



EGGS-ELLENT ...



Collins Lohry crawls to her next egg at the 2021 Rangely Elks Easter Egg Hunt.



Meeker Lions Club members ready to hide prize eggs.



Jackson Turner enjoys the thrill of the hunt in Meeker.



R'leigha Marquez enjoying the Rangely Elks Easter Egg Hunt



Rangely Auto Parts and Ed Miller helped with the prizes for WRBM's egg hunt.

Rio Blanco County residents were more than happy to hop to it in 2021 after last year's Easter festivities were canceled due to the pandemic. Meeker Lions Club put on their annual egg hunt at the Meeker Rec Center, a new location this year, and Rangely Elks hosted a hunt with more than 4,000 prize eggs at Elks Park. WRBM Recreation and Park District also put on a fun under-water egg hunt, with participants donating to the Rangely School backpack program. Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to view more photos, or click to view in the digital edition.

BRETT DEARMAN/LUCAS TURNER/ROXIE FROMANG/WRBM PHOTOS

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Appeals court rules in favor of RBCSO

By MICHAEL KARLIK
Colorado Politics

RBC I Rio Blanco County sheriff's employees did not unconstitutionally ignore the risk of suicide to a woman who died inside the county jail in 2016, the federal appeals court based in Denver has ruled.

Although there were allegations the employees failed to check on Catherine Rowell hourly, as the policy manual required, "the officers' failure to follow jail procedures does not equate with a constitutional violation," wrote Senior Judge Paul J. Kelly Jr. in an opinion for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit.

The ruling from the three-member appellate panel upheld a lower court judge's finding that Rowell's behavior in the jail did not put employees on sufficient notice of her suicidality, and therefore their failure to prevent it did not violate Rowell's rights.

Rowell's estate, which included her husband and children, sued Sheriff Anthony Mazzola and four other employees for wrongful death due to negligence and deliberate indifference under the 14th Amendment to Rowell's risk of suicide.

Rowell, who was booked

at the jail in Meeker for violating a protective order, died Feb. 15, 2016. Jail staff found her strangled with a telephone cable, and were unable to revive her. Some of the jail personnel were familiar with Rowell from her previous bookings, and the intake questionnaire from Rowell's detention indicated she had not disclosed any suicidality. The plaintiffs alleged instead that the deputy had not asked her the question.

Although Rowell reportedly showed signs of apathy, frequent sleeping, rejection of outdoor recreation time and lack of appetite, jail personnel stated they were unconcerned about those behaviors. The estate alleged staff should have checked on Rowell every 15 minutes and she "should have been placed in jail cell that did not provide her an opportunity to harm herself."

In January 2020, U.S. District Court Senior Judge Robert E. Blackburn concluded that "the facts in the record of this case fall well short of demonstrating that any defendant was aware of facts from which the inference can reasonably be drawn that the armored cable presented a substantial risk of suicide," and that the employees actually

understood the risk to Rowell. The 10th Circuit panel upheld that decision in a March 23 opinion. In evaluating the estate's claim that Rowell's death was the result of inadequate policies, Kelly noted that "the jail has had one suicide-by-hanging from decades ago and one recent attempted suicide-by-drowning. While tragic, this is not a pattern of conduct that would establish actual notice of a substantially high risk of suicide."

On the whole, deaths in jails are not a rare occurrence. A Reuters analysis found that between 2009 and 2019, more than five dozen detained individuals died by suicide in Colorado's 10 largest jails. In March 2016, *Westword* reported there to be one dozen suicides in Colorado jails or prisons, including Rowell's, that occurred from January 2015 through March 2016. Just this week, a man detained in the El Paso County jail died by suicide, and earlier in March the mother of a 27-year-old detainee in Saguache County filed a lawsuit over his death.

The 10th Circuit's opinion was unpublished, meaning it is not a binding precedent for the future.

The case is *Heidel et al. v. Mazzola et al.*

State reduces mask restrictions

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I As of Tuesday, April 6, the county was reporting 15 additional COVID-19 cases since Monday, March 29, with nine active cases in Meeker and seven active cases in Rangely. No new hospitalizations or deaths have been reported. According to the public health department, the new cases are mostly connected to sports teams and households in both communities.

As of April 5, 1,626 residents have been vaccinated through public health or local healthcare facilities. Residents who have been vaccinated outside the county are not included in that number.

Changes to the state's mask mandate began on Saturday and allows residents in 64 Colorado counties, including Rio Blanco, to opt out of wearing face masks in most indoor public places.

Where are masks still required for those 11 and up? In K-12 schools, child care centers, indoor children's camps,

public-facing state government facilities, congregate care facilities, and prisons and jails. Masks are also still required in hair and nail salons and other businesses that provide personal services.

Local mask mandates and individual business requirements for face coverings will still apply, so if visiting another county or community, check for more stringent requirements. Businesses have the right to require masks in their place of business. The updated state mandate will be in effect until May 2.

If new case rates don't spike before April 16, the COVID dial will be retired and counties will be able to make their own system. Indoor settings with large numbers of people gathering will still be restricted by the state.

Public health officials at the state and federal level have warned that if people "let their guard down" prematurely, we could see another wave of infection, as not enough people have been vaccinated or had COVID to create "herd immunity" yet.

Vaccine clinics continue in Meeker and Rangely, with availability to the general public 18 and older. Meeker is holding drive-through clinics on Mondays at the Fairgrounds from 4-6 p.m., and walk-in clinics at the Fairfield Center on Thursdays from 2-6 p.m. Rangely clinics are walk-in clinics held at the LDS church from 3-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

For those vaccinated at the Fairfield Clinic on March 11 and seeking a booster dose, the Fairfield Center is not available. Boosters will be given, along with new first doses, in Rangely on April 8 and on Thursday, April 15 in Meeker. Booster doses do not have to be given exactly 28 days after the initial dose. Check <https://rbc.us/606/COVID-19-Vaccinations> for the most up-to-date clinic schedule.

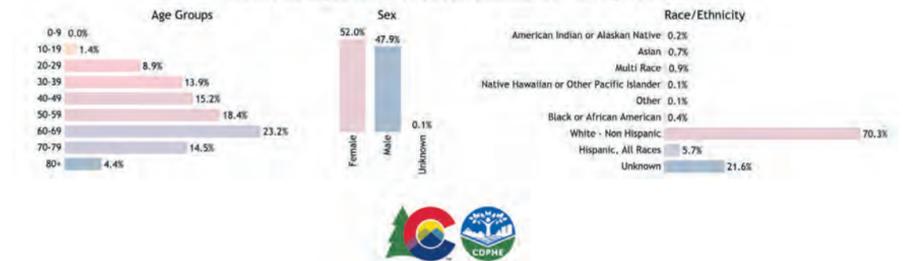
Testing is available in Meeker on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10-11 a.m. at the Fairfield Center without an appointment. Testing in Rangely is by appointment only (call 970-878-9525).

Total Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine Administered by County

Click a county to view available demographic information. Counties with small populations have been grouped into regions with over 100K people.



North West Region COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Demographics



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RBC vaccine clinic schedule at rbc.us/629/COVID-19-Vaccinations

RBC PUBLIC HEALTH VACCINE CLINICS

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to the general public, which includes all adults age 18+. Community clinics are limited to Rio Blanco County residents*.

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covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine

For schedules and updates, please visit:
www.rbc.us/629/COVID-19-Vaccinations

*Proof of residency required may include utility bills, lease, photo ID, pay stubs or similar documentation.

Rangely Vaccines Clinics BOOSTERS & FIRST DOSES

Walk-in Clinics
Thursday, Apr. 8, 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Apr. 15, 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
125 Eagle Crest St.

Meeker Vaccine Clinics BOOSTERS & FIRST DOSES

Walk-in Clinic
Thursday, Apr. 15, 2 to 6 p.m.
Fairfield Center
200 Main St.

Testing Schedule:

In Meeker: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10-11 am at the Fairfield Center, NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED. Vehicles will be served in order of arrival.

In Rangely: by appointment *only*, please call (970) 878-9525 for appointment.



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County wins appeals case with Utah Gas

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, along with the County Assessor's Office and County Attorney's Office are pleased to announce a recent decision rendered by the Colorado Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA). The BAA reviews appeals filed by real and personal property owners regarding contested valuations placed on their property.

Utah Gas filed an appeal claiming that their personal property should be valued at \$6,500,000. Rio Blanco County asserted a value of \$32,131,440. The ruling from the BAA adjusted the actual value to \$29,593,388. The valuation is used to calculate the property tax owed to entities within each associated district.

County Attorney Todd Starr celebrated with Rio Blanco County on this team win stating "First, I would like to congratulate and applaud Renae Neilson and her team for their hard work. Additionally, the Board of County Commissioners Jeff

Rector, Gary Moyer, Ty Gates and former Commissioner Si Woodruff. The Commissioners, as I have experienced throughout my time in Rio Blanco County were united and stayed committed to presenting the facts and acquiring the correct assessment for the subject property."

Commissioner Jeff Rector explained, "Renae has been fighting this battle for several years and led the charge." This process involved the efforts of several County employees and departments working together. Starr followed up by saying, "The Board of County Commissioners have remained committed to and united in doing what is in the best interest of the county and its citizens." Rector went on to state, "Rio Blanco County maintains our position and dedication to supporting energy extraction industries within the county and we want to continue the great relationships we have with our energy partners."

Following the BAA decision, Utah Gas Corporation has the right to appeal to the Colorado Court of Appeals for judicial review within forty-nine days.

WELCOME HOME ...



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

Nichols Store owner Bill Hume was welcomed back to Rangely last week after a lengthy out of town hospital stay. His family and employees thank everyone for their continued thoughts and prayers for Bill's full recovery.

NEWS BRIEFS

Broadband maintenance Apr. 7-9

RBC | Rio Blanco County broadband internet access may be affected by upcoming maintenance. The county will be moving a core switch and testing communications to service provider routers. Maintenance windows are scheduled for 11:59 p.m. April 7 through 6 a.m. April 8 and 11:59 p.m. April 8 through 6 a.m. April 9. The second maintenance window may not be needed if no issues are detected after the core switch move is completed.

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.

Free legal clinic Apr. 14

MEEKER | Upcoming Rio Blanco County free legal clinic Wednesday April 14, 2021 from 2-5 p.m. Contact your local library at 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet. As a COVID work-around, instead of clinic patrons coming to your local public library (which may have limited access), your local library staff will schedule all appointments. It is especially important to provide a reliable phone number, so the volunteer attorney can call the clinic patron's telephone directly, during scheduled clinic hours. Space is limited.

Historical society quarterly meeting

MEEKER | The Rio Blanco County Historical Society quarterly meeting is set for April 18 at 2 p.m. at the Heritage Culture Center. Bring your own lunch.

VA resource tour April 21

RANGELY | The VA Western Colorado Health Care System invites all veterans to a resource tour on April 21 from 1-6 p.m. at the Rangely Recreation Center, 611 S. Stanolind. Get information about VA health care enrollment, VA benefits and administration, vet center, VA programs and support. For more information call 970-314-6597.

MACC bringing back community theater

MEEKER | Individuals interested in performing or behind-the-scenes participation in community theater are encouraged to attend the next Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC) on Monday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Culture Center. MACC is planning a return of community theater to Meeker this summer.

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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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Inspiration

By **NIKI TURNER**
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Inspiration comes in many different forms. It's inspiring to see people conquer obstacles, rise above adversity, and find success. Expressions of justice, honesty, courage, humility, generosity, integrity, and faith can, and should, inspire us to take the necessary steps for positive change.

Most of us hate change so much we won't do what it takes to change for the better. We tell ourselves we lack the willpower, or convince ourselves we don't really need to change that bad and settle for the status quo — survival.

I've spent a lot of time trying to generate willpower for various

things... diets, exercise programs, savings plans, doing the dishes after Thanksgiving dinner, folding laundry, doing paperwork. I've also been so stressed I have to find the willpower to eat.

I'm starting to wonder if, instead of trying to scrape those remnants of old willpower out of the bottom of the jar, we should be looking for inspiration. Perhaps inspiration is the generator of willpower?

In the same frame of mind as making gratitude lists, perhaps we should start keeping track of what inspires us and let those inspirations generate the willpower we need to take that first step toward our goals.



KAYE'S CORNER

Historical Society update

By **KAYE SULLIVAN**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Rio Blanco County Historical Society started around 1949 when a group of women devoted time to preserving historic artifacts.

They collected items and stored them in a spare room of the Taggart family home. Over time, the collection and building morphed into today's White River Museum.



Kaye Sullivan

Thus began the story of volunteers who continue to oversee and preserve the history of Rio Blanco County. Over the years, many residents have contributed their time and talents to keep these endeavors going.

Sparky Pappas remembers growing up in the house where she again resides, next to the museum, and visiting daily. She encourages everyone to take or send your visitors for a tour of our local historical sights and invite them to contribute funds. Donations are always welcome.

In years gone by, locals would donate about anything they thought was an historic relic. At different times, a culling of the museum inventory was achieved through sale, trade, or auction. Today, gifts are curated, permanent (not on loan) and restricted due to space limitations.

Sparky has supported the board and museum on and off over the years. She says the current board challenges are staying focused, being fiscally responsible, and acquiring more volunteers and members.

Current board members are Niki Turner, president; Jay Sullivan, vice-president; Deirdre McNab, secretary; Chance Walker, Kay Bivens, Nancy Harmon-Richardson, Sparky Pappas, and Luke Trout; and Executive Director Teresa Reed.

The Society is developing several walking and driving tours called "Historic Points of View" which include:

BANK ROBBER'S TRAIL
Underway is new signage and QR codes directing hikers on the path of robbers. It starts at

the museum and goes through town on Main and 6th streets then heads up to the cemetery through Circle Park.

MEEKER BATTLE SITE
Marking the site of the Meeker Agency and the battle.

MILK CREEK BATTLE SITE

This epic spot of history has been preserved with outstanding entrance gates, monuments, a gazebo for a picnic in the shade, and signage to tell the story.

RURAL SCHOOLS

A devoted crew researched, documented, and installed signage recognizing all the places where early rural schools existed. A few years ago, they fully restored the Coal Creek school and are currently helping the BLM on a similar project for the Yellow Creek school.

OLD TOWN

Old Town to include the 35 buildings in downtown Meeker that have been designated by the state and federal registry as historically significant structures.

WHITE RIVER MUSEUM

White River Museum that preserves Rio Blanco County history, welcomes countless guests, and hosts events for every age group.

The Society also partners with other organizations to support community activities.

BANK ROBBERY RE-ENACTMENT

Every July 4th, the historic 1896 Bank Robbery is re-enacted by local citizens who save the town from the bad guys, complete with gunfire (blanks).

Heritage Cultural Center – a meeting place with up-to-date sound, lighting, stage, and a snack area is shared with the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council and available to all. Artisans, quilters, photographers – here's a great place to display your talents with a professional hanging display system and lights. This space can be used for small theatre programs, movie nights, birthday parties, and other fun activities. It is free for members and available for a small fee for others.

The Society holds four membership meetings each year, the next scheduled for April 18, 2021, at 2 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend

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LOOSE ENDS

Water rights

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

MEEKER I "You don't understand. My grandfather lost his life over who owns the water from the river."

Listening to a friend's story about her grandfather's struggles to get enough water to his crops and cattle to survive struck a chord with me. While we no longer hear of someone getting shot in the back by his neighbor over water rights, we do hear of the vituperative disagreements and subsequent lawsuits over the

water rights of rural communities.

I try to keep up with all of the studies and statistics presented by the various governmental entities each year about streamflow. I find it all so daunting. I admit that it is often too much for me to process on a regular basis. I have found the only way to keep my interest is to make it personal somehow. Those of us who are part of the agricultural community understand the importance of protecting water rights. The urban water districts are getting thirstier every day. Town residents are used to

paying their water bills monthly. Most of us take turning on the tap and using as much water as we wish for granted. During these increasingly hot and dry summers, everyone's water bill balloons up.

When the town was newly formed more than one hundred years ago, complaints about paying for more water than they used were just starting to flow. The government officials



Dolly Viscardi

responsible for enforcement of those fees hadn't turned off the taps yet. One editorial comment in the Meeker Herald during that time reflected some of the frustrations the town board faced. The editor put it mildly when he reported, "The management of the town's water works

faced an enforcement problem. The town council's subsequent conversations about the issue of stolen water indicate that being a "water wrangler" is never easy.

Ever notice how difficult it is to find volunteers to serve on the boards of our local governmental districts? It gets more difficult every year. Some of us have either served previously or heard stories about all of the time and energy given to what many conclude is a thankless task.

The stories told by the old-time ranch hands who spent many of their days "riding pool" in the high country recalled those days when property owners kept an eye out for the water rustlers, but they took matters into their own hands to make sure their water wasn't stolen. Thinking about them keeps me interested in the water rights issues we face today.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recall effort doesn't make sense

Dear Editor:
As I have read and re-read the letters to the editor in last week's paper submitted by Terry Smalec (Rangely) and Toby Leavitt (Meeker), I have become more dismayed and bewildered by this recall effort. It doesn't make sense and I cannot understand how it was approved when the reasons for the recall are false. However, I was told the approval for a recall came from the attorneys.

Mr. Smalec's letter was more critical of the Rio Blanco County GOP support of all elected officials rather than any wrong doing on the part of Commissioner Moyer. One sentence stating he had visited with people who wanted to recall Gary Moyer for many reasons but did not elaborate is questionable.

Ms. Leavitt letter saddened me that she felt the need to share comments she received while gathering signatures. Each comment was someone's personal opinion, not necessarily fact or truth. To quote Ms. Leavitt, "Good leaders simply surround themselves with smart people and know how to utilize employees to their strengths." What if that simply does not work? What then? Are employers expected to keep employees that no longer perform their duties adequately or safely. I think not. Employees who fail to perform satisfactory do not remain employed, regardless of their position.

Thank you,
Mona Avey
RBC Citizen

Ignorance can be solved, stupidity cannot be helped

Dear Editor:
After reading the article "Animal Cruelty Initiative" I decided to write this letter and send it to several different Colorado agencies and persons of importance and influence.

The article identifies correctly the term "livestock." Livestock are not intended to be considered as pets but sources of protein human nourishment. In Genesis 9:3 God gives Noah all animals for food. Traditions determine our animals we use for food and we call these livestock.

In early years it was observed that consumers needed to be protected by determining certain weights and measures in all agriculture. Twelve inches equals a foot, 16 ounces equals a pound, etc. These are known as US Weight and Measurements of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In relation of cattle there are eight grades of meat for several reasons to protect the consumer. These are: Prime, Choice, Select, Standard, Commercial, Utility, Cutter, and Canner. While some

consumers have chosen not to eat meat for their protein, most consumers desire to buy Choice for their beef diet. There are three classes of market beef: Butchers (heifers and steers 16-24 mo. in age), Supermarket (heifers and steers, 16-30 mo. in age) and Manufactured, most hamburger (12-20 mo. bulls, heifers, steers). Nothing over 30 months, and usually 24 months is sold as steaks, roasts and other such cuts.

"Sage" is quoted in the article that "We didn't feel that slaughtering baby animals was humane." My question is: how can you be so human to livestock intended to be food, in a society that slaughters human babies?

The article also states "The proposal removes the livestock exemption in state statute for animal cruelty and expands the definition of a sex act with an animal."

"Sage" says "Who would want sex with animals?" I have had cattle for 42 years. I taught vocational agriculture in high schools and junior college for 34 of those years. When I go out to check cattle at 2 a.m. and find a cow struggling with a calf that has a foot or head turned back, I put my hand into that cow to straighten the calf in the birth canal. My purpose is to save the life of that calf and its mothers. I have never had the thrill of a sex act at that time. Sage should be invited by some rancher to participate and see how he feels.

Ignorance can be solved with information. Stupidity is destructive and cannot be helped.

Richard Ellsworth
Former VO Ag Instructor
Gypsum and Meeker

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Moyer in top 10 leaders

Dear Editor:
I have had the privilege of representing Rio Blanco County (RBC) landowners through my work on natural resources for the past 10 years and nearly 10 years prior to that I worked on natural resource issues at the state level. I have observed many great leaders in those nearly 20 years. Leaders with passion, leaders with conservative values, leaders with excellent business minds and leaders with strong work ethic. I have also had the privilege of working with Gary Moyer and observe the way he represented RBC and rural values at the local, State, and national levels. Gary ranks in the top 10 of those leaders I've known who share that passion, conservative values, excellent business mind, and strong work ethic.

Through his work with the conservation districts, Gary has served as a highly effective leader at the local, state, and national levels. He served as president for the local conservation district, as president

of the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts, as the Southwest Region Chair, and on the executive board for the National Association of Conservation Districts. I can assure you they are all missing his leadership and strong voice of reason since he stepped down to serve as RBC Commissioner.

Gary is very effective at using parliamentary procedure to run a meeting and in delivering testimony on important issues such as water, rangeland health, private property rights, state and federal government overreach, etc. He has never been one to back down or compromise on policy issues that have been voted on by an organization. Gary has been very effective at getting locally developed resolutions and policies passed at the state and national levels. He represents rural Colorado very well when given the opportunity.

Unfortunately, there is an effort afloat to personally attack and disparage Gary here in RBC as a Commissioner and as an individual. This activity is very disheartening to me for a couple of reasons. I moved here to RBC because of all the good people I have met and come to know over the past 10 years. But now, I am seeing ugliness between lifelong friends and people with a great deal in common but who are choosing to join the movement within our state and nation to jump on a bandwagon without all the facts and divide us, as RBC citizens, as Americans.

The second reason I'm so disheartened is that we are rural Colorado and we need to work together. There are much bigger issues coming at rural communities than the petty issues that are behind a recall effort here locally. With both the state and federal attacks on water, extraction industries, agriculture, private property rights, second amendment rights, introductions of wolves, etc., we need each other to defend and protect rural Colorado. We don't need to be drowning any of our county commissioners in the local ugliness to the point they can't focus on what is truly needed to protect our rural counties. Let them do their job and vote at the next election.

I challenge us all here in RBC to band together, stop the ugly in-fighting, and take care of our communities. Let's stop attacking our friends and neighbors and focus our energies on bringing good things to our community.

Callie Hendrickson
RBC Citizen

Concerned

Dear Editor:
Great concern for Rio Blanco County and the need to defend Gary Moyer has prompted me to write this letter. I am proud to say that my husband is Gary Moyer, one of the three Rio Blanco County Commissioners. There is much rumor and gossip

in this community, related to happenings in the Rio Blanco County courthouse staff and elected officials, that is not true. The following items, proven by county record, offer evidence of this:

1. No county commissioner, including Gary Moyer, has fired anyone individually. There is a basic chain of command that is necessary to lead, direct and hold staff accountable to the policies of the county and the description of their job. The chain of command is as follows – commissioners are over department managers and department managers are over their staff. Per public record, there have been some county staff that have been fired over the last year.

These actions were done by the department managers – not the commissioners. When personnel changes occur with department managers, the change is voted on by all three commissioners with majority ruling. Rio Blanco County policy does not allow access to personnel records or events that have occurred in "executive session". If Dave Morlan, previous RBC Road and Bridge Manager, would release the executive session records related to the non-renewal of his annual contract with the county, we could hear both sides of the story.

2. The commissioners have instituted some county department changes with efforts to meet budget requirements. Consolidation of departmental roles has resulted in job role changes and job loss. There has been a significant decrease in county revenue (~\$2.3 million) in 2021 secondary to diminished oil and gas production in the county and state. With current state policy, this will continue into the future years also. Change must occur to keep the county afloat

financially. Change can be very hard on individuals and groups and the commissioners recognize this and implement these changes in a respectful manner.

3. The personal attacks that my husband and I have received in the last 2-3 months related to perceived happenings in the county, is overly concerning. I guess this is "politics," but I will not resign myself to that reasoning. The attacks have been in the form of gossip, name yelling, flipping the bird, and a sheriff's car sitting outside our house for 10-15 minutes with no reason. The gossip has been in the form of word of mouth, the local newspaper articles and letters to the editor, and social media (one anonymous site goes by "Gossip Granny"). The pettiness of Toby Smith/Leavitt's letter to the editor is discouraging that there is no discussion of issues but merely personal attack.

4. Gary Moyer wants to get rid of dispatch, is another false claim. Again, this is a discussion that must be and was had by all commissioners during budget talks. All areas of an organization have and should be evaluated closely when expenses may need to be cut. You can't spend money you don't have - it was vital that the commissioners look at cutting expenses.

If the commissioners do not hold the department managers accountable to the mission and policies of the county, they would not be doing their job! The Commissioners have been elected by the people of Rio Blanco County to listen to all citizens, investigate and research the topic at hand, and then vote on what they feel is best for the present state of and future of Rio Blanco County. Decisions are based on an adopted policy that is set forth by the county. All outcomes of the decisions are majority ruled (at least two

of three) commissioners voting dictates the outcome of the policy or action. Our social and government systems are set up in such a way to thrive on differing opinions with outcomes dictated by the "majority rule."

With all of that said, it is necessary for me to caution the community from the group that has solicited signatures (door to door, in front of the post office, etc) on a petition to recall Gary Moyer. The recall tool is based on lies and hearsay, not truths. I know the citizens of RBC are smarter to judge someone's job performance based on abilities, knowledge, political ideology, and experience instead of what they wear, who they have received favors from, or whether they have or have not done anything that will benefit them personally.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Lou Moyer
Meeker

Moyer addresses allegations

Dear Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to address the alleged allegations about me through a recall petition. First, let me say that the allegations are blatantly false and there has been not one shred of objective evidence presented by the people leading this effort to the contrary. Colorado Revised Statute § 1-12-103 states "The (recall) petition shall contain a general statement, consisting of two hundred words or less, stating the ground or grounds on which the recall is sought. The general statement may not include any profane or false statements." The circulating recall petition does have false

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CONSERVATION CORNER

Stock Watering and Instream Flow - What Does HB 20-1159 Affirm?

By Phil Brink, Colorado Cattlemen's Ag Water Network

House Bill 20-1159, which became effective September 14, 2020, directs the state engineer of the Colorado Division of Water Resources to confirm a claim of an existing beneficial use – including stock watering - if the use or exchange has not been previously confirmed by court order or decree. The new law affirms that Colorado Water Conservation Board's instream flow rights are subject to existing uses and exchanges of water "whether or not previously confirmed by court order or decree."

The issue of stock watering and instream flow rights arose in Routt County during 2012. The Division 6 Engineer directed irrigators to stop watering livestock out of irrigation ditches once the irrigation season ended if their water rights did not specify "stock watering" as a decreed use.

Many livestock producers have historically used irrigation ditches to water their livestock, both during and outside of the irrigation season. Often, stock water use was not specified in an irrigation water right decree because the use was considered incidental and the practice was common.

HB 20-1159 enables a rancher to obtain protection from having their historical but un-decreed stock watering usage called out of priority by junior instream-flow rights. However, it does not establish seniority in relation to any other type of water right.

To obtain confirmation of an existing but unadjudicated stock watering use, a claimant must provide records supporting the claim. The state engineer is required to confirm the extent of the claimed use (or exchange of water) that was in existence on the date of the appropriation of an instream flow right. The confirmation of an existing use is not a water right.

For more information visit www.agwaternet.org.



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The First Commandment: The Law Concerning Religion (2)

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



The first commandment of God's Moral Law is straightforward and absolute. **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.** Based that Old Testament Commandment, we now go to a second truth.

The New Testament Counterpart

God's exclusiveness is reiterated many times in the New Testament. As our second main text recounts, during his temptation in the wilderness, Jesus Himself declared to Satan, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve** (Matt. 4:10). Our Lord is actually quoting Moses' restatement of this commandment in Deuteronomy 6:13-14: "Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which [are] round about you." But it is important to notice that Jesus adds the word "only" to the quotation, which He had the perfect right to do, of course, because He is "the word who became flesh" (Jn. 1:14). There are to be no additions, no alternates, no attachments.

It is also significant that there is a subtlety in Satan's temptation. He said he would give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would fall down and worship him. The Greek text, however, indicates that he was saying if Jesus would bow down and worship him *just once* (aorist active tense of the

verb). What a challenge that is to us! We are not to bow down to anything even once.

Another New Testament parallel of this commandment appears when the Apostle Paul told the Corinthians, who were also surrounded by pagan idolatry: "We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods . . . there is but one God" (1 Cor. 8:4-6). As Paul also wrote to the Ephesians, there is "one God and Father of all" (4:6). Any other god is imaginary, an illusion, a fantasy, a fairy-tale.

Likewise, when the Apostle John fell down to worship an angel that appeared to him the angel responded, "See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God" (Rev. 22:9). No created being or thing is to receive worship. Therefore, those who worship saints, statues, sacraments, and other symbols, not to mention those who worship science, sensuality, a stock portfolio, or anything else are guilty of gross idolatry and shake their puny fist in the face of God. We hope you will visit our website 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

Donnalee Pitney Brady Thornton

June 16, 1939 ~ April 1, 2021

Donnalee Pitney Brady Thornton, 81, of Mt. Pleasant, Utah, passed away peacefully in her home, on April 1, 2021.

Donnalee was born in Maybell, Colorado, to Clyde Barton Pitney and Jesse Fern Jacobsen, on June 16, 1939. She married her first love, Lorain Brady, on July 9, 1956. They raised a large family on a ranch in Rangely, Colorado. Donnalee loved to serve others, prioritizing relationships with The Lord, her spouse, family, and friends. She lived life to its fullest as a happy, energetic woman, who worked hard and played hard!

After the passing of Lorain, in 2013, she married Jim Thornton, on Feb. 18, 2017. Their four years were happily spent making every moment count while camping, fishing, watching sports, visiting, playing and laughing with family and friends.

Donnalee is survived by spouse, Jim; sister, Rena; children, Dana,

Shane, Shanna, Chad, Kale; and nephews and nieces raised as her children, Gloria, Christine, Brent, and Anne.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Jesse; sister, Barbara; brother, Roy; first spouse, Lorain; son, Cameron; and nephew raised as son, Ford.

Viewing will be from 6-8 p.m., on Thursday, April 8, at the Chapel on 295 South State St, Mount Pleasant, Utah. Viewing prior to funeral service will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m., and the funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021 at the same location.

The burial will follow at Mt. Pleasant cemetery.



Donnalee Thornton

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statements which I'll outline below. Therefore, this recall has been conducted under false pretenses and should not have been allowed to move forward.

The petition alleges I was personally responsible for firing members of the county staff. I never acted alone regarding any dismissal of county employees who the commissioners supervise. All county staff below the level of county commissioners are managed directly by department heads. County records will show that this accusation is false.

The allegation that I tried to close the Rio Blanco County dispatch center is entirely false. With the other two commissioners, I worked to gather information regarding the most cost-effective way for Rio Blanco County to provide dispatch services considering the \$2.3 million dollar revenue reduction we faced in the 2021 budget. It is important to note that the budget for Rio Blanco County's dispatch center is in excess of \$500,000 per year while our neighbors in Moffat County budget \$69,000 for dispatch in 2021. I think we owe it to the taxpayers of Rio Blanco County to have a conversation about what options are available. Public meetings were held with the Sheriff's Office and other interested parties in this effort. Again, I never acted alone in any way on this issue.

The accusation that I have been disrespectful or demeaning to county employees is also a blatantly false claim. While this may be up to individual interpretation, it is a fact that the meeting in question on Feb. 9, 2021, at 3 p.m. with our public health director was recorded and is available for the public's review. I strongly encourage everyone to do their homework and form their own opinion as to my conduct and the conduct of the public health director in that meeting. I would remind everyone that the public health director is employed by Rio Blanco County and answers

directly to the Board of County Commissioners. I do not believe that it is out of line in any way for a county commissioner to remind their employee to follow county policy, be professional and not overreach.

I strongly encourage the citizens of Rio Blanco County to consider the consequences of a duly elected commissioner being removed from office because of not reappointing the former Road and Bridge Director. This was a unanimous and warranted decision by all three commissioners. Should this recall be successful any commissioner in the future will be very reluctant to require county department Heads to be held accountable. I would remind everyone that the former Road and Bridge Director, who is leading this recall effort, has yet to sign a waiver so you can know the facts as to why he was not reappointed. To lead a recall effort against the commissioner without being willing to let the public know the truth says it all.

I am extremely disappointed that there are citizens, many of whom I thought of as friends, who are willing to personally attack me and my family simply because they do not agree with my political stance. What is labeled by some as a personal agenda is really the political ideology that I believe in and campaigned on when I ran for this office. Any assertions that I am personally gaining anything more than my paycheck from my position as county commissioner are wholly inaccurate. To engage in the level of petty character assassination that has been demonstrated is very disheartening, hurtful and unproductive.

Please put forth the effort to verify the facts and require the truth before you formulate an opinion as to the merits of this recall. I am asking for your support as I work to do the best I can for Rio Blanco County.

Gary Moyer
Rio Blanco County
Commissioner

DEATH NOTICES

Shirley Jean Hammond

May 31, 1939 ~ April 2, 2021

By her request a celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Calloway Young Cancer Center in Glenwood Springs.

Dean Burke

April 18, 1928 ~ April 3, 2021

By his request a celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Walbridge Wing or the Fred and Annie Burke Scholarship at Bank of the San Juans.

OBITUARY POLICY

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

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with a brown bag picnic, enjoy some entertainment, and gain updates from the board. Zoom is available for those who cannot attend. Contact edrbhistory@gmail.com for the meeting Zoom link, updates, and questions.

Your membership fee of only \$20/person (\$10/seniors) helps support all these endeavors and preservation of history. After all, the museum and all these historic memories and artifacts belong to all of us. It's our museum and

our county heritage. Volunteers are always appreciated for all the activities mentioned above needing support. Student groups, community service organizations, and/or individuals can contribute talents in both small and big ways. Kudos to Historical Society members and board for continuing this outstanding Meeker tradition. Thanks to Sparky Pappas, Teresa Reed, and board members for their assistance with this article.

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Wilhelm announces candidacy for CD3

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colin Wilhelm is a Democratic candidate for the United States House of Representatives in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District.

Colin Wilhelm is running for Congress because he envisions an America that values honest communication and pragmatic solutions. He believes that all people share the same basic problems, and that listening to the residents of his district can provide the solutions that Washington desperately needs. Lauren Boebert must be

defeated as she represents what's wrong with our nation's politics: division.

"Coloradans can't afford a representative that ignores their district to deliver partisan talking points," said Colin. "Rather than live in an extremist fantasy, I will roll up my sleeves and tackle the important issues, like water rights, criminal-justice reform, and Covid-19."

Colin will roll up his sleeves and tackle the important issues, like water rights, criminal-justice reform, and Covid-19.

Watch Colin Wilhelm's Powerful Campaign Launch Video: <https://twitter.com/ColinWilhelm22>

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Colin envisions a third district that is moving, doing, working, trying - a strong 3rd District that is moving above and beyond bitter partisanship. If "Did not vote" was a candidate, they would sweep every election. Colin wants to talk to people from all walks of life, and bring in the unaffiliated voters. Colorado's 3rd District needs real solutions, and Colin Wilhelm will bring them to Washington.

For more information, please visit Colin's website at www.wilhelmforcolorado.com

Discussion about leashing laws for Meeker's parks

By **LUCAS TURNER**
lucas@ht1885.com

MEEKER I Meeker trustees' first regular meeting of April included more discussions about Ute Park, specifically when it comes to allowing dogs. Meeker resident and landowner David Smith, who leases the park for his livestock, shared concerns with the board about potential conflicts between new calves and dogs in the park.

As part of a lease agreement with the town, Smith uses the property during calving season, which is currently in full swing. "Most people that know about cows would probably never take their dogs out there, I don't take my dogs with me. I don't take my dogs out when they're calving, period," said Smith. He also mentioned a few recent examples of people having unleashed dogs in the park, and requested the board install signage banning dogs from the park until calving season is over.

Smith also expressed concern over dogs chasing wildlife in the area, something that all residents should know is illegal and could result in action from the department of wildlife. According to state law, ranchers are allowed to kill dogs that chase or threaten their cattle, though Smith says he and others typically avoid going that far, instead working with animal control whenever possible.

Town Manager Lisa Cook pushed the board to make a decision about dogs in the park, which led to a broader discussion about dogs on leashes, having a designated place for people to

"run" their dogs off-leash, and leash laws within the town itself.

Cook mentioned that according to the town's lease agreement with Smith, park usage should be "limited" during the specified "calving-season" period, from Feb. 20 to May 15. "We've never done that in the past, but the lease or agreement does state that," said Cook.

Many trustees were hesitant to outright ban dogs from the park, but agreed to the measure temporarily. Signage will be placed at the multiple park entrances with language stating "Due to wildlife and calving operations, no dogs allowed from Feb. 20, through May 15."

Cook also suggested that the board create more concrete rules for dogs in the park, including rules about leashes. The board will revisit the discussion on leashes and park rules at a future meeting.

The board also heard from Meeker business owner Vanessa Trout regarding a fermented malt beverage license application. Trout plans to open a new business in the same building as her current business (Blanco Cellars & The Little Cheese Shop).

"For the most part it's just a place that people can go to get a fermented malt beverage, which includes beer, saké cider and cocktails made of malt beverage and small bites that include cheese from the cheese shop," said Trout.

"The opportunity presented itself as there is an outdoor patio space in the back of the building," she noted, adding the space will be open during the same hours as Blanco Cellars, and will

stay open later on Thursday evenings.

The board set a public hearing for the application on April 18, at 7:15 p.m.

During other business the board:

■ Awarded bid of \$31,000 for 2021 hot pour crack filling project to Rock Mountain Asphalt

■ Amended an ordinance to allow the town administrator to live within five miles of town limits, previously they were required to live in town.

■ Updated the town's personnel policy to comply with healthy families workplaces act, which mandates paid sick leave for all employees including part time workers and requires employers to offer additional leave hours in the event of a public health emergency, among other requirements.

■ Gave an unofficial approval for the historical society to paint boot prints indicating the path of the 1896 bank robbery from the museum towards Market Street.

Mayor Kent Borchard said he spent the weekend in Grand Junction, and noticed many residents had large piles of trash on the sidewalk, spurring thoughts about renewing the town's "spring cleanup day." Trustees discussed education efforts to remind residents that Overton recycling can pick up certain items for a relatively low cost.

Town Manager Lisa Cook noted that the town received \$1,955 from Pinnacle, their workman's comp provider, and announced a reminder that the Land Use Code workshop will be next Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at the library.

BLM seeks public comment on wild horse gathers, fertility control for Sand Wash Basin HMA

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I As part of its mission to sustain the health of public lands, the Bureau of Land Management's Little Snake Field Office proposes to remove wild horses from areas in and around the Sand Wash Basin Herd Management Area in northwestern Colorado to reduce herd numbers to within the Appropriate Management Level and reduce population growth over time.

The BLM's wild horse census shows 828 horses in and around the 160,000 acre Sand Wash Basin HMA. The HMA can support an AML of between 163-362 wild horses.

"We are committed to maintaining a healthy population of wild horses in the Sand Wash Basin Herd Management Area as well as being a good neighbor to the communities we serve. Over 800 wild horses are in an area where the appropriate management level allows for up to 362," said Little Snake Field Manager Bruce Sillitoe.

"The removal of excess wild horses over the next few years will reduce impacts to private property, sensitive plant and

animal species, and promote healthy rangelands."

The BLM has released an environmental assessment that analyzes wild horse removals in and around the HMA that could occur over a multi-year period using helicopters and/or bait trapping methods. Fertility control treatments would also be used to help reduce annual population increases, without which, herd numbers have been shown to increase by 20% each year in the HMA. The environmental assessment is available for public review and comment at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2012689/510>. Public comments need to be submitted by May 2, 2021. Written comments can be mailed to the Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson St., Craig, CO 81625, or submitted via eplanning at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2012689/510>.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, and/or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment, including personal identifying information

FAST FACTS

WHO: Bureau of Land Management

WHAT: Public comment on gathers and fertility control in the Sand Wash Basin Herd Management Area

WHEN: Comments sought by May 2

WHERE: Submit by mail to: Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson St., Craig, CO 81625 or electronically at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2012689/510>

may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request BLM to withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee compliance.

For information about the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program, visit <https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro>.

Colorado River District to host Western slope water webinar

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Join the Colorado River District for a lunch hour webinar focusing on water policy and funding developments that affect West Slope water users.

West Slope legislators and policy experts will join Colorado River District staff to provide updates on water legislation and funding efforts, including the potential impact of state and federal stimulus dollars on West Slope water projects.

Tune in to the webinar from noon to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 14. The webinar is free. Registration is required and can be completed bit.ly/WWLcapitol. If you are unable to attend the webinar live, register to receive a recording of the event in your email inbox.

Sen. Kerry Donovan and Rep. Dylan Roberts will open with an overview of water policy priorities for the current legislative session. Donovan is the chair of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, and Roberts is the past Chair and a current member of the House Agriculture, Livestock and Water Committee.

Sen. Bob Rankin, a member of the Joint Budget Committee, will provide an overview of budget discussions and funding decisions that impact West Slope water supplies. Rankin will be joined by Gayle Berry, a budget expert and former state representative from Grand Junction. During her time as a legislator, Berry also served on the Joint Budget Committee.

Amy Moyer, Director of Strategic Partnerships at the Colorado River District, will present on the state of funding for

West Slope water projects and how River District funding can be leveraged to attract state and federal investments in Western Colorado's water projects.

"The Colorado River District advocates for West Slope water users in Denver and D.C. This webinar will be a good way to hear about policies and funding decisions that impact our water supply, directly from the legislators making those decisions," said Zane Kessler, director of government relations for the Colorado River District.

This webinar is part of the Colorado River District's Water With Your Lunch webinar series. To view past webinars addressing a range of topics from hedge funds' interest in Colorado water to risks to our water supply, visit www.coloradoriverdistrict.org/webinars

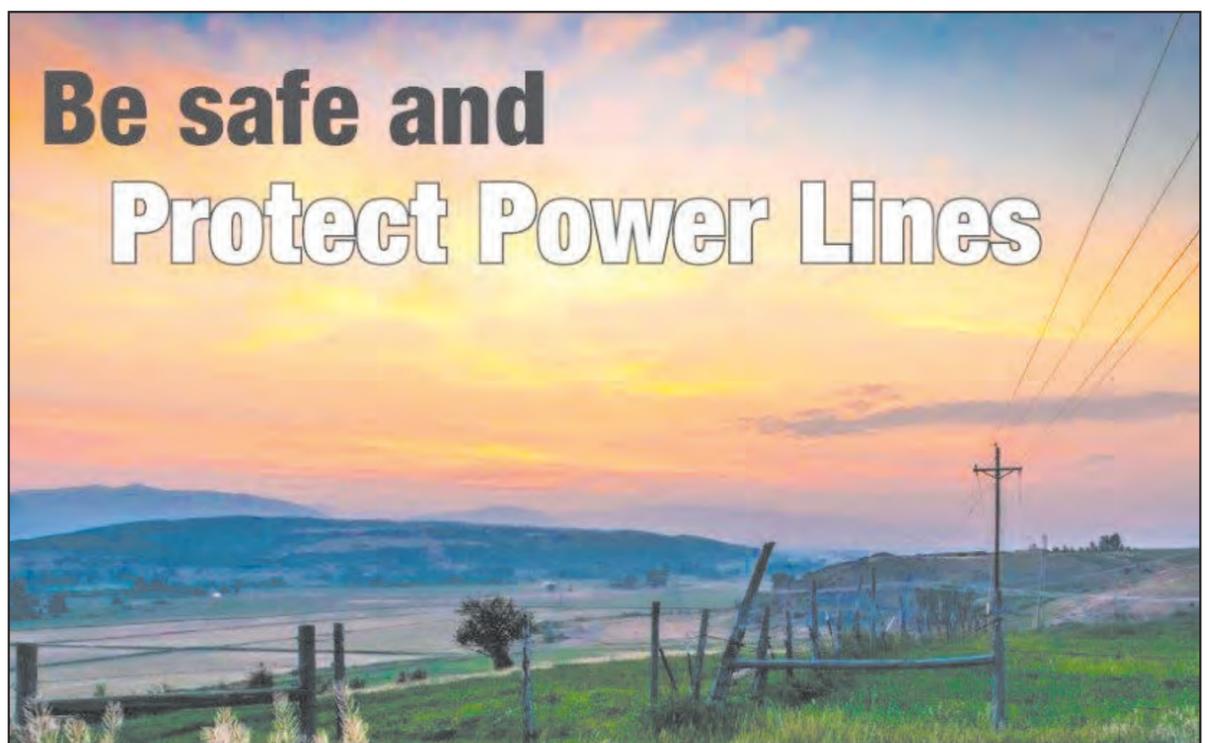
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CPW approves sales of annual State Wildlife Area passes beginning May 1

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I At its virtual meeting last week, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission voted unanimously to approve a new Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass as an option to access state wildlife areas. The new pass will go on sale May 1, 2021.

“This is an important step in ensuring everyone who visits our state wildlife areas is contributing to their management and maintenance,” said CPW Director Dan Prenzl.

The annual Colorado SWA Pass will be available on May 1, 2021 by visiting any CPW office or online at cpwshop.com. The pass will be priced similarly to a resident annual fishing license and revenue from the new SWA pass will be used to manage and maintain SWAs.

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HISTORY AND FUNDING OF SWAS IN COLORADO

CPW now manages more than 350 SWAs, all set aside to conserve wildlife habitat with

dollars from hunting and angling licenses. Those funds are also matched with federal income from the excise taxes collected on the sale of hunting and fishing equipment.

While these properties have been identified as critical wildlife habitat, over the years they have also gained significant value for outdoor recreationists.

Because these properties have always been open to the public, not just to the hunters and anglers that purchased them and pay for their maintenance, many people now visit these properties and use them as they would any other public land.

As Colorado’s population - and desire for outdoor recreation - has continued to grow, a significant increase in traffic to these SWAs has disrupted wildlife, the habitat the areas were acquired to protect, and the hunters and anglers whose contributions were critical to acquiring these properties.

That’s why in July of 2020, new regulations went into effect requiring all visitors 18 or older to possess a valid hunting or fishing license to access any SWA leased by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

CPW had historically been bound by stringent guidance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on how income earned from these properties could be accounted for, making the creation of another kind of pass to access these areas financially unfeasible. But in late 2020, CPW received approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a new accounting approach that made adding a pass as an option for access to these properties feasible.

In November 2020, an SWA Working Group was created with

CPW staff and stakeholders from around the state to determine what a new pass might look like.

A NEW STATE WILDLIFE AREA PASS

At its January 2021 meeting, the CPW Commission heard recommendations from the SWA Working Group on creating a new Colorado SWA Pass.

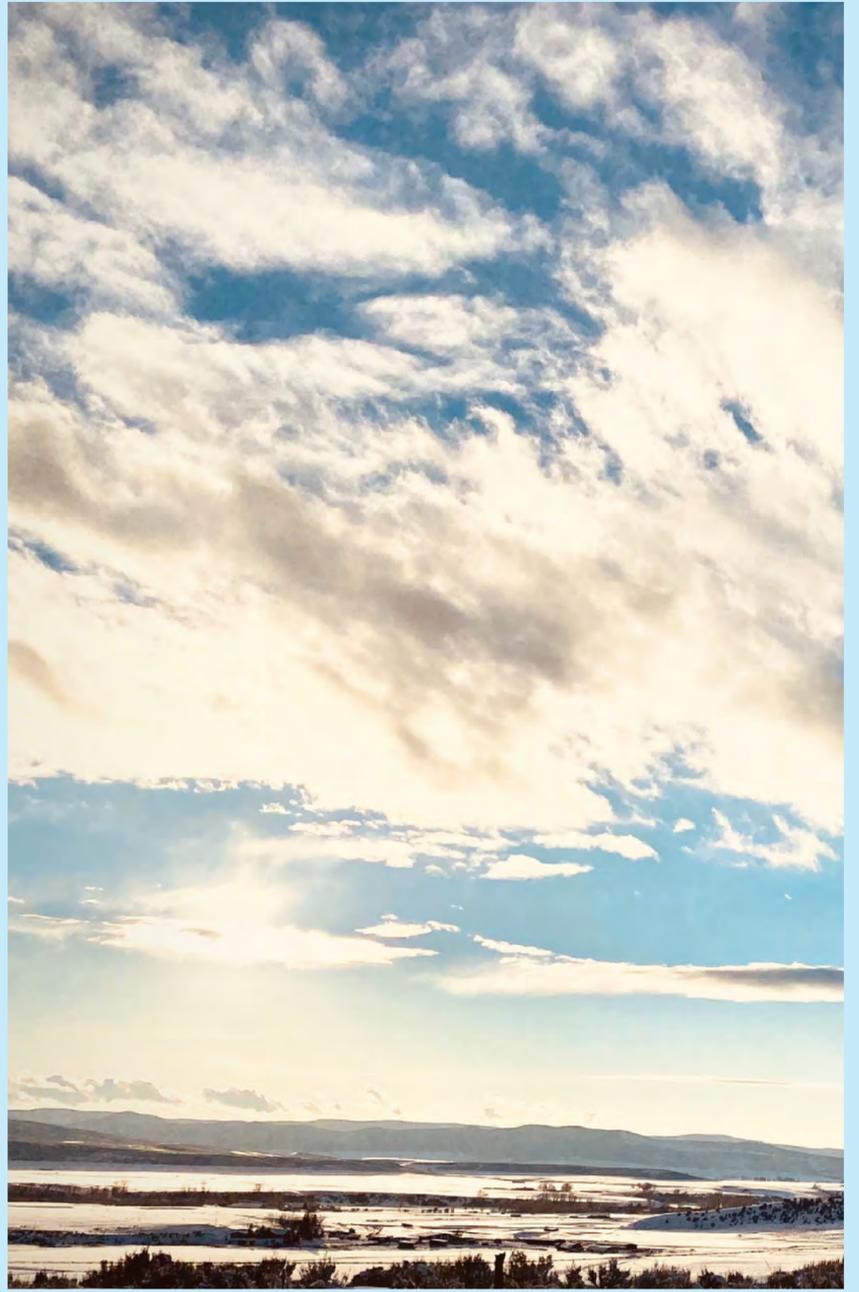
RECOMMENDATIONS:

The group recommended pricing the annual pass at a similar level to the annual fishing license, offering discounted passes to youth and seniors priced comparably to youth and senior fishing licenses, offering a 1-day pass option priced comparably to the 1-day parks pass, requiring a Habitat Stamp and a surcharge for the Wildlife Management Public Education Fund in addition to the pass, and offering a discounted low-income annual pass option. The age at which a hunting license, fishing license or SWA pass is required to access SWAs was reduced to all persons 16 years and older to better correspond to the youth pass and license options.

Now that the Colorado SWA Pass is available, the SWA Working Group will move into Phase II of its work, completing an audit of all Colorado’s SWAs to determine which properties may require additional restrictions on allowed activities, seasonal closures for wildlife, and reviews to determine if the property is still meeting its intended purpose as a wildlife area.

More information and SWA FAQ about CPW’s state wildlife areas is available on CPW’s website, <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/LandWater/SWA/License-Requirements-SWA-STL-Access-FAQ.pdf>

BLUE SKIES ...



SOPHIA GOEDERT PHOTO

The snow is well on its way out of the valley, at least until Colorado decides to mix it up, which happens approximately every hour or so. This week’s weather featured beautiful mid-70 temps, followed by the mid-20s and a slushy snow storm.

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Rangely senior Crimsen Blankenship (14) and freshman Emma Smith (1) take to the court. The Panthers will be on the road today and Saturday.

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Lady Panthers win two, lose one over the weekend

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The lady Panthers were 2-1 last weekend. Rangely traveled to DeBeque on Friday, April 2. They started off strong and didn't look back, sweeping the Dragons 3-0.

Leading the offensive for the lady Panthers was Aspen Low with eight kills and Maya Mercado right behind adding seven kills. Adelyn Halcomb contributed to the offensive with seven aces. Defensively, Emma Smith led with 10 digs and Ryann Mergleman with seven digs for the Panthers

On Saturday, April 3, Rangely hosted Caprock and Vail Christian. JV struggled early against Vail Christian and lost 0-2. Elyssa Byers led the team with five kills along with Kalysta Menzel adding in three. Kristiana Terr led the team with two aces with Byers and Menzel chipping in one apiece. JV then played Caprock trying to gain some momentum but lost 1-2. This was the first time they took a team to three sets. Byers once again led with five kills, with Menzel adding two kills. Menzel also had five aces for the match. Coach Toyne stated that she is looking forward to the second half of the season. Varsity also started off play against Vail Christian and struggled

getting the offense going. Too many errors to overcome and the Panthers dropped to Vail Christian in three sets. The Panthers played again right after to take on Caprock. Looking to come back from the last match, the Panthers looked much better. Leading the offensive was Mercado with 10 kills and Low adding in nine kills and assisted by Halcomb. Low and Halcomb also led with five aces a piece. Mercado led the team defensively with five solo blocks. Coach Cox said the Panthers "need to be consistent passers to have an offensive and we are getting there."

Rangely will travel to West Grand on Thursday, April 8 and will also travel to Vail Mountain on April 10.



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CHSAA restrictions are currently in place for high school sports.

Please wear a mask to school events.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK ...

Meeker Cowboys

EMMA LUCE

MAXPREPS/AVCA COLORADO
PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**102 KILLS,
67 DIGS,
14 ACES,
8 BLOCKS**

BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

As the Meeker Cowboys moved up in the rankings to the third spot just below Wiggins and Denver Christian, their sophomore outside hitter Emma Luce was awarded MAXPREPS/AVCA Player of the Week for March 28.

The Cowboys have played four games and Luce has averaged 25.5 kills per game, for a total of 102 kills, to go along with the 67 digs, 14 aces, and eight blocks. Luce was ranked number one in the state across all classes with 102 kills last week. The Cowboys were unable to play over the weekend due to COVID, so she has dropped to number two, but Meeker has games this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday which will give her an opportunity to earn back that top spot.

Luce and the Cowboys will take on Vail Mountain at home this Thursday, JV will begin at 4:30 with varsity to follow. Both Friday and Saturday they are on the road, Friday at Olathe and Saturday at Hotchkiss.

SPARTAN SHOWDOWN ...



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

(Top) Weber State Cowboy Ladd King ties down his steer in the tie down roping event at the CNCC Spartan Showdown on April 3rd to win the buckle for the weekend. King was the 2015 National High School Rodeo Association All Around Champion and is currently sitting at the top of the standings in the tie down roping for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Rocky Mountain Region. (Bottom) A hopeful saddle bronc rider marks his horse out of the chutes at the 2021 CNCC Spartan Showdown.

Start planning your summer hikes now

By HT STAFF
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RBC I While some of Rio Blanco County's higher places won't be accessible for another few months due to snowpack, others are about ready to explore.

In the Meeker area, the Phillip & Dorcas Jensen Memorial Park offers 57 acres of rugged open space with groomed hiking and mountain biking trails. The trail system also links to Bureau of Land Management trails. Equestrian and motorized travel is not allowed. Trails are for non-motorized use, such as walking and running, with a special bike flow course many mountain bike enthusiasts enjoy. The China Wall trail (4 miles), Meeker Bike Flow Trail (0.5 miles), Pinyon Trail (0.8 miles), East Ridge (1.3 miles) and Meadow Loop (0.6 miles). Trailheads with parking are at Sanderson Hills Park and Ute Park. A pedestrian-only trailhead, with no parking, is at the top of 7th Street.

The Canyon Pintado National Historic District near Rangely includes 16 designated rock art sites that are mapped and marked with signs at each trailhead and several sites have graveled trails. The sites consist of either Fremont or Ute Native American works dated from approximately 1200 to 1881 A.D. The Carrot Man Site is a favorite with all ages and is easily accessible for surefooted younger children. The hike to the rock art is only .5 miles. There are both pecked (petroglyph) and

painted (pictograph) art at this location. The Bureau of Land Management provides informative signage that points out various elements with explanations of the rock art styles. Be sure to bring lots of drinking water for this high desert climate.

The turnoff to the trailhead is at milepost 11.6 on Dragon Road, just south of the Rangely. Drive west on the Cottonwood Creek Road for just over a quarter mile and park at an unmarked turnout on the left side of the road. Take the short hike down the gully to find this rock art.

Near Dinosaur, the Harpers Corner Trail starts with a short descent but is then fairly level with a few moderate ups and downs. This trail is a three mile round trip and is not a loop. The end of the trail features a stunning overlook with sweeping views of the river canyons with the Green River 2,500 feet below. Use caution near cliffs and keep an eye out for thunderstorms during the summer. Because this is located in the U.S. National Park Service, collecting artifacts, fossils, plants, or other objects is prohibited. Check NPS.gov for seasonal road closures and trail availability.

From Dinosaur, take Hwy. 40 East 2 miles from Dinosaur and turn north on Harper's Corner Rd at the Dinosaur National Monument headquarters. The trailhead is located at the end of the road.

Once the weather warms and the snow melts in the high country, it's a great time to check out the Spring Cave Trail in the White River National Forest.



A short uphill hike of 0.6 miles one direction crosses the South Fork of the White River by foot-bridge near the South Fork Campground. The trail then travels through a stand of blue spruce, then aspen and scrub oak as it climbs toward Spring Cave. The trail makes several switchbacks before leveling out near the mouth of the cave. Children and adults alike are enchanted by the Spring Cave, and the occasional promise of bat sightings make the uphill trek to the cave completely worthwhile.

The Spring Cave may be visited April 16 through Aug. 14 by persons who have registered and observed decontamination procedures with the National Forest Service. Please register several days before your trip to ensure time for permit processing. You can access the cave registration form online at fs.usda.gov.

The Spring Cave Trail is located 29 miles east of Meeker. From Meeker, take J Highway 13 east for one mile, then turn right (east) on Rio Blanco County Road 8 and follow this for 18 miles. Turn south and Rio Blanco County Road 10 for 2 miles, jog north .25 miles, then continue east for 10 miles to the South Fork Campground and trailhead. Cross the bridge at the campground, and follow the Spring Cave Trail .6 miles to the cave.

If you're feeling adventurous, take the Cliff Lake Trail and climb to the top of the mountain for a breathtaking view of the valley and, if you're lucky, a massive waterfall. The trail is extremely steep, but work done by the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps last summer has made it much easier to navigate. (Still, plan to be very, very out of breath.)

Another deep woods trek, and one of the most photogenic in the National Forest could be argued to be the Trappers Lake Trail is a longer and more challenging hike better suited for older children. The hike includes beautiful 360 degree views of the Trappers Lake area with varying terrain. This trail follows Fraser Creek from Trappers Lake through forest, riparian and alpine landscapes to the eastern part of the Flat Tops Wilderness. It emerges on the Flat Tops Plateau in an area with many small potholes of water. The trail heads south, crossing the headwaters of the South Fork of the White River and the west side of Shingle Peak and travels 6 miles to a popular camping area around Rim and Shepherd Lakes. The higher peaks of the Flat Tops are visible along this section of the trail. Looking down Sweetwater Creek southwest of Rim Lake, the Sawatch Range is visible to the southeast. The trail continues 5 miles from Sweetwater Creek to Indian Camp Pass. Indian Camp Pass is on the southern edge of the Flat Tops Wilderness. In total your hike around Trappers Lake Trail will be 14.4 miles long. Because of the time it will take to complete this hike packing in your own drinking water, food, and emergency survival equipment is recommended. Supportive footwear, sunscreen, and layers of clothing appropriate for the weather conditions are all factors to take into consideration before tackling this longer hike.

Access to Trappers Lake Trail is located 50 miles

east of Meeker, CO. From Meeker, take Colorado Highway 13 east for 1 mile, then turn right on Rio Blanco County Road 8 and follow this for 39 miles to Trappers Lake Road #205. Turn south on Trappers Lake Road #205, and continue for 10 miles to the Outlet Trailhead. Follow the Carhart Trail around the east side of Trappers Lake for two miles to the junction with Trappers Lake Trail.

RESOURCES

A tremendous resource for trail documentation is the Bureau of Land Management website (<https://www.blm.gov/maps/colorado>). For research purposes, they have an online interactive map that is extremely well documented and very detailed topographically. The area you will want to focus on is the White Rive Field Office area.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service website is a fantastic website that allows the user to isolate possible hikes based on what the hiker wants to do (cycling, camping, fishing, hiking, etc.). This site has a plethora of information designed specifically for outdoor activities of all kinds. Their site page for the White River National Forest can be located at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/whiteriver/recreation/hiking>. This site is updated on a very frequent basis and provides news on openings, closures and fire hazard ratings.

A relatively new resource for trail maps has been provided by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. It is called "Colorado Trail Explorer" or "COTREX". It focuses on the more tech-savvy smartphone user, however it can be accessed online from a desktop or laptop browser. The app can be installed on either the iPhone or Android platforms. What makes this app most exciting is that cell phone reception is not required for it to work. Maps for the areas you wish to explore can be downloaded to the phone prior to leaving a covered area. The maps are updated on an ongoing basis, so new trails may appear in the downloaded maps before they are even printed for conventional distribution.

Another website worth mentioning is Anyplace America (<https://www.anyplaceamerica.com/directory/co/rio-blanco-county-08103/>). What this website offers are principally topographical maps however, you can't beat the price. You can download maps in Adobe PDF format or for a fee, have them printed and shipped to you. The nice thing is that they are not third-party maps that tend to lack detail. The maps provided are actual US Geological Survey maps with typical topographical detail, including roads, streams and references to other specific maps of the area.

ONE LAST THING

Don't forget to check your gear before you set out this season. Are your hiking boots still comfortable? Socks hole-free? Is your backpack in good condition, without dusty granola bars hiding in the extra pockets? Is your sunscreen or bug spray expired? Is your first aid kit restocked and ready-to-go?

With a little planning, you can make the 2021 summer season the best one yet. Happy hiking!

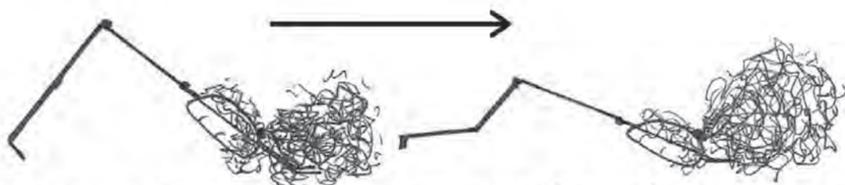
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Begin by coming into your Down Dog: feet hips-width distance apart, heels reaching towards the floor, knees slightly bent, hips reach high and back, spine lengthens releasing your neck, shoulders are engaged down your back keeping them away from your ears, elbows are slightly bent, fingers spread wide pressing into the hands.

From your Down Dog bring your big toes to touch, inhale to completely fill your lungs, and pull your belly button back towards your spine to engage your core. Then with your exhale bend into your knees until they hover about four inches above the ground. Start to swivel your knees from the left to the right using one breath for each movement.

Continue this movement as long as it is comfortable to do so, but be sure to count your repetitions to keep your left and right sides balanced.

Rangely School Lunch Menu: April 12 through 29, 2021

Monday, Apr. 12: Beef Macaroni, Green Beans, Casserole, Salad\Fruit, Milk\Water

Tuesday, Apr. 13: Biscuits and Gravy, Potato Triangle, Salad\Fruit, Milk\Water

Wednesday, Apr. 14: Chicken Fajita, Refried Beans, Rice, Salad\Fruit, Milk\Water

Thursday, Apr. 15: BBQ Pork Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Chocolate Cake, Cole-slaw\Fruit, Milk\Water

Monday, Apr. 19: Chicken and Noodles, Carrots, Salad\Fruit, Milk\Water

Tuesday, Apr. 20: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Salad\Fruit, Milk\Water

Wednesday, Apr. 21: Pepperoni Pizza, Broccoli, Salad\Fruit, Milk\Water

Thursday, Apr. 22: Pancakes, Sausage, Potato Triangle, Berry Yogurt, Salad, Milk\Water

Monday, Apr. 26: Chili, Peas, Cinnamon Sticky Bun, Salad\Fruit, Milk\Water

Tuesday, Apr. 27: Mac and Cheese, Chicken Tenders, Steamed Carrots, Salad\Fruit, Milk\Water

Wednesday, Apr. 28: Tater Tot Casserole, Corn, Salad\Fruit, Milk\Water

Thursday, Apr. 29: Ham Sliders, Pasta Salad, Jell-O Apples, Salad, Milk\Water

Menu subject to change

WRESTLING ...



COURTESY PHOTO
The Barone Middle School Cowboys hosted their first duals of the season with Soroco, Rangely, Hayden and North Park. Meeker came out on top in all three duals. Pictured top to bottom are Brode Low, Finley Deming, Taylor Gibson and Gage Nielsen.

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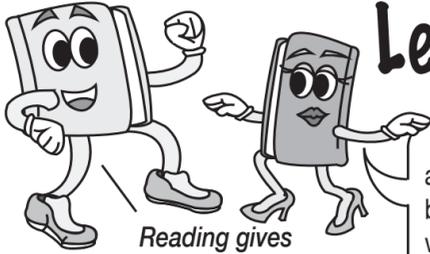


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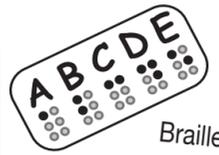


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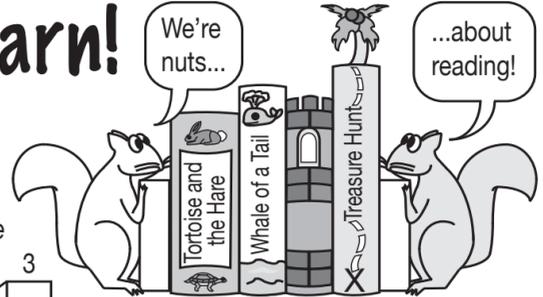
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- 4.) We read signs by seeing the words or _____.
- 5.) We read words, _____ and paragraphs.
- 6.) We read using our _____.
- 7.) Some people, who cannot see well or are blind, may read using _____, a system of raised dots.
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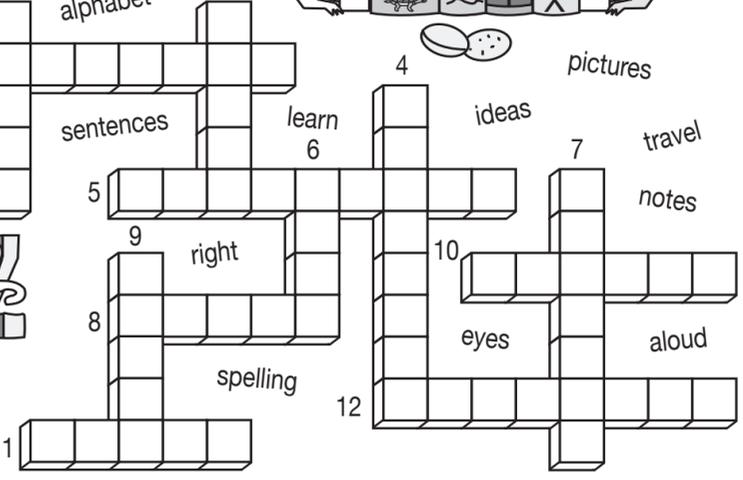


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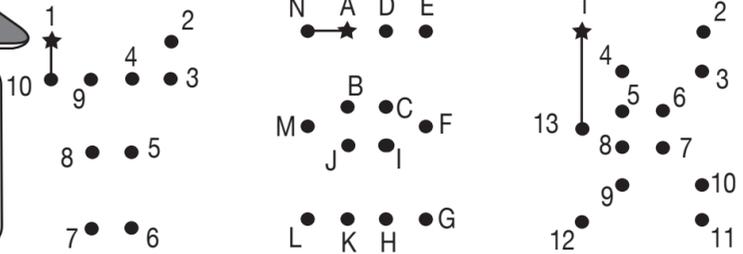
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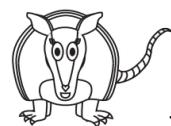
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Read Right! Read Left!

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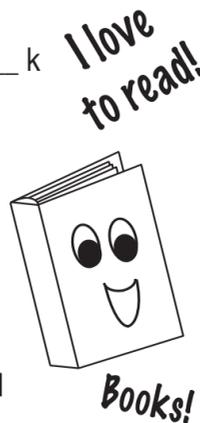
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CAN YOU READ FROM LEFT TO RIGHT?

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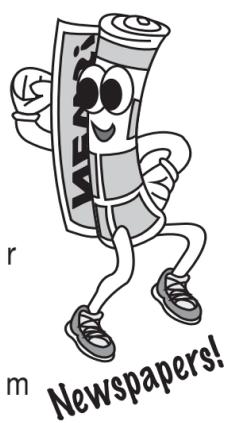
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I love to read!

Books!

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Newspapers!

THEME: THE OSCARS
ACROSS
1. Hedgehog of video games
6. And so forth, acronym
9. *Oscar-nominated black and

white movie
13. Treeless plain
14. Grazing field
15. Moses' mountain
16. Sty sounds

17. Nelson Mandela's org.
18. Like beer at a kegger (2 words)
19. *Posthumous nominee
21. *Anthony of "The Father"
23. "What's up, ____?"
24. Huge pile
25. Protestant denom.
28. Feed storage cylinder
30. Load again
35. Relating to ear
37. Flighty one
39. Proclaimed true without proof
40. Musician David Lee ____
41. Ascetic holy Hindu
43. Eastern European
44. Plural of #10 Down
46. 500 sheets
47. Looking for aliens org.
48. Kitchen whistler
50. Waits
52. Bad-mouth
53. Medieval torture device
55. Pied Piper follower
57. Politburo hat fur
61. *Daniel of "Judas and the Black Messiah"
65. Raspberry drupelets
66. Fuss, to Shakespeare
68. Void, as in marriage
69. Defective car
70. Given name of Jack Kerouac's Paradise
71. ____ of Honor
72. Adam and Eve's first residence
73. Money in Myanmar
74. Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.

DOWN
1. Undesirable roommate
2. Medley
3. Grannies, in UK
4. Tattooed
5. Universe
6. Panache
7. *Most 2021 Oscar nominations for one film, #9 Across
8. Secret storage
9. Stole fur
10. One opposed
11. Indian restaurant staple
12. U.S. customary unit of force, pl.
15. Soaked
20. DNA and RNA
22. Argonaut's propeller
24. Shared work surface at an office
25. *Sasha Baron Cohen's "Subsequent Moviefilm" role
26. Be sorry for one's wickedness
27. Pita, in UK
29. *Like Roberto Benigni's fictional son
31. Husband to a widow, e.g.
32. Checked out
33. Stradivari competitor
34. **"Fences" winner and "Ma Rainey" nominee
36. Poker ante
38. **"Nomadland" director
42. Shadow
45. *The Trial of the Chicago 7" screenwriter
49. Greek "I"
51. Sandwich sausage
54. Necklace lock
56. Radio receiver
57. Nutritious leafy green
58. Got A+
59. Ice on a window
60. Happening soon, old fashioned
61. Caffeine-containing nut tree
62. Editing arrow
63. Chinese monetary unit
64. Friend in war
67. *Nominee for Billie Holiday role

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Let's talk about logical fallacies—gaps in logic that invalidate an argument or opinion.

16 Slippery Slope

When someone argues that if you let A happen, Z will consequently happen too, therefore A should not happen. A and Z, of course, are loosely connected, without any basis in logic.

Happy fallacy-finding!



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DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

- New grass is starting to make a showing.
- The annual town financial statement shows Meeker's finances to be in a healthy condition.
- The Old Fellows of Meeker will soon start a two story building designed for lodge, store, and office purposes.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

- The rains and snow at the beginning of the week were beneficial to the coming grass.
- Northwestern Colorado has been given thirty days to subscribe three million dollars of stock to Mt. Streater Railroad company. If it works out, construction will start on a 130 mile railroad that would connect Meeker to Wamsutter, Wyoming.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

- The public is now invited to use the new volleyball facilities on the elementary school playground, after school hours and during the weekends.
- Meeker Firemen had a busy week putting out grass fires that got out of hand. With unexpected wind gusts and dry conditions, the department warns against burning their fields unless proper precautions have been made.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

- Rio Blanco Combined Court issued a warrant for former Colorado State Patrol officer for criminal attempt to commit theft. The former officer was fined \$715 after attempting to get a refund from a Meeker hardware store for items he didn't purchase.
- Rio Blanco County got named one of the most "child-friendly" counties in Colorado by the Colorado Children's Campaign.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

- The Rangely schools will be visited by the "Spacemobile", a traveling educational program of NASA.
- Two candidates are seeking board posts for the Re-4 district. Elections will be held on May 4.
- Seven candidates have filed petitions for seats on the Rangely College government committee for the May 4 election.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

- Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department K-9 was involved in an incident with a Freight Damaged Furniture truck. Xaro began alerting during a search of the vehicle's box interior, although no traces of narcotics were found.
- The offering of resignation from the Town Manager of Rangely and the swearing in of the new mayor were some of the items of business during the trustees regular meeting.

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NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR'S SETTLEMENT

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**Meeker School District RE-1
Meeker High School and Transportation Facility Improvements (2019 - 2021)**

550 School Street, Meeker, CO 81641
and whose claim or claims therefore have not been paid by the said contractors, or its subcontractors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 19th day of April 2021, at the contractor's hour of 10:00 A.M., at the Meeker School District, District Admin Office, 555 Garfield, Meeker, CO 81641, final settlement will be made for work contracted to be done by the said contractor, for the above described project and all appurtenances which are a part of said project. Verified statements of the amounts due and unpaid on account of such claim or claims shall be filed with and received by Chris Selle, P.O. Box 1089, Meeker, CO 81641, by such time and date.
Dated: April 1, 2021
NV5
By: John Usery
Title: Owner's Representative
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SECTION 00100 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed BIDS for construction of the Town of Rangely Asphalt Overlay 2021 will be received by the Town of Rangely at Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado, 81648, until 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 29, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The project generally consists of asphalt overlay work on a 2200 linear foot length of an 8-foot wide multi-use path that runs parallel to Kennedy Drive between Highway 64/Main St. and La Mesa Circle and a 3-inch overlay on 1550 LF of 32 ft wide La Mesa Circle. Estimated tonnage is 1250 tons. Preparation will be by others. Tack coat and leveling course will be required on 800 linear feet of the Multi-Use path where existing asphalt will remain. The Town reserves the right to modify quantities or not award.
Project locations will be ready for asphalt after 9/1/2021. Time is of the essence, so Contractor's estimated start and completion dates will be considered along with bid price. A Bid Bond will be required. Performance and Payment Bonds equal to 100% of the bid amount will be required upon contract award. Successful bidder must have at least 10 years of experience providing asphalt overlay services for municipal projects, and provide General Liability insurance of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, Umbrella Liability insurance of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$1,000,000 aggregate, and Workers Compensation of \$1,000,000 /\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000. Please provide a partial portfolio with sealed bid, demonstrating requisite experience.
One set of drawings and a Project Manual with specifications will be furnished electronically free of charge to potential bidders on April 9, 2021. Documents are also available for reviewing at Town Hall. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 11:00am, Thursday April 15, 2021, at the Town of Rangely Town Hall located at 209 E. Main Street (Hwy 64) in Rangely, Colorado. All questions pertaining to the project shall be directed to Jocelyn Mullen, PE through email at jmullen@rangelyco.gov no later than April 26, 2021 at 3pm.
This project is being funded by the Town of Rangely, CDOT Main Street Revitalization Program, and the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Grant Funding.
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• BUDGETS •

RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF 2021-2022 BUDGET APPROVAL

Notice is hereby given that a proposed 2021-2022 Budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2021-2022; a copy of such budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on April 20, 2021, Noon CNCC, Weiss Meeting Room for final adoption of 2021-2022 Budget. Any interested elector of the Rangely Junior College District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
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Town of Rangely April 13, 2021 - 7:00pm Agenda

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor
Trey Robie, Mayor Pro Tem
Rich Garner, Trustee
Luke Geer, Trustee
Tim Webber, Trustee
Alisa Granger, Trustee
Keely Ellis, Trustee
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting
a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of March 23, 2021.
6. Petitions and Public Input
7. Changes to the Agenda
8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm
a. FIRST Public Hearing for 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 County Zone
9. Committee/Board Meetings
a. Community Outreach April 5th
10. RBC Commissioner Reports
11. Council Reports
12. Supervisor Reports – See Attached
a. Jeff Lebleu
13. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
14. Old Business
15. New Business
a. Discussion and action to approve the March 2021 Check Register
b. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2021-02 a Constitutional Sanctuary Resolution of the Town of Rangely Board of Trustees
c. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2021-03 a Resolution reasserting the rights of the Town of Rangely and its residents and condemning the unconstitutional limitations imposed upon their freedoms by the Governor of Colorado.
d. Discussion and action to approve Grant Application to CoBank's Sharing Success program via Moon Lake Electric in the Amount of \$7,500 for Lighting and Sidewalk Ramp Improvements
e. Discussion and action to approve AARP Grant Application to Co-Fund the Kennedy Drive Path Surface Improvements in the amount of \$10,000.
16. Informational Items
a. RBC COVID Updates
b. Arbor Day Celebration April 22, 2021 at 1:45pm
c. CEBT Via Benefits assists former employees with securing benefits.
d. Colo Dept of Revenue GIS System now in place for Sales and Use Tax locating
17. Board Vacancies
a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy
18. Scheduled Announcements
a. Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for the 1st Thursday in January & June of 2021 or as needed
b. Community Outreach meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm
c. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm
d. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm
e. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm
f. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm
g. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021 at 12:00 noon
h. RDA/RDC Board meeting cancelled for April 15, 2021 at 7:30 am
i. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021 at 12:00 noon
j. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 11:00 am
k. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 6:15 pm
l. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm
m. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2021 at 6:00 pm
19. Adjournment
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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Work Session and Special Board Meeting

555 Garfield Street
Meeker, CO 81641
April 12, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
Community members wishing to observe the board meeting/work session may do so by using the following Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/vjf-jzqv-scq>
Community members wishing to attend the board meeting/work session in person are asked to RSVP to chris.selle@meeker.k12.co.us no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.
Special Board Meeting:
1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. deVergie will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)
Action Items:
1. Approval: Meeker Elementary School Principal - Name TBD
Other BOE Information:
Executive Session (if needed):
Special Meeting Adjournment:
Work Session:
1. Construction project update
a. Stadium Restrooms
b. BMS Security Upgrades
2. 2021-2022 Budget
3. State Assessments
4. COVID-19 Update/Discussion
5. 2021 BOE Election
6. Educational Programming
7. Items introduced by board members
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Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado

Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse
555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Hearing Room
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Tentative Agenda April 13, 2021
1. 11:00 Call to order:
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to the April 13, 2021 Agenda
C. Move to approve the April 13, 2021 Agenda including any changes.
2. CONSENT AGENDA April 13, 2021
A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
B. Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2021.
C. Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2021
D. AP Management Report March 2021.
E. Payroll Management Reports for April 2, 2021.
F. DHS EBT Register and Warrant Registers March 2021.
G. Motor Vehicle Publication List March 2021.
H. Quarterly Abatement Report.
3. BUSINESS:
A. Reconsideration of the letter authorized on March 16, 2021, to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, opposing fee title land acquisition of the Crystal Creek Ranch, and authorize staff to draft the letter accordingly if necessary.
B. Letter to Colorado Parks and Wildlife in support of a 960 acre land exchange between CPW and XTO Energy, Inc.
C. Advertisement for Meeker Road & Bridge Temporary Laborers, not to exceed the appropriated budget.
D. Appoint _____ to the Meeker Cemetery Board
E. Amendment to Right-of-Way Grant Serial No COC-74740, to allow improvements to Rio Blanco County Road 5 for Stock Pass 3.
4. BID AWARDS:
A. Award the 2021 Rio Blanco County Chip Seal Project to Oldcastle SW Group, Inc., dba United Companies, in an amount not to exceed \$692,067.50.
5. MOU'S, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:
A. Maintenance Agreement with Motorola

Solutions to provide technical support for Motorola Dispatch Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$18,505.12 per year, for up to five years.
B. Amended HIPPA Business Associate Compliance Exhibit to the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health Jail Based Behavioral Health Services Agreement dated March 16, 2021.
C. Memorandum of Understanding with the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District d/b/a Pioneers Medical Center for participation in the 340b drug discount program.
D. Agreement for Services with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc., dba United Companies for the 2021 Rio Blanco County Chip Seal Project, in an amount not to exceed \$692,067.50.
E. Agreement for Services, for the use and benefit of Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District, with Julius Ag, Inc., for the 2021 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest Hand Spraying project, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
F. Agreement for Services, for the use and benefit of Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District, with Osborn Industries, LLC for the 2021 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest Herbicide Hand Spraying project, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
G. Agreement for Services, for the use and benefit of Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District, with Coulter Aviation Inc., for the 2021 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest Insecticide Aerial Spraying project, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. (All sign)
6. RESOLUTIONS:
A. Move to approve/deny Resolution 2021-XX, A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Opposing Ballot Initiative 16 In Order To Protect Our Livestock and Agricultural Industry

7. OTHER BUSINESS:
A. Road & Bridge Monthly Update
B. Public Comments
C. County Commissioner Updates
ADJOURN
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021 in Rangely at the County Annex Building. Please check the County's website for information at <http://www.rbc.us/department/commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9570 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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Airport Master Plan Public Meeting Notice

Meeker Airport Coulter Field is in the process of completing an Airport Master Plan. The fourth public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13 th at 6:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Hearing Room, 555 Main Street in Meeker. The meeting will include presentation of the draft narrative report and Airport Layout Plan (ALP) drawing set. The public is invited to attend to learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide feedback. More information about the Airport Master Plan is available by contacting Tracy Hodgins at T-O Engineers at 307.587.3411 or thodgins@to-engineers.com. Information is also available on the T-O Engineers website at <https://www.to-engineers.com/> by clicking on "Project Portal" and selecting "Meeker Airport Coulter Field - Master Plan."
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