1963, and during that night it was -43 degrees.

### The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

A recent survey from

the Meeker Herald found that 58.87% of Meeker citizens favor returning back to the 5-day school week format, where 35.48% favor staying with the four-day week, and 5.65% had no opinion in the matter.

It has been said, in jest, that doctors bury theirs. Lawyers lock theirs up in remote prisons. And accountants juggle and restate theirs. But journalists print theirs where they become enshrined forever as part of history. We're talking about mistakes, and we've made some doozies during the past year. And you can bet we'll make some humdingers this year, and next year, and... Well, you get the idea.

### Rangely Times 50 years ago

During the last quarter of 1970, the retail sales of Rangely were up by 25%.

The official groundbreaking for Rangely Public Library took place at the end of December. The end date for the project is late April of 1971.

Rio Blanco County is a proposed site for a nuclear gas stimulation. A public meeting will be held by the City Council to discuss the stimulation.

### Rangely Times 25 years ago

Rangely's Building Inspector, Mike Englert, visited some local businesses to perform routine inspections. There were many rumors circulating around that certain buildings were going to be condemned or that owners will have to fix structural problems in buildings. Nothing has been put in writing yet regarding his decision.

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~ Meeker Herald,  
25 years ago

Deserado Mine was forced to shut down for two days following a roof collapse in the mine itself. No one was injured during those two days of Christmas week. The rest of the mine was unaffected and Deserado was up and running again quickly after the incident.

Four incidents of poaching in Rangely have been called in and officials are looking for information on a party or parties that may have been involved in these violations.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## • MEETING NOTICES •

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 26, 2021 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:  
**Sheep Creek Minor Subdivision PSUB-0006-20.** The applicant is requesting to subdivide the property into two lots. The property is located at 38527 County Road 33, Meeker Colorado, Lying within Tract 104 of the 1908 GLO Resurvey, aka: in Sections 29 & 32, T1N, R94W.  
Address – 38527 Highway 13, Meeker Colorado. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.  
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A. Pledge of Allegiance  
B. Changes to January 12, 2021 Agenda  
C. **Move to approve the January 12, 2021 Agenda including any changes.**  
2. **CONSENT AGENDA January 12, 2021**  
A. **Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.**  
B. Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2020  
C. Assessors Quarterly Abatement Report for December, 2020  
D. Financial Management Report for December 2020.  
E. DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register for December 2020.  
F. Motor Vehicle Publication Report for December 2020.  
3. **BUSINESS**  
A. Move to approve/deny US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management Renewal of Right-of-Way Grant, Serial Number COC-77467-01 for County Road 73 bridge replacement work areas.  
B. Move to Appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Colorado River District for a three-year term.  
C. Move to approve/deny Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Airport Construction Programs, Grant # 3-08-0047-013-2019 to FAA - Denver ADO for the period of 8/1/2020 to 11/30/2020, in the amount of \$962.23.  
D. Move to approve/deny Federal Financial Report to Federal Aviation Administration - Denver ADO, Federal Grant #03-08-0047-013-2019 for the Period 7/29/2020 to 11/30/2020.  
E. Move to approve/deny Request for Reimbursement #7 for the Rangely Airport, Federal Grant #03-08-0047-013-2019, State Grant #19-4VO-01, in a total amount of \$1,069.95, FAA reimbursement of \$962.23, CDOT Reimbursement of \$53.50 and Sponsor Commitment of \$54.23.  
F. Move to approve/deny Request for Reimbursement #14 for the Meeker Airport Couler Field, Federal Grant #03-08-0041-013-2018, State Grant #18-EEO-01, in a total amount of \$6,875.00, FAA reimbursement of \$6,187.50, CDOT Reimbursement of \$343.75 and Sponsor Commitment of \$343.75.  
G. Move to approve/deny Request for Reimbursement #2 for the Rangely Airport, Federal

Grant #03-08-0047-014-2020, in a total amount of \$101-195.94 FAA reimbursement of \$101,195.94.  
H. Move to approve/deny Final Contractor Settlement with Western Gravel Constructors for the 2020 Rio Blanco County Bridge Maintenance Project, in an amount not to exceed \$3,965.19.  
I. Move to ratify an Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands for RBC Road 5 Stockpass 3 Project.  
5. **MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS**  
A. Move to approve/deny ADS-B WAM Radio Site Facility and Tower Lease Agreement with L3Harris Technologies, Inc. (All sign)  
6. **OTHER BUSINESS**  
A. Road & Bridge Report - Dave Morlan  
B. Public Comment  
C. County Commissioners Updates  
**Adjourn**  
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 19, 2021 in the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/> Board-of-County-Commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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1. Acceptance: Resignation - Cheri Robinson (MHS English/Language Arts Teacher)  
2. Approval: Personnel Hires  
a. Classified and Certified Substitute - Kaysyn Chintala  
b. Certified Substitute - Madison Kinder  
c. MS Boys Basketball Co-Head Coach - Tom Knowles  
**Other BOE Information:**  
**Executive Session (if needed):**  
**Special Meeting Adjournment**  
**Work Session:**  
1. Construction project update  
a. Ribbon Cutting - January 14 @ 5:00 p.m.  
b. NV5  
c. Stadium Restrooms  
d. BMS Security Upgrades  
2. COVID-19  
a. Instructional Plans 2.0  
b. Instructional Plans 2.0 - Q & A  
c. Spectator protocols for extracurricular activities  
3. FY21 Budget update  
4. BOE Self Evaluation  
5. Items introduced by board members  
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**Town of Rangely**  
**January 12, 2021 - 7:00p**  
**Agenda**  
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)  
ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor  
Trey Robie, Mayor Pro Tem  
Luke Geer, Trustee  
Tim Webber, Trustee  
Alisha Granger, Trustee  
Keely Ellis, Trustee  
1. Call to Order  
2. Roll Call  
3. Invocation  
4. Pledge of Allegiance  
5. Minutes of Meeting  
a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020  
6. Petitions and Public Input  
7. Changes to the Agenda  
8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm  
9. Committee/Board Meetings  
10. Council Reports  
11. Supervisor Reports - See Attached  
a. Don Reed  
12. Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update  
13. Old Business

14. New Business  
a. Discussion and action to approve the November 2020 Financial Statement  
b. Discussion and action to approve the December 2020 Check Register  
c. Discussion and action to approve application for a CDOT Main Street Grant in the Amount of \$50,000.00 requiring a 10% match (including in kind) for the overlay of the Kennedy Bike Path  
d. Discussion and action to approve the nomination by the RDA/RDC of Emma Baker to fill the vacated seat on the board  
15. Informational Items  
a. Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet  
b. COVID-19 5 Star State Certification Program  
c. EIAF Cycle 212-01 presentations 01/14/2021  
16. Board Vacancies  
a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy  
b. RDA/RDC Board Vacancy  
17. Scheduled Announcements  
a. Community Outreach meeting is cancelled for Jan 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm  
b. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 11, 2021 at 5:00 pm  
c. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm  
d. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm  
e. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm  
f. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 19, 2021 at 11:00 am  
g. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 19, 2021 at 12:00 noon  
h. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for Jan 19, 2021 at 6:15 pm  
i. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for Jan 21, 2021 at 7:30 am  
j. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 21, 2021 at 12:00 noon  
k. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm  
l. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for Jan 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm  
18. Adjournment

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## • MISC NOTICES •

**Public Notice:**  
**Plaintiffs:**  
**Lance A. Coulter and Danette K. Coulter**  
Defendants:  
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District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado  
Case No. 20CV30017  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court a written answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons by publication shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.  
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Dated: December 17, 2020  
Melody D. Masslin, Reg. #24683  
P.O. Box 916  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602  
Tel: 970-928-9100  
Fax: 970-928-9600  
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Meeker School District RE-1  
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Meeker School District RE-1 is soliciting qualified candidates interested in providing fire, lockdown, and intrusion alarm services for the Meeker School District Facilities. The RFQP is available as of December 21, 2020. Interested applicants may obtain the RFQP by contacting the owner's representative, NV5, via e-mail at: [john.usery@NV5.com](mailto:john.usery@NV5.com)  
Optional Site Walk is January 6, 2020 at 11:00 am  
Deadline for responses is January 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm  
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- Board of Health
- Building Board of Appeals (Min. requirements)
- Citizens Review Panel
- Colorado River District \*Deadline 01/07/2021
- Columbine Park Board
- Community Services Block Grant Board (Min. requirements)
- Council on Aging (Min. requirements)
- Fair Board
- Fairgrounds Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Lodging Tax Board (Min. requirements)
- Meeker Cemetery
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- Rangely Cemetery
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

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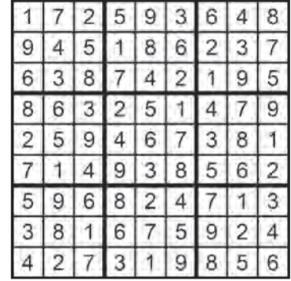
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763 12th St.....SALE PENDING  
1409 Silver Sage Rd.....SALE PENDING

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