



PANTHER PROM ...



Rangely's 2021 prom king and queen are Sydney Cole and Tyfinni Curdy.

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Choose When

By **NIKI TURNER**
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RBC | An unintended pregnancy can derail a woman's plans for her education, career, financial stability and future success regardless of age, marital status, or employment at the time of conception. According to information from the Colorado Department of Public Health, 35.9 percent of all pregnancies in Colorado are unintended (mistimed, unplanned or unwanted at the time of conception.) Unintended pregnancies result in approximately 10,000 abortions in Colorado each year, many among teens and younger women.

From 2009-2014, the privately funded Colorado Family Planning Initiative offered long-acting, reversible contraceptives (LARCs) to women for free. During that time, there was a 48% decline in teen birth rates, a 58% drop in teens having second or third babies. The abortion rate dropped by 48% in women age 15-19.

The initiative's dramatic statistics made national news, and it was considered widely successful in reducing the number of abortions and unplanned pregnancies, but the program came to an end in 2014 when private funding ran out.

In 2017 in Northwest Colorado, seeing an ongoing need, another private group launched a grassroots effort — Choose When — to provide free birth control to women, partnering with Northwest Colorado Health, Planned Parenthood, the Northwest Colorado Community Health Partnership and Rio Blanco County Public Health to administer the program.

Choose When funds LARCs, like IUDs and hormonal implants — contraception that can't be misplaced, used incorrectly or forgotten — to women in Northwest Colorado who can't otherwise afford it. The LARCs are removable when the woman is ready to start a family.

All women of all ages are eligible for the program, and for the uninsured, services are free of charge. Federal protections for minors — services can't be denied to those 12 and up — are followed under Colorado law.

Other women's health services are also available through Rio Blanco County Public Health's family planning clinic, including other forms of contraception besides LARCs, testing for sexually transmitted diseases, physical exams including breast and cervical cancer screening, and pregnancy testing.

A large part of the Choose When program surrounds education about LARCs. Women have traditionally gravitated toward birth control pills and condoms, which are less reliable than LARCs.

"There's a huge lack of knowledge about LARCs, and a lot of fear with the unknown," said steering committee member Adrienne Southworth. Old information about the safety of IUDs can cause stigma for women. "There are many different types and varieties now," Southworth said.

In Rio Blanco County, the program has seen more participation in the Rangely area, probably due to the college population. "We're meeting them where they're at," said former RBC Public Health Nurse Sarah Coker. "They're advocating for themselves."

For more info, visit ChooseWhen.org, call Public Health at 970-878-9520 or scan the QR code to visit <https://www.rbc.us/289/Family-Planning-Clinic>



"Having the ability to get an IUD has changed my life. At this point another pregnancy is not in my plans, and having an IUD has allowed me to pursue higher education and invest in my professional future, for both myself and my family."

~ A Rio Blanco County resident and Choose When client

COUNTY BEAT



By **LUCAS TURNER**
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RBC | The BOCC began Tuesday's business by interviewing Meeker resident Diane Mobley for the Board of Health. Commissioners Rector and Moyer asked one question each, both relating to the board's opposition to state health mandates.

"Through this COVID program over the last year, how do you feel from a state level to a local level, how do you feel that should be handled?" Rector said. Moyer also asked Mobley whether she felt the board was "on solid ground," in opposing state mandates, citing their desire to protect individual rights.

"I believe you've all done very well and Mrs. Harvey has done well in trying to keep abreast of everything the state is dishing out," Mobley said, noting that she "felt sorry" for high-risk individuals. Commissioners recently interviewed Meeker residents Jeffrey Prystupa and Dr. Bob Dorsett for the board of health. Prystupa was appointed to the board. Dr. Dorsett was not.

Commissioners also interviewed Ellen Conrado for the Meeker Regional Library Board. Rector commented about the library's "sizable fund balance," noting concern over future revenue impacts to the county. Referencing the same fund balance, Moyer asked Conrado how she'd feel about the libraries allocating some of their budget to "help the schools purchase learning materials" which Conrado said she'd be in favor of. Commissioners will approve or deny board appointments at a future meeting.

CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

The board revisited a discussion about two "constitutional" resolutions, one declaring RBC as a "constitutional sanctuary" and another opposing any state actions that "violate constitutional rights" of RBC residents. Both resolutions in question were passed by the Town of Rangely Board of Trustees last week.

County Attorney Don Steerman expressed general concern over the broadness of the "constitutional sanctuary" resolution. "I always think that these are a little bit better [if] they're focused on specific issues and how you want to deal with them," said Steerman. He also called the resolutions "symbolic," and said "they have very little

teeth," but left the decision to adopt either one up to the board.

Steerman said he didn't think adopting the resolutions would result in negative consequences for the county, but noted certain "blanket" statements could potentially impact state or federal level CARES act funding. "At some point they may say, the counties that don't want to participate, we're not going to give the funds to," said Steerman.

He reiterated that he didn't foresee any reaction from the state, since the resolutions don't have teeth, and are merely "political statements."

Commissioner Gates asked about where the Town of Meeker trustees stood on the issue. RBC paralegal Vicki Edwards said according to the town manager, Meeker Trustees were "pretty opposed" to the resolutions, but had yet to formally consider them.

The board will consider adopting the resolution during next week's board meeting.

RUBBISH, JUNK, WEEDS AND TRASH

County Surveyor and Planner Leif Joy Asked the board whether he should enforce article Article 15 of the county's land use regulations, which specifies general rules "providing for and compelling the removal of rubbish, junk, weeds and brush."

Referencing a recent complaint, Joy asked the board if he should enforce the regulation, which would next involve sending a notice of violation to the resident in question. Rector said he didn't want another "policing agency" for rubbish, brush and weeds, but admitted the county probably needed to be able to address some complaints. Moyer said his biggest concern was that the regulation could open the door for feuds between neighbors, and said any particular situation would need to be "pretty egregious" for the county to take action. The board agreed to consider any future complaints "at a workshop level," with parties involved.

CRYSTAL CREEK RANCH SALE

After a previous decision to sign a letter opposing the sale of the Seely family's Crystal Creek Ranch to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the board voted 2-1 Tuesday to revise their letter to adopt a position of neutrality. Commissioners Rector and Gates voted in favor of the change, Moyer voted against. Rector emphasized that despite his

vote, he strongly opposes any increase to the amount of publicly owned land in Rio Blanco County.

OTHER BUSINESS

During regular business the board signed letters:

- strongly opposing the appointment of James Jay Tutchton to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission (Tutchton was appointed in 2020 for a four-year term.)

- opposing Senate Bill 21-072
- supporting the White River Aspen Management Project

- supporting the City of Steamboat Springs' grant application for the Covid-19 Regional Resiliency and Recovery Roadmap process

The board also approved various items, including:

- CARES Act closeout report for a \$40,000 grant that was split 50/50 between the Meeker and Rangely Airports
- request for reimbursement from FAA and CDOT for a Coulter Airport related grant
- bid award to Volvo of Denver/WO for 6X4 truck, increasing the amount to \$129,638.69
- bid award to Patriot Petroleum Solutions for \$19,890.98 for the 2021 Fleet Fueling Dispensers Replacement Project
- bid award to Sydell, Inc for \$30,331.58, for the 2021 RBC Fairgrounds Hog Panels Project

The board also denied a resident's request to stay on the county's wireless system, noting that they couldn't offer preferential treatment to any broadband customers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

During public comment, Rangely residents Elaine Urie and Dan Eddy spoke in favor of proposed "constitutional resolutions," and encouraged the board to adopt them without "watering them down." Eddy also promoted an upcoming public forum in Meeker April 27 at the RBC fairgrounds.

Former RBC attorney Todd Starr, who is still serving as the county's primary litigation council, also called in to make a public statement regarding his resignation. Starr asserted that leaving the position was his own choice and had to do with a desire to "sleep in his own bed" instead of having to live in more than one place. Starr said despite rumors, he was not fired from the position.

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Trustees discuss spring cleanup

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER Meeker resident Jeff Madison addressed the board of trustees Tuesday regarding the possibility of restoring the annual spring cleanup program to the town. The program was suspended in the mid-1990s because people from out of town were reportedly taking advantage of the program.

The Lions Club is willing to supply the labor one spring week-end per year if the town provides a front-end loader and dump trucks.

"It would be a great service to this town. You walk through the alleys and there's a lot of crap that's building up and has been building up," Madison said. He also said he would be willing to speak with the county commissioners to see if they could include a dump truck or two. The county sends a free landfill coupon to each household every year, but some cannot take advantage of the coupon due to lack of access to a truck or trailer.

Public Works Director Russell

Overton said the program ended because it was dragging on for weeks and the town only has five employees. "If we have one water leak we're done," Overton said.

"We managed to do this for the first 15 years I lived in the town. I don't know what has changed," Madison said. The board will discuss the matter at the next meeting.

In other business, the board approved a fermented malt beverage manufacturer's license (brewery) for a wholesale beer license and a liquor sales room by Smoking River Brewing Company; approved a request from Pioneers Medical Center to waive the building permit fee for construction of a negative pressure room; approved a \$500 county fair sponsorship; and approved a letter of commitment to the Regional Resiliency and Recovery Roadmap process, giving the town a voice in regional grants and the Just Transition program. "We're going to be a lot stronger if we work together," said Town Manager Lisa Cook. "There really is no downside."

MUSTANG MAKEOVER: event set for Aug. 28

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he will start with a three-year-old mustang, and work through the early first steps to get the horse ready for handling. Cost for the public is \$10. To attend both clinics is \$15, and kids 12 and under are free. Refreshments will be available for sale. The public may audit the clinic for \$10, kids 12 and under are free. Refreshments and snacks will be available for sale.

This year's local trainers include four Allreds from

Rangely: Wade, Rylee (age 16), Clay (age 11), Chance (14), and from Meeker, Gayle Crawford, Noelani Rogerson and James Amick.

Mantle has contracted with the Bureau of Land Management for the past 20 years and has started a lot of mustangs in that time with his sons at their ranch. Check out his YouTube videos and Facebook page.

This year, the Meeker Mustang Makeover has expanded to 20 trainers from across Colorado and Wyoming who will

pick up their randomly selected, never-before-touched wild horses on that same Saturday May 1 and start their 120-day journey until the final culmination at the competitive event and auction/adoption on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds in Meeker, Colorado.

Last year's auction was handled by Longhorn Video Auctions and attracted more than 22,000 views on the livestream on the website. The actual competition will be livestreamed again for

those who want to attend virtually by the Rio Blanco Herald Times. The public is invited to attend in person and be part of some of the most exciting real life down home heritage of the West. Kids 12 and under are free. Tickets at the gate are \$5 for the competition on Aug. 28. Refreshments will be available.

For information and questions about the clinics and the competition, see our website MeekerMustangMakeover.org, and reach out on our Facebook page: MeekerMustangMakeover.

Meeker Moving Forward shifts focus to land use code

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC With the update to Meeker's Community Master Plan completed, Meeker Moving Forward is shifting its focus to updating the town's Land Use Code. The Land Use Code is one

of the key tools that the town has available to implement the Master Plan. The update to the Code will work to align Meeker's regulations with the community's Vision and Goals for the future.

To get the ball rolling on the update, the town's consultant team has conducted a thorough review of, and gathered input from stakeholders on, the existing Land Use Code. They have also identified priorities from the Community Master Plan (pertaining to the

town's land use regulations and policies) and crafted recommendations to better align the updated Land Use Code with the newly adopted Master Plan. These priorities and recommendations will be used to guide to the update to Meeker's Land Use Code and are presented in the Land Use Code Audit (visit www.meekermovingforward.com/code-audit/ to view this document).

The Land Use Code Audit summarizes key themes that

emerged from the review of Meeker's Land Use Code, as well as from discussions with stakeholders. These themes highlight the need to:

- Create a more intuitive and user-friendly code.
- Update existing zoning regulations to align with the Community Master Plan.
- Simplify and streamline review processes.
- Create more opportunities for a range of housing options.
- Enhance Development Standards for select areas in Meeker.
- Explore options to promote/incentivize certain types of development.
- Ensure compliance with recent court rulings.

The Town of Meeker and its consultant team will be hosting a virtual workshop on Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 6-8 p.m. to provide the community with an opportunity to come together, review, and discuss the priorities and recommendations for updating the town's Land Use Code. This workshop will be hosted via Zoom. The login information for the workshop can be found by visiting: www.meekermovingforward.com

CPW wolf ed. session Apr. 28

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission as well as the public are invited to attend CPW's first online educational session related to wolf reintroduction efforts on Wednesday, April 28 from 6-8 p.m.

The purpose of the educational sessions is to provide the Commission and members of the public with a common understanding of what it means to have wolves on the landscape and how experts from other states have approached wolf management. Invited wolf experts from Montana and Idaho will share real-world experiences to help the Colorado public better understand what it means to have wolves as one of the many wildlife species CPW manages.

Session 1: Wolf Management and Wolf-Prey Interactions

Speakers will include: Diane Boyd (retired from Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks) will describe state management of wolves

Jon Horne (Idaho Fish and Game) will present on wolf-prey interactions

Pre-registration is required for those who wish to see the presentation live and ask questions by clicking this link. Upon registering, participants will receive an email with a link to access the session. Participants will have the opportunity to submit questions for the presenters through the chat during the question-and-answer portion of the session. All sessions will be recorded and available for members of the public who wish to view the sessions later.

There will be two more educational sessions — one in May and one in June — with the dates still to be determined. These presentations will cover reintroduction and conflict management.

Stay informed on CPW's wolf management efforts by visiting <https://cpw.state.co.us/> and signing up for the Gray Wolf Reintroduction eNews.

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- 2. Check the forecast. If high winds are predicted, reschedule your burn.
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NEWS BRIEFS

Power-grid discussion in Rangely Apr. 22

RANGELY | Glenn Rhoades, the national director of operations for the Task Force on National and Homeland Security will speak in Rangely on Thursday, April 22 at the Gathering Place, 616 East Main St. at 7:30 p.m. Rhoades is an advocate for greater power-grid hardening and resilience in the face of natural and terroristic threats to our nation's power grid. Along with Rhoades' message, there will be a free showing of the film "Electronic Armageddon" followed by a short question and answer session.

Constitutional resolution review Apr. 27

RBC | A Constitution Resolution for Rio Blanco County has been submitted to the Rio Blanco County Commissioners for their review and will be presented to the public on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at the Meeker Fairgrounds (700 Sulphur Creek Rd.), in the New Exhibit Hall (next to the CSU Extension Office). Everyone is invited to attend to learn, ask questions, and make comments.

Fair Board meeting rescheduled

RBC | The April meeting of the Rio Blanco County Fair Board has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Meeker Fairgrounds due to a scheduling conflict with the Rangely FFA banquet on Thursday, April 29. The CSU Extension Office has call-in information for attending the meeting virtually.

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Oldtimers Association meeting May 8

RBC | There will be an Old Timers Association meeting on May 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the Heritage Culture Center at 525 Park St. The meeting is an open invitation to anyone with an interest in the future plans and activities of the Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association. If you plan to attend, please be ready with suggestions for maintaining traditional activities for the Old Timers and the RBCPA. Contacts for the meeting are Daryl LeFevre (darita@qwestoffice.net) or Roberta Watt (pianolady1947@yahoo.com).

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.

Trials adds a day to 2021 schedule

MEEKER | Due to a huge amount of entries, the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials is extending the dates and adding an additional day this year. The new dates are Sept. 7-12, 2021, at Ute Park. Sept. 7 is a free admission day; come and see all the amazing competitors free of charge, then stay all week long. Attention businesses: Please be aware of an extra day of visitors. Expect some changes in reservations. Visit <https://meekersheepdog.com/> to purchase your tickets today!

RBWCD

RURAL WATER

The Feasibility Report Is In!

RBWCD is holding our next discussion concerning the Rural Water Project. This public meeting will determine if we will be moving onto the next step. It is of high importance that if you are interested in potable water service to your rural Rangely home that you attend.

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SWEET PEPPERS	
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TOMATOES	
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Bridging the divide

By **NIKI TURNER**
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There's a lot of discussion underway about the rural/urban divide. It's a real problem — politically, socially, economically, and culturally — but rare are the discussions about possible solutions.

Here are a few ideas:
1) One of the best ways to understand a different culture or lifestyle is through immersion. Let's start an "exchange program" wherein community influencers from the Front Range trade places with community influencers from the Western Slope for a few months and then share what we've learned. I'm reminded of an interview I did with former Meekerite Fred Ellis many years ago about his "cowboy" summer camp for the children of inmates. I was astounded to learn that many of the kids Ellis brought to the Flat Tops for camping and horseback riding would otherwise never leave something like an 18-block radius of their generally urban homes.

Spending a week in the wilderness opened their eyes to new customs and culture, a totally different way of living than what they knew.

2) Let's change the way bills and initiatives are introduced into the legislature. Bills should require support or sponsorship from legislators representing both rural and urban communities. If rural representatives and urban representatives had to sit down and discuss issues before a bill is ever read or assigned to committee, I'd guess a lot of bills would never see the light of day.

We're not the first people group here to have our way of life threatened by "outsiders" who don't understand our customs and culture. Perhaps we should take a look back at history and see if things could have been handled differently by both sides for a better outcome.

Just a thought.



KAYE'S CORNER

Leave no trace

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

soil at least 200 feet from any water source. Pack out all toilet paper and hygiene products.



Kaye Sullivan

MEEKER I As Earth Day arrives on April 22 along with likely increased recreational use this summer, I am reminded of the Leave No Trace principles. They support stewardship of the outdoors and remind all of us to be responsible caretakers of our environment.

While many people have embodied these practices for a long time including indigenous American Indians, use of our environment has been formalized by the Center for Ethics and endorsed by federal agencies who manage public lands.

More recently many state parks, local communities, and others have embraced and promote these concepts. "Today, LNT reaches over 15 million Americans and dozens of countries with conservation initiatives, education, training, research and outreach" per the Center.

Seven basic concepts define Leave No Trace practices starting with "Leave what you find, take only photos and memories."

1. Plan ahead and prepare. Know the type of terrain and possible weather conditions you might encounter. Minimize impacts by keeping groups small. Walking single file and avoiding shortcuts will limit damage to the trail. Bring water, wear appropriate footwear, and know where you are going.

2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces. Focus activity on resilient ground. Surfaces consisting of sand, gravel, rock, snow, or dry grass are durable and can withstand heavy use. Walk through mud/puddles to avoid widening the trail.

3. Dispose of waste properly. Pack it in, pack it out! This includes not only food wrappers, but also biodegradable waste such as banana peels, etc. Pick up trash left by others. Dispose of human waste in catholes dug 6-8 inches deep in

4. Leave what you find. You can look, but please don't take. Leave everything that you find in the wilderness where it belongs. Avoid moving rocks, picking plants, and disturbing cultural and historic artifacts.

5. Minimize campfire impacts. Keep your campfire small—or go without.

Use previously constructed fire rings. Only burn small diameter wood found on the ground. Do not damage live or fallen trees. Be aware of the level of fire danger of the area. Make sure your campfire is completely smothered before you leave camp.

6. Respect wildlife. Let the wild be wild. Keep your distance and do not attract or approach animals. Never feed them food intended for humans as this disrupts their natural foraging habits. Control pets in natural areas and always keep them restrained.

7. Be considerate of other visitors. Show respect for other trail users. Keep voices/noises from getting intrusively loud. Obey any posted trail rules including rights of way. Minimize visual impacts by wearing earth tone-colored clothes (except hunting season).

Our Meeker based Bureau of Land Management and National Forest services provide training to their staff, outfitters and guides who instruct visitors. These services extend to groups like mountain bikers and the Wagon Wheel OHV Club. Local employees stress these examples of Leave No Trace while recreating around Meeker:

Don't tie your horse to a tree. This can cause bark "girdling" and "dishing" caused by pawing the ground or chewing on trees.

Whether hiking, biking, or off-

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LOOSE ENDS

Hospitality

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

MEEKER I Ever find yourself stranded on the highway late at night and more than one person stops to lend a hand? Stuck without a ride to go to an appointment in the neighboring community? Suddenly someone remembers that they just happened to be going your way. These are what so many people label as random acts of kindness today. The old random acts of kindness were not random at all. Giving someone their word while

offering a handshake sealed many a business deal. Leaving a cabin stocked with a full larder unlocked fulfilled the hospitality credo set in place by the settlers.

One of the Herald Times' most recent obituaries cited how important this moral obligation was with a reference to the individual who "lived by the hospitality code of the west. No one was turned away or left their home without a good cup of coffee, a joke or two and more times than not, with a full belly. "I find this tradition is as alive and well as it was since Meeker's

early days. It looks a little different but it is definitely still here."

Displaying hospitality in different ways than so long ago, we seemed to have adapted. There are so many among us who believe that this no longer holds true, but I disagree. Now that more people can travel once again. I expect that we will see an increase in visitors of our high county, especially as we move forward



Dolly Viscardi

with all of the efforts to promote our area for cultural tourism, the more kudos this community is bound to receive. In the past few years, numerous letters to the editor have appeared from both tourists and residents alike. I have spoken to some members of the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, as well as

a few local business owners and they say are still receiving more positive comments than negative ones. That doesn't mean it will stay this way.

The proverbial welcome mat needs to put in so many front doors right now. The entrances of local businesses are doing just that, while it seems that many residents are reluctant to go back to their traditional form of hospitality. Where is that "cup of coffee, a joke or two, and a full belly these days?"

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*.

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

<p>Rangely Vaccines Clinics BOOSTERS & FIRST DOSES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk-in Clinics</p> <p>Thursday, Apr. 22, 3 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Apr. 29, 3 to 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 125 Eagle Crest St.</p>	<p>Meeker Vaccine Clinics BOOSTERS & FIRST DOSES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Drive-Through Clinic</p> <p>Monday, Apr. 26, 4 to 6 p.m.</p> <p>RBC Fairgrounds 835 Sulphur Creek Dr.</p>
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For schedules and updates, please visit:
www.rbc.us/629/COVID-19-Vaccinations

For more information about vaccines, please visit:
covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A note to Dave Morlan

Dear Editor:
David, I have known you almost all of your life and you are one of my favorite people. Having said that, I have been waiting the last few weeks, since this recall started against Gary Moyer, for you to come forward and sign the release for the commissioners to be able to release their side of the story about you not being reappointed to the county position. To my knowledge you have not done that. Part of the wording on this recall is that Gary Moyer is not being transparent in the manner in which he has conducted county business. Let's apply that statement to you! You have the opportunity right now to sign a release and let the entire episode be heard. I am very disappointed you would encourage this recall to go to a vote without the citizens of Rio Blanco County knowing both sides of this story. I can understand you feel it is

personal and none of anyone's business but what you are doing is making it all of our business. Do the right thing — sign the release and put both sides of the story out there, then let the public decide on their own.

Sharon Clapper
Meeker

COVID not over yet

Dear Editor:
The state has lifted COVID restrictions. We're on our own (but then we always have been). The course of the pandemic now will be determined by individual judgment and love of neighbor. We're far from finished with COVID-19. New cases in Colorado still number about half the population of Meeker every day. More than a Rio Blanco County's worth get sick with COVID every week. Nationwide we're headed toward numbers of deaths approaching the totals in the Great Pandemic of 1918. And like influenza, SARS-CoV-2 is changing. New variants

of the virus, some of them, are more lethal, more easily transmissible, and causing more severe disease in younger age groups. Every new case gives the virus the opportunity to produce new strains even more deadly, or strains that can escape the vaccines.

It's not time to let our guard down. Masks, distancing, hand-washing, avoiding crowds in confined spaces — all are as important now as ever. And get vaccinated. The vaccines have proven extraordinarily safe and effective. Protect yourself. Protect your loved ones and your neighbors. Thanks to the enormous efforts of our county health department, we're at about 27% vaccination rate. We need people to step up, get immunized, and reach at least three times that figure.

Dr. Bob Dorseth
Meeker

Voter integrity

Dear Editor:
We need voter integrity! Colorado has something very

curious going on in our elections, it is beyond the voting machine, beyond traditional expected "cheating" schemes. Join with us to listen to Dr. Douglas Frank (physicist) who has discovered what has happened. He will educate us on what has taken place and how you can help to restore voter integrity to Colorado and any state! Let us Unite to Restore

Colorado's Voter Integrity. This event is hosted by America's Mom and Concerned Citizens. Sign up and join in, we can fix our voting system now and for future generations. Two opportunities available: Grand Junction: Friday, April 23 at 6 p.m. — Double Tree Hotel, Horizon Drive and in Denver: Saturday, April 24, 6 p.m. Double Tree

Hotel, Cherry Creek. To attend, get your tickets at... <https://www.americasmom.net/event-details/dr-frank-talks-colorado-election>. To see Dr Frank's latest work on Michigan voter integrity: <https://youtu.be/G9J7D2at9OI>. God bless Colorado and America!

Elaine Urie
Rangely

GUEST COLUMN

This is your VFW, Auxiliary and American Legion

By ROB BAUGHMAN
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I What does a veteran do when they are separated from the military? The answer is pretty simple for those that are members of one of these organizations, they continue to serve.

This article is to inform the residents of Rio Blanco County what the VFW and American Legion are doing to serve the community, whether you're a veteran or not.

One of the most popular and most used services is in the area of medical needs such as wheelchairs (both standard and electric as well as the electric scooters), hospital beds, crutches, walkers, knee scooters, shower chairs, and bedside commodes. These items are available for short or long term use at no cost.

We maintain a fund for the

reimbursement of travel expenses for medical services and other emergency needs of our local veterans. There is a separate fund that we can draw on for veterans that are traveling through our area and have an emergency need.

We maintain a stock of high quality U.S. Flags that we will sell to the public.

The VFW/Auxiliary and the American Legion also provide color and honor guards for sporting events, funerals and parades.

Some other services that we provide would be assistance with minor construction needs, such as a temporary wheelchair ramp.

The VFW Auxiliary maintains and administers a scholarship fund for the local high school graduates.

The American Legion Chaplain, Reverend (retired) John Wall is available to counsel veterans and other members of the community, by appointment free of charge.

So, who is eligible to join these organizations? For the VFW you have to have served in an area where there has been an armed conflict involving U.S. forces (including a tour of duty in Korea post armistice). If you served in any branch of the military regardless of the time period, you are eligible to join the American Legion. The VFW Auxiliary, no longer the "Ladies Auxiliary," is now open to men as well. If you have a parent, grandparent, brother or sister that served in a war theatre you would be welcome to join the Auxiliary.

Finally, a plea to our local veterans to come join us so that these organizations will continue to be able to serve our community. All three organizations meet on the second Thursday of each month in a combined meeting at 5:30 p.m., or if you remember your military time, that's 1730 hours.

LEAVE NO TRACE: continued

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roading, "stay the trail." Shortcuts contribute to erosion and may cause plants to take forever to re-generate.

When dispersed camping (not in a formal campground) return the area to its former condition. Do not create new fire pits or leave unsightly tracks.

Avoid driving on muddy roads as leaving ruts that others will have to navigate or repair. Wait until the ground is solid. Do not speed which will lead to washboard conditions.

Put out your fire — completely.

Do not start campfires when restrictions prohibit them.

Don't leave trash. Clean up your campsite or picnic area and try to leave it even better than you found it.

Don't scare wildlife. Keep your distance and remember they may attack you. This is their home. Be respectful.

Be quiet and give other visitors the joy of peace in the great outdoors. Don't use speaker phone, don't blare your radio, don't shout down the trail to your buddies.

Keep children under control. No picking wildflowers, no screaming, no climbing on archives. Teach the

Leave No Trace principles early.

Remember that if our recreational lands are destroyed, it will cost taxpayers and users money to repair.

Our public lands, parks, and recreational sites belong to all of us. Respectful and ethical use promotes an environment that we can all be proud of and pass on to our grandchildren. Please, Leave No Trace.

Special thanks to the White River District BLM and National Forest staff for their contributions to this article. Please contact them if you would like additional information or training.

CONSERVATION CORNER

Is Your Home Defensible?

Given the dry conditions, "Defensible Space" should be on the minds of all homeowners, particularly those located in areas outside of town limits. Defensible space is the natural and landscaped area around a home or other structure that has been modified to reduce fire hazard.

Planning ahead and taking actions to reduce fire hazards can increase your safety and help protect your property. While firefighters always do their best to protect rural residents, it is ultimately YOUR responsibility to protect your life, family, animals and property from wildfire. Defensible space gives your home a fighting chance against an approaching wildfire.

Zone 1 defensible space extends out to the first 15 – 30 feet from your home and structures, depending on property size. Within this zone, there should be no plants within the first 5 feet, all trees should be removed, and no combustible materials stored.

Zone 2 defensible space extends at least 100 feet from all structures. Recommendations for Zone 2 include but are not limited to; removing stressed, diseased, dead or dying trees and shrubs, 2) removing enough trees and large shrubs to create at least 10 feet between crowns, 3) remove all ladder fuels from under remaining trees.

Crown separation is measured from the outermost branch of one tree to the nearest branch on the next tree. On steep slopes, increase the distance between tree crowns even more. Ladder fuels are defined as smaller trees, brush, and lower branches of large trees that provide vertical continuity, which allows a fire to burn from the ground level up into the branches and crowns of larger trees. Prune all tree branches from ground level up to a height of 10 feet above ground or up to 1/3 the height of the tree, whichever is less.

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The Second Commandment: The Law Concerning Worship (1)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

WHAT profound truth and critical application we find in this second commandment. This mandate, in fact, is inseparably linked to the first mandate of the Moral Law. In the first, God tells us the *person* who we are to worship, while in the second He specifies the *practice* of how we are to worship. To put it another way, while the first commandment points to the only *object* of worship, the second points *out objectionable* worship. The first condemns the worshipping of false gods, while the second condemns the making of any image or symbol even of the true God. The language here is even more solemn. How serious this issue is! How critical it is to our proper worship of God!

God attaches a severe penalty for violating this commandment, one that should, indeed, strike terror into men's hearts. But despite that warning, this commandment is, nonetheless, among the most disregarded, distorted, dismissed, and even denied by some. Pictures, statues, icons, and symbols galore permeate Christendom and are used as aids to worship. Let us, therefore, turn to our three-fold examination of this solemn commandment.

The Old Testament Commandment

The commandment begins with the words, **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image** (Ex. 20:4). Some Bible teachers insist that this commandment merely forbids art or other images of *false* gods, but the context makes the meaning clear. The first commandment commands us to worship God alone, but the second tells us to do so not by our own devices but only by His self-disclosure, which we find in Scripture alone. Verse 4, in fact, goes on to detail how pagans make images of heavenly and earthly objects to represent their gods, but this must *never* be so of the True God. There is no ambiguity here. The use of any image whatsoever

in the worship of God is categorically condemned. Moses expanded on this to make it even more unmistakably clear in his restatement of the Law in Deuteronomy 4:15–19 and goes on to reiterate it three more times (4:23–25; 5:8; 27:15; see also Lev. 26:1–2 and Isa. 42:8).

Why is this condemned? What is wrong with using an image if it reminds us of God and helps us worship Him? After all, are we not thinking spiritually? If I may lovingly say, no, you actually are *not* thinking spiritually; you are not thinking with the *spirit*, rather with the *senses*. Puritan Thomas Watson well said: "God is to be adored in the heart, not painted to the eye." Think of this: How much more could we belittle our *infinite* God than by representing Him with a *finite* image? It is, in fact, utter blasphemy to use what was *created* to represent the *Creator*. It demeans, debases, and dishonors Him. Again, it drags Him down from the *spiritual* level to the *sensory* level. That is why images are inarguably forbidden.

Now, it is passionately argued by many sincere and devout people that they do not worship the image or object but rather the God behind it, that the object just helps them think of God or Christ. *But that is exactly what this second commandment condemns*. It is not just about worship, but also any kind of adoration, veneration, or reverence. If we need physical help to worship, we are not very spiritual in the first place. Our Lord Himself declared, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24). We will continue next time.

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] stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

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OBITUARIES

Betty Lorraine Oba Massey

April 29, 1931 ~ April 12, 2021

Betty Lorraine Boice was born on April 29, 1931, to Edwin and Mary Boice in Manassa, Colorado. She was the second daughter in a family of five daughters (LaRee, Verla, Maevonne, Betty, and Gladys) and two sons (Dale and Dean). She grew up in rural communities in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. From early in her youth, Betty was an avid reader. Her youngest sister, Gladys, recalls that when Betty was just beginning to read in school, she was even willing to forgo a rare train trip from Alamosa to Los Angeles with her mother because she had just started reading Dick and Jane and didn't want to miss out on learning what happened to "Spot" the dog. Gladys also recalled that on occasions when their mother stepped out to help a neighbor, it was left to "the girls" to fire up the stove and begin preparing the evening meal. One time, however, Betty and her sister arrived home from school and immediately became so absorbed in their reading that they sat with their coats on in the cold living room. Their mom was none too pleased to arrive home and find the assigned tasks undone. Reportedly, there were repercussions for the two guilty parties. Gladys credits Betty for introducing running to Bountiful, Colorado. Betty would



Betty Massey

run from Bountiful to the nearest post office three miles away in La Jara to pick up the mail, but she was frequently stopped by kind drivers on the highway who wanted to ask if she needed help. Throughout her life, Betty continued to engage in an active lifestyle, even braving encounters with bears to do her jogging in Alaska.

Betty graduated magna cum laude from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado, in 1953. Shortly after graduation, Betty left home to fly to New York and on to Germany to marry the first love of her life, Herbert Hiroshi Oba, who was then stationed as an Army medic at Landstuhl, Germany. In marrying Herb, Betty chose love over those who counseled against "interracial" marriage. After Herb's tour of duty was over, they returned to the San Luis Valley and she began her career as a schoolteacher and mother. Their first son, Gary, was born in 1955 and two years later Douglas was born. Both Betty and Herb had fulfilling careers as educators, teaching first in Hooper, Colorado, and then moving to Meeker, Colorado, where Betty taught in the elementary school and Herb was the principal. Because of their experience in applying innovative teaching practices in rural communities, they were

invited to teach a summer methods course at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks for new teachers who were assigned to teach in remote Alaskan villages. They spent many summers traveling with their boys to Fairbanks to help these young teachers. Eventually, they moved to Dillingham, Alaska, and then later to St. Mary's, Alaska, where she continued to teach elementary school and Herb was the superintendent. In Dillingham, under the tutelage of kind neighbors who became close friends, Betty learned to subsistence fish for salmon, some of which she would can and kipper. After three decades as dedicated educators, they retired to Gainesville, Florida, where they helped care for Doug's two young children. Lynn, their first grandchild, proudly remembers this period as when "Grandma taught me to read and instilled the love of reading in my life."

Betty's life was also filled with service to many others and the retirement years gave more opportunities to expand in that capacity. She and Herb served a year-long service mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in San Francisco working primarily with Spanish-speaking families. Later they spent a year in Jiaozuo, China, as volunteers teaching English at a university. Afterwards, between spending time at their cabin upriver from Meeker, Colorado,

in Buford and building and shortly afterwards selling a home in Grand Junction, Colorado, they continued their world travels including to Germany, Portugal, Guinea Bissau in West Africa, and Japan to see Gary and his family. After 40 years of marriage, Herb died in August 1993. Betty continued to live in Buford and spent some time living with Gary and his family in southern Taiwan where she taught English courses at a several universities and colleges.

In April 1998, Betty married Jarrell Massey. Friends from the Meeker Ward had invited the two over for dinner and, according to their own account, they "monopolized the conversation" and found many shared connections, including the fact they had both lived in Manassa, Colorado. Betty embarked on a new life which involved a lot of traveling in northwest Colorado, both with Jarrell's work with Northwest Colorado Ranching for Wildlife and his responsibilities as the Meeker Stake Patriarch. Jarrell's family warmly embraced Betty and made her part of their extended family. They served together as temple workers at the Vernal Utah Temple and jointly helped lead an addiction recovery program. Jarrell loved to garden and would fill their car with garden produce all summer long to freely share with church members and friends. Later, when they moved from Meeker to Rangely, Jarrell planted fruit trees that wouldn't grow upriver in Buford and had even larger vegetable plots.

Jarrell's passing in March 2015, once again brought intense grief to Betty. While she had been up to the challenge of living alone with her trusted golden lab, Shoji, after Herb died, following Jarrell's

passing, she decided to live with Gary in Yokohama, Japan. Several years later, when Gary retired from the U.S. Department of State, they both moved to Buford where she was once again home in her lovely cabin amongst the aspens. During her final years she still continued her travels, spending lengthy stays with Doug and his wife, Ellen, in Germany and later in Italy.

Blessed with a rich Mormon pioneer heritage, Betty had a deep and abiding faith in God. She passed away peacefully after courageously battling dementia that advanced rapidly after she broke her hip in a fall in early January this year.

Betty is survived by two siblings, Gladys Tolbert (John) and Dean Boice (Beverly), two sons, Gary and Douglas Oba (Ellen), seven grandchildren, Alisa Christensen (Allen), Ken Oba (Leslie), Lynn Holm (Janson), Eric Oba, Sara Wood (Quinton), Antonio Oba, and Elijah Oba, and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, and her sisters, LaRee, Verla, and Maevonne, and her brother, Dale.

Funeral services will be held at the Meeker Ward chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 24 (903 Third St., Meeker, Colorado). The family asks that those attending the service wear face masks. The service can also be viewed via Zoom. Please contact douglasoba@msn.com if you would like the Zoom access information. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Meeker Public Library (490 Main St., Meeker, Colorado, 81641) for the purchase of books for children and youth.

Michael Brandon Muir

Aug. 21, 1982 ~ April 14, 2021

Michael Brandon Muir, 37, of Meeker, Colorado, passed away April 14, 2021.



Mike Muir

Michael was born on Aug. 21, 1983 in Rock Springs, Wyoming, to Traci Leith and Jerry Muir. He was a graduate of Manila High School in Manila, Utah. He was employed at Natural Soda and his coworkers were like family.

Michael was an avid sports fan, he loved his New York Yankees, North Carolina Tar Heels and Carolina Panthers. Baseball games were his favorite.

Michael had an amazing sense of humor. He loved pranking people, especially Heather and his coworkers, just to make them laugh. He was passionate about working out, and fishing, his favorite thing to do. He loved helping people, especially the homeless and less fortunate. He loved his boys, they made him very proud. He loved life.

Michael is survived by his wife, Heather, who he loved immensely, they were truly soulmates; sons Austin Muir, 18 and Tyson Muir, 16; Chelsea Davis, the mother of his children, all of Mountain View, Wyoming; father Jerry Muir of Manila, Utah; brothers Dylan (Shanette) Muir and Joey Muir, both of Meeker, Colorado; father-in-law Charles Pierce of Nashville, Tennessee; he also leaves behind three nephews: Syllas Muir, Mason Muir and Ryett Muir.

A notable mention to his crew and the five guys who meant the world to him, and he loved dearly.

Alex Smith of Meeker, Colorado; Kasey Denny of Rangely, Colorado; Brendan Shupe of Parachute, Colorado; Tyler Cose of Parachute, Colorado; Seth Holbrook of Rifle, Colorado. Thanks for loving Mike, thanks for showing him love and kindness, it didn't go unnoticed and you were more like brothers. We'll miss hearing his stories about you and how much you impacted his life.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother Traci Leith; maternal grandmother Suzi Leith; paternal grandmother Louise Muir; paternal grandfather Rusty Muir; and uncle Clay Muir.

Heather expresses great gratitude to Jess (Troy) Kurth, Damien Pontine, Pamela Harrison, and Gayla Carstens for being there for her during this tragedy.

Mike's wish for his fellow mates is to be kind, forgive, judge less and love all — no matter what...

In Mike's memory, please show an act of kindness today.

Grant Mortuary is handling his affairs. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Thanks for loving Mike.

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Lady Cowboys remain undefeated on Western Slope

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

MEEKER | The lady Cowboys only played two of their three games this last week due to COVID and an injury on the Debeque team.

They continue their undefeated march across the Western Slope undefeated and now stand 10-0 overall and 9-0 on the Western Slope. They have only lost four sets out of the 47 they have played. In the rankings they are fourth in MaxPreps and in the combined poll for class 2A they are now sitting in third. Just

above them are Denver Christian who is 7-0 and Wiggins in 11-2; Meeker, Denver Christian and Vail Christian are the only undefeated teams left in the top 10.

The following stats are for the games against Hayden and North Park.

Sophia Goedert had 33 assists, Sarah Kracht had two assists and Tatum Kennedy had 39.

This is the final week of the regular season, and remaining in the top eight gives Meeker the opportunity to host regionals. This week they will host Plateau Valley on Thursday. PV currently

has an 8-4 record and is sitting at 28 in the combined poll. Friday and Saturday, the last two matches before regionals, will be the hardest. Friday Meeker travels to Soroco to take on the 9-1 Rams who are ranked ninth in the state. Then Saturday number six Vail Christian will come to Meeker. These two games will be some of the hardest of the year, will decide who wins the league, and ultimately if Meeker will host regionals. Thursday's games begin at 4:30 p.m. with C team, Friday at 4 p.m. with C team and then Saturday at 1 p.m. with C team.



Final regular matches of the season are set for this weekend.

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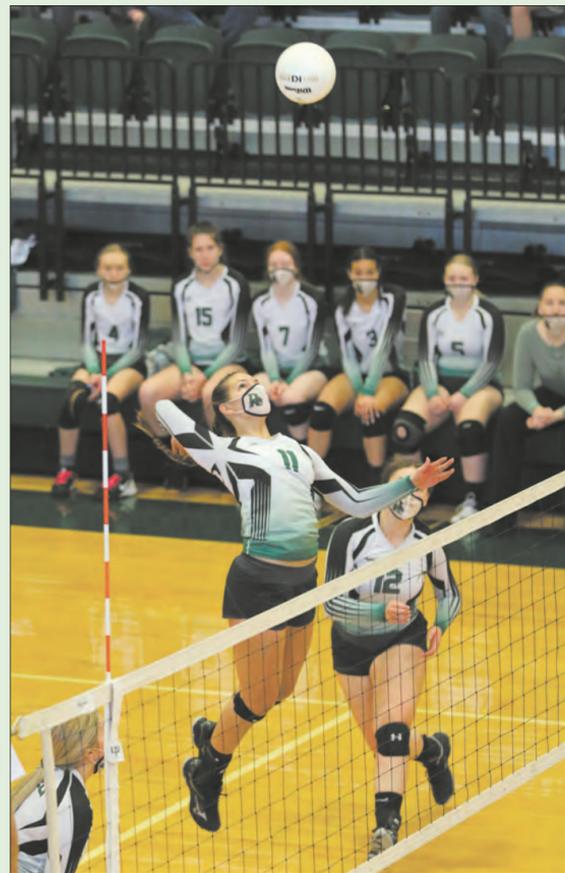
LADY PANTHERS ...



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The junior varsity lady Panthers fell 0-3 this past week in some hard-fought games against Grand Valley, Hayden and Hotchkiss. They've had a tough time bringing together all aspects of the game but look forward to finishing strong this last weekend of the season.

The varsity lady Panthers ended a busy week 2-1. Rangely traveled to Grand Valley on Tuesday, April 13 and pulled out the win in five sets. Adelynn Halcomb led behind the service line with eight aces. Halcomb did a great job moving the ball around to her hitters. Aspen Low led with nine kills, Maya Mercado added seven kills, and Ryann Mergelman had six kills. Defensively, Mergelman and Halcomb led with 17 digs apiece. Rangely then traveled to Hayden on Friday, April 16. The lady Panthers got the win in four sets. Low led the offense with 13 kills, with Mercado chipping in six kills. Mercado led with seven solo blocks while Emma Smith led with 21 digs defensively. On Saturday, April 17, Rangely hosted Hotchkiss. The lady Panthers came out striking first, taking the first set but Hotchkiss had other plans for the Panthers, taking the next three sets. Halcomb led with five aces and 23 assists. Contributing offensively was Low with 14 kills and Kyrah Phelps with 10 kills. The Panthers will finish up the regular season with a home match against Olathe Friday and then travel to Paonia on Saturday.



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- BRENDAN CLATTERBAUGH - Most Dedicated, Most Reversals
- COLBY CLATTERBAUGH - Most Wins, Most Pins, Most Valuable
- OWEN HANNEMAN - Most Improved
- TRAE KENNEDY - Most Tech Falls
- TYSON PORTWOOD - Most Tech Falls

2020 Wrestling Awards

Congratulations to Colby Clatterbaugh who went undefeated on the season and was the 2A - 195 lb State Champion

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Wrestling awards for the Meeker Cowboys are as follows:
Connor Blunt: most takedowns, most escapes, most near falls, most tech falls
Brendan Clatterbaugh: most dedicated, most reversals
Colby Clatterbaugh: most wins, most pins, most valuable
Owen Hanneman: most improved
Trae Kennedy: most tech falls
Tyson Portwood: most tech falls
Congratulations to Colby Clatterbaugh, who went undefeated on the season and was the 2A 195 pound state champ.

Rangely School Lunch Menu: April 26-29, 2021

- 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

TIS THE SEASON ...



Springtime marks the start of branding season for local cattle ranchers.

SOPHIA GOEDERT PHOTOS

Sports stories are posted in the HT as space allows in the following order: varsity stories, junior varsity stories, junior high stories, miscellaneous stories. Contact us at editor@ht1885.com with questions.

CHSAA restrictions are currently in place for high school sports.

Please wear a mask to school events.

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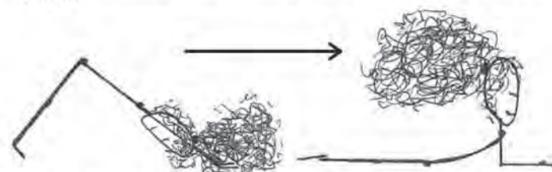


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In this month's series we will flow from Down Dog into various other poses that will challenge your mobility and awaken your entire body. This week we will flow from Down Dog into Sphinx

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 slightly bent, fingers spread wide pressing into the hands.

From your Down Dog inhale and shift your weight forward into a high plank, then with your exhale release your front body all the way down to the ground. Bring your elbows under your shoulders and inhale to reach your chest forward and up opening up your heart space. Insure your shoulders are relaxed down away from your ears keeping your neck long.

Hold your Sphinx as long as it is comfortable, being careful to not stress or over crunch your lower back.

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

- Dr. Miller, a dentist out of Glenwood has arrived in Meeker and is working out of the Miller house. Business has said to be thriving, though he will be leaving in a few days.
- The construction of the Meeker Hotel is progressing favorably.

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

- Meeker's Post Office is rumored to be raised to the second class, meaning the town is growing.
- The cast of the play "When a Feller Needs a Friend" were given high regards after their performance. Some said it was the best dramatic entertainment given here in a long time.
- The first week in May is designated to "Clean-Up Week" each year. Following the town ordinance, all trash, ashes, maure, and other debris must be hauled beyond town limits before the expiration of "Clean-Up Week."

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

- The Fortnightly Club and the Woman's Club combined celebrations this year to honor Freeman Fairfield and to celebrate Mother's Day.
- The ASCS Office mailed \$174,857.01 in incentive payments for wool to sheepmen.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

- Seven from the high school FCCLA team competed at the State Leadership Conference. Two silver medals and one bronze were given to the participants from Meeker.
- Meeker School District teachers presented their argument

for higher pay to the school board. Meeker teacher pay is ranked 153 out of 176 districts in the state.

■ The Rio Blanco County Commissioners sold a 1967 International van to the White River Snowmobile Club for \$1 at their regular meeting.

Rangely Times 50 years ago

- The sprinkling system at

Hefley Memorial Park is finally finished after four years.

■ A \$180,000 contract with Henry Blaylock was approved by city council to build the municipal building.

■ A circus is coming to Rangely and will be complete with clowns, free acts, stunts, and many fun games and snacks.

Rangely Times 25 years ago

■ The Colorado Welcome Center in Dinosaur is set to open on May 1st. The center was forced to close in 1993 after a lack of funding through tourism tax. They now rely on general projects for money.

■ The Chevron-sponsored oil disposal site on Main St. is closed until Evergreen Environmental Services picks up the existing oil.

THEME: FICTIONAL MOTHERS ACROSS

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6. Economic measure acronym
9. *Beverly Goldberg's schmoopie
13. Use an EpEe
14. Neither here ____ there
15. Tall ancient monument
16. Daisy-like bloom
17. Much of it about nothing?
18. Commotions
19. *She's 'Bow' to Dre in TV sitcom "Blackish"
21. *Mother to Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth March in novel and movie
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Let's talk about logical fallacies—gaps in logic that invalidate an argument or opinion.

18 False Cause

When someone asserts that a real or perceived relationship between things means one is the cause of the other, lacking factual evidence to back it up.

Happy fallacy-finding!



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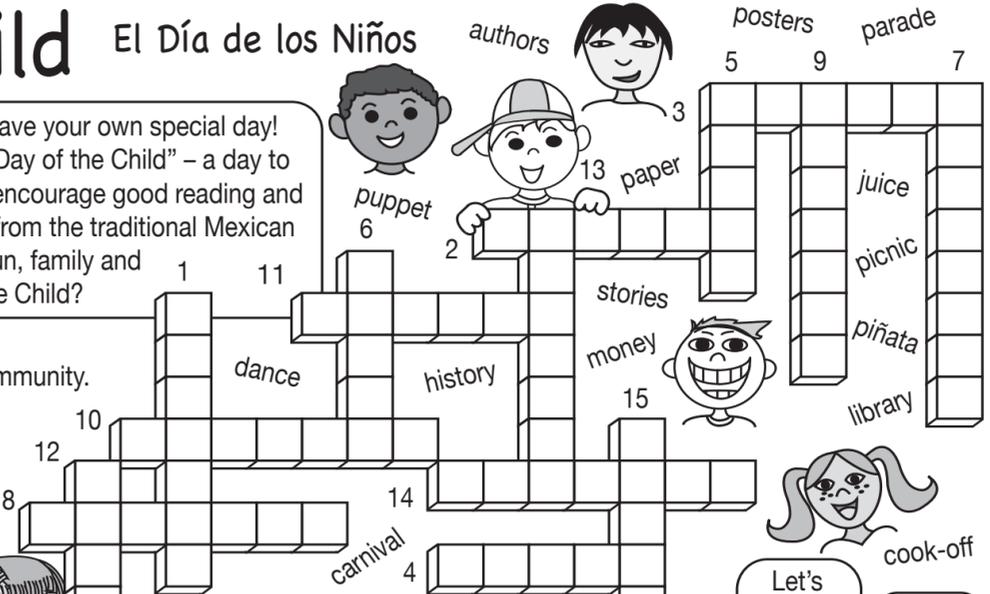
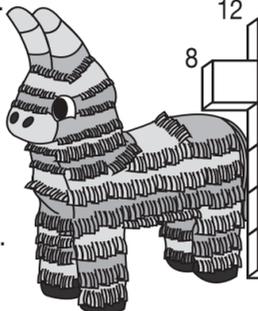
Day of the Child El Día de los Niños

What's wonderful about being a child? You have your own special day! In 1998, the U.S. Congress named April 30 as "Day of the Child" – a day to honor kids, to promote their well-being, and to encourage good reading and writing skills. This national celebration borrows from the traditional Mexican holiday, "El Día de los Niños," and is a day for fun, family and friends. What will you be doing on the Day of the Child?

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with fun community activities:

1. Draw and color pictures or _____ and hang them around your community.
2. Dress up as your favorite story character and go to a storytelling time at the library or join in a _____ on the street.
3. _____ in the park with other families. Join in soccer exercises or fly kites.
4. Listen to and _____ to the music of a mariachi band.
5. Try _____ cutting, origami, cookie dough art or arts and crafts set up by your school or library.
6. Enjoy snacks: apples, cookies, _____, ice cream.
7. Go to a children's _____ or fair and try a new activity and a new food.
8. Visit your _____ and take out books that are bilingual (written in two languages – English and Spanish).
9. Work with your family to be in a menudo _____ contest or other event (hint: think food).
10. Hang banners, write _____, put on plays that show what's great about being a kid.
11. Watch a _____ show such as "La Cucaracha" (The Cockroach).

Make a piñata!



Celebrating Children!

12. Have a blast with family and friends making a _____ and then breaking it.
13. Hear Hispanic _____ read their books aloud.
14. Have a Cascarones festival. Learn about their _____ and traditions (confetti-filled eggshells).
15. Organize a huge children's tag sale. Give the _____ to a children's organization.

Super Hero Stories!



How would you describe the children you know? Find and circle all of these words about children:

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learning
singing
leaping
skipping
safe
hopes
health
future
dreams
happy
jumping
respect
laughter
dancing

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Today is all about us!



We formed our own book club. We meet at the library to choose books.

Bilingual Books

Books that are **bilingual** are books that are written in 2 different languages. People like to use these to learn another language.

1. *The Piñata Maker/El Piñatero* by George Ancona.
2. *Fiestas: A Year of Latin-American Songs and Celebrations* by Jose-Luis Orozco.
3. *Giants of Science/Gigantes de Ciencia-The Wright Brothers* by Anna Sproule.
4. *An Illustrated Treasury of Latino Read-Aloud Stories: 40 of the Best-Loved Stories for Parents and Children to Share* by Maite Suarez Rivas.



Check out these books written in English and Spanish!

cascarones book

libro confetti-filled eggshells

school candy

What Do These Spanish Words Mean?

We speak and read in English and in Spanish! We are bilingual. We enjoy teaching our friends Spanish words. Here are some of the words we have shared. Can you match them to their English translations?

caramelo

escuela

padre

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mother

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gato

father

fiesta

soccer

children

perro

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- Extension Advisory Board
- Health Board
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- Meeker Library Board
- Planning Commission
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Dental Benefit Coordinator Responsibilities:

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- Entering data using dental practice management software.
- Generating reports for all activities.
- Posting payments made by patients.
- Following up on non-paid benefit claims.
- Managing late payments and overdue accounts.
- Processing benefit payments and refunds.
- Uploading completed benefit verification forms.
- Monitoring weekly, monthly, and quarterly reports to confirm payment from clients and benefit companies.

Dental Benefit Coordinator Requirements:

- High school degree, GED or related.
- Preferred 2 years in a dental office environment.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Proficient with data entry.
- Experience in dental practice management software.
- Microsoft Office experience (MS Word, Excel, Outlook).
- Knowledge of dental procedures and benefit billing codes preferred.

Dental Benefit Coordinator Hours, Pay and Benefits

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