



White River fish facts

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RBC I "By far the most frequently captured species is the mountain whitefish," said Tory Eyre, aquatic biologist for Colorado Parks and Wildlife during his presentation to the White River Alliance last week. Titled "State of the Fish: What's happening with fish in a challenged White River," the presentation explored fish species data in the river from 2000 to present.

"What you're seeing is relative abundance of each species according to the total catch," said Eyre, referring to graphs which showed the type of fish anglers might be most likely to catch in two distinct "reaches" of the White River. The data is based on 4 fish collection sites where biologists use electro-shock fishing techniques to catch, measure, categorize and release fish back into the river.

The first or "upper" reach of the river includes the Trappers Lake headwaters all the way to Rio Blanco Reservoir. According to data collected by CPW, the top five most prevalent species in the upper reach are:

- Mountain Whitefish
- Flannelmouth Sucker
- Mottled Sculpin
- Rainbow Trout
- Brown Trout

Lower reach data (from Rio Blanco Reservoir to the Utah state line) reveals a different picture "There's definitely a transition to more of a warm water fishery as you move downstream" said Eyre, noting that within the lower reach, smallmouth bass is the dominant species, particularly below Kenney reservoir. The top five fish for the lower reach are:

- Smallmouth bass
- Green Sunfish
- Flannelmouth Sucker
- Bluehead Sucker
- Fathead Sucker

Eyre noted that data for the lower reach was biased toward the lower stretch below Kenney Reservoir, and also likely inflated the number of smallmouth bass due to the way the study was conducted. A similar bias exists for the upper reach when it comes to Mountain Whitefish, as fish sampling collection methods skewed towards the species more than others.



That said, Eyre still described the smallmouth bass as "a species of concern" for other endangered fish downstream, explaining why the state does not put a catch limit on smallmouth bass, like it does with other species.

Up until recently, anglers could also bag as many Mountain Whitefish as they could catch, though Eyre noted new regulations imposed a bag limit of 4, and possession limit of 8 fish, which he said also applies to trout.

The limit is in place despite relatively healthy populations of whitefish in the river, since the species has been declining in other parts of the state. Eyre described the White River as a "stronghold for mountain whitefish" due to a population that might actually be increasing, according to data from one measurement site.

From another perspective, mountain white fish are particularly susceptible to changing river conditions as a result of ongoing drought and related issues like runoff seasons that are earlier and faster, low streamflows and warmer overall temperatures.

Of the species categorized in CPW's data, the whitefish are the "least tolerant" to warm water temps, which Eyre said was "a concern looking forward" for the upper reach's most prevalent fish species based on projected trends for snowpack/streamflow and temperature. Presented data also specified water temperatures at which different species are adversely affected.

BEST BIZ ...



Rangely True Value proprietor Rodger Polley received the Business of the Year award at the annual Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce dinner last weekend. More photos on Page 6.

FACEBOOK PHOTO

Pre-election process starts with party precinct caucuses

By **SANDRA FISH**
The Colorado Sun

RBC I Colorado's grassroots nomination process for this year's election gets underway for Democratic and Republican party members next week.

Precinct caucuses, which lead to county, congressional district and state nominating assemblies, are one way to make the June 28 primary election ballot. Candidates may also gather petition signatures, which are due to the Secretary of State's Office on March 15. Some candidates may try both methods to get on the ballot. Others stick with the caucus system because paying to collect signatures can be costly, especially for statewide candidates.

"It enables us not to have a pay-to-play system," Colorado Republican Chairwoman Kristi Burton

Brown said last week in a caucus training session, noting that some states require steep fees to make the ballot.

At the caucuses, attendees may discuss candidates and party platforms, while also electing delegates to the county assembly. Those county assembly delegates will nominate county-level candidates while electing people to attend congressional assemblies and the state assemblies. Both parties are holding state assemblies to nominate statewide candidates April 9.

Here's what you need to know to participate in the process.

You must be registered in the party at your current address

It's too late to switch your party affiliation to attend a caucus. Caucus participants must be registered to the party with their correct address at least 22 days in

advance. Unaffiliated voters may not participate in the caucus process, although they may vote in either Democratic or Republican primaries.

Caucus times may vary

Caucuses will be held March 1-5, as scheduled by each county's political parties. County assemblies must be held by March 26.

In Rio Blanco County, the Republican caucus will be held March 1 and the Democratic caucus will be held March 5.

When and where is my caucus?

Republicans may enter their address online to verify their identity and find their caucus location. Some county Republican parties publish lists of caucus locations. The state Democratic Party has a list of precinct caucus and county assembly locations and dates by county. Some county Democratic parties

are holding meetings via Zoom instead of in person.

In Rio Blanco County, all Republican precinct caucuses begin at 6:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- Precinct 1 and 2 (South Rangely and Northwest Rangely): Rangely Town Hall
- Precinct 3 and 4 (Meeker): RBC Fairgrounds
- Precinct 5 (Piceance Creek): Rock School

Democratic precinct caucuses will be held via Zoom, beginning at 9 a.m. with Precinct 1. Details on page 3.

Worth noting

The Republican Party may request a "badge fee" to be a delegate to some assemblies. For instance, Douglas County charges \$20 to attend the county assembly. In the past, the fee to attend the state assembly was \$50 per delegate. The fees may be waived in some instances. Democrats don't charge fees

to participate.

How are the decisions made?

Precinct leaders will be elected at caucuses to organize future political activity. Caucus participants also will elect delegates and alternates to county assemblies.

Delegates to county assemblies will select county-wide candidates for the primary, as well as state legislative candidates in many instances. In state House or Senate districts with multiple counties, county assembly delegates who live in those districts will meet to select candidates.

Republicans will hold their state assembly April 9 at the Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs. Several congressional district assemblies will be the day before that, while others may be held at different times. Democrats, on the other hand, will hold a virtual state

assembly.

How are the candidates selected?

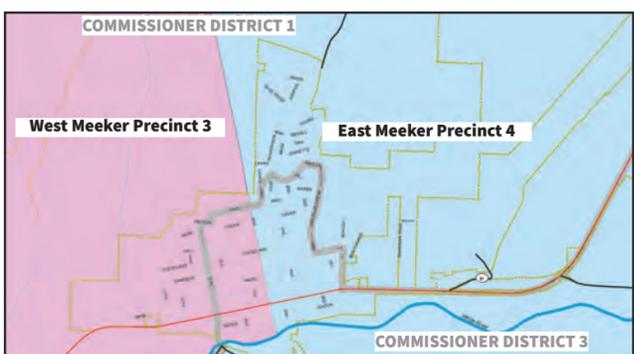
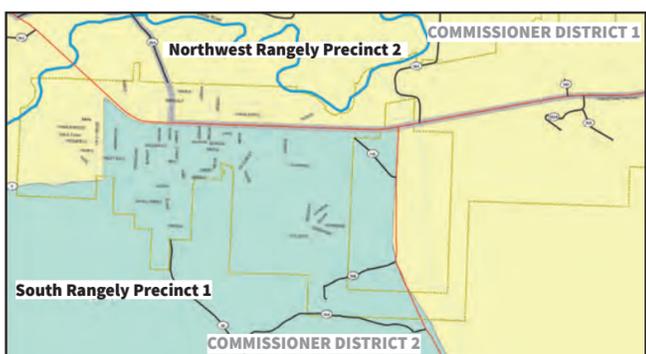
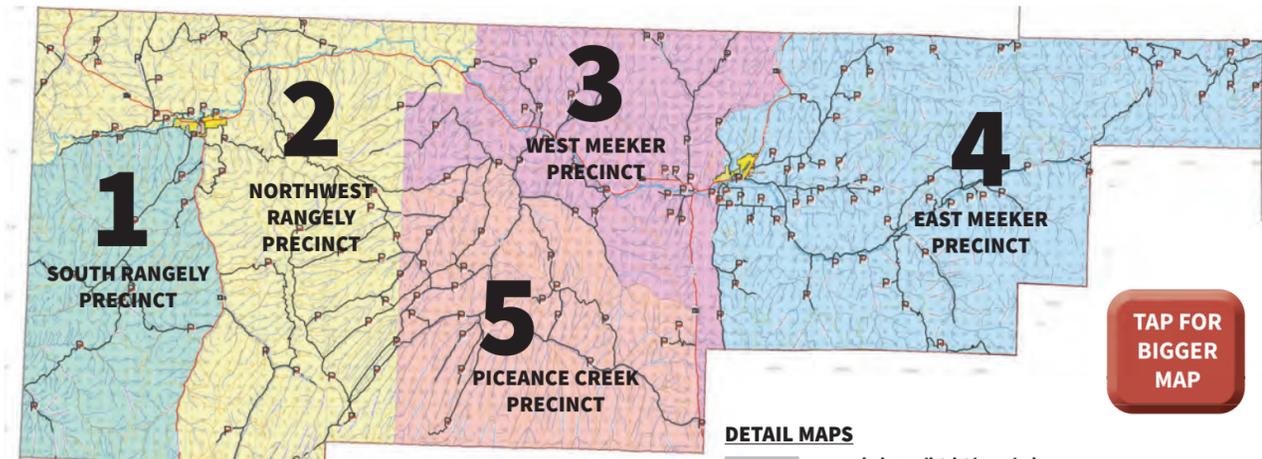
If a candidate receives at least 30% of the assembly vote in the first round of voting, they make the ballot. That means up to three candidates could be selected for the primary at an assembly. If no candidate receives 30%, a second round of voting takes place. Anyone who receives 30% on that second round makes the primary ballot. But if no one receives that minimum, the top two vote-getters will make the ballot.

How do we know which candidates are running?

The Sun is tracking candidates who file to run for Congress, statewide office and state legislature based on filings with the Federal Election Commission or the Secretary of State's Office.

However, some candidates may decide to run at county, congressional district or state assemblies on the spur of the moment. Typically, candidates make speeches asking delegates for their votes.

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COUNTY BEAT

Insurance rates spike for county

By NIKI TURNER
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WORK SESSIONS

Updates from Extension Agent Linda Masters regarding plan. A 4-H agent has been hired and is in place. "It's going great already," Master said. Technology upgrades are underway to connect 4-H kids on both sides of the county with similar equipment. "We're trying to get the kids on both ends to work together," Masters said. "We're having joint 4-H Council meetings and the kids are really enjoying it."

Fifteen kids attended a two-day officer training this month in Rangely, which Masters said was the best training they've had in years.

"That's really our goal for this year, to have a lot of team-building and a lot of events together to benefit the kids."

Weekly master gardener meetings are being held. "We've got some events planned," Masters said, adding that she is continuing to pursue her goal of building the local master gardener program.

An update from Tia Murry with the Department of Human Services was postponed, as "they [the department] had a very busy weekend."

Budget and Finance Director Janae Stanworth told the commissioners she would be preparing a supplemental budget to cover a 26% increase in the county's insurance premiums (not including health insurance for employees). The cost climbed to \$377,000 for the year for insurance to cover buildings, contents, employee-related issues, etc.

"I budgeted for a 5% increase, I did not budget for a 26% increase," Stanworth said.

New requirements for law enforcement insurance directly related to Colorado Senate Bill 217 and the surge in building supply costs are primary factors in the new rates, which are impacting other counties in the same insurance pool.

Deductibles have also increased, Stanworth said, from \$500 to \$1,500 for a property claim, and from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for employee-related claims.

Stanworth also reviewed grant applications that have been received, are in process, or are potentially available, including covid funding and infrastructure bill funding.

In a separate work session Tuesday afternoon, Stanworth discussed appropriation of American Rescue Act funding, to the tune of approximately \$1.2 million.

Stanworth explained the four primary categories the funding can be used for: responding to the public health and economic impacts of covid-19, broadband infrastructure, water and sewer infrastructure, or premium pay for frontline workers. County staff and others shared ideas for how the funding could be allocated in accordance with federal guidelines.

Bruce Bair, Fairfield Center manager, updated the board on the status of the Fairfield Center and the Fairfield Apartments. Commissioners highlighted the need to clearly identify roles and responsibilities for the various entities involved, including the Area Council on Aging board and the MCCIC board, as well as the county. "A lot of the events at the Fairfield have

outgrown us," Bair said, noting that events that were once held at the Fairfield Center are now being held at the Fairgrounds to accommodate larger groups.

REGULAR MEETING

During the regular meeting, Commissioners Ty Gates and Gary Moyer were in attendance. Commissioner Jeff Rector was reportedly in Jamaica, according to Moyer.

Commissioners approved a grant application to the Office of Just Transition that, if awarded, would provide funding to turn the county jail — empty since November — into a law enforcement training center.

"This has been a very frustrating process," Gates said. "The Office of Just Transition keeps changing the rules and moving in different directions. Hopefully our project will be approved."

The board ratified a letter to the BLM regarding the removal of excess horses from the Piceance/East Douglas herd management area.

"That's been a priority of the conservation districts for about 10 years," Moyer said. "This is huge victory if this happens."

Commissioners also:

■ Approved a letter to Colorado Department of Local Affairs in support of the Meeker Sanitation District's mineral assistance grant.

■ Approved a letter in support of the Town of Oak Creek's grant application for Sheriff Reservoir and dam rehabilitation. "We're going to have a discussion about this when Eddie Smercina gets back from conference," Gates said. The proposal mostly

impacts Oak Creek.

■ Approved a communication use/lease with BLM for broadband related to the solar panel upgrades on wireless towers.

■ Opened bids for weed and pest control via aerial and hand spraying in the Piceance Creek area.

■ Approved an annual maintenance agreement with Cummins for preventative maintenance for the county's backup generators.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Moyer said attended the National Association of Counties conference in Washington, D.C., last week and met with Colorado Rep. Lauren Boebert's chief of staff. Moyer expressed concerns about roll-backs to National Environmental Policy Act rules and potential impacts on local land use for federal lands.

Commissioner Gates said he met with staff last week, "learned a ton about broadband" thanks to Trevor Nielsen, and attended the Northwest Colorado Development Council meeting. "Carly [Thomson] did an excellent job putting our presentation together and representing the county," he said.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

County Planner Leif Joy presented an amended final plat for Elk Creek Ranch/Homeowner's Association which adds a 42 acre parcel to its Planned Unit Development (PUD), requiring a rezoning. At the same time they are consolidating one of the small lots into open space. "It's mostly semantics," Joy said. He recommended approval with two conditions.

Wilczek announces bid for county commissioner

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | My name is Vincent Wilczek and I am announcing my interest to become the next Rio Blanco County Commissioner for District 1. I am a lifelong resident of Rio Blanco County born and raised in Rangely, a fourth-generation resident of Rio Blanco County, and own/live on property with deeded water rights on the White River. I was raised by a single mother of six where I learned the value of hard work, loyalty, integrity and family values from her.

My experience includes employment in the oil and gas industry, law enforcement, farming/ranching and the private sector as well as having a working knowledge and understanding of laws set forth by the

Colorado Revised Statutes.

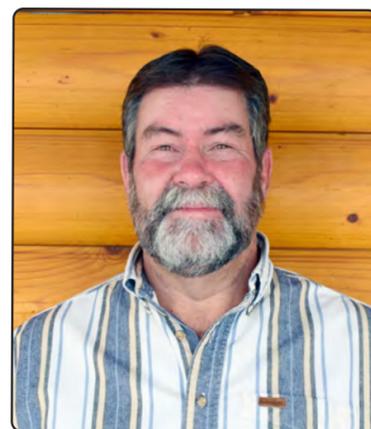
I presently serve as an at-large member for the Yampa, White, Green River Basin Round Table, as well as Director Vice-Chair for the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District. Water and the storage of water in Rio Blanco County is crucial to our future. I am also appointed as a board member for the Lower White River Weed and Pest District.

I would like to be part of the process to improve our county with the best possible approach to move forward in a fiscally responsible and appropriate manner with the future in mind. Commissioners need to work together for the betterment of our county as a whole. I believe in a "grass roots" approach to government. Our citizens need our support and as a commissioner I would welcome their input and knowledge.

The diversity of the county commissioners' attributes to the mission and success of the county. This can be accomplished through policy-making and legislative functions, administering land use regulations, advocating for citizens at all levels of government and taking an active role in boards and activities that provide a voice to the citizens.

I also look forward to assist with the ongoing responsibility to advocate for our county through its engagement in the state legislative process. I want to be an active part to preserve our culture, customs, values, heritage and way of life in Rio Blanco County.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments at: vincentwilczek@gmail.com



Vince Wilczek

Rio Blanco County covid update

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Please visit <https://rbc.us/606/COVID-19-Updates> for the most current COVID data and trends available for RBC.

- Total Cases to Date: 1,788
- Meeker Active: 23
- Rangely Active: 20
- Hospitalizations in the last 14 days: 0
- Total Hospitalized: 133
- School District Meeker: 4
- School District Rangely: 0
- Deaths: 12

Please note isolation and quarantine guidelines have been updated by the CDC. The following links direct you to the CDC and CDPHE websites that outline the new guidance. In summary, isolation and quarantine periods have been shortened with a mask component.

- <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>
- <https://covid19.colorado.gov/isolation-and-quarantine>

CORRECTION

On last week's front page, the name of Daisy Girl Scout Riley Alger should have been spelled "Riley" not "Rily." The HT regrets the error.



Riley Alger

REPUBLICAN

Precinct Caucus
Tuesday, March 1st
6:30 p.m.



- Precinct 1, 2 - Rangely
 - Rangely Town Hall
- Precinct 3, 4 - Meeker
 - RBC Fairgrounds
- Precinct 5 - Piceance Creek
 - Rock School

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NEWS NOTES

Shoe collection drive ends Feb. 28

MEEKER | Meeker High School student Ainsley Selle has organized a shoe collection drive in Meeker, working with [funds2orgs.com](https://www.funds2orgs.com) to collect shoes for people in third world countries such as Haiti and Africa. Boxes for collecting shoes will be located at Watts Ranch Market, the Church at Meeker, as well as the three school buildings. The last day to get all of the shoes collected will be Feb. 28. Your donations are appreciated.

Wagon Wheel OHV Club meeting Mar. 2

MEEKER | The next meeting of the Wagon Wheel OHV Club will be Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at Kilowatt Korner. Board elections will be held in April. Please step up to keep the club alive and get your membership forms in so your vote counts. Credit card payment is an option but checks are preferred. New membership forms are required annually. Email wagonwheelohvclub-co@gmail.com or check the Wagon Wheel OHV Facebook page for more information.

Wool Growers annual meeting Mar. 4

MEEKER | Mark your calendars for the annual meeting of the Rio Blanco County Wool Growers will be held Friday, March 4 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Murder mystery at Meeker Library

MEEKER | What happened to Courtney Bruce? Use police evidence to solve the case with your team and win! Call the library at 970-878-5911 or stop by the library to sign up! Competition is March 3 at 7 p.m. in the library.

LDS Conference March 5-6

MEEKER | The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in northwestern Colorado will hold a two day local conference on March 5 and 6, 2022. Speakers will include church leaders serving in the Vernal Temple, the Denver South mission area, and local church officials of the Craig Stake. The Saturday March 5 session for adults will be from 6 to 8 p.m. and the Sunday session for all ages will be from 10 a.m. to noon on March 6. Meetings will be held in the Craig chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, at 1295 W 9th St, and are open to anyone interested. Sessions will also be broadcast to LDS chapels in Baggs, Rangely, Steamboat Springs, Meeker and Granby.

Democratic caucus via Zoom

RBC | Rio Blanco County Democrats will have their Precinct Caucus/County Assembly March 5 virtually through the Zoom platform. Each of the five precincts will meet at a different time on March 5. The County Assembly will be held, March 5 at 3 p.m. If a registered Democrat voter is interested in attending the precinct caucus or county assembly, they will need to email Debbie Frazier at rdmfrazier@gmail.com in order to receive the Zoom link for precinct caucus or county assembly. The following schedule: Precinct #1 Caucus is at 9 a.m. March 5; Precinct #2 Caucus is at 10 a.m. March 5; Precinct #3 Caucus is at 11 a.m. March 5; Precinct #4 Caucus is at 1 p.m. March 5; Precinct #5 Caucus is at 2 p.m., March 5; RBC Democrat Assembly is 3 p.m.

LUCERO PRAYER CIRCLE ...



Following news that the Lucero family of Rangely was involved in a serious head-on collision last week, girls' basketball teams competing at Rangely High School Friday stopped to join hands after the game to offer thoughts and prayers for the local family. Saturday, at the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, more than \$11,000 was raised for the Luceros.

COURTESY PHOTO

BUDGET STRETCHERS

18 oz. Food Club
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\$2.49

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Peanut Butter
\$2.49

24.2-30.5 oz. Food Club
Coffee
\$6.49

GROCERY

24.2-30.5 oz. Folgers	COFFEE	\$7.99
16-18 oz. Don Julio	TORTILLA CHIPS	2 for \$5
10-12 ct. Food Club	INSTANT OATMEAL	\$1.99
28-32 oz. Food Club	PANCAKE MIX	2 for \$4
40 oz. Bisquick Pancake &	BAKING MIX	2 for \$6
24 oz. Food Club Lite or	ORIGINAL SYRUP	2 for \$4
24 oz. Food Club Buttery	PANCAKE SYRUP	2 for \$5
6 ct. Nature Valley	GRANOLA BARS	\$2.99
75-80 ct. Lysol	DISINFECTING WIPES	\$5.49
12.5 oz. Lysol	DISINFECTANT SPRAY	\$5.49

DAIRY

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4.5-6.2 oz. Chef Shamy	BUTTER SPREADS	\$2.79
1 doz. Food Club	LARGE EGGS	\$1.49
64 oz. Lactaid	MILK	\$3.79
24 oz. Food Club	SOUR CREAM	\$1.89
24 oz. Food Club	COTTAGE CHEESE	\$1.89
4-4 oz. Activia	YOGURT	2 for \$5
16 oz. Food Club	CHEESE BLOCK	\$2.99
1 lb. Kraft American	CHEESE SLICES	\$4.99
8 oz. Tillamook	SHREDDED CHEESE	2 for \$6

PRODUCE

Whole	PINEAPPLE	88¢/lb.
Red On the Vine	TOMATOES	99¢/lb.
Jalapeño	PEPPERS	99¢/lb.
Celery	HEARTS	2 for \$4
1 lb. Mini	SWEET PEPPERS	2 for \$4
11 oz.	BLUEBERRIES	\$3.99
3 ct. Romaine	LETTUCE HEARTS	2 for \$7
Fresh	AVOCADOS	2 for \$5
Red Grape	TOMATOES	2 for \$4
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Find the good

Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results.

~ Willie Nelson

By NIKI TURNER
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It's a frigid, snowy February morning. That right there is enough to throw me out of gear. Add accidentally dropping a pair of socks in the toilet, the 14-year-old dog having a messy accident on the carpet (why is it always on the carpet, never on the hard floor?), and

a lengthy list of tasks I'd really rather avoid, and my Wednesday appears preset for stress. Not to mention all the usual triggers: politics, climate, pandemic, economy, etc.

Ever have days like that, when everything seems to be going awry? It's easy to get discouraged



in the midst of all the drama, but yielding to negativity accomplishes nothing beneficial. If all you see is bad, if you never

have anything nice to say, maybe the bigger problem is not external, maybe it's internal.

Find the good. Embrace it. Repeat.

LOOSE ENDS

Small talk

By DOLLY VISCARDI
Special to the Herald Times

The good 'ole days is a frequent reference for so many these days. Comparing the years that came before with a rosy glow attached, I hear so many friends and family yearn for the past as we face an uncertain future. The old-fashioned words that sprinkled the vocabularies of so many westerners made it so much fun to hear their stories, particularly the words from the personal interviews which were surrounded by quotation marks.

Many grew up in the area with families that moved here soon after settlement in the 1880's, up to the turn of the century. Growing up in a very small rural community, located anywhere in close range of Rio Blanco County-Angora, Lay, Sunshine, Maybell, Coal Creek, Strawberry Creek, Lime Kiln, Nine Mile, or Piceance Creek, they spoke often about the days of helping everyone out when disaster

struck. My lifelong friends whose families lived in rural locations all over the country still talk about growing up with that same sense of community, as if they only just left with a strong loyalty to the closest small town with the services everyone needs.

What all of us think of as "small talk" often became just as important as conversations about more serious subjects. These were not only surefire conversation, they spoke for the underlying need for community. Talking about such experiences as bad weather led them to sharing their most recent losses on their land: their homestead buildings, crops and animals, or a family member. Families led such isolated lives, going to the closest town annually for whatever reason was a reason for celebration. Their little communities were spread far and wide, yet



Dolly Viscardi

neighbors could be more than 50 miles distant.

I noticed that much of our small talk these days when we go to town starts off pretty seriously. The tone of one's voice can sound like a challenge to someone about their personal business, so instead of simply asking how everyone in the family is doing, it asks a completely different question and conveys suspicion or prior knowledge to the person.

"How're you all doing?" someone asks and somehow the listener believes that the inquirer knows something about his family that should remain private.

"I drove by and noticed that darned wind got ahead of you, too!" becomes a way of interfering when a neighbor needs help.

Nowadays, daily chit-chat becomes suspect. It is no longer a given that the whims of Mother Nature can be worked into daily conversation. We all must be out of practice. I realize that the motto for surviving the struggles of the past few years has been "We are in this together," as it made most of us feel less alone in such a time of troubles. It is no longer the case when making small talk can no longer be a quiet, valiant gesture to make all of us feel better. It is just making things worse, so as we continue to gather together, we should once again lean back into the friendly and casual tip of the hat or a lift of the index finger.

KAYE'S CORNER

How you play the game

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game" is a familiar phrase attributed to Grantland Rice.

In the aftermath of the Olympics and on behalf of all athletes, it's timely to consider how we view winners and losers. We Americans feel strongly about winning and pride of first place.

A first-place finish always feels great. And heaven knows we're more cheerful fans when our children's teams win, or the Broncos at least make the playoffs, and our local high school sports teams return home with smiles and pride. Of course, we are proud of the winners.

But we are also proud of all those who put heart, soul, and endless hours of practice into their sport. Think about it. The vast majority of athletes do not win medals, ribbons or accolades. Many competed knowing they didn't have the skills or experience to place first, but they showed up and represented their team, school or country.

Instead of beating up the USA Olympic athletes because our country didn't get the most medals and Mikala Shiffrin unexpectedly fell on many of her ski runs, let's cheer their grit and determination.

A friend of mine has a niece who competed in skiing and placed 21st. She didn't make the TV broadcast late at night, but the important thing is she was there, representing our country. Even traveling to the Olympics without family presence, dealing with all the COVID protocols, and being locked down instead of touring anywhere was its own test of fortitude.

I loved our son's high school cross country competitions. As a parent, I got to be outside, walk around the course (instead of sitting on hard stands) then head to the finish line. The best part was that every runner was cheered as s/he

crossed the finish line, whether as the speedy best or the struggling last competitor. The crowd always stayed and clapped for every student, first or last from every school.

As well, I am always encouraged to see competitors shake hands at the end of a game. Yes, this is often a requirement and pro forma "good game." But it still represents behavior of dignity, respect and self-control even in the face of losing. It sets an example for all of us about pride, win or lose.

Then there's the whole topic of playing by the rules. In all sports, cheaters are banned and in the end, the final score is accepted by all. In golf, there's a phrase "play the ball where it lies." That means if your ball ends up behind a tree or in thick grass, you don't cheat and move it to a better position. Dealing with adversity is the hallmark of a great athlete.

I do realize at all levels of sports, bending of the rules, inflating footballs, recruiting unfairly, enticing young competitors with promises of lavish treats, and much more goes on every year. And, I am always astonished to see what coaches get paid, especially at our public universities.

To me, there is no excuse for these infractions and especially the presence of drugs in any athlete. The entire saga of Russian skater Kamila Valieva is now a worldwide story of cheating. Just 15 years old, this highly talented athlete was not properly protected by her coaches who should have withdrawn her based on positive drug tests.

As well, the Olympic Committee didn't stand by its own drug abuse rules and forbid some competitors while allowing others. Of course, every Olympic athlete past and present should complain and we other countries should protest.



Kaye Sullivan

It seems highly unlikely to me that a very young competitor with so much at stake, as in winning the coveted women's gold medal in skating, would knowingly put herself at risk. Nothing could be

more punishing than watching her fall several times in her final performance and then endure her coach's critique on live television.

I am sad for her anguish and to watch an extremely capable athlete unable to perform at her best. But, the rules apply to everyone and positive dope testing is a standard for every country and every athlete.

Years ago, when our oldest son participated in taekwon-do lessons, including the competitions, I said to another mother, I think he is learning as much about losing as winning. Indeed, he earned his fair share of medals and trophies. But more importantly, the head master always sent a message to everyone, "it's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game."

A timely message for all of us, athletes or not.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you from the family of David L. Brown
Dear Editor:

We sincerely thank all of our family, friends, and neighbors for all of your kindness, visits, texts, calls, cards, flowers and donations during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness and support is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

Troy, Darren, Tina and family Meeker

Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Roundtable Water Supply Reserve Fund 2022 Grant Cycle
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Much of Chris's life was defined by "ups" and "downs" of alcohol and drug use. After a near death experience, he is fully immersed in a substance-free life. He helped start SoBoat, a community to support those in recovery.

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OBITUARIES

Linda Kay Bishop

March 27, 1951 ~ Feb. 14, 2022

Linda Kay Bishop was born March 27, 1951, to Pat and Ida Mae Corder in St. Joseph, Missouri.

She bravely faced the debilitations of lung cancer and completed her earthly journey on Feb. 14, 2022. Her husband Rick, of 52-½ years, was by her side.

Linda graduated in 1969 from Wason High School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In May of 1969, she married Rick Bishop, also from Colorado Springs. They moved to Meeker in 1976, with their two children Trichia and RickO. Linda had a cleaning service for many years, while Rick ran a local drywall business, then worked for Northern Coal and Deserado mines.

Linda and Rick were a good team and made a priority of providing the simple necessities for their family. She always worked hard and took great pride in keeping her home in good order.

Linda loved the outdoors ... enjoying the high country and all it had to offer. Her summers were filled with gardening, camping, riding her dirt bike and four-wheeler. Fall brought canning, more

camping, hunting and cutting wood. Winters were always welcomed with snowmobiling, snowshoeing and cross country skiing adventures.

Her quiet time was spent in her craft room. Gifted with an eye for shading and coloring, Linda was known for her hand-crafted note cards and was quite handy with needle crafts as well.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Trichia (Bishop) Walker.

She is survived by her husband Rick, son RickO (Lalaena), sister Donna Ledford, brother Terry Corder, son-in-law Dean Walker, sister-in-law Frieda Brozeck, and four grandchildren: JOsh, Joshlynn, Melissa and Nathan.

Services are Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Meeker United Methodist Church at 809 Park Ave. in Meeker, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be sent in Linda's name to our local hospice organization: HopeWest Meeker, 575 3rd St., Meeker, Colorado, 81641.

Betty Kincher

April 18, 1928 ~ Feb. 13, 2022

Betty Kincher passed away peacefully at home on the Mesa at age 93.

Betty was the fourth child of Vera and William Warren. Her siblings were Glenn Warren (Pat) Harold Warren aka Cyclone (Doris) Charlotte Wix (Clark), all deceased.

She was raised on the Warren family ranch famously known as the K/K, which her grandfather, George Warren, homesteaded in the 1800's. She attended the Miller Creek School walking and riding horses to school, playing with her friend Deloris Pollard and having unbelievable adventures with her siblings. It was too far to go to high school so Betty boarded with local families and her step-grandmother Cora Strawbridge. Later, her parents had a ranch near the Russell Ranch and

the Green Cabins and she rode a horse to school in town. After graduating Betty taught all grades of school for one year at the Coal Creek School during World War 2 when teachers were scarce. She again had to ride her horse from the ranch to teach school at Little Beaver even in the winter.

Elyr Kincher came home after the war from England and he and Betty went on a double date with friends and that was the start of a lifetime together on the Kincher Ranch on the south side of the river only a few miles from where she grew up. Betty was famous for her apples she sold in town and her hay samples at the fair and her garden which she



Betty Kincher

loved. She was always eager to have activities such as cross country skiing, downhill skiing, skating on the ditch, snowmobiling and riding horses and floating down the Miller Creek ditch. She became interested in quilt making and was always

cooking for everyone that showed up at the ranch.

Betty and Elyr supplemented income by outfitting hunters and some hunters became good friends, visiting even when it wasn't hunting season. They especially kept in contact with dear friends, Norman (Buzz) and Dorothy Simillian and their three daughters. She also gained notoriety by riding her motorbike to town with a pink backpack and miles and miles of dirt bike riding with her friend, Carolyn Sullivan.

Elyr and Betty had four children, having lost son Allen at one-year-old to drowning in the Highland ditch. She leaves behind one daughter, Lois Williams; sons Russell (Becky); Lewis Fay (Stacie); grandchildren Brian Kincher-Winoto (Kina), Jennifer Kincher, Laurie Sizemore Jackson (Shad),

Lance Sizemore (Gretel) and great-granddaughter Britni Robbins, and five great-great-grandchildren, Britni's children, and extended Warren family and many close friends. Betty loved her family and we all loved Betty.

Stan Rasmussen

Jan. 17, 1945 ~ Jan. 29, 2022

Stanley Taylor "Stan" Rasmussen, 77, of Rangely, Colorado, passed away on Jan. 29, 2022. Stan was born on Jan. 17, 1945, to Thelma McGrew and Manfred Rasmussen in Segal, Kentucky.

Stan married Terri Cloward in Grand Junction Colorado. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, rock hunting, raising cage birds, champion show pigeons, his green houses and working in his yard. Most of all he enjoyed his family.

He is survived by his wife Terri; daughters, Jannie (Bill) Leigh of Rifle and Jayda (Brad) Lewis of Rangely; sister Charlene (Jack) Brown; brother Ronnie Rasmussen;



Stan Rasmussen

six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents "Doc" Manfred and Thelma Rasmussen; brothers Larry, Terry, Delbert, Alton and Mike; and sister Suzi Tomlinson.

A celebration of life for Stan will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Rangely LDS Church (125 Eagle Crest St., Rangely, Colorado). Online condolences may be shared at www.AshleyValleyFuneralHome.com. Services under the direction of the Phillips Ashley Valley Funeral Home.

James 'Jim' Charles Tripe

May 3, 1948 ~ Feb. 13, 2022

James "Jim" Charles Tripe, of Grand Junction, Colorado, passed away on Feb. 13, 2022, in Grand Junction. He was 73.

Jim was born on May 3, 1948, in Hays, Kansas, to Leland "Pete" and Clela (Stearns) Tripe. He spent his childhood in Orleans, Nebraska, with his three brothers and a tight group of friends. He graduated from Orleans High School in 1966 and attended Kearney State College (now the University of Nebraska at Kearney) where he met his first wife, Dixie Homan, who he married in Hawaii in 1970.

Before completing his studies, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and served from 1969 to 1971 in the 25th Infantry Division, also known as the "Electric Strawberry". Upon leaving the Army, he enrolled at the University of Missouri in Columbia, and graduated in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in forestry.

Jim later became the Parks and Recreation Superintendent in Hastings, Nebraska, where he served for many years and raised his family. He avidly supported his children in all of their pursuits whether on the football field, wrestling mats, theatre stage, or wherever they were focused.

On Dec. 18, 1999, Jim married his wife, Joanne, in Meeker, Colorado. They



James Tripe

later moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, where they have lived for the past four years. In his free time, Jim enjoyed camping, fishing, boating, and was a prolific gardener. But most of all, he loved spending time with family.

Jim is survived by his wife, Joanne; children from his previous marriage: daughter, Amy (Andy) Quick of Cody, Wyoming; sons,

Nick Tripe of Hastings, Nebraska; and Chris (Kristin) Tripe of Edgar, Nebraska; brothers, Philip Tripe of Kearney, Nebraska, and Ron Tripe of California; and 12 much-loved grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Jerome "Jerry" Tripe.

Services are being planned for a later date. Please visit www.martinmortuary.com to sign up for notifications for updated service information, and also to leave your memories and condolences for the Tripe family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jim's personal page on the American Heart Association & American Stroke Association's Tribute Program website. The direct link is <https://www2.heart.org/site/TR/FunRaiser/General?px=23340890&pg=personal&fid=3930>.

Barbara Sue (Strickland) Widmer

Nov. 26, 1938 ~ Feb. 9, 2019

Barbara Sue (Strickland) Widmer, born Nov. 26, 1938, in Lubbock, Texas, to Herwin E. (Strick) and Suzanne (Eldridge) Strickland, passed away peacefully at the Aurora Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado, after a lengthy illness, on Feb. 9, 2019. She was survived by her loving husband H. Phil Widmer of Rangely; children Kathye S. (Widmer Burke) Zobell of Rangely and John P. (Marjorie) Widmer



Barbara Sue Widmer

of Rifle, Colorado; grandsons Christopher Burke of Rangely and Elliott Burke of Grand Junction; great-grandsons Connor and Avery; sister Diana (Strickland) Prewit of Round Rock, Texas, brother Reg Strickland of Round Rock, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter, Jessica M. Widmer.

Henry Philip 'Phil' Widmer

Jan. 14, 1937 ~ Feb. 8, 2022

Henry Philip (Phil) Widmer, born Jan. 14, 1937, in Abilene, Texas, to Henry Philip and Sarah Francis (Blain) Widmer, passed away peacefully at Rangely District Hospital in Rangely, Colorado, after a brief illness on Feb. 8, 2022. Phil is survived by his children Kathye S. (Widmer Burke) Zobell of Rangely and John P. (Marjorie) Widmer of Rifle, Colorado; grandsons Christopher Burke of Rangely and Elliott Burke of Grand Junction; and great-grandsons Connor and Avery. He is preceded in death by his parents, loving wife of 62 years Barbara, sister Sarah (Widmer) O'Donoghue, and granddaughter Jessica M Widmer.



Phil Widmer

two children. Outside the home she assisted with the education of special needs children and managed church activities.

In 1977, the family moved to Rangely, Colorado, where Phil accepted the position of Director of Aviation at Colorado Northwestern Community College followed by performing the duties of FAA Examiner for Western Colorado and Eastern Utah until

his retirement in 2015. Barbara found her calling in insurance and public service. She served many years on the Rangely Town Council while owning and operating Rangely Insurance Group, Inc., until her death in 2019.

Phil enjoyed flying, camping/fishing, and being a crew chief on his son's drag racing team, Buttnugget Racing. Barbara spent her leisure hours caring for her yard and flower garden or enjoying a good book in the solace of their back porch. No formal services are being planned by the family and in lieu of flowers, John and Kathye prefer donations to a charity or local program of your choice in their parents' names.

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What a sticky web we weave

By **ED PECK**
Special to the Herald Times

A small ancestor tree of three or four generations involves only 30 people. Easy to keep in a scrapbook. If your goal in WEEK ONE was to collect ancestors back to colonial times, you will need a more organized approach. 300 names soon become a tangled blur. A FAMILY TREE BUILDING WEBSITE allows you to build your tree and compare it to other tree owners on their site. They have built-in research databases and links to national archive records, public documents, census, newspaper articles and historical background. Don't confuse tree building sites with websites that contain specific data bases like newspapers, military, maps or surname blogs. These special sites are research tools. There are whole books in our Meeker library listing those sites. You should check one out just to be aware of resources

that are available. There are several tree building websites around. The most popular is [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). One of the most important considerations in storing information is longevity. Can you count on your information to be still accessible years from now? Those of you who remember the DOT.COM era of disappearing companies, realize that unprofitable companies evaporate in a few years. [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) has spent decades gobbling up smaller family tree providers, buying ginormous (I just like fun words like that) databases, public records, census, international data, and links to other sites like Find-A-Grave. It is a survivor that constantly grows. [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and [Familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) have beginner friendly tutorials and picture storage. Both have international records available. Ancestry charges additional fees beyond their usual monthly subscription of about \$19. [Familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) is free because it has

support from the LDS church. It likely to last as long as the church considers it important. It has digitized many records and some of the rarer stuff is stored in Salt Lake City (the fabled Mecca of genealogy researchers). I use both sites with confidence. [Familytreemagazine.com](https://www.familytreemagazine.com) recommends [Findmypast.com](https://www.findmypast.com) for those researching in the UK (English, Irish, Scotland, and Wales). They also recommend [MyHeritage.com](https://www.myheritage.com). It is an Israeli website for overseas, and recent immigrant research. I have no personal experience with either. Just be aware that researching internationally will be expensive and best tackled by intermediate to expert explorers. To verify documents often requires foreign language skills.

Next week we explore the role of DNA in family tree research. As always you can contact Ed Peck through this newspaper and RBC museum staff. Topics for future articles are welcome.

MORE AWARDS ...



TOWN OF RANGELY PHOTOS

Other awards given out at the annual Rangely Chamber dinner included Diane Sizemore, Person of the Year (top), ColoCPA Services and Marlo Coates as Partner of the Year (middle), and Karen Reed of Raven Realty as the Small Business of the Year (bottom), all pictured with Rangely Chamber board president Jodi Dillon.

MVB scholarship opportunity

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Mountain Valley Bank, in conjunction with the Independent Bankers of Colorado, is pleased to announce an offering of at least five \$1,000 scholarships for high school seniors who will attend a Colorado or contiguous state, public or private university or college, junior or community college or vocational/trade school during the 2022-2023 school year.

The requirements for the scholarship competition are: A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; acceptance to a Colorado or contiguous state, university, college, junior college, community college or vocational school as a full time student; have an account or their parents have an account/relationship at our bank for at least six months; complete the enclosed application and essay question

and submit it to us by Friday, March 18, 2022.

Application forms are available at the bank or can be found online at www.icbcbanks.org/scholarship. Interested students can send or deliver their completed forms to us by the March 18, 2022, deadline.

The scholarships are for \$1,000 and may be used for costs of attending a Colorado or contiguous state university, college, junior college or vocational/trade school. The scholarship awards are not based on financial need but on the quality of the application, the student's references and meeting the identified criteria.

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Hunting license draw opens March 1

By **COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Hunters hoping to draw a big-game license in Colorado in 2022 are urged to review the changes in license requirements and fees in the 2022 Colorado Big Game brochure prior to the March 1 opening of the primary draw application period (March 1 - April 5 at 8 p.m.) at <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Regs/Reggs/Brochure/BigGame/biggame.pdf>. Hunters are encouraged to submit their applications early to avoid complications or delays.

For a good overview of what's in store, watch CPW's "What's New" video for the 2022 big-game seasons: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrw3DhA0IA>.

Important information for hunters to take note of this season includes:

QUALIFYING LICENSES

Hunters must purchase a qualifying license to participate in the big-game draws. All qualifying licenses are available beginning March 1 and must be purchased prior to applying for all big-game licenses or preference points.

Archery hunters: There is no longer a maximum let-off percentage for hand-held bows.

Archery hunters may now use compound bows with any let-off percentage, giving them greater options when selecting archery equipment for the big-game seasons. Please note, an ADA Recreation Accommodation permit is still required to use a draw-loc or crossbow during archery season.

ARCHERY CLOTHING SUGGESTION

Archery deer, elk, moose and bear hunters are encouraged, though not required, to wear fluorescent orange or pink during the overlapping archery and muzzleloader seasons to help address safety concerns. The overlap for these seasons is Sept. 10-18, 2022. See page 15 of the brochure for more information.

MANDATORY TESTING FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

CPW will require mandatory submission of CWD test samples (heads) from all deer harvested for specific hunt codes as part of its Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan. There is no charge for mandatory testing. The hunt codes selected for mandatory testing are shaded green in the 2022 Colorado Big Game brochure linked in the first paragraph (see page 22 and 27-31). Check your hunt code closely as not all hunt codes in each Game Management Unit (GMU) were selected for mandatory CWD testing.

VOLUNTARY CWD TESTING FOR 2022

Hunters who have harvested deer in a GMU not selected for mandatory testing, or harvested an elk or moose in any

GMU, may also voluntarily submit their animal for testing for a fee of \$25 per animal. If a hunter is not selected for mandatory testing but wants to know whether their harvested deer, elk or moose has CWD, they can submit their animal and pay a testing fee of \$25.

LICENSE SURRENDER PERIOD

CPW will send emails to hunters who were successful in the primary draw. Hunters who draw elk, deer, bear pronghorn and moose licenses, but decide to surrender their licenses, will have until Monday, June 6 at 11:59 p.m. MT to surrender them. Hunters who draw a bighorn sheep or mountain goat license, but wish to surrender their licenses, will have until Friday, April 22 at 11:59 p.m. MT to surrender them. If a license is surrendered, CPW will reinstate the hunter's preference points to the pre-draw level and remove the license from their account.

CPW will charge the card on file for all non-surrendered licenses after the license surrender period. If CPW is unable to charge the credit card on file by the primary draw payment deadline, midnight Mountain Time on June 17 (May 3 for sheep and goat licenses), both the hunter's license and preference points will be forfeited. Draw results will be posted online May 31 - June 3 (April 19 for sheep and goat). Please see page 8 in the big game brochure for more information.

LICENSE EXCHANGE FEE

Hunters who wish to exchange their licenses will now be charged a flat \$5 fee, instead of a percentage of the total license cost, as in previous years. For more information about this fee reduction, see page 8 of the big game brochure.

PLAN YOUR HUNT

If you have questions about setting up your accounts, planning your hunts or applying for licenses, call center agents and hunt planners are available Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 303-297-1192. Hunting resources are available at: cpw.state.co.us/bg/hunting.

Be sure to read the "What's New" pages in the big game brochure and the sheep and goat brochure to get a full list of changes for 2022.

"It's very important that all hunters read the 2022 Colorado Big Game brochure, which is available at all CPW office locations and online," said CPW Public Information Officer Travis Duncan. "We're encouraging all hunters to check their online accounts to ensure their contact information is current and credit card information is up-to-date. Then check your account after the draw to see the draw results, your preference point levels and the status of your payments," Duncan said.

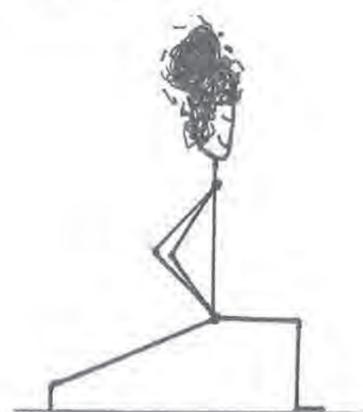
**Note to hunters: CPW harvest data from 2021-2022 will not be available until mid-March.*

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1. Lengthen through the crown of your head, tucking your chin in just a smidgen to straighten out your cervical spine; stand, sit, or lay tall.
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 in/holes and ex/holes.



This pose is called High Lunge, it will challenge your balance while strengthening your legs and core.

Begin by stepping your right leg forward and bend into your right knee bringing it to a 90degree angle. Work to keep your hips even by squeezing your thighs towards midline.

Option to pulse the back knee down and up. **Repeat on other side.**

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AT-HOME TESTING

Visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-testing-at-home> for info.

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RBC COVID-19 UPDATES

CASE COUNTS

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Meeker Cowboys nab league championship

By **TIFFANY JEHOREK**

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I In the final weekend of the regular season, Cowboy basketball went 1-1 on the weekend, ending with a 15-4 record overall and 9-2 in the league.

The Cowboys opened the weekend in Collbran at Plateau Valley, with a final score of 55-46, Meeker suffered its first loss in 14 games.

“Plateau Valley is playing really well right now and peaking at the right time”, began head coach Klark Kindler, “we caught them on a night when they were shooting really well.”

“We hit a segment Thursday night where we didn’t shoot very well and our defense wasn’t able to

keep us on top,” said Kindler.

The Cowboys were down by 13 and then able to cut their lead to four but had to start fouling and gave up some points ending in the 55-46 score, led by Liam Deming with 24 and Zagar Brown with 11.

“It is hard to win 13-14 games in a row when you get to the postseason tournaments, no matter the sport. It takes something and is hard to do as you progress into the postseason,” commented Kindler.

Traveling again, the team headed to Hayden to take on the Tigers, a must win for an all out league championship.

“We played Hayden Friday and missed our first three to four shots and actually took us three minutes to score,” began Kindler. “We hit that first shot and

then made seven or eight in a row and went on a big run. We were 15 up in the first quarter and then 30 by half.”

The score at the first quarter was 22-5, half 39-9, 53-9 at the third quarter with a final score of 60-24.

“We shot the ball much better and got stops and were able to get out on the break on Friday,” wrapped-up Kindler.

There were a lot of contributions from the bench, led by Deming with 13, Jace Mobley with 12 and both Ryan Sullivan and Zach Simonsen with eight each.

With the win against Hayden the Cowboys took the league outright, making seven league championships during Kindler’s career as head coach.

This Friday begins districts for the Cowboys as they were able to advance



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automatically past the Tuesday pigtails. They will play the winner of Vail Christian and Rangely at 4:30 pm in Debeque.

No. 15 Jace Mobley added 12 points in the game against the Hayden Tigers.

Lady Cowboys take third in league

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MEEKER I Regular season ended and the first round of the postseason was wrapped-up for the Lady Cowboys. For the last week they went 3-1 and sealed third place in the league.

Thursday at Plateau Valley it was a tough loss 43-39.

“We stayed with them until the fourth quarter,” began head coach Jamie Rogers, “then we just couldn’t score and you can’t win a game when you don’t score.”

Sarah Kracht led the way for Meeker with 14 points and Hailey Knowles had 7.

In game two of their three game weekend series, Meeker came out strong early, with a commanding lead of 30-14 at the half and finished 59-35.

Once again Kracht broke double digit scoring to lead the team with 18 points while

also pulling down seven rebounds grabbing four steals. Knowles also in the double digits scored 13 points.

In game three the Cowboys met up with West Grand, a game that should have been a double header as they met up in the pigtails of districts. In game one of their matchup the Cowboys

came out of top 64-31 while on the road.

In game two, the first round of regionals, the Cowboys were on their home court. At the half they had a good lead but in the fourth they allowed West Grand to come within six points at one point. They picked up steam and held them off for the win 64-44.

“The fourth quarter was a little scary,” said Rogers, “but we gathered ourselves and fought back.”

The Cowboys will now play in the semifinals, taking on once again Plateau Valley, game time is 6 pm in Debeque.



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Cowboy Ellie Hossack.

PANTHERS BEAT WEST GRAND ...



The lady Panthers concluded the regular season with a win over West Grand on Friday. The Panthers won with a score of 64-26. Scoggins did a great job again leading the way in scoring with 22, followed by Wren with 12, Ducey with 11, Mergelman with eight, Halcomb six, and Cantrell with five. Mergelman led the way in rebounding with nine, followed by Scoggins with eight. Wren topped the leaderboard with six assists and Halcomb led with five steals. With this win it secured the Panthers into a fourth place district finish. They hosted the Hayden Tigers on Tuesday for the quarter final round of the district tournament.

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Panthers end season with loss to Vail

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RANGELY I Rangely traveled to Grand Junction to take on the Caprock Academy Eagles on Friday, Feb. 18. The Eagles once again proved they are a formidable 1A team and look to make it deep into the playoffs by defeating the Panthers 43-72. Marstan

Wagner led the Panthers with 10 points followed by Kevin Wren with nine points.

The Panthers entered the 2A District 5 tournament with the #5 seed and traveled to the #4 seed Vail Christian Saints on Tuesday, Feb. 22. The Panthers came out firing in the first half, but the Saints full court pressure in the second half and

Quinn Downey’s eight three pointers proved to be too much as the Saints defeated the Panthers 55-82. Keihlin Myers and Kenyon Cochrane led all scorers with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Marstan Wagner also chipped in 11 points.

“I’m very proud of this group and how hard they have worked and competed.

We’ll miss our seniors, Timothy Scoggins, Keihlin Myers, and Ashton Bennett and I’m grateful for their efforts over the last four years,” stated coach Kyle Boydston. Vail Christian’s victory will advance them to the semifinal round of the district tournament at De Beque on Friday where they will take on Meeker.

BRINGING THE CHEER ...



Pint-size Panther fans have brought lots of cheer to Panther basketball games this season.

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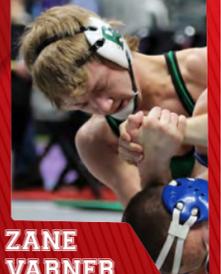
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JUDD HARVEY

MHS WRESTLING
Sophomore, 220
Pinned his way through regionals and state, 44-8 record, not taken down at state, Meeker’s 63rd state champ

PANTHERS



ZANE VARNER

RJSHS WRESTLING
Senior, 152

4th place at state, 39-5 record his senior year, 28 pins in 2022



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STATE WRESTLING 2022

Harvey first, Cowboy team second at championships

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**
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MEEKER I The Meeker Cowboys are the 2A runner-up team in the 2022 Colorado State Wrestling Championships. With only one Meeker wrestler left in the championship round, Judd Harvey needed a pin to seal the win that the whole team had worked hard for. The Cowboys were down 140-144 behind Centauri, and with no other wrestlers left for the Falcons, a win by pin for Harvey meant the team would be bringing home a trophy. Harvey pinned Xavier Livesay from Akron in 3 minutes and 26 seconds and the Cowboys sealed second.

Eleven Meeker wrestlers traveled to the state tournament: Trae Kennedy at 120 pounds, Clay Crawford (126), Ty Goedert (132), Abe Maupin (138), Connor Blunt (152), Cade Blunt (160), Kelton Turner (170), Brendan Clatterbaugh (182), Hayden Shults (195), Harvey (220), and Tanner Musser (285). The team placing was not a one-person job, each boy scored at least three points, had any one of them not won a match that they did, the Cowboys would not have brought home the trophy. It just happens that the big guys wrestle last and some extra team points were needed. At the end of the tournament Harvey led with 30 team points, Kennedy and Connor each scored 20, and Goedert scored 16.

"All of the kids wrestled well, and all of them contributed to the team score," began head coach JC Watt. "We wrestled a tough schedule, and I think that was a difference at the state tournament."

"We did what we expected to do," commented assistant coach Stryker Lane, "We didn't have anyone come out of nowhere and everyone did what they were capable of doing. They wrestled to their ability and wrestled with pride and the results spoke for themselves."

"We were missing one wrestler, Zeek Gianinetti," said Lane, "he sustained a concussion and wasn't ready, and we hope he recovers quickly."

Kennedy stayed on the top side of the bracket and took second in the tournament.

"Trae stepped up and showed us what he is capable of," commented Lane, "and it has been fun to watch. He has wrestled hard and aggressively, going after his moves, and hitting it with expectations."

Crawford went 1-2 in the tournament,

scoring some vital points towards the team win.

"Clay caught a returning state champion in the first round, and came back to pick up a pin," said Lane. "He then had to wrestle a guy who took 4th last year, but Clay is tough and going to be good, I am looking forward to seeing his growth as an athlete."

Goedert reached the podium for the first time in his high school career, placing fourth with a 3-2 record for the tournament.

"I can say over the last couple of years he has grown into a great competitor, and we will miss having him on the team as one of our two varsity senior members," commented Lane, "he wrestles so hard and brings intensity and passion each time he steps on the mat."

Maupin at 138 ended the weekend 2-2 just shy of making the placing rounds in his first ever high school championship tournament. Meeker needed those seven points he scored for their team win.

"He is fun to watch and fearless out there, I think if you watch Abe at the end of the year and Abe at the beginning of the year, you will notice how much he has grown and has been very inspirational this year," said Lane.

Connor went 3-1 on the weekend, facing off with Chavez from Centauri for the fourth time in the state championship match at 152 pounds.

"Connor is tough, he had a tough bracket and wrestled hard," commented Lane, "Connor is a great wrestler and that Centauri kid was a tough competitor, we were hoping we could bring that one home this time."

Cade, just a freshman, took sixth making it to the semifinals in his first ever state tournament.

"Cade made the semifinals and that is a big moment for a freshman, those lights get brighter in the semifinals, literally," said Lane. "It is tough for a freshman, but he has fun, and he didn't get pinned in this tournament."

Turner wrestled in his final tournament of his high school career as one of the two senior leaders on the team.

"We can't be more proud of Kelton, it's a tough situation for him," commented Lane. "We will miss having him on the team as he is our other senior."

Clatterbaugh, losing in the quarterfinals, meant he wrestled more matches than any other one of his teammates to take the fifth place at 182, and beat Baker from Crowley County that had won by decision in their regional match.

"Buzz had the ankle injury at the Warrior



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

The Cowboys took second over the weekend at the state wrestling championships in Denver.

and didn't come back until the Meeker duals," began Lane, "it was hard for him to miss our tough schedule and imagine were he could have been, we are spinning it positively for him as he came in and wrestled tough in a weight that was very competitive. For Buzz to miss most of the season and come in and do this well, I am very proud of him and looking forward to the next two years with him."

Shults also scored those valuable team points while gaining experience in a high pressure tournament.

"Hayden is another one that I would love for him to be able to wrestle himself from the beginning of the season, so he can see what we are seeing and how much he has improved this year," said Lane, "he placed third at regionals and belongs there, and again if he had not gotten that pin, we would not have brought home the team trophy."

Harvey, a sophomore, the newest Meeker Cowboy state champion, pinned his way through regionals and state, and only allowed three escape points in the four matches at the state tournament.

"I think that Judd is tough, I wrestle with him and it always surprises me how strong he is and how well he wrestles," commented Lane, "I think these last three weeks, Center, regionals and state we really saw Judd start to believe in himself and believe what we have been telling him about how good he is and it showed on the mat. He pinned everyone and no one took him down this weekend. We are not just catching people and pinning them, we are wearing them down and pinning them."

We are pinning them because we are good wrestlers and we saw that in Judd's semifinal match, the big strong kid from County Line and Judd wore him down and the kid didn't want to wrestle anymore. There can be some pressure being a returning state champion but I think Judd will be comfortable with that, trusting his abilities and keep training. I am excited to see his growth over the next couple of years."

Musser took fifth, losing to an undefeated Laith Ibrahim from Wiggins in the semifinals, who went on to win the tournament at 285 pounds. In his final match he was able to avenge a tough loss at the regional tournament when he beat Jake Armijo from Trinidad to take fifth.

"Our team money Musser, talk about someone else, with big improvement, he goes out and wrestles smart and with passion and knows where he is good," said Lane, "he did a really good job, the Wiggins kid is an animal, so it was a tough matchup, but with some training Tanner can compete with him."

In the end the Cowboys had eight boys make the podium, nine boys still wrestling on day three, and everyone scored those valuable team points.

"The main thing I took away was that all of the athletes wrestled with a positive attitude and an expectation to win" wrapped-up Watt.

Panthers take four to state, seniors Varner and Mackay in top four

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RANGELY I This year the Panthers took four wrestlers to the "big show". Sophomore Kobey Chism at 132 pounds, senior Zane Varner (152), junior Kasen LeBleu (220), and senior Byron Mackay (HWT). Wrestling started on Thursday and each Panther wrestled one match.

"Chism had a very tough first draw facing off against the number two seed from Wray where we took a loss," commented head coach JC Chumacero.

Chism's opponent ended up being the state runner up. LeBleu also fell to a Wray opponent.

The seniors came out firing; both Varner and Mackay beat their first opponents by pin.

"I was happy with the first day," said Chumacero.

On day two the morning started with two very tough match-ups for Varner and Mackay facing off against fellow Rio Blanco County wrestlers from Meeker. Varner lost a competitive

match against the 152 pound state runner up, Connor Blunt 4-2. Mackay also lost a tight one 5-2 to Tanner Musser.

"I respect the program Meeker has built," commented Chumacero. "They have very tough kids and a pretty star studded coaching staff. I was very impressed with how those two competed against them."

LeBleu lost a heartbreaker in overtime against his Center opponent 3-1 who ended up getting 6th, but eliminated him from the tournament.

"I hope Kasen can see how much into these matches he truly is," said Chumacero. "We are looking forward to his improvement for next year."

Kobey came away with the only win for the second session, beating his Center opponent 4-0. One more win was needed in order to make it into day three. Chism lost a very close match to a senior from Olathe he had lost to at regionals.

"He looked like a completely different wrestler and

I could tell he just decided to cut loose and have fun in the match losing 4-3, eliminating him from the tournament," commented Chumacero. "As a sophomore, making it to state is impressive and I see Kobey having a very bright future in this sport with years to come."

Both Varner and Mackay were able to come away with wins from regional foes, getting them into day three. Zane beat Norwood in dominating fashion 7-1, and Byron beat his Ignacio opponent by pin. Day three the seniors were left facing what is called the "blood rounds" their first match of the day was a "win or go home" situation. Varner beat his Custer County opponent 8-2 and Mackay defeated his North Ford opponent by fall. This advanced both of them into the medal rounds.

Varner left no question getting him into the 3/4 match as he dominated his Fowler competitor pinning him in 35 seconds. Mackay battled hard, beating his Trinidad opponent 8-6 also getting him into the third



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

Four Panther wrestlers competed at state last weekend. "It was a great weekend of wrestling and I'm very proud ... " coach JC Chumacero said.

place match.

With their last high school matches in front of them, both Varner and Mackay shook the hands of their opponents one last time. Varner lost a battle to Lyons losing 5-0. Byron lost to County Line by fall in a match he was winning.

"Both of these young men came away top four in the state in their respective weights," began Chumacero about the seniors' performance. "That is very impressive and I'm extremely proud

of them. It was a great weekend of wrestling and I'm very proud of all the young men that participated."

"I would like to thank my whole team and coaching staff for sticking by my side this year," wrapped-up Chumacero. "Coach Dillon and Coach Buck. Managers Kenzie Satterly and Whitney Rusher. Freshmen Aydan Christian (113) and Landon Carlson (120), junior Colton Stevens (126), sophomore Kobey Chism (132), freshman Izaiah Moody (138),

senior Braxton Moore (145), senior Joseph Adams (145), senior Zane Varner (152), senior Alex Black (160), senior Brent Cantrell (170), junior Kasen LeBleu (220), and senior Byron Mackay (HWT).

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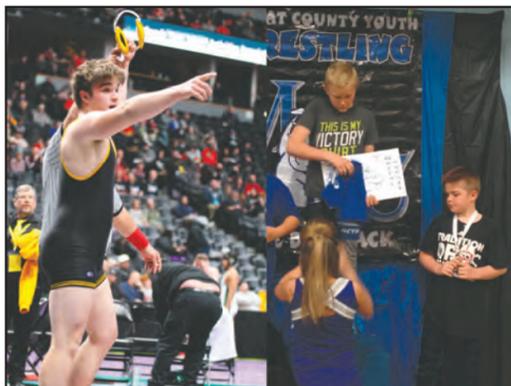
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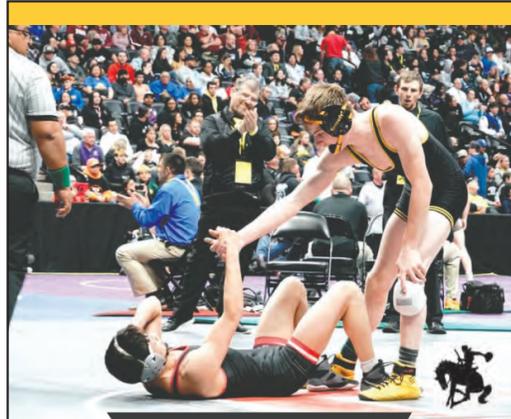
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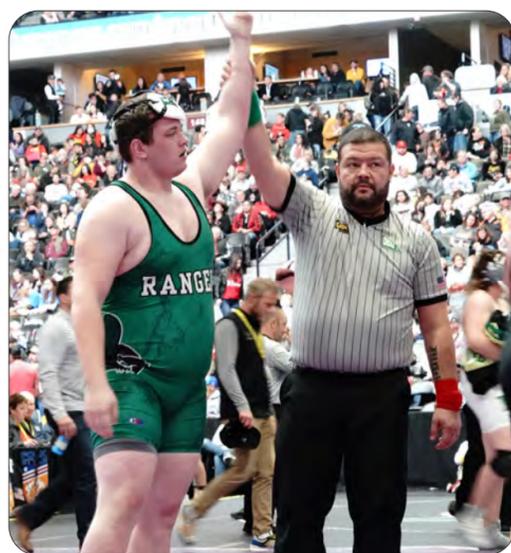
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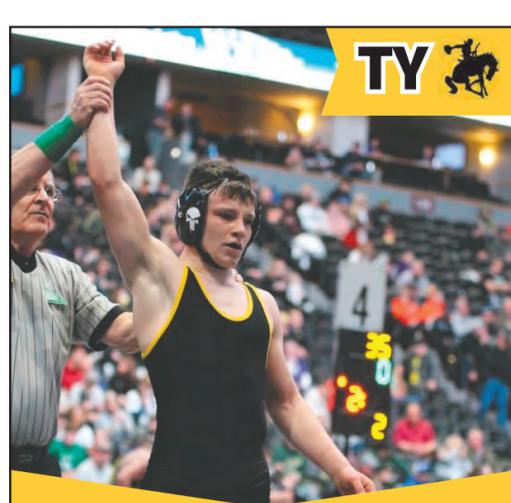
Senior Byron Mackay made it to the big show for the third year in a row.

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Senior Zane Varner made it to the podium, taking fourth in the 2022 Colorado State Wrestling Championships.

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TY

We are so very proud of you! Your hard work and dedication has paid off!
It's been a fun 14 years.

Love Dad, Mom, Kylloe, Faith, Ann, Sarina, Reed



Senior Ty Goedert reached the podium for the first time in his high school career, placing fourth with a 3-2 record for the tournament.

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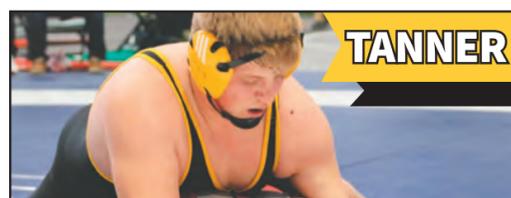
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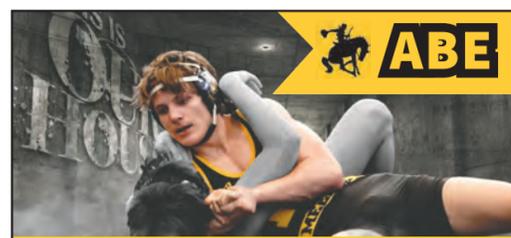
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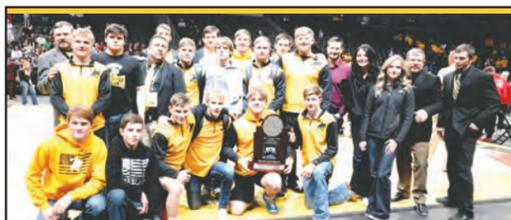
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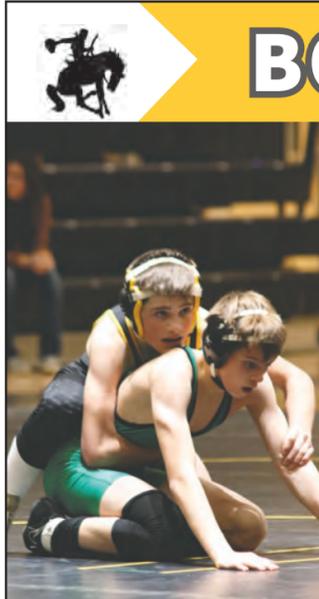
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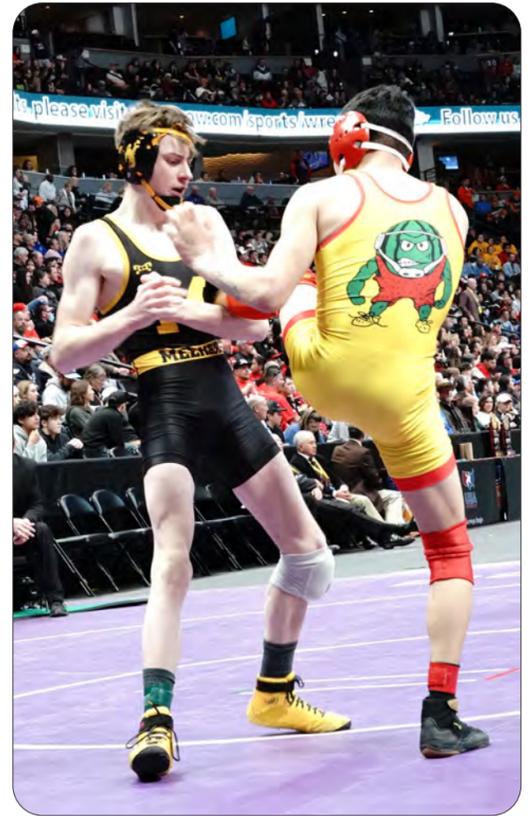
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Kennedy stayed on the top side of the bracket and took second in the tournament. In a 5-4 decision Kennedy beat the number one seed Hutchings from Buena Vista to advance to the semifinals.

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Clatterbaugh, losing in the quarterfinals, meant he wrestled more matches than any other one of his teammates to take fifth at 182.



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Sophomore Kobey Chism wrestled in his first ever Colorado State Wrestling Championship, only needing one more win to make it into day three.



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Junior Kasen LeBleu, grandson to Coach Buck, wrestling two tough matches in his first state wrestling tournament.



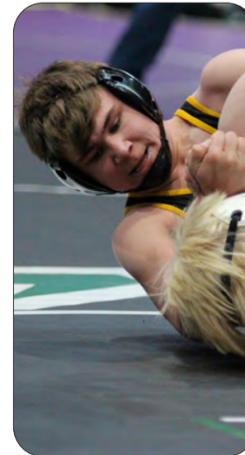
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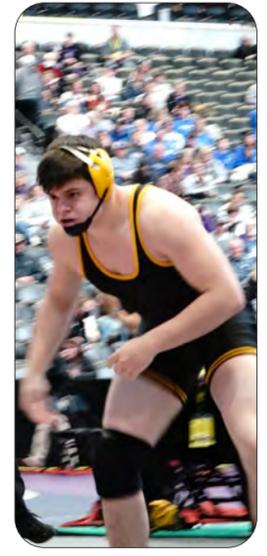
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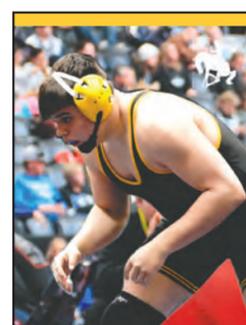
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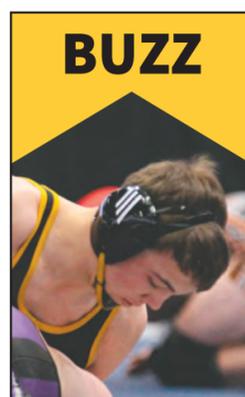



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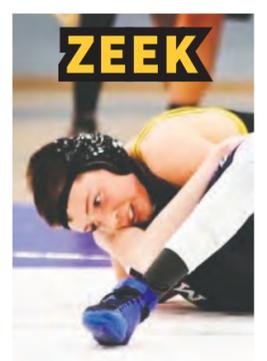
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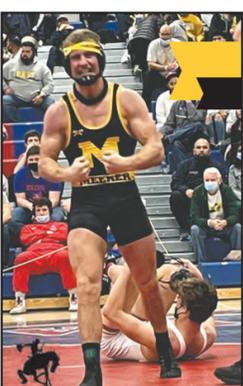
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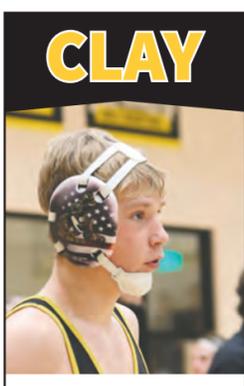



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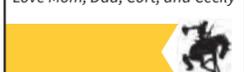
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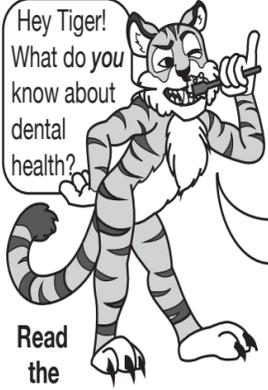
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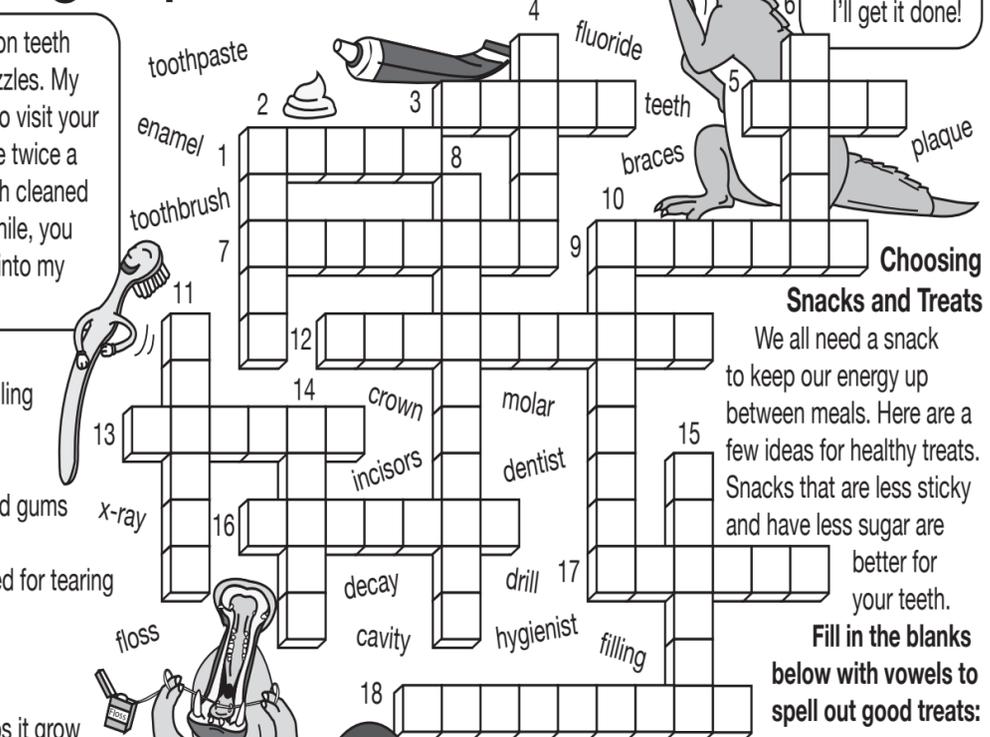
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. "eating away" of teeth by acids, causing a cavity
2. tool used to remove tooth decay to prepare for a filling
3. flat grinding tooth in the back of the mouth
4. waxed, silky string used to clean between teeth
5. way for dentist to take a picture inside teeth; behind gums
6. the part of the tooth seen inside the mouth
7. sharp front teeth – four on top, four on bottom, used for tearing
8. gel or paste used with toothbrush to clean teeth
9. material used to repair a tooth that has decay
10. mineral treatment that repairs tooth enamel
11. sticky buildup on teeth, harbors bacteria and helps it grow
12. clean teeth twice a day using this
13. little hole in a tooth (due to bacteria)
14. rows of hard, bony, white structures in mouth; grind, bite
15. tool for correcting crooked teeth
16. doctor who specializes in the care of human teeth
17. thin outer covering that protects teeth
18. person who cleans and checks teeth

Brushing Up On Teeth!

I'm "brushing" up on teeth with all of my new puzzles. My biggest tip for you is to visit your favorite dentist's office twice a year to have your teeth cleaned and checked! Meanwhile, you can "sink your teeth" into my dental puzzles below.

Flossing takes a few minutes to do, but it keeps your gums healthy.



So many teeth, so little time, but I'll get it done!

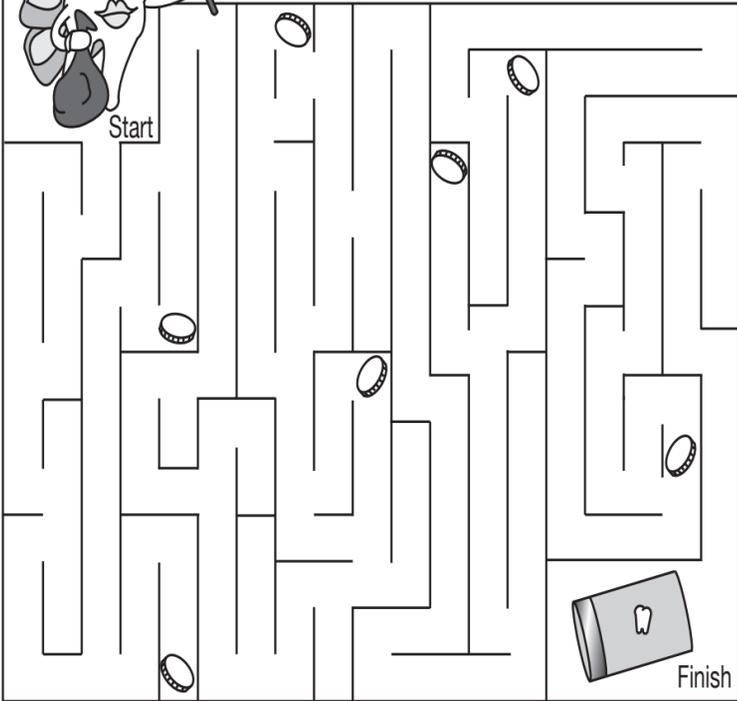
Choosing Snacks and Treats
We all need a snack to keep our energy up between meals. Here are a few ideas for healthy treats. Snacks that are less sticky and have less sugar are better for your teeth.

Fill in the blanks below with vowels to spell out good treats:

- My teeth are in "ship-sharp" shape!
1. fresh fr ___ ts apples, grapes
 2. p ___ pc ___ rn or rice cakes
 3. v ___ g ___ t ___ bl ___ sticks – carrots, celery
 4. n ___ ts and s ___ ds
 5. m ___ lk instead of soda
 6. ch ___ s ___ cubes



The Tooth Fairy needs to pick up coins to put under the pillow when she picks up the tooth. Can you help her?



Grin and 'Bear' It!

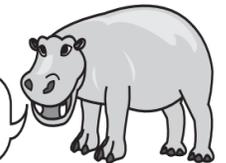
Bears have great teeth! You can, too, if you brush after meals and floss daily.

I'm called a sperm whale. I'm a toothed whale. Most animals have teeth to catch or chew food. Some use their teeth as a tool or for fighting – or even for grooming.

Match up the description of the teeth to the animal that has them:

1. has very long teeth on top and bottom; they are sharp and strong, can cut down trees
 2. do not have teeth, but the size and shape of their bills are suited to what they eat and where they get it
 3. has no upper front teeth; there is a thick pad there instead; it grabs leaves with its tongue and cuts them off with its front lower teeth and swallows them
 4. has strong, broad, flat teeth like chisels to chew grass
 5. uses two special teeth called fangs to poison prey or enemies
- A. birds
B. giraffe
C. beaver
D. rattlesnake
E. horse

Look at my pearly whites!



Tooth-Building Foods!



Circle these foods that have calcium:

Milk has calcium that builds strong bones and teeth, but other foods have it, too!

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| sesame seeds | cheese |
| collard greens | sardines |
| pudding | almonds |
| cottage cheese | kale |
| ice cream | tofu |
| molasses | milk |
| oranges | salmon |
| oatmeal | beans |
| corn tortillas | broccoli |
| sweet potatoes | yogurt |



DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

Gates Kersberg of Cripple Creek, was here this week looking up a business opening and will be opening a wholesale liquor house here shortly.

After a good deal of hard work extending from Thursday of last week to Monday of this week, Simp Harp and his men got the government road so cleared of snow drifts that stages were running on schedule by the last named day.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

An avalanche on the Moffat Road last Sunday morning hurled an engine

off the track and 700 feet down the mountain side, killing four men and injuring two.

The White River Lumber Company office is resplendent in a new coat of paint and decorative effect.

Also you can't teach some new dogs old tricks.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

On February 8th, Meeker Community Concert Association presented the second number in its 1971-1972 series with an evening of folk-music by guitarist and singer Guy Carowan.

Four Rangely College students were charged with assault and battery in Rio Blanco County Court for hazing another student.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

Barny Leblanc takes the place of state runner up in his weight class for the State Wrestling Championships.

At the recent Solo & Ensemble Festival on February 18, 25 Barone Middle School students received excellent ratings on their arrangements from the competition's judges.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

"The Many Moods of Mount McKinley" will be the subject of a talk to be given by Earnest Scott, Green River District Ranger, at the Rangely College.

The journalism class at Rangely High School accompanied by instructor Jean Schooler, visited The Rangely Times Friday morning to learn about the operations of the weekly newspaper.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

Ty Petersburg pins Holyoke wrestler Tyler Chappell at the state Wrestling Championships and takes the first place title.

21 members of the community, representing several agencies and organizations, teamed up last week to participate in a two day alcohol and drug prevention program sponsored by the Rangely Human Resource Council.

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- Emergency acronym
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- Copycat
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- Christian hymn (2 words)
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- Gone by
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- Uses a Singer
- Underwater hermit
- Ethereal
- Gridiron official, for short
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- Roller skater's protector (2 words)
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- Abstractionism using optical illusion
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PUBLIC NOTICES

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

Board of Education Regular Meeting
555 Garfield Street
Meeker, CO 81641

February 28, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

Community members wishing to observe the meeting may use the following link: <https://meet.google.com/ivq-yasy-zmv>

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Dorsett will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
- District Celebrations:** FCCLA, FFA
- Student Celebrations:** FCCLA, FFA
- Staff Recognition:**
- General Public Comment Session:** (comments limited to three minutes)
- Public Committee Reports:** DAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES/ SAC
- Principal Reports:** MES, BMS, MHS
- Superintendent Report:** 20220228 Board Meeting Report
- Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on January 31, 2022
2. Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on February 14, 2022
3. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for January 2022
4. Approval: 2022-2023 Final Calendar
5. Approval: 2023-2024 Preliminary Calendar

Action Items:

1. Personnel
 - a. Approval: Corey Mullen (Volunteer HS Baseball), Dana Pollack (Volunteer HS Track)
2. Approval: Policy Second Reading: 20220119 Policy Review
 - a. ADA - School District Educational Objectives
 - b. BC & BC-R - School Board Member Conduct/Financial Disclosure
 - c. GBA - Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity
 - d. GBB-R - Purpose and composition of Employee Council
 - e. GBGJ - Staff Bereavement Leave
 - f. GBQEA - Retirement Incentive for Staff Members
 - g. GCQF-R - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Professional Staff
 - h. IHCD - Concurrent Enrollment
3. Approval: Exemption of current provisions in policy GBQEA as presented

Other BOE Information:

1. Policy First Reading: GBGG - Staff Leave
2. Superintendent Evaluation Rubric
3. Capital Projects List
4. Potential Future Discussion Items
5. Construction Update
6. COVID-19 Protocols - Updates Implemented on February 28, 2022
7. Other

Executive Session (if needed):

1. Adjournment
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CLOSING BID DATE- MARCH 11, 2022
TOWN OF MEEKER
345 Market Street
MEEKER, CO 81641

You are invited to bid on the Town of Meeker Crack Seal project. Bids will be to clean cracks, furnish and install approximately 20,000 pounds of hot-pour, Deery American Super stretch 974, in the Town of Meeker (Please refer to Specifications). Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday March 11, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. The Town Board of Trustees will open bids at their regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7pm at Town Hall (basement) 345 Main Street, Meeker. Bids will be awarded at the following regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. The successful bidder must maintain workers compensation, general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.00 during the project.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any and all informalities, and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Contract award and preference will be based upon The Town of Meeker Personnel Policy and Procedures manual, entitled "Contracts-Award-Preference". More information is available from Russell Overton (970)878-5530 or 878-5344.

Sealed bids shall be mailed or delivered to Town of Meeker, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 and "Meeker 2022 Hot Pour Crack Filling Project Bid" shall be written upon the front of the envelope. Specifications are available at Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 or on our website at www.townofmeeker.org or requested by telephone at (970)878-5344. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER Mandi Etheridge, Town Administrator Published: February 24, March 3 and 10, 2022
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Public Notice

A public hearing has been scheduled for March 15th, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a Special Event Liquor License request by: Meeker Lions Club, for the following event: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Annual Banquet and Fundraiser 779 Sulphur Creek Rd, 4-H Building, Meeker Colorado on March 26, 2022 from 3:00 pm to 12:00 am
§ Elizabeth Ridgeway
Liquor Clerk
Published: February 24, 2022
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Lower White River Pest Control District

Bid Request

Commercial Equipped Applicator

The Lower White River Pest Control District is accepting bid proposals for commercial equipped applicators to spray herbicides on private land located within the District. Bids will be opened by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado at 10:30am. For bid specifications and time line details contact Wade Cox at 970-574-7299 for bid packets. If mailed, bid packets are due to the Board of Commissioners, Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641 no later than Friday, March 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. If hand delivered the day of the bid opening (March 15th), the bids must be received no later than 10:15 am by the Board of County Commissioners, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, CO. Bid packets must be clearly marked **Herbicide Spray AND Lower White River Pest Control District** on the outside of the bid packet. Bid packet must be sealed. Published: February 24 and March 3, 2022
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Lower White River Pest Control District

Bid Request

Aerial Spray

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 3, 2022 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
Aspen Estates Minor Subdivision PSUB-0001-22. The applicant is requesting to subdivide 5 lots (6.5-7.5 acres each) from a parcel of land, with the remaining parcel being +/- 76 acres. The proposed subdivision is accessed from County Road 17 (Buford/Newcastle Road). The property is located along the Buford/ New Castle Road (CR 17), Meeker Colorado, lying within Sections 17, T1S, R91W, 6th P.M. 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO HEARING

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PSUB-0002-22 Ridge Estates Lots 6 and 7 Amended Final Plat. The applicant is requesting to adjust the lot line between Lots 6 and 7, Ridge Estates Subdivision. The property is located at 1251 and 1301 White River Road, Meeker Colorado, lying within Section 34, T1N, R94W, of the 6th P.M. 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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TOWN OF MEEKER - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, March 1st, 2022
7:00 P.M. - Town Hall
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091

- I. Call to Order
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Roll Call
 - IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - V. Approval of the Previous Minutes
 - VI. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
 - VII. Public Participation
This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.
 - VIII. New Business
 - a. Consideration of extra territorial waiver agreement for Trail & Hitch, LLC
 - IX. Staff Reports
 - a. Town Manager
 - X. Mayor's Remarks
 - XI. Other Board Business
 - XII. Adjournment
- Published: February 24, 2022
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society will hold its monthly board meeting along with a strategic planning workshop on Saturday, Feb. 26 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Heritage Culture Center on Park Ave. in Meeker. There will be no meeting on Thursday, Feb. 24.
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Notice of Cancellation of The Town of Rangely Regular Municipal Election By the Designated Election Official

The Town Clerk has been authorized and directed to and does hereby cancel the Town of Rangely's regular municipal election scheduled for April 5, 2022 by the Town of Rangely Council per C.R.S. Section 31-10-507 and Town of Rangely Municipal Code Section 2.10.150. There are not more candidates than offices to be filled at such election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent, and there are no ballot issues to be decided at said election. As a result, the following candidates are hereby declared elected:

- For Mayor, Andy Shaffer is elected for a term of two (2) years; and
Such terms are scheduled to commence upon such candidates being sworn into office at the regular meeting of the Town Council on April 12, 2022.

As there were no petitions for Town Council seats all three trustee seats will be appointed by the Rangely Town Council on April 12, 2022.
Marybel Cox, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Published: Feb 24, 2022
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