



# NEW MOO ...



KARI BRENNAN COURTESY PHOTO

It's one of the busiest times of year for local ranchers, with new life is making its way into the world at the Brennan ranch in the Piceance Basin (above) and all around Rio Blanco County.

# Rangely approves four-stage drought response plan

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**RANGELY** | Town of Rangely trustees approved the Town's Drought Emergency Response Plan during their regular meeting Tuesday. The plan outlines four stages of emergency response

■ **Stage 1:** Minor Shortage Potential - Voluntary Restrictions on Water Use

■ **Stage 2:** Moderate Shortage Potential - Mandatory Limited Restrictions on Water Use

■ **Stage 3:** Severe Shortage - Mandatory Restrictions on Water Use

■ **Stage 4:** Curtailment of Nonessential Water Use

The plan lists parameters for determining how severe a water shortage is, ranging from demands starting to fall below supply limits at the less-severe level, to stream usage being unable to sustain demand at the very severe level. Voluntary restrictions on water use would include encouraging residents conserve water in various ways like refraining from washing streets, parking lots and sidewalks, or watering lawns less frequently. Mandatory restrictions during more severe drought conditions include instituting Tier pricing based on monthly water usage for residential properties, restrictions on vehicle and equipment washing and others.

The response plan also specifies that residents and visitors will be notified via Reverse 911 and other methods in the event that water restrictions are implemented. You can read more details in the plan at <https://tinyurl.com/rgdroughtresponse>

Trustees received an update from Town Water Manager Don Reed, who among other items said the town should be "more forceful" in assisting with the Rio Blanco County water con-

## TOWN OF RANGELY DROUGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

**Stage 1: Minor Shortage Potential**

*Voluntary Restrictions on Water Use*

**Stage 2: Moderate Shortage Potential**

*Mandatory Limited Restrictions on Water Use*

**Stage 3: Severe Shortage**

*Mandatory Restrictions on Water Use*

**Stage 4: Curtailment of Nonessential Water Use**

servancy district with the Wolf Creek Reservoir. Reed also discussed a CR2 water line project, which would bring potable water to 56 users. When discussing the town's drought response plan, he emphasized the need for defining fines and enforcement measures during times of critical curtailment. If the Town ever reaches "stage 4" it could require water to be shipped into town for essential uses.

Town manager Lisa Piering talked about a meeting with Western Slope Oil and Gas Association to discuss needed improvements to the community garden and efforts to get 4-H and high school students involved.

Rangely Police Chief Ti Hamblin spoke to the board about the department's K9 program. Hamblin said a private donor recently pledged up to \$10,000 to help fund a K9 replacement, including some costs for training and equipment. The total price tag will be closer to \$15,000 but Hamblin said he would be able to cover the rest with his existing operational budget.

# RBC hires emergency and natural resources manager

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**RBC** | Rio Blanco County has a new employee in a brand new position heading into spring.

Edward (Eddie) Smercina has been on the job for about one month with the newly created title of "Emergency and Natural Resources Manager," a combination of two formerly distinct jobs within the county.

Though his title may be new, Smercina said the combination of roles makes sense in a county like Rio Blanco. "It definitely ties in a lot, especially when you're talking about wildfire and oil and gas, and a lot of hazard mitigation."

Smercina grew up in Craig, and recently graduated from Chadron State University earning a bachelor's degree in rangeland management with an emphasis in wildlife. He also spent two summers doing reclamation work with the Twenty Mile Mine's environmental engineering department. "The first summer I did an internship, my second summer I went back just because I enjoyed it," said Smercina, adding that he specifically enjoyed and learned a lot about land management during that time.

He believes that background was a big reason why the county hired him, since he admits he doesn't have as much experience in emergency management. Luckily however, he works under Commissioner Ty Gates, the former emergency manager.

Smercina says in addition to providing specialized training, the commissioners have all been helpful in getting him up to speed on his various job responsibilities. One month in, and he's figuring out his own time-management system for handling the new position effectively.

"One third I use for emergency management, one third I use for natural resources, and one third I use for oil and gas," he said, describing a sort of balancing act.

Smercina noted that much of his time goes to working directly with the oil and gas industry, due in part to pressure on operators created by changes to federal and state laws. "Oil and gas is changing, it's not going away in the county, but it's definitely changing a lot. Especially with a lot of the federal government changes that they're doing to NEPA and everything like that right now," he said.

State pressure also plays a role, according to Smercina. He noted the large number of orphaned wells the state has identified in RBC, fortunately he's also ready for that type of work. "That was more my wheelhouse stepping into this position, the reclamation side of things," he said.

One aspect he did not expect was how political the job could be. "My second week on the job, [Commissioner] Gary Moyer and I testified on two wolf bills down at the capitol," said Smercina, adding "that was a really good eye-opener for me to understand the role of politics in our lives."

With a job that involves balancing the interests and goals of a myriad of government agencies, industry players and residents of two different communities, Smercina takes a simple and honest approach. "A lot of it is just being seen, cause if you're not being seen, you're not being heard, and that's kind of what I've come to figure out."

When it comes down to it, Eddie Smercina says his ultimate priority is representing the county and the will of the people living in it. "With everything I do I speak for the county, and the people of the county. I just wanna make sure that the livelihood of this area is protected and it's not gonna be infringed upon by other governing bodies, or other areas around the state."



LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

Eddie Smercina is the county's new emergency and natural resources manager.

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# COUNTY BEAT



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**RBC I** Commissioners met Tuesday, March 23 for work sessions and a regular meeting to discuss various county business.

## CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY SANCTUARY

Rio Blanco County Commissioners discussed a proposed “constitutional sanctuary county” resolution drafted by Rangely residents Elaine Urie, Dan Eddy and Susan Berardi. Interim County Attorney Todd Starr commended the “principle” of the resolution, but expressed doubts over “implementation.”

“As your lawyer I don’t know what a constitutional county sanctuary is,” commented Starr. He further explained “In paragraph two they talk about ‘no county funds will be used to restrict the constitutional rights [etc] of RBC residents,’ how can you argue with that? Except, we do do that, because we arrest people from time to time for DUI, or we arrest people for committing a crime. And that’s not what they’re intending to address here, but it does.”

Starr also asked, “who’s gonna decide the order [is] unconstitutional?” Emphasizing that the resolution’s language may leave too much room for interpretation.

Commissioner Gary Moyer wondered if changes to the resolution could mitigate potential implementation issues down the road, to which Starr replied “I don’t know how you would do that without a lot of considerable effort.” Starr later added that it would be easier for the county to adopt it if they could “reduce it considerably and make it a statement of policy,” as a way of showing RBC’s recognition of individual rights. “It’s Western Colorado, we honor property rights and we honor individual liberties,” he said.

Rangely resident Susan Berardi, who teaches English at CNCC, helped draft the reso-

lution, attended the work session Tuesday and shared further information with the board. “You raise a good point about interpretation,” said Berardi. She continued, “We didn’t feel it was a matter that would stop it from being adopted because we felt most anything that arises has to be interpreted.”

Berardi also said she and other residents felt the resolution was necessary due to “a variety of situations happening around the country that are really borderline, in terms of are they actually adhering to the constitution.”

Commissioner Moyer said “I certainly agree with this in principle. I think we do have to do it with our eyes open,” adding that the county needed to stay out of a potential “quagmire” in the event that someone sued the county or other entity after feeling their constitutional rights had been violated, like in the example of a DUI arrest.

Commissioner Rector said “We all agree that the principle of this thing is incredible, but the implementation of it, and if it gets abused...things get abused today.”

Starr also encouraged the board to consider if the Town of Meeker would adopt such a resolution. “It is a relevant consideration for you as representatives of the entire county,” he said.

RBC board members encouraged Berardi to share the resolution with the Town of Meeker to which Berardi agreed. Starr then said another work session involving all stakeholders could give everyone an opportunity to be heard before the board makes a final decision.

## XTO/CPW LAND EXCHANGE

Colorado Parks and Wildlife area wildlife manager Bill deVergie asked the board to sign a letter supporting a land exchange between CPW and XTO energy. deVergie said CPW owns property that has no public access because it is surrounded by pri-

ivate XTO land. According to deVergie, the orientation of property boundaries also impacts XTO. “If they wanna do something on their surface they can’t without having to consult with us.”

To solve these problems, deVergie said both parties had worked out an “equitable swap” of 960 acres, allowing CPW to open up hundreds of acres to public access, and allowing XTO to use their own property without consulting CPW. The board approved a letter authorizing the land swap during their regular meeting.

## CRYSTAL CREEK RANCH

deVergie also asked the board to reconsider their stance on the proposed sale of the Crystal Creek Ranch to CPW. He said the landowners had expressed frustration regarding the board’s recent decision to sign a letter of opposition. “They’re questioning why they are getting infringed upon in their private property rights to determine who they sell their property to,” said deVergie, adding, “They’ve offered, if you’d like, to come in and have a discussion.” He said the commissioner’s letter had already negatively impacted the sale of the property, and asked them to consider adopting a neutral position, rather than direct opposition. “It’s an important thing in their life,” said deVergie, “this is their future as a family, they just don’t get it.”

Commissioner Moyer responded, “It’s the public funds used to purchase it that my constituents that I’ve heard from have a lot of issues with.”

“I think we oughta discuss that,” said Rector. “I never looked at it in that light.”

Commissioner Gates agreed the board should revisit the issue with all entities and stakeholders involved.

“My opinions and concerns haven’t changed,” said Moyer, “We’ve got policy countywide, even though it’s targeted at NEPA; no net gain of federal

lands, to me the same principle applies.” Moyer noted that more government-controlled land limits “future economic potential.”

deVergie said, “If we don’t do the best we can to maintain the hunters and sportsmen that are coming, it’s just like losing the energy companies. It’s death by a thousand cuts.”

The board will discuss the matter again during a work session on April 13, 2021.

## REGULAR MEETING

Regular business items approved by the board included:

- a liquor license for Ripple Creek Lodge
- an amendment to the personnel policy handbook, granting special “public health emergency leave” to all employees.
- appointment of Meeker resident Jeffrey Prystupa to the board of health for a term expiring January 2022.

■ advertisement for public health nurse in Rangely to refill the position

■ approval of a decision letter to Colorado Department of Wildlife regarding the XTO-CPW land exchange

Commissioners also approved/signed various letters, including one in support of keeping the Bureau of Land Management office in the west. They also signed a letter to Colorado state Senator Bob Rankin and Representative Perry Will, opposing Colorado Senate Bill 21-062. RBC Sheriff Anthony Mazzola explained that due to COVID-19, law enforcement agencies around the state made changes to reduce the jail population, including issuing court summons to people who committed certain minor crimes instead of putting them in jail. According to Mazzola, the policies were very effective at reducing the jail population, but caused “unforeseen issues” including an increase in property crime statewide. SB 21-062 would make some of the COVID related changes permanent, which Mazzola and other local law enforcement agencies oppose. He argued the bill would limit law enforcement officers’ ability to use their own discretion about who should be detained in jail.

# Legislation looks to limit hunting licenses for non-residents

## Senate bill would reduce available nonresident big game hunting licenses from 35% to 25% of total

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**RBC I** A bill under consideration in the Colorado Senate — and up for its third reading today, March 25, in the Agriculture and Natural Resources committee — would limit big game hunting licenses issued to nonresidents to no more than 25% of licenses sold.

SB21-150, titled “Reserve Big Game Hunting Licenses for Residents” was introduced March 1 by sponsors Sen. Rob Woodward (R-Dist. 15), Sen. Leroy Garcia (D-Dist. 3) and Sen. Dennis Hisey (R-Dist. 2).

None of the sponsoring senators were available for comment before press time Wednesday.

According to information provided by the Colorado Outfitters’ Association, 12 residents would need to buy licenses to make up for one non-resident elk license, or resident fees will need to be increased to make up for the shortfall in revenue to CPW. There were 11,000 leftover elk licenses last year.

The bill, if passed, could have a detrimental impact on the hunt-

ing economy of the western slope, where most landowner leases and vouchers are sold to nonresidents, and nonresidents provide the majority of income for outfitters, as well as bringing significant outside revenue into the region’s small businesses.

Email addresses and Capitol phone numbers for the members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources committee are listed below along with the bill sponsors:

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# Seven Lakes Ranch property to change hands for \$40 million

By HT Staff

**MEEKER I** Pro golfer Greg Norman said his official goodbye to Seven Lakes Ranch via Instagram post on Monday, Mar. 22. Norman purchased the 11,900 acre property in 2004 for \$9.5 million and relisted it last

year with real estate company Hall and Hall for \$40 million.

According to reports, Norman plans to return to his home state of Queensland, Australia.

There’s no official word yet on who the valley’s newest ultrarich neighbor will be.



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# TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP ...



The CSU Rio Blanco County Extension Office held a fruit tree pruning workshop on Saturday, March 20 at the home of Connie Hughes. Don't think you can grow fruit trees in Meeker? The trees at Connie's prove that you can. She has 14 fruit trees including plum, cherry, pear and a couple of varieties of apples that are thriving even though they were due for some pruning.

Susan Carter, Area Extension Agent and Horticulture Agent and her husband, who also has a degree in horticulture, traveled from Grand Junction to Meeker to demonstrate the when, how and why of fruit tree pruning. Attendees learned how to select branches to prune, the proper angle to cut and what benefits to expect when the tree produces fruit this summer. For example, thinning branches that cross each other through the center of the tree helps to open up the tree canopy to sunlight. Sunlight and photosynthesis are the driving forces behind fruit production. Thinning and pruning will also result in larger, easier to reach and better fruit.

Watch for similar workshops in the future. For more information or to suggest topics of interest, contact Linda Masters at the RBC Extension office 970-878-9494.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### WRCD planning advisory meeting Mar. 25

**MEEKER** | The White River Conservation District's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) will be meeting on Thursday, March 25 at 6 p.m. in Meeker at the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District Building (240 7th St.). A virtual link will be provided upon request. Please email [whiterivercd@gmail.com](mailto:whiterivercd@gmail.com) to request a link for the virtual meeting. The PAC will hear updates from the diversion structure and riparian assessment teams and updates on grant funding and the new coordinator position.

### Adults 60+ invited to provide input

**RBC** | The Aging Services Coalition of Northwest Colorado is seeking input from adults 60 and over, and their caregivers, through a survey. The coalition, consisting of organizations serving older adults and individual community members, was created in 2020 to implement strategies to resolve gaps in and barriers to services needed to allow older adults to live safely and with dignity in our communities. Covering Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties, the survey focuses on four areas: transportation, communication, social engagement and housing. Responses will inform local leaders on the desires and needs of older adults in our communities. Respondents have the opportunity to win one of several \$25 Visa gift cards by completing the survey before the Mar. 31 deadline. The survey is available in English and Spanish at [northwestcoloradohealth.org/survey](http://northwestcoloradohealth.org/survey). For more information, contact Leigh Hull, Aging Services Coordinator, at [lhull@northwestcoloradohealth.org](mailto:lhull@northwestcoloradohealth.org).

### Arbor Day poster contest for 5th graders

**RBC** | Fifth-graders can submit entries to the 2021 Colorado Arbor Day poster contest through March 31. This year's contest theme is "Celebrate Trees in our Community." Students are asked to create a poster that reflects their understanding of the important role trees play in our communities and how trees can be celebrated. For submission requirements, please visit <http://coloradotrees.org/programs/?#posters>

### Fairfield grant apps due Apr. 1

**MEEKER** | The deadline for the semi-annual Freeman E. Fairfield grant applications will be 5 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2021. Applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 2302, Meeker, Colorado, 81641 or delivered to Diane Dunham, 438 E. Market. Applications must be received — not postmarked — by April 1, 2021. Application forms now available via email. Request through email to [blidunham18@gmail.com](mailto:blidunham18@gmail.com).

### Wagon Wheel OHV meeting April 7

**MEEKER** | The next meeting of the Wagon Wheel OHV Club will be April 7 at Kilowatt Korner at 7 p.m. (COVID-19 precautions observed). Officer and board elections will be held at the April meeting.

### Calling all small business owners!

**MEEKER** | Please join us Tuesday, April 13 for the first-ever Virtual Small Business Day at the Main Street Now Conference. With content designed uniquely for small business owners and their supporters with guidance and actionable insight to help entrepreneurs move forward in our continuously changing commerce landscape. Since Meeker is a Main Street community we can register up to five businesses FOR FREE! Ask us for the code. Otherwise, registration is only \$25. Call 970-878-5510 for more details.

### R100 returning to Meeker this June

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Sportsman's Club is proud to be hosting the R100 again in 2021. Promote your business and be seen at the event by over 500 participants. The R100 will be held June 25-27 this year. We are expecting 500-plus participants. We would like to offer you this opportunity to be a part of this event. All sponsorship forms are due by May 10. If you have any questions, please contact: Cassie McGuire at 970-665-8822.

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5 oz. Starkist in Oil or Water <b>TUNA</b> <b>89¢</b>	Beef Sirloin <b>TIP ROAST</b> <b>\$3.49/lb.</b>	Fresh Whole <b>PINEAPPLES</b> <b>89¢/lb.</b>
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# EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Three branches of government

By NIKI TURNER  
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Our founding fathers established three branches of government: executive, legislative and judicial. In a simplistic explanation, the legislative branch — the representatives elected by the people — determine laws that need to be made for the best and highest good of their constituents. The executive branch then has the power to uphold (or veto)

those laws, and the judicial branch determines if laws passed are in compliance with the Constitution of the U.S. The judicial branch is charged with the task of interpreting the law and determining if those laws comply with the intent of the Constitution.



When laws are put in place that defy the rights we're guaranteed as citizens of the United States, we have the right as citizens to take our governments to court and ask judges to decide if those laws violate our Constitutional rights. That's the Grand Experiment we've inherited, and which has worked for more than two centuries. Our Constitution — by design — is a fluid and flexible legal document, designed to evolve and adapt to the needs of an

ever-growing and changing constituency. Let's use the system as it was designed, for our benefit. Change comes from within, not without. It comes from increased understanding and a change of perspective. If we want to influence our neighbors just to the east, we need to introduce them to our culture and customs, and we need to be open to theirs. Just a thought.

### LOOSE ENDS

## Safety and security

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** While living in Meeker away from the crowds appeals to most long-term residents for a wide variety of reasons, one of the most frequently cited is safety. The events of this past year have threatened that sense of security. While on the surface, the rancorous disagreements between the County Commissioners and some of their former employees has cracked a wide-open wedge

between residents. Now the rift is widening. Interviewing new county residents over the years, I often asked about the appeal of living somewhere they feel safe. While most cited the low crime rate, some cited their appreciation for the neighborliness shown in many different ways. The long year behind us has taken a toll on some of that



Dolly Viscardi

feeling of security. It is the state-mandated shutdown of the community businesses, as well as the social distancing and resulting isolation for most county residents that continues to cause fireworks for most discussion about the issues that we all face. Some governmental officials appear to have chosen sides and the rudeness displayed

in many public settings, as well as on social media, is only increasing. The worsening paranoia funnels into the air and leaves us with a toxic local atmosphere. We continue to be warned about not keeping our masks on and allowing more people into our businesses or public gatherings. The hardest thing for me is seeing the effect the divisiveness has on children. So many adults

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### KAYE'S CORNER

## Physical therapy to the rescue

By KAYE SULLIVAN  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** When friends would tell me about their physical therapy, I used to think it was like going to a spa with massages and warm compresses to soothe you. Now that I have my own sessions, I've learned it's more like boot camp with workouts and cold packs. However, I've become a great advocate of physical therapy as assistance to recover from injuries, cope with aging body parts, receive post-op care, and make our bodies stronger. It's a medical intervention when the answer is not drugs or surgery. To me, physical therapists are angels of mercy who can target a specific exercise to a specific body part or ache. These specialists help us discover a healthy way to reclaim declining or painful health conditions. The therapists are cheerleader extraordinaire. "Keep going!" "You can do 5 more." "Let's get you on this stationary bike to warm up." Heck, I haven't been



Kaye Sullivan

on any bike for many years, much less to start an hour of PT. But, with my therapist's encouragement I manage not to fall off the bike. Their gym includes many devices to help patients move, stretch, reach, squat, etc. including stairs, mats, walking areas with support rails, bikes, and more. While under care, patients can use the Pioneers PT equipment any time. Physical therapists also show patients how to accomplish home care such as how do I ice my hips? It's another torture but with ice packs, a long towel to "strap" them to the body, and courage to endure the cold it does help relieve discomfort. Think of physical therapy as getting your own personal coach who helps you understand what is wrong, how your body parts relate, and why specific exercises can help. Home treatment plans are determined then it's up to you to put in the hard work. To practice as a physical therapist in the U.S., you must earn a physical therapy degree from an accredited physical therapist education program and pass a state licensure exam. Advanced education is also available via residency or fellowship programs. For example, one of my relatives is an occupational specialist in hand

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thanks for vote

Dear Editor:  
I would like to thank the commissioners for their 3-0 vote against reappointing Dave Morlan. He was given multiple opportunities to be decent to his staff and when he wasn't, the commissioners stood by their promises knowing that there may be political consequences. I'm willing to sign a waiver releasing all the information in the executive session I was involved in. I would like to see that Dave Morlan do this as well so the public can see why they made their decision.

Roy Gilbert  
Rangely

## Support, appreciate county commissioners

Dear Editor:  
As members of the Rio Blanco County business and agriculture community, we stand in support

of our county commissioners' efforts to be fiscally responsible and push back against the constant overreach from the state and federal government.

With the continued decline of the fossil fuel industry, which accounts for the overwhelming majority of tax revenue generated in Rio Blanco County, we are experiencing a revenue reduction of over \$2.3 million in 2021 alone. There is no reason to think that we will not continue to see additional revenue drops of this magnitude for several years due to the continued negative regulations passing down from the state. In addition, the introduction of the wolf will have a negative impact on our economy. Because of these negative impacts, budgets will be reduced both in the private and government sectors.

As businesspeople, we understand how difficult these decisions are for our commissioners. We appreciate and support our county commissioners who recognize the need to make spending reductions accordingly,

no different than we in the private sector must deal with. We are fully aware that if budget cuts are not made consistent with revenue reductions, there will be a need to increase taxes in the future. This would have an even greater negative impact on our already challenging economic outlook.

The financial impact resulting from the COVID-19 virus has been much less in Rio Blanco County than in other counties in Colorado as well as the rest of the country. This is largely due to Rio Blanco County choosing not to enforce the state mandates and to make recommendations only, therefore respecting our rights as individuals, business owners and landowners. We appreciate and support the county commissioner's efforts to resist government overreach and for allowing us to make decisions for ourselves.

Signed,  
Bill Wille, Lee Overton, Steve Overton, Susan Berthelson, Jeff Squire, Bob Coquoz, Jason

Coquoz, Wiley Berthelson, David Tipton, Joe E. Brown, Kari D. Brennan, Sharon L. Lyke, Travis Adams, Ed Coryell, Lisa Moffitt, Anderson Horse Shoeing, Doug Overton, Ben Rogers, Perry French, Mike Chintala, Scott Bowman, Wade Cox, Frank Huitt, Elaine Urie, Nancy Owens, Mona Avey, Shawna Eubanks, Mark Scritchfield, Mark Etchart, Arlene Fritzman, Betsie Thompson, Aaron Weston, Rodger Polley, Justin Yardley, McKale Palacios, Marvin Noel, Rebecca R. Noel, Rita A. Reich, Ron Reich, M.L. Morgan, Paula Morgan, Evers and Jessica Olivas, John and Sandy Payne, Mike Hayes, Melva Woodley, Sam Tolley, Antler Taxidermy, Overton Recycling, Jerry Belland, Sharon Clapper, JBD, Justin Grant, DO, Melinda Parker, Janice McPherson, Terry L. Goedert, Russell Ranch, Cox Livestock, White River Bakery, Elk Mountain Inn, Athlos Life, West Highlands Farms, Belland Builders, Sagebrush Inv. Company, Nichols Store, Hayes Petroleum, Giovanni's

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## Support our elected officials

Dear Editor:  
Our great nation is experiencing a counterproductive political division like no other time in history. The division between the two major political parties is alarming; but even more disturbing, is the Republican Party has suffered a decline of support and trust from its loyal members.

Through the election process, the current Republican officials were voted into office by a majority vote. The people spoke and we must honor their voice by showing our respect and support in accordance with the Republican Principles and Party.

The Rio Blanco GOP Officers recognize it is imperative we, and the Rio Blanco County Central Committee members, publicly support our Republican elected officials, whether it is at the county, state or federal level. We believe this will not only bolster constituent support and trust of elected Republicans but also that of the Republican Party as a strong, patriotic affiliation.

Thank you,  
Rio Blanco County GOP Officers  
Sam Tolley, Chair  
Mona Avey, Vice Chair  
Kelly Scott, Secretary/  
Treasurer

## Change my mind

Dear Editor:  
I'm vaccinated and have had Covid, I don't have to wear a mask, change my mind.

Joe Foster  
Meeker

## Rumor circulating

Dear Editor:  
It has been brought to my attention that a story is circulating around Meeker stating that I signed a "Recall Gary Moyer Petition". That is a LIE!! Gary Moyer is my brother, and I have not and will not sign said petition. I know Gary to be intelligent, informed, hard-working and passionate about the county and community.

I believe the reasons for the discord and division of the citizens in our county are multi-layered. If everyone could stop, be still, and take a step back they would realize that there is enough blame to go around. And, not all of it rests on Gary's shoulders.

There are kind, prayerful, courageous, dedicated people on both sides of this issue. It troubles me when "Team Recall" claims the moral high ground. I call foul and throw a flag. The before-mentioned rumor is evidence to that false claim.

Let me be clear, I support Gary Moyer as Rio Blanco County Commissioner. Not submitting his name for sainthood, only stating that he is a good man in a tough job.

Respectfully,  
Bev Brennan  
Meeker

## WRITERS ON THE RANGE

# We can act now to fight wildfires

By HARRISON RAINE  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** For the 2021 fire season, the writing is on the wall. The West, despite a few days of intense winter, is far drier than it was leading up to last year's record-breaking fires.

As a hotshot crewmember, the reality of what's to come fills me with two distinct thoughts: money and dread. With my financial stability tied to overtime pay, I know that my pockets will be full when I am laid off next winter. But the unrelenting fires that stand between now and then make me nervous.

I also know that I am not alone. Across the West, people in homes and communities are filled with anxiety as they look at dry timber and brown hillsides that are usually white this time of year. For them, when the air fills with smoke, there won't be any fire paychecks, just a prolonged sense of uncertainty.

Drought levels often serve as a good indicator of the fires to come, and things are far worse now than they were in the build-up to 2020. Rich Tinker, an author of the U.S. Drought Monitor at the Climate Prediction Center, told me, "In 2020, the highest we got to anywhere, was a D2 — Severe Drought. Now we are looking at D3 — D4 — Extreme and Exceptional Drought across much of the West and almost all of the Southwest."

When Nick Nauslar, a fire meteorologist at the National Interagency Fire Center, talks about the fire season to come,

he's particularly blunt: "The deck is stacked against us. I fully expect a busier season than normal across the Southwest."

For Tinker and Nauslar, the areas of concern primarily encompass the Four Corners states of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. When you put together light snowpack, dry fuels and high temperatures, every wildland firefighter knows what that means.

In my time as wildland firefighter, the question I get asked again and again is whether I am ever scared. The answer to this question is "yes," but not in the life-or-death sense in which it's asked.

There are far more constant threats than the flames themselves. Smoke, for one. Carbon emissions, for another.

I think I'm worried most by the knowledge that damage from these wildfires affects the health of millions of people, and that the large wildfires of today are ensuring even bigger ones in the future. Everyone should be concerned about this reality, not just those of us on the fire line.

Wildfires and their management are known by some researchers as a "wicked problem," where no optimal solution exists. For decades, forest managers were convinced that suppressing all fires was the answer. But we've known for a while now how misplaced those beliefs were, even as many agencies cling to that failed strategy of a century ago.

Jerry Williams, former fire and aviation director for the U.S.

Forest Service, puts it best about our stubborn wrongheadedness: "Every year we set a new record, we invest more in (fire) suppression, invest less in mitigation and wonder why we're not getting on top of it." If someone who directed the largest wildland firefighting force in the world makes this statement, it's probably time to try something else.

What we need are policies and programs that address wildfires in ways beyond just putting fires out. This spring, Colorado showed that it's willing to learn from last season's pain when Gov. Jared Polis and state legislators from both sides of the aisle released a series of bills aimed at wildfire mitigation, not only wildfire suppression.

These bills are exciting for several reasons such as: allocation of millions for forest health projects and grants for communities and individual homeowners to carry out their own hazard reduction projects. Also there is an attempt to seek out incentives for markets to address fuel mitigation through biomass energy.

The millions the state spends now on restoring forests and hardening homes pale in comparison to the costs of firefighting and rebuilding homes. Every dollar spent on prevention saves \$17 in suppression costs, according to a report commissioned by former Utah Gov. Gary R. Herbert.

There is also a bill to allow former inmates with firefighting experience to seek

future employment with the state, which will help ensure a consistent workforce.

I hope the federal government is taking notes.

Harrison Raine is a contributor to Writers on the Range, [writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org), a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He started fighting wildfires in 2016 and lives in Colorado.

## CONSERVATION CORNER

### Soil Moisture

Soil health plays an important role in the success of any agricultural operation. This is especially true of soil moisture. Soil acts as a major storage reservoir for moisture. According to NRCS, soil with just 1% of organic matter in the top 6 inches of soil can hold approximately 27,000 gallons of water per acre. This is a substantial amount of water that could be available to support plant growth and ultimately grazing livestock. With Rio Blanco County in exceptional to extreme drought, soil health will play a critical role in this year's grass production.

Soil moisture levels are affected by several factors, both inherent (non-changing) and dynamic (changing). Examples of these are soil texture, soil depth, organic matter, and salt concentrations. Ground- management practices can affect the soil's moisture holding capacity (compaction). Producers can increase their soil moisture retention levels by avoiding driving equipment on wet soils, preventing livestock from creating loafing areas or heavy-use trails on productive land, increasing residual cover through cover crops, and implementing no-till or low-till systems.

The current soil moisture deficit in Western Colorado is significant and spring rains are going to be critical for grass production. With such a soil moisture deficit, little runoff is expected from snow or rain. The land needs a big drink! Preferably over a several week/month period.

Available soil moisture is a dynamic soil health indicator. Because there are so many factors that influence soil health, it is difficult to categorize on large landscapes. Physical testing of soil can determine the moisture content of a specific location for crops. Local resources for more information include the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and CSU Extension. You may also find more information on the Soil Health Tab of the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts at [www.whiterivercd.com](http://www.whiterivercd.com).



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## The Governance of the Moral Law

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

**M**EN have tried to govern society by adding law after law after law to the books but shun the very laws that make most of all those others unnecessary. Would the 17,000 pages in our law books be needed if we just followed God's ten lines that will fit on a single page?

Our second primary text, therefore, is Exodus 34:28: [God] wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. In his shock and sorrow at the sight of the people worshipping the golden calf (Ex. 32), Moses broke the original stone tablets, which God here replaced. What a picture this is! That breaking of the tablets foreshadowed the breaking of God's Moral Law that began then and would continue for millennia to come.

Is it any wonder, then, why most of the ten commandments are phrased in the negative? After all, why do they persist with that incessant, off-putting, "Thou shalt not"? The answer, of course, is that they presuppose man's naturally sinful condition, his bent toward sin (Jeremiah 17:9). Why have many in our day worked so diligently to remove the Ten Commandments from our courts of law? Simply because they do not want to face God's perfect, moral, and ethical standard, for it condemns them before court is even in session. The Moral Law stands forever as the very foundation of right behavior. It serves to outline exactly how we are to live.

The ten commandments are referred to as such here in our text (and Deuteronomy 10:4) using the Hebrew *dābār* (word or speech), so this can be literally translated: "the ten words" because they are exactly what God said. The ten are divided into two parts. The first part consists of four "words" that address what man's relationship should be to the one true God. Then, using six "words," the second part goes on to outline what our relationship should be to other men.

To make all this even easier to assimilate, I am indebted to one commentator's wonderful summary of the Moral Law in ten actual words: "(1) religion, (2) worship, (3) reverence, (4) time, (5) authority, (6) life, (7) purity, (8) property, (9) tongue, and (10) contentment." We will build on those throughout our study, examining the same three principles for each one: the Old Testament *commandment*; the New Testament *counterpart*; and the combined *confrontation*.

My Dear Friend, I would encourage you to familiarize yourself with Exodus 20:1-26 and then memorize God's Moral Law as we work through it. Why? Because we should learn it, love it, live it, and even legislate it. Oh, what this would do for our families, churches, culture, and nation!

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

# OBITUARY

## Enid Esther Steffen

Feb. 9, 1941 ~ March 15, 2021

Enid Esther Steffen was born on Feb. 9, 1941 to Antone Bryan (Whitey) and Mary Jean Eliassen near Elk Creek in eastern Rio Blanco County. Enid was the fourth of 15 children in the Eliassen family. She was raised in Rio Blanco County and graduated from Meeker High School in 1959.

In 1962, Enid met David Steffen while working in Steamboat Springs, where they were married on June 9, 1962. They made their way back to Meeker in 1968, where they raised their three children. Enid worked at Pioneers Hospital for a time, until she went to work at The Bakery in 1979. In 1980, she and David purchased The Bakery, which they ran for 30 years. The Bakery was more than just a place to eat, as the lives of many young people were positively impacted, by touring, working in or having lunch specials during school. Enid loved showing the second graders how donuts were made and loved even more showing off their thank you letters when they were seniors. She enjoyed working in the flower garden and always loved playing with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her three children: Mike Steffen, Theresa Steffen

and Lisa (Roger) Hanna; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brothers Edgar Eliassen, Johnny Eliassen, Jerry Eliassen and Ron Eliassen; sisters Ellie (Don) Anding, Jenny (Ken) Megahey, Sue Eliassen, Zina Eliassen and Sara (Mac) Richardson, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Enid was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Elaine Webber and Liz Devore; brothers Earl Eliassen, Ellis Eliassen and Elton Eliassen; nephews Scott Anding, Justin C. Eliassen, Matthew Richardson and niece Brandi Jennings.

Enid passed away in the Walbridge Wing on March 15 with family at her side. A celebration of her life will be held this summer.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Enid's memory to Meeker Education Foundations to fund school supplies, a cause dear to her heart.



Enid Steffen

# Five finalists for CNCC president

## Virtual community forums scheduled with candidates

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Colorado Community College System (CCCS) Chancellor Joe Garcia has announced five finalists in the running for president of Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC). CNCC President Ron Granger will retire at the end of his term in July 2021, concluding a 40-year career in academia.

The search advisory committee, comprised of college and community representatives, conducted a thorough screening and preliminary interviews with applicants in order to identify those best suited to lead CNCC with long-term success.

The finalists are Dr. Josh Baker, Dr. Lisa Jones Copprue, Tim Gibbs, Dr. Sandra Kiddoo and Keith Peterson.

Presidential finalists will meet virtually with the CNCC community in March and April through open community forums to allow faculty, staff, and college constituents to learn more about

their experience, leadership style, and philosophies on a variety of issues.

The virtual community forums are scheduled as follows:

- Tim Gibbs—Monday, March 22, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
- Dr. Lisa Jones Copprue—Tuesday, March 23, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
- Keith Peterson—Thursday, April 1, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
- Dr. Sandra Kiddoo—Friday, April 2, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
- Dr. Josh Baker—Monday, April 5, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Bios for each finalist and more information for upcoming forums are available on CNCC's website at the following link: <https://www.cncc.edu/presidential-search>.

Feedback surveys will be requested from participants who interact with finalists. Surveys will be reviewed by Chancellor Garcia prior to his selection of the new CNCC president. Input from the college community is encouraged and will be instrumental in the selection process.

## DEATH NOTICE

## John Anthony Daugherty

Jan. 14, 1940 ~ March 18, 2021

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. His family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in his name to the charity of your choice. Donations can be mailed to Grant Mortuary at P.O. Box 333, Meeker, Colorado, 81641, and will be sent to the selected charity.

## LOOSE ENDS: continued

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believe that some children among us are not aware of this divide. Unless adults spend time with children, they often miss the clues that reveal that they know so much more. Developmental milestones are reached as they age, but much of their socialization skills are taught by both their teachers and parents. They express their feelings in so many different ways; both verbal and non-verbal. Leaving

classmates out of the group on the playground or teasing other kids in the classroom are only a few of the common actions most adults try to change by becoming role models to the children. Role models are getting harder to find these days.

Talking with a friend about the political divisions that are ever-present these days, I realized the neighborliness that so many people mentioned as an asset seems to be fading away. That surprises me, as I still find

that when someone is in trouble and needs help, most people are more than willing to be a good neighbor. It could be that it has changed somehow. People aren't willing to lend a hand if themselves if their motives or intentions are questioned. As the community opens up successfully this summer, it will be helpful if all of us find a way to resolve our differences. Feeling comfortable and safe is essential for cooperating with each other and moving forward.

## KAYE'S CORNER: continued

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therapy and helps employees like lumber workers regain hand use after work related accidents.

One of my nieces has an advanced degree in speech and language therapy whose work in a hospital includes helping post-op patients recover their swallowing abilities after breathing tubes have been inserted or helping stroke victims regain speaking skills.

Physical therapists have wide ranging expertise and get their own work out every day demonstrating to patients how to correctly perform the prescribed exercises.

On a personal note, I will add that my current need for

physical therapy is not seeking the fountain of youth or training for the senior Olympics. I'm just trying to regain the functionality I had last fall, before COVID.

Many months of isolating at home plus two months of suffering from COVID meant I did not exercise enough, or at all. Classes at the rec center were often disrupted and shame on me, I didn't walk enough. I call it COVID body atrophy. After several months of feeling lousy, I decided I was ready to fight back.

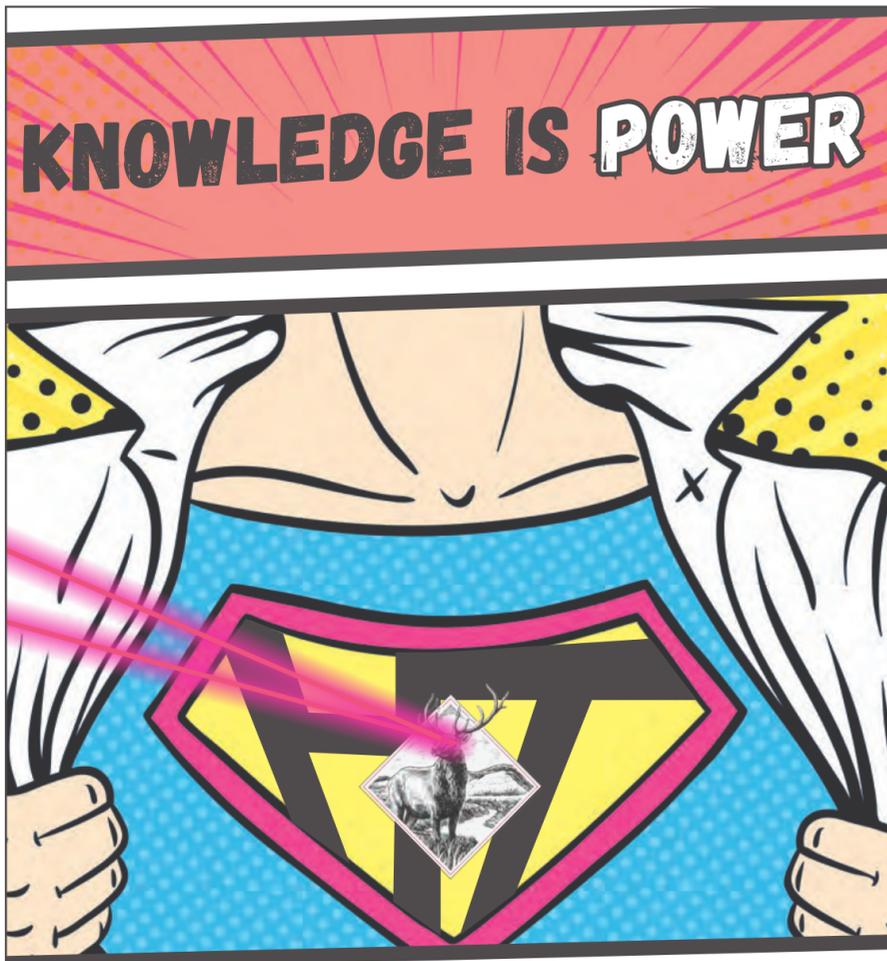
It is an uphill battle to return to the relatively healthy person I was (for my age as they say) back in October. Granted, I am a senior with body aging issues but COVID made all those issues worse and even returned to me

pain in my broken ankle area that was supposedly healed three years ago.

I am especially grateful that Meeker Pioneers Hospital offers outstanding physical therapy to cope with issues like mine. Thanks to the outstanding staff for personal service, offering hope, encouragement, and even those tough weekly goals.

To my knowledge, most health care insurance providers require a referral from your primary care physician to receive physical therapy services. It is NOT a walk-in clinic.

If a patient, also understand, that PT provides the exercises, but you need to embrace them at home and continue on your own. Not a spa, a workout with ice packs!



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## It's a Way of Life club report

By **SAMUEL MERZ**  
4-H Reporter

**RBC I** It's a Way of Life Community Club met on Tuesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. New business discussed included:

- MQA in Meeker – April 8 from 4-7 p.m. - first year livestock members and all new seniors
- District Retreat – April 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Meeker. Ages 13-18. Signups open until March 26.
- Horse Safety Day March 20 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Shooting Sports Mandatory

Training March 30 from 7-8 p.m.  
 ■ Small Animal Weigh In: May 2  
 ■ Rabbit and Poultry Tag In: June 27

Hoyt Garcia did a demonstration on ringneck pheasants including their different characteristics and body parts. Garrett Merz did a demonstration on fishing and the different kinds of reels. Specifically, he focused on how to use a bait caster rod. Samuel Merz did a demonstration on the different parts of a western saddle, its history and proper care. Sierra Gomez

and Jayda Gould did a demonstration on what everyday items you might find pork and lamb by-products in. After the meeting we made and painted fingerprint clovers out of pottery to take home.



Samuel Merz

## It's Showtime club report

By **MONTEY FRANKLIN**  
4-H Reporter

**MEEKER I** On March 8, 2021, Cambrey Rogers, Mollee Vroman and Miles Etchart led members of the It's Showtime 4-H club in pledges to start things

off. Then followed the icebreaker led by Marnyn Shults. After the icebreaker was the treasurer's report done by Hayden Shults. Then Klayton Carroll and Teagan Smithread the county council report. Immediately after was the

discussion of important upcoming dates: Officer training Friday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 10 District retreat — all members must be 10 years of age or older. Registration for this is open from March 15-26. On May 2, sheep, goat, and swine weigh-in happens, and then on June 27, there will be poultry weigh-in.

The club then proceeded to talk about record books. Kids need to keep up on it, and make sure that they do their goals and keep up on feed and supplies inventory as it will be much easier now when you purchase these items. Make sure to also keep up on your health records as those will be a factor as well. Make sure that families keep up on taking pictures throughout the year as well.

Jace and Mollee Vroman, Cora Lewis, Owen and Miles Etchart, and Hattie Brennan did their demonstrations in a night at the museum form factor as well. Next meeting is April 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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# Colorado agriculture unites to celebrate industry



Meeker General Mercantile hosted a well-attended lunch barbecue on Saturday, March 20 along with the Rio Blanco Cattlewomen and several other local business sponsors. Local restaurants around the county also hosted meat-centric specials and deals all day.

MEEKER GENERAL MERCANTILE FACEBOOK PHOTO



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTOS

(Left) Jeff Rector shows off his Dutch oven cooking skills at Rangely's Saturday barbecue. (Right) Twelve-year-old Karina Quijada poses for a photo before enjoying the meal with her family.

## PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** It was a weekend of reconnecting, celebrating our livestock production, and uplifting those in need throughout Colorado and neighboring states as the agriculture industry celebrated "Meat In day" on March 20. Rather than villainizing meat protein sources, producers and consumers alike rallied to show their support for agriculture and livestock production.

Across all of Colorado, March 20 was a day of celebration and appreciation for the agriculture industry. More than 35 cities and counties signed proclamations in order to promote the importance of agriculture in Colorado; designating March 20 as "Cattlemen's Day," "MeatIn Day," or other similar designations. Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) expresses our sincere gratitude for all those who hosted and participated in the various gatherings around the state. The strength of the industry is rooted in your communities, and your voices were heard and your contributions are recognized statewide.

To this extent, this movement and support for the agricultural industry transcended beyond rural areas as urban communities and

consumers also rose to the occasion to unite behind the contributions of agriculture. "While we saw rural Colorado turn out in record numbers and with record donations collected, we were also encouraged by the strengthening of a bond between metropolitan and rural voices around this effort," said Janie VanWinkle, CCA President. "We are appreciative of the support around the Meat In movement and look forward to continuing to strengthen this partnership across the state and nation into the future."

With more than 75 events, plus countless restaurant and retailer specials, meat was on the menu and tables across the state. At the 75 events alone, more than 25,000 people were offered complimentary barbecue meals, including more than 1,200 food insecure Denver residents. However, a Meat In day meant more than just enjoying a delicious meal with friends, family, and neighbors. "Many events emphasized supporting and feeding the food insecure. Donations were collected at varying events to support their local communities and the broader beef industry," said Terry Fankhauser, CCA Executive Vice President. "The tally is ongoing, but as of late, over \$300,000, supporting need-based causes, has

been collected in the name of Meat In day."

On the backside of this celebratory movement is a proposed ballot initiative that would drastically harm animal agriculture and consumer access to affordable food in Colorado. Initiative #16 would limit beneficial animal husbandry practices and stipulate unrealistic harvest requirements for livestock. Now more than ever, livestock producers and consumers need to come together and support Colorado from pasture to plate.

The unity that was showcased with the Meat In movement across the entire state is encouraging for bridging between agriculture and urban audiences. Let this momentum around the Meat In movement serve as an example for how Coloradans can work together for a viable, beneficial future.

Colorado Cattlemen's Association's (CCA) is the state's premier cattlemen's association serving as the principal voice and advocate for Colorado beef production. CCA accomplishes this through its vision of "advancing the legacy" of beef production for its members by ensuring a dynamic and profitable industry that provides growth and opportunity for future generations.

**Meeker Lions Club put on a well-attended Celebrate Agriculture barbecue downtown on Saturday evening, serving up burgers and hot dogs.**

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## TRAILBLAZERS ...



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Callie Hendrickson, executive director of the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts, and her sister Janie VanWinkle, president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, received Denver Business Journal Trailblazer awards during a virtual event, which residents gathered to watch at the Meeker Fire House (above).

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# Slash EV Ranch conserved by Colorado Cattlemen's Ag Land Trust

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The Slash EV Ranch along Colorado's White River has been conserved in perpetuity by the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT). The project was made possible with the support from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and The Nature Conservancy. The 477-acre ranch is owned and operated by the Schultz family.

Sally Schultz's family has been ranching in the White River Valley since the early 1940s. Both Sally's dad and grandfather were cattlemen, and now her son Ty has taken over the family ranching operation. The Schultz's purchased the Slash EV Ranch in 2013 to build on their existing agricultural property in the area. Made up almost entirely of lush hay meadows, the Slash EV is used to grow hay in the summer months and graze cattle in the fall. A portion of the cattle raised on the Slash EV are sold locally, and the ranch recently joined Country Natural Beef, a family-owned natural beef co-op.

Slash EV cattle share the ranch with local wildlife, who utilize the property as they migrate between public and private land along the river. The ranch borders the Black Mountain Wilderness Study Area for more than one mile and shares another mile of boundary with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. Less than .02 miles separate the ranch from the state owned Piceance State Wildlife Area. In addition to its connectivity to public land, the Slash EV is noteworthy habitat for wildlife because it contains river frontage. The White River winds through the ranch for one mile, providing significant riparian habitat. The banks of the river are home to a narrowleaf cottonwood riparian forest – a globally rare forest. The property is also mapped by CPW as containing habitat for bald eagles (a State Species of Concern) and river otters (a State Threatened Species), as well as northwestern Colorado's renowned deer and elk herds.

CCALT director of transactions, Molly Fales encourages all Coloradans to take note of Slash EV Ranch the next time they're traveling along Highway 64 between Meeker and Rangely.

"The property provides an iconic Colorado view of hay meadows and mesas and the chance to glimpse a bald eagle perched in a cottonwood tree or a sandhill crane feeding in the hayfield," said Fales.

NRCS state conservationist in Colorado, Clint Evans added, "The partnership between the NRCS, landowners, and natural resource stakeholders like CCALT is the foundation for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. ACEP is the tool we use to help conserve some of Colorado's prime agricultural lands. The Slash EV Ranch is a 3rd generation cattle operation and we're proud to play a role in keeping it sustainable for future generations."

"This conservation easement provides protection for a variety of wildlife species including big game, small mammals, and birds that utilize the river corridor," said CPW area wildlife manager, Bill de Vergie. "The Slash EV Ranch had real potential for development, so this conservation easement adds another valuable, protected property in the array of conserved lands in northwest Colorado."



The Slash EV ranch between Meeker and Rangely is owned by the Schultz family.

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## CPW secures conservation easement for Coal Creek Ranch

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER |** Using funds from the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has acquired a perpetual conservation easement on the 1,121-acre Coal Creek Ranch in Rio Blanco County. The transaction also includes a 20-year access agreement that will allow for public fishing and limited, reservation-managed archery and muzzleloader hunting.

Coal Creek Ranch remains in private ownership and will continue as a working ranch operated by Michael and Tena Theos. The ranch is located on County Road 15 about 10 miles northeast of Meeker. The property has irrigated hay meadows, oakbrush, pinon-juniper woodlands, and wetland habitat. The ranch abuts the White River National Forest, Bureau of Land Management lands, and is in close proximity to the Jensen State Wildlife Area. It adds one more parcel to the corridor of protected proper-

ties along the important deer and elk migration route between the Flattops Wilderness and the winter ranges of western Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties.

"This property has incredible wildlife values and we're glad that the Theos family approached CPW about submitting the property for Habitat Stamp fund protections," said Area Wildlife Manager Bill deVergie.

The Theos' conservation easement was acquired for \$720,000, which was well below its appraised value. In addition to selling the conservation easement below appraisal, the access agreement was fully donated by the family.

"With high real estate values, agricultural landowners face the temptation to sell out to developers or wealthy investors," deVergie said. "Fortunately longtime ranching families know the value that the land holds for wildlife and for future generations. In that way, conservation easements provide a win-win situation where landowners gain financial

stability while also protecting the property's non-monetary values."

While this new easement will be designated as the Coal Creek Ranch State Wildlife Area, potential visitors are reminded to review the very specific limits for accessing the property. A small number of anglers will be allowed to access Coal Creek each day from May to November. A total of four archery or muzzleloader hunters per day will be able to access the property each fall through the big game hunt reservation system.

To learn about the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program and how to protect properties, visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/cwhp>

For more information about the big game hunt reservation system, visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/BGHuntingReservations.aspx>

For more information about the property regulations, contact the CPW Meeker office at 970-878-6090.

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## Volleyball season underway; lady Cowboys 2-0 so far

By **TIFFANY JEHOUREK**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC |** A great start to the long anticipated Cowboy volleyball season. Week one wrapped up and Meeker was 2-0, going 6-0 in sets.

"We have put in a new offense this year and I'm so proud of how well they have picked it up," commented head coach Greg Cravens.

With the exception of Emma Luce, the other five starting varsity players Tatum Kennedy, Sarah Kracht, Nora Gianinetti, Savvy Mendenhall, Aspen Merrifield and libero Leah Knapp are all new this year.

"We still need to work on ball control, but we will get there," said Cravens.

Friday the Cowboys hosted Caprock for their opening game of the season. Meeker won all

three sets 25-14, 25-18, and 25-11. Luce led with 21 kills, Kennedy had 20 assists, and Laura Knapp and Luce both had nine digs.

"The play of Knapp at libero has been fun to watch. We only get her a year but it's going to be fun," commented Cravens.

Saturday, once again in front of a home crowd, the Cowboys took on to Paonia Eagles. It was a closer set of matches but the Cowboys went 3-0 again winning the sets 25-22, 25-19, and 25-13.

Luce had 27 kills assisted from both Kennedy with 17 and Goedert with 13. Defensively Luce had 26 digs but the team effort from Merrifield with 12 and Knapp with nine helped the Cowboys to wrap up the week-end undefeated.

Volleyball doesn't get rest for spring break and the action continues.

After the first week of games Meeker is ranked fourth below Denver Christian, Limon, and Wiggins. In the Cowboys' league, West Grand is in the top 10 in the state and Vail Mountain is getting votes also.

This week Meeker will travel to Kremmling to take on West Grand and their first top ten opponent, C team is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. on Friday.

Also this week the county rivalry game against Rangely will be Thursday and JV is slated to begin at 5. They will finish their weekend at Grand Valley on Saturday with C team at 4 p.m. and the rest of the games to follow.



(Top) The team celebrates after a winning set.

(Middle left) Aspen Merrifield.

(Bottom left) Nora Gianinetti.

(Middle right) Emma Luce.

(Bottom right) The "Meeker Wall".

TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTOS

### 2021 Meeker Cowboy Volleyball Schedule

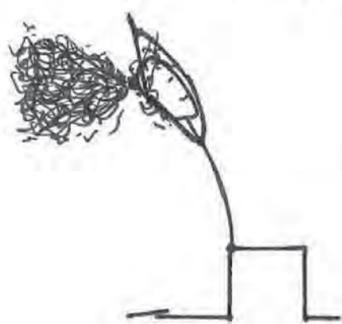
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1, 2, 3 p.m. Friday, March 26 vs. West Grand  
4:30, 5:30, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30 vs. Grand Valley  
4, 5, 6, p.m. Friday, April 2 vs. Olathe  
1 p.m. Saturday, April 3 vs. North Park @Home  
5, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8 vs. Vail Mountain @Home  
1, 2, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10 vs. Hotchkiss  
6 p.m. Thursday, April 15 vs. Debeque  
1, 2, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17 vs. Hayden  
4:30, 5:30, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22 vs. Plateau Valley @Home  
1, 2, 3 p.m. Friday, April 23 vs. Soroco  
1, 2, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24 vs. Vail Christian @Home  
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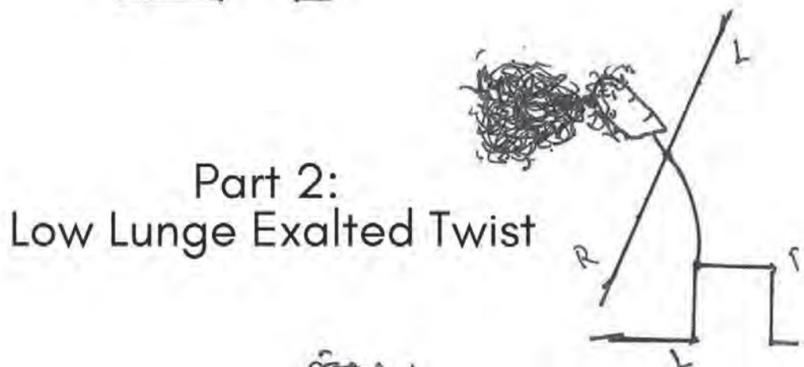
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  2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
  3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.

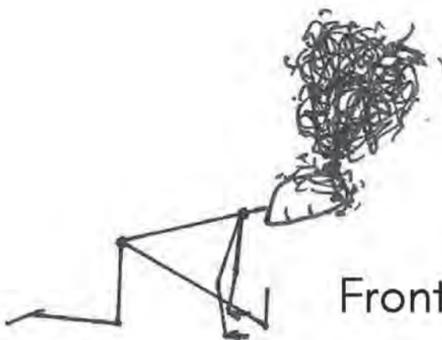
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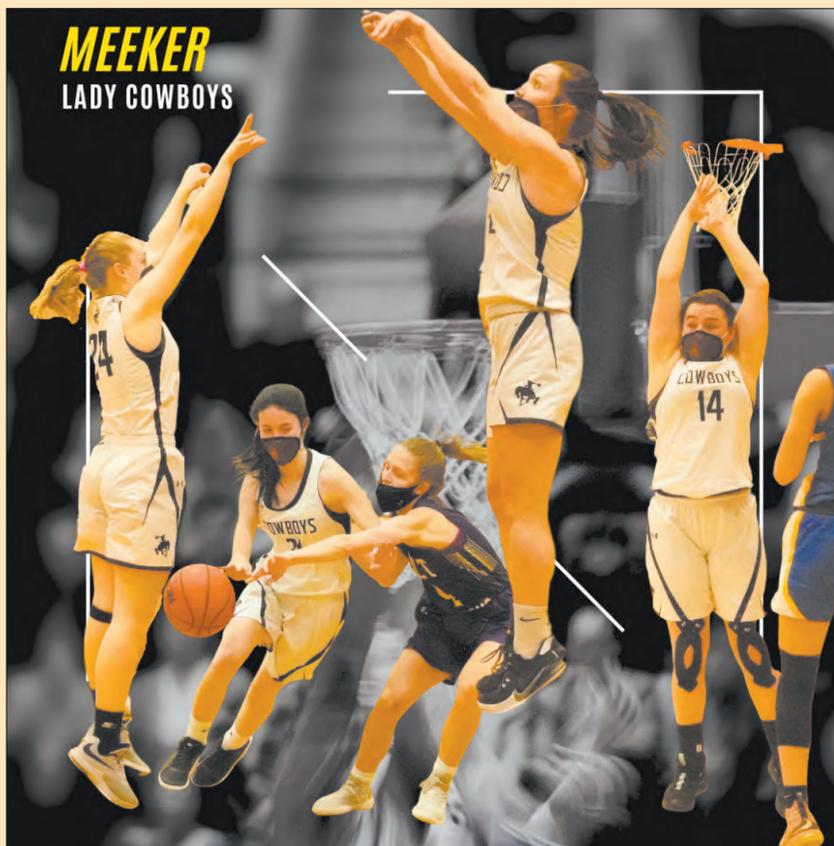
Part 2:  
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Part 3:  
Front Leg Kick Back

Remember to keep your breath even and your shoulders relaxed in these poses.

## ALL CONFERENCE ...



Four Lady Cowboys have received conference awards. Sarah Kracht was selected for first team All-Conference. Kracht had 161 points and 40 rebounds in a year that was cut short due to COVID. Savannah Mendenhall, Ainsley Selle, and Makala Wille all received all-conference honorable mention.

## SQUIRREL ...



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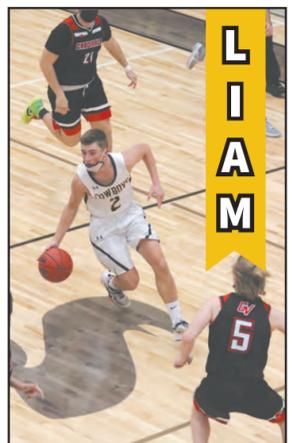
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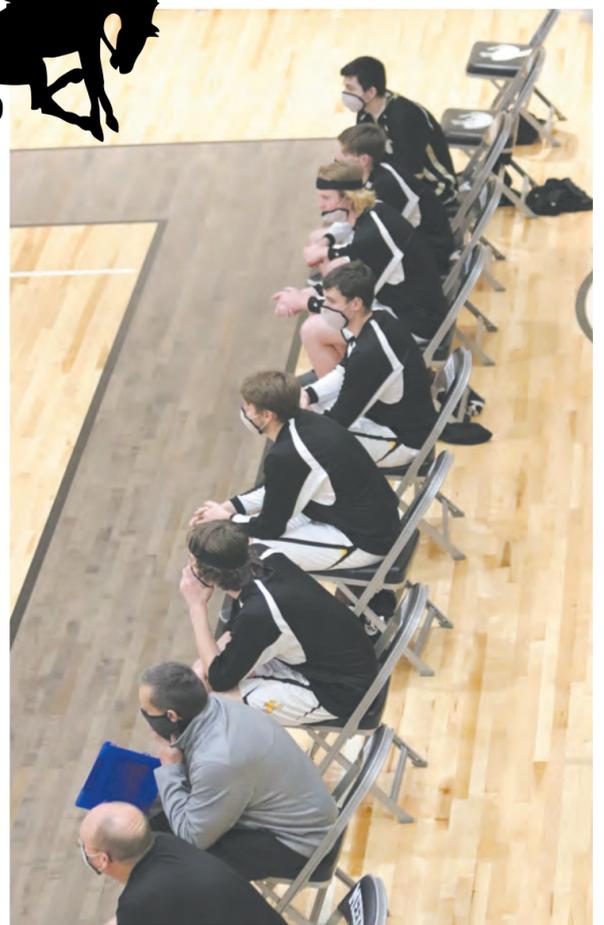
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**CONGRATS ON A GREAT SEASON, COWBOYS!**

The Cowboys basketball team ended the season second in their league. Seniors on the team were Braydon Garcia, Junior Gaeta, Ethan Drake, Ryan Phelan and Spud White. Juniors were Peter Hanks, Liam Deming, Hamp Hightower, Zach Simonsen and Zagar Brown. Freshman were Ryan Sullivan and Jace Mobley.



Thank you to Amber Garcia and Bobby Gutierrez for these photos!



We like to play harmless pranks...

...on our friends on April Fool's Day.

Kids: color stuff in!

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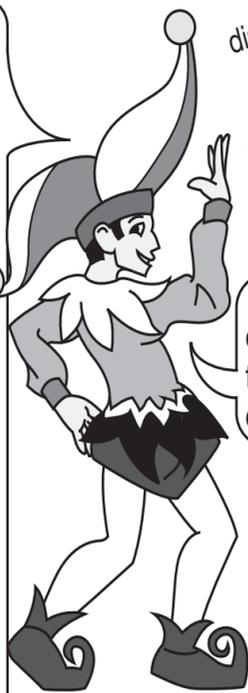
## April Fool's Day Surprises

The first day of April is April Fool's Day. It is a time for lots of fun. People like to play harmless jokes and pranks. One favorite trick is to point out something that's not really there!

April Fool's Day used to be called All Fool's Day. It is thought to have started in France. A long time ago, March 21st was the date of the New Year. A little over a week of parties and fun followed. On the last day of the festivities, April 1st, formal visits were paid and gifts exchanged.

In the 16th century, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. March 21st was no longer New Year's Day and April 1st was no longer the right day to visit and give gifts. News traveled slowly in those early times, so many people continued to celebrate April 1st as the last big day of the holiday season. Many others did not like the change of date and refused to change their ways. People who clung to the old ways were called "April fools."

Today, on April 1st, you might hear someone call out, "Poisson d'Avril!" They have fooled someone and are calling them an "April fish." The person took the "bait" and was easily "caught." April Fool's Day is a day for tricks that hurt no one. It is a time for laughter.



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costumes

I put "eyes" on all of the fruit to freak out my brother.

**Jesters** were people who would entertain crowds at marketplaces or festivals.

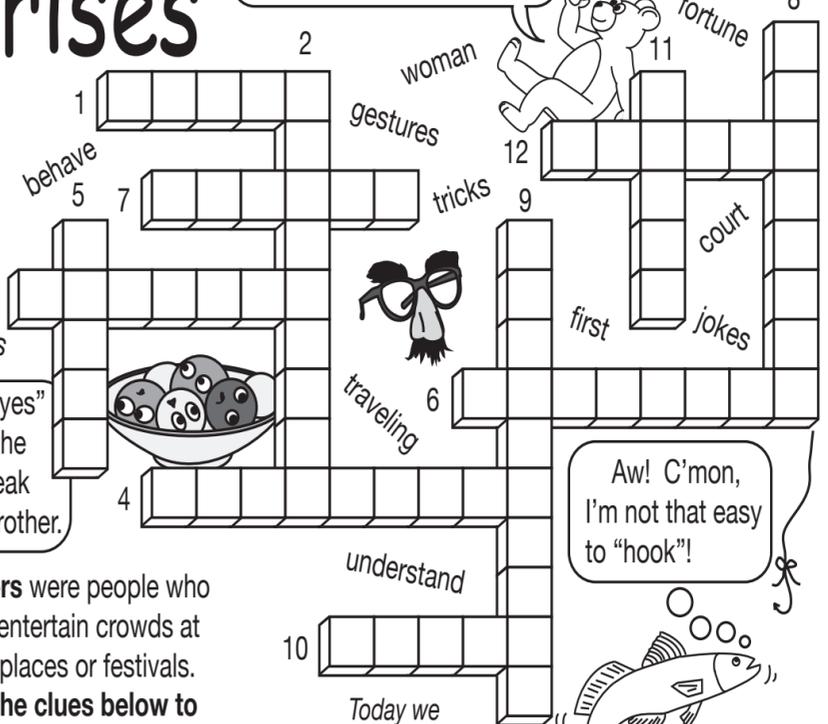
**Read the clues below to learn about jesters and to fill in the puzzle:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ jesters entertained the king
- \_\_\_\_\_ jesters entertained crowds of people in marketplaces or at festivals
- some people thought jesters were "unlucky" and others thought they would bring good \_\_\_\_\_
- jesters might wear \_\_\_\_\_ to surprise people
- they told stories and \_\_\_\_\_

We put a rubber ducky in the fridge.



I love to make people laugh!



Aw! C'mon, I'm not that easy to "hook"!



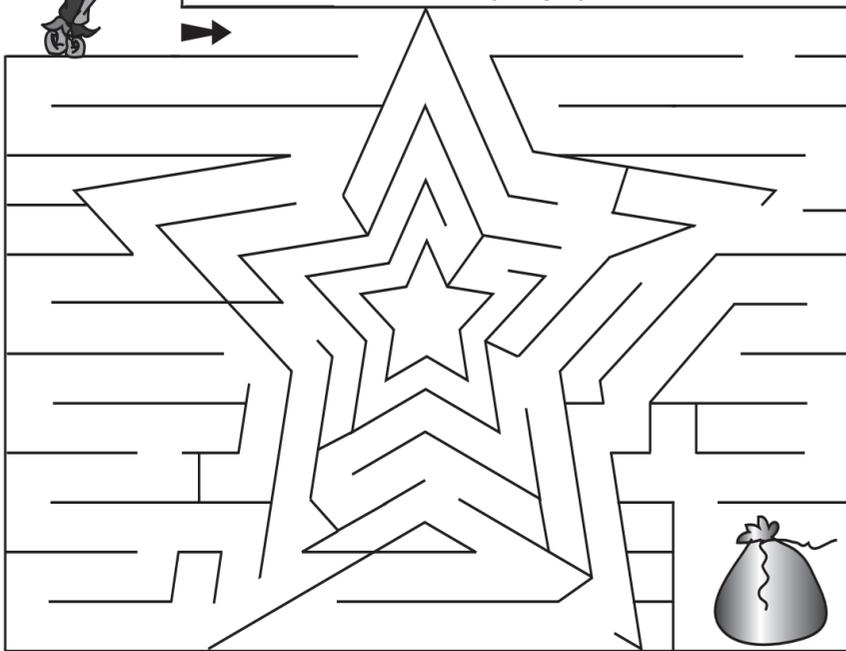
Today we have clowns to entertain us.

- some jesters used \_\_\_\_\_ or props
- sometimes they were allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ in ways that were not allowed for other people
- dressed in many kinds of \_\_\_\_\_
- sometimes they helped people or a king to \_\_\_\_\_ what was going on by telling stories
- a man or a \_\_\_\_\_ could be a jester
- the \_\_\_\_\_ day of April is April Fool's Day
- it is a day to play fun, harmless \_\_\_\_\_



## Jester's Bag of Tricks

Help me find my bag of pranks. Then find and circle the words in the puzzle that describe jesters and some of the talents or skills they display.



- trickster
- clown
- magician
- jester
- fool
- joker
- prankster
- buffoon
- entertainer
- actor
- acrobat
- puppeteer
- juggler
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G P A V E N T E R T A I N E R P O A  
A F J I O E P O H T E V J I O P Y T  
M C O P U P P E T E E R C I O P A S

Hey! A spaceship is landing on the school parking lot!

Really? Can I see it?

Boy, little kids are easy to fool.



## All in Good Fun!

April Fool's Day is a lighthearted celebration. Many countries around the world have special days of fun, with people playing good-natured jokes on one another. These surprise-filled days almost always occur when the season of spring is coming. Do you think that the sunnier, warmer weather puts people in a lighter mood? Below are some things we like to use to fool or kid our friends. **Can you match each item to its description?**

- joke
- riddle
- hoax
- wisecrack
- pun

- a puzzling question or problem posed: the answer is hard to figure out
- a "fresh" or "smart" remark
- a false story told in such a way as to make people think it is real
- something done for fun; a jest
- clever use of a word to have more than one meaning

# DAYS GONE BY

## The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

■ This is the season of the year when an appropriate shroud for some people would be the winter underwear they discarded too soon.

■ A larger number of fine shade and fruit trees will be planted in Meeker and vicinity this spring than usual. We hope the good work in this line will continue, but there is not much use in planting trees without provision is made for caring for them.

## The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

■ Ezra Baer came in from Denver, Sunday, and spent a few days here, attending to local business matters.

■ FOUND — A pair of eyeglasses. Inquire at this office; prove property and pay for this ad.

## The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

■ Jim Ruckman, past Meeker Chamber President, who underwent surgery for a sinus

condition in Grand Junction last week, has been released and returned home Friday.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Clapper announce the birth of their daughter, Mindy Rae Clapper, born Sunday, March 21, at 8:36 p.m. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches in length.

## The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

■ On Friday, March 22, Bill Turner was inducted into the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

■ Suzan Dole, 17, of Meeker, is one of 44 junior women from throughout the country who has qualified to compete at the Chevy Trucks U. S. Alpine Championships being hosted at Sugarloaf/USA in Kingsfield, Maine.

## Rangely Times 50 years ago

■ Lou Anne Blankenship of Rangely Junior High was one of the top winners at the state fair in Boulder after winning at the Western Slope Science Fair in Grand Junction.

■ Work has started on the new post office as you'll notice when you drive by the site, 1971 will see a vast improvement in the looks of Rangely's Main Street.

## Rangely Times 25 years ago

■ Another important public issue was the town's policy on termination and the grievance procedure. Some candidates defended the so-called "fire at will" policy, saying that the town is a business, and should be run like one.

■ "Our town is at a crossroads of change," said Williams. Williams cited a change in demographics, in which people are generally moving from the cities to the small towns. Rangely is ripe to cash in on the change, and the future town council will be in a position to reap great rewards.

■ The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has issued a list of the top six communicable diseases which can be reduced by handwashing — hepatitis A, salmonella, shigella, giardia, a strain of E. coli and viral gastroenteritis.

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  - Mom in U. K.
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  - Good-for-nothing
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  - Figure skater's jump
  - Make happy
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  - Femur, e.g.
  - Cut it out
  - Away from port
  - Largest organ of human body
  - Like anti-cruelty society
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  - Even, to a poet
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  - \*Sam Walton's company
  - \*Haircut popularized by the Beatles
  - Relating to axis
  - PC brain
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  - Threshing hand tool
  - \*"On \_\_\_ Majesty's Secret Service"
  - Dostoyevsky's novel, with The
  - Seaside bird
  - Tibetan ox
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- DOWN**
- \*Hasbro's G. I.
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  - Four six-packs
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  - Gaelic tongue
  - Meat and potato dish
  - Not that
  - Take to one's heart
  - \_\_\_ Grey and James \_\_\_ Jones
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  - #24 Across players
  - \*\_\_\_ on Washington
  - Farewell in Paris
  - Address to a woman
  - Just a little
  - Young socialites, for short
  - Call forth
  - \*Barbara Eden starred as one
  - \*First American astronaut to orbit the Earth
  - Table in Spanish
  - Type of bargain
  - Best not mentioned
  - Ultimate goal
  - Slightly pointed on a Hobbit
  - Pro bono
  - Scratchy's nemesis
  - Chopin piece
  - Drift
  - Rod for a hot rod
  - One with pants on fire?
  - Street in Anytown, USA
  - Darkness or gloom
  - Relating to ear
  - Poverty-stricken
  - Cause of Princess' downfall
  - Pig's home

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

• MISC •

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Public Notice of Petition for Change of Name**  
Public Notice is given on March 08, 2021 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court.  
**The Petition requests that the name of CASEY CURTIS WILLIAMS be changed to CASEY DEAN PAMPERIEN.**  
**Case No.: 21C30016**  
By: JOAN GIBSON  
Clerk of the Court / Deputy Clerk  
Published: March 11, 18 and 25, 2021  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of John Murray Stocks Jr. a/k/a John Murray Stocks a/k/a John M. Stocks a/k/a John Stocks, Deceased Case Number 2021PR30001  
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado on or before July 30, 2021 or the claims may be forever barred.  
Christian Holcomb  
c/o Dufford Waldeck  
744 Horizon Court, #300  
Grand Junction, CO  
81506  
Published: March 25, April 1 and 8, 2021  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of Ruthann Molson Stocks a/k/a Ruthann M. Stocks, Deceased  
Case Number 2021PR30000  
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**NOTICE OF 45 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
The public is advised to take notice of a 45 day public comment period, beginning at 8:00 am Wednesday, March 24, 2021 and ending at 5:00 pm Friday, May 7, 2021, concerning the use of \$144,806 of Federal funds in Rio Blanco County reserved for expenditure in accordance with Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, as reauthorized. More specifically, these funds are proposed to be used to update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan of 2012, and cover training costs/purchase new equipment for search and rescue. Although it has been renewed in the past, the authority to initiate Title III projects terminates on September 30, 2022; any funds not obligated by September 30, 2023 must be returned to the Treasury of the United States. After conclusion of the 45-day comment period, the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County will be asked to review any comments received and formally approve or deny the use of Title III funds as proposed. Written comments related to the search and rescue projects may be submitted to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff, P.O. Box 1460, Meeker, CO 81641 and written comments related to updating the Community Wildfire Protection Plan may be submitted to the Rio Blanco County Emergency/Natural Resource Manager, P.O. Box 1047, Meeker, CO 81641. Questions may also be directed to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff at 970-878-9620 or Rio Blanco County Emergency / Natural Resource Manager at 970-878-9586.  
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• AGENDAS •

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF RANGELY**  
The Town of Rangely will hold a public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in the Court Room of the Municipal Building at 209 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on the following:  
**ORDINANCE 694**  
**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE LAND USE (ZONING) AND AMENDING THE TOWN OF RANGELY ZONING MAP AS IT PERTAINS TO 2828 SHALE DRIVE A CHANGE OF ZONING FROM INDUSTRIOUS TO COUNTRY ZONE**  
All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.  
By: Marybel Cox, Town Clerk  
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**Eastern Rio Blanco County**  
**911 Emergency Telephone Service Board**  
**Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office Training Room**  
**355 4th Street**  
**Meeker, CO 81641**  
**To attend by phone, please call: (970) 878-9402**  
**Proposed Meeting Agenda**  
**March 30, 2021 - 12pm**  
Call Meeting to Order  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Previous Minutes  
**Reports**  
Financial Report  
Dispatch Report  
**Old Business**  
**New Business**  
Board Officer Appointments  
Exempt From Audit  
Emergency Medical Dispatch Funding  
**Other Board Business**  
**Adjournment**  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
**555 Garfield Street**  
**Meeker, CO 81641**  
**March 29, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Community members wishing to observe the board meeting may do so by using the following Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/rbd-rhx-uxt>  
Community members wishing to attend the board meeting in person are asked to RSVP to chris.sell@meeker.k12.co.us no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.  
1. Call to Order and Roll Call  
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Amack will lead the Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Welcome of Guests  
4. Approval of Agenda  
**Student Celebrations:** 5th Grade Robot Rodeo  
**Staff Recognition:** n/a  
**General Public Comment Session:** (comments limited to three minutes)  
**Public/Committee Reports:** DAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES  
**Principal Reports:** - Attached  
**Superintendent Report:** - Attached  
**Consent Agenda:**  
1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on February 22, 2021  
2. Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on March 8, 2021  
3. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for February 2021  
**Action Items:**  
1. Approval: Personnel - Middle School Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach - TJ Shelton  
2. Approval: Superintendent Evaluation Summary  
3. Approval: Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring Bid  
4. Approval: CASB Recommended Policy Updates - Online link (3rd Reading)  
a. Summary Document  
b. JEB - Entrance Age  
c. GBGG - Staff Leave  
**Other BOE Information:**  
1. Construction Update  
2. COVID-19 Update  
**Executive Session:**  
**Adjournment.**  
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**MEEKER AIRPORT – COULTER FIELD 2021 Pavement maintenance & Rangely airport 2021 pavement maintenance and runway repair**  
**Meeker FAA A.I.P. No. 3-06-0041-014-2021 & State Project No. 21-EE0-01**  
**Rangely faa a.i.p no. 3-08-0047-016-2021 & state project no. 21-4v0-01**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Sealed Bids for the construction of the project, will be received by RIO BLANCO COUNTY, at the office of the RIO BLANCO COUNTY, at the RIO BLANCO COUNTY BUILDING located at 555 MAIN STREET, MEEKER, CO 81641 until 4:00 PM local time on April 8, 2021. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the presence of Bidders at 4:30 PM on April 8, 2021 in person and via Google Hangouts/Teleconference meeting so that the public can listen to the bids being opened and read aloud. To call into the meeting please call (970) 878-9432 or link to meet.google.com/aoi-dscc-cpe.  
The project is 3 Bid Schedules. Bid Schedule 1 includes: a seal coat application, crack seal, and application of both temporary and permanent pavement markings for the Meeker Airport. Bid Schedule 2 includes: a seal coat application, crack seal, runway patch repair, and application of both temporary and permanent pavement markings for the Rangely Airport. Additive Schedule 1 includes: seal coat and markings of small ineligible areas (50') in front of the hangars for the Rangely Airport. No bids will be received after the specified hour and date and may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening them. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bids and reject any and all bids. No bids will be considered in which the Proposal, Specifications or any provisions have been modified.  
Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. The bidder must supply all information required by the bid or proposal forms and specifications.  
Each bid must be accompanied either by a certified check, payable to RIO BLANCO COUNTY in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, or by a Bid Bond in a like amount and executed by an approved surety company. The check or bond will be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into contract and performance bond in accord with his bid within fifteen (15) days after date of notification of award.  
Bidders may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents, consisting of a Project Manual, from the T-O Engineers Contract Bidding Plan Room as described below.  
Printed copies of the Bidding Documents are available upon request at T-O-Engineers.com via the Contract Bidding tab. Non-refundable shipping charges apply. Blueprint Specialties in Boise, Idaho will transmit the Bidding Documents. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method selected by the prospective Bidder. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by Blueprint Specialties will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Interested parties may register, view, and download the Bidding Documents online at on the T-O Engineers web site under the Contract Bidding tab.  
The Bidder is advised that construction site aviation safety is of paramount importance. There is a Construction Safety Phasing Plan that is part of the project requirements and the Contractor will need to conduct his/her operations in strict accordance with this plan. There are penalty provisions outlined in the Construction Safety Phasing Plan for noncompliance by the Contractor's personnel. All costs associated with the Contractor's compliance with this operational plan will be considered incidental to and included in the prices bid for the actual work items of the bid schedule.  
Rio Blanco County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it

will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.  
The Bidder is hereby notified that this project is subject to FAA Federal Contract Provisions, including, but not limited to: Buy American Preference, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace.  
No pre-bid conference will be held.  
Owner: RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
By: SAMANTHA LOPEZ  
Title: AIRPORTS PROJECT COORDINATOR  
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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY**  
**2021 CR 73 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
**CDOT #C490-007 CODE 23510**  
**MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
Rio Blanco County is seeking a qualified Materials Testing Consultant Firm to provide testing services for the Rio Blanco County Road 73 Bridge Replacement Project, CDOT #C490-007 Code 23510. The Scope of Work for this project is included in the proposal package.  
**BID DOCUMENTS:** Bid Documents shall be available on-line at [www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp](http://www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp), or on the county's website at <https://www.rbc.us/ids.aspx>.  
**BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS:** Vendors must be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Consultants Listing. Vendors must provide a current and valid copy of their Certificate of Good Standing issued by the State of Colorado Secretary of State.  
**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING:** Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: March 30, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.  
**PROJECT ENGINEER AND QUESTIONS:** Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before March 31, 2021 at noon at the above address or fax number.  
**WORK SCHEDULE:** Work shall be conducted during the construction of the project. Coordination will be required with the Construction Contractor and the Rio Blanco County Engineer. It is anticipated the project will begin approximately mid to late April, 2021.  
**BID SUBMITTALS:** Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2021 RBC ROAD 73 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TESTING SERVICES" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.  
**Mailed bids:** Do not depend on overnight delivery. Due no later than 4:00 P.M. on March 31, 2021. Mailing Address: Rio Blanco County Commissioners, Attn: Lori Zentmeyer, P.O. Box 599, 555 Main St. 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO 81641.  
**Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on April 1, 2021.** Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641.  
**BID OPENING:** Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on April 1, 2021 at the Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Bids submitted after 11:00 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.  
**BID PREFERENCE:** C.R.S. 8-19-101, et seq, shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder

from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.  
**TITLE VI COMPLIANCE:** The Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department is committed to compliance of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes.  
**BID AWARD:** The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
Dated: March 18, 2021  
By: Gary Moyer, Chairman  
Published: March 18 and 25, 2021  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for one (1) 6x4 Truck with related equipment.  
Sealed bid proposals will be opened and reviewed at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Meeker, Colorado. Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 7, 2021. Hand delivered bids will be accepted on the day of the bid opening until 10:00 a.m.  
All bids shall be marked "6X4 Truck Bid" and be mailed to the Rio Blanco County Commissioners, Attn. Vicky Edwards, P.O. Box 599, Meeker, Colorado 81641, or delivered to the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Meeker, Colorado. Do not rely on the overnight delivery companies to deliver on time. Faxed bids will not be accepted.  
Proposals will be judged on the following criteria.  
1. Cost 2. Delivery time 3. Compliance with bid specifications 4. Ability of the unit bid to meet the requirements of the County 5. Retained Market Value of the unit 6. The County's past experience with similar equipment provided by the same manufacturer 7. Any factor which the Board feels may affect the suitability of the equipment for Rio Blanco County Bidders may make substitutions to the specifications attached hereto provided that the substitution is of equal or greater value to the items specified. Determination as to whether or not said item is of equal or greater value to the item specified will be made by the County. All questions and inquiries must be received by David Overton at (970) 878-9590, ext. 9597 or 970-629-5645 no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.  
Specification sheets for the unit bid shall accompany the bid proposal. In the event that a bid proposal exceeds the County's budgetary limitations, the County reserves the right to eliminate certain individual items from the proposal. All bids shall be submitted with this in mind.  
Bid prices must be good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after the bid opening. All prices shall be F.O.B. Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 Second Street, Meeker, Colorado. Payment shall be made on the first regular accounts payable date after equipment delivery. Payment cannot be made on the date of delivery.  
An approximate delivery schedule must be included with each bid. In the event that a bidder wishes to demonstrate their equipment prior to the bid opening, the bidder should contact David Overton, Rio Blanco County Fleet Management Department, 570 Second Street, Meeker, Colorado. Telephone (970) 878-9590, ext. 9597 or 970-629-5645, Fax (970) 878 3396.  
The County reserves the right to refuse any and all bids; to change, add or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; to accept the bid which, in our judgement best serves the interest of the County.  
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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for one (1) All Wheel Drive Motorgrader with attachments. Sealed bid proposals will be opened and reviewed by the Board at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 555 Main Street, Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Meeker, Colorado. Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Hand delivered bids will be accepted on the date of the bid opening until 10:00 a.m.  
All bids shall be marked "Motorgrader Bid" and be mailed to the Rio Blanco County Commissioners, Attn. Vicky Edwards, P.O. Box 599, Meeker, CO, 81641, or delivered to 555 Main Street, Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Meeker, Colorado. Do not rely upon the overnight delivery companies to deliver on time. Faxed bids will not be accepted.  
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## # 14 Loaded Question

When someone asks a question in such a way that the only available answer makes you look guilty or complicit in something ... whether you are or not.

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