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More than 2,000 acres northwest of Meeker have been conserved in perpetuity by the Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust and the Krueger family, owners of the Villa Ranch. The easement will help preserve greater sage grouse habitat and support deer and elk populations in the area. Full story on [PAGE 7A](#).

Rangely residents discuss rural water

By **ROXIE FROMANG**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Manager Alden Vanden Brink along with board President Wade Cox and Vice President Tim Winkler laid out details and answered questions for interested Western Rio Blanco County residents during a rural water informational meeting Monday, April 26. More than a year ago the concept to create a rural water district, which would provide a reliable high-quality potable water supply and service to properties, individuals, and businesses not currently served by a public drinking water supply was presented for community input and discussion purposes. Since last February, a feasibility analysis has taken place and prospective members are being sought. The proposed service area is not presently served by the Town of Rangely falling within Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District boundaries (approximately from Stedman Mesa to the Utah border). Vanden Brink reports nearly 39% of potential members have already signed up but 50-70% participation is needed.

What's included with the rural water district membership?

A water distribution system, water to your property, curb stop/shut-off valve, account management, meter, meter pit, backflow preventer, 24-hour emergency service, customer service, and distribution maintenance (line breaks, water quality monitoring, flushing, and leak detection).

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There is a one-time membership fee of \$5,000. An initial \$1,000 membership commitment per hook-up for those

interested in water service. The remaining \$4,000 for membership will be requested prior to final design and if the members decide to move forward with the creation of the rural water district. If service cannot be provided the full membership fee will be returned. With membership comes a 5-year service guarantee commitment from the member once water service is established at your location. The member would be obligated to pay a monthly minimum service fee. If none of the project is grant funded the estimated monthly service cost is \$195.63, if 45% of the project is funded with grants the estimated monthly service cost is \$142.52. Several funding sources have been identified that would include a mix of grants and long-term low interest loans. Fees and funding will depend greatly on the level of participation.

If you have ever hauled water to take a shower, water your livestock, or flush your toilet you know how inconvenient and time consuming it can be. The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District lists many benefits including high quality potable drinking water piped to your property, no more hauling water, reduced vehicle maintenance and registration fees, lower property owner maintenance, lower fuel costs, and appreciation of property values. If you are ready to ditch your hose, tank, pump, and cistern there is a lot more work to be done and details to work out, join the conversation by calling 970-675-5055 or send an email to rbwcd@yahoo.com.

**Information provided is conceptual and intended for community input and discussion purposes. Expressed service area, cost estimates/values, fees, and processes are preliminary and subject to change.*

Meeker school board votes 5-1 to hire new principal

By **NIKI TURNER**
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MEEKER | A group of parents, Meeker residents and elected officials spoke to the Meeker School Board on Monday, expressing concerns about Superintendent Chris Selle's recommendation to hire Andrea Murphy to replace the outgoing elementary school principal instead of current first grade teacher Melinda Walls.

Walls has been a first grade teacher at Meeker Elementary School for the last three years. She was among three candidates interviewed for the principal's position by a committee of eight — four current elementary school staff members, three district staff members, and Selle. In the last school board meeting, Selle told board members all three candidates interviewed were highly qualified and had interviewed well.

After members of the public asked the board to take more time before approving Murphy's hiring, Walls' husband John asked the board if they had reviewed all of the resumes and letters of reference. The board indicated they had not.

The board voted to go into executive session mid-meeting to review the information before making a decision. Upon coming out of executive session, board members voted 5-1 in favor of hiring Murphy.

"Our votes are not always unanimous, we take turns agreeing to disagree," said board member Kevin Amack. "We hire a superintendent and we say, 'run this thing.' He's [Chris] has earned my respect. His discernment has proven to be really good."

"Both [candidates] did a fantastic job in their interviews and had very strong applications. At the end of it all it was a very difficult deci-

sion. Mrs. Walls is a fabulous teacher and we are very fortunate to have her in our school," Selle said.

John Walls, who serves as the chaplain for the sheriff's office, said the couple plans on relocating to the Front Range once Melinda secures a job there, adding they "don't want to be a hindrance" and wishing Murphy, who was in attendance at the meeting, congratulations in her new role.

In other business, the board approved hiring Torrie Gerloff as a high school English/language arts teacher and approved Marty Casey, Michelle Selle and Tom Knowles as middle school track coach and assistant coaches.

The board also heard Selle's recommendation that staff members receive a stipend of 1.25% of gross salary for additional work done during the pandemic from COVID-related funding.

"It makes sense to do that on a percentage basis because we have to tie it back to the extra work," Selle said.

Work on the vestibule at Barone Middle School will begin once school is out. Additional work on the garage behind the bus barn and paving are planned once school is out as well.

A meeting is scheduled with the Department of Regulatory Affairs board to discuss the district's variance request for restroom upgrades at Starbuck Stadium.

The district has had a few good weeks when it comes to COVID positives, although a few kids were quarantined in the last few weeks, mostly due to attending prom in Rangely.

Meeker High School's prom is scheduled for May 15, and Selle said the school is planning to put some precautions in place.

Vaccine clinics, appointments and testing changes

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Community clinics in Rio Blanco County are available to the general public over the age of 18.

Please visit uchealth.org for local Pfizer vaccination availability for 16 and 17 year olds. Rio Blanco County does not receive this presentation and can only vaccinate those 18 and older. Routt County Public Health is attempting to schedule a mobile Pfizer vaccine clinic for those 16-18 in our region, please stay tuned for details

Remaining community clinics are scheduled for April 29 and May 6 in Rangely at the LDS Church from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Rio Blanco County Public Health plans to begin in-office clinic appointments for COVID-19 vaccine in both Meeker and Rangely starting in May as we see demand decrease. Please call (970)878-9520 (Meeker) or (970)878-9525 (Rangely) to schedule your first dose or booster:

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

recently reauthorized the use of Johnson and Johnson single dose vaccine, however Rio Blanco County Public Health does not offer this presentation. Rio Blanco County Public Health recommends not to wait for availability as timely vaccination is a priority. We will update when this vaccine arrives and is available.

Boosters are NOT REQUIRED to be given at exactly 28 days. Boosters may be given after 28 days, but not before.

TESTING

Please be advised that testing for COVID-19 is recommended for all symptomatic individuals (please see CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html> for list of symptoms), and all individuals who are exposed to a known case. If you have no symptoms, but have been exposed, it is advised to test 5-7 days after your last known exposure, or as soon as possible after you begin to develop symptoms. In Rio Blanco County, free testing is available at public health.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY COVID-19 STATS

Total Cases to Date: 581 (increase by 23 since 4/19/2021)

Meeker Active: 6

Rangely Active: 10

Current Hospitalized RBC: 1

Total Hospitalized: 34

Meeker School District: 0

Rangely School District: 6

Deaths: 3

Colorado Dial: NO DIAL starting April 16, 2021

Numbers current as of Monday, Apr. 26

Starting on May 3, Rio Blanco County Public Health will be offering testing by appointment only. Call (970)878-9520 to schedule an appointment in Meeker or (970)878-9525 in Rangely.

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RIO BLANCO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MANAGER ALDEN VANDEN BRINK PRESENTED INFORMATION APRIL 26 ON A PROPOSED RURAL WATER DISTRICT FOR RESIDENTS LIVING EAST OF RANGELY.

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WANNING GIBBOUS 92%

Sat: 80s/40s

Sun: 60s/40s



COUNTY BEAT



By **LUCAS TURNER**
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RBC Commissioners met Tuesday, April 27, to discuss the following public business.

OHV SIGNAGE

RBC Emergency and Natural Resources Manager Eddie Smercina and Public Information/Program manager Carly Thompson presented to the board some OHV signage around Meeker that is in "rough shape." Based on a recent replacement project for OHV signage in Rangely, county staff estimated around \$4,300 to replace 11 signs in locations like Yellow Jacket, Miller Creek and Tenth Street. The board discussed potential funding options for replacing the signs, including putting in an application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife during their annual grant cycle. Budget and Finance director Janae Stanworth also noted potential funding from the conservation trust fund, which is designated for recreational purposes, the utility-passback funded commissioner discretionary grant fund (CDGF) which includes at least \$10K budgeted every year for community service projects. County staff was directed to look further into the

suggested funding mechanisms for future consideration.

TERRA ENERGY CULTVERT ACCESS

Natural Resources Manager Eddie Smercina also asked the board about a recent inquiry from Terra Energy Partners (TEP), who wants to run four produced water lines across CR24. According to recent site visits by Smercina, TEP has a drilling rig and compressor station on opposite sides of the road. They have requested the ability to run their water lines through an existing culvert, something county policy would generally not allow for due to flooding and other liability reasons. Commissioner Rector noted how the county is typically opposed to pipelines in culverts, "We don't want to set a precedent on this."

County Attorney Don Steerman agreed that it was important for the county not to promote any kind of policy allowing people to lay pipes through culverts, which he said decreases the function and capacity of the drainage feature. He noted that commissioners could make an exception, but advised them to use an indemnification agreement to avoid liability for the county.

An alternative solution to using

the culvert would be to cut up the pavement of the road to lay the pipes, or to bore under the road, both of which would cost more for TEP than using the existing culvert. The board agreed that helping out industry partners was the right thing to do in the situation, given the time-sensitive nature of the drilling process.

Staff noted that management of the project will now take place through the county road and bridge department's existing permit system, with the advice of Steerman.

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Callie Hendrickson, executive director of the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts, said the current MOU agreement between RBC and the conservation districts is working out with the districts and county splitting responsibilities regarding management of grazing, wildfires, natural resources and more. Hendrickson did express a desire for both entities to be more communicative with one another moving forward, using the county's recent wolf resolution as an example of something conservation district board members would have liked to weigh in on.

Hendrickson discussed a "coordinated resources plan" developed in partnership with BLM, forest service, CPW, the permit team and others. She said more than 16,000 acres have already been identified as needing treatment for brush management. Following regulatory processes including NEPA, Hendrickson said a project could potentially begin in 2022.

She also said she and county staff had been reviewing the county's land use code, which she noted will likely need to be updated after significant changes to the NEPA process during the Trump administration. The districts are hiring extra legal help to do work related to the proposed policy updates. The proposed changes should go up on the conservation district's website prior to adoption so the public can

provide input.

Hendrickson finished her presentation with a discussion of instream flow water rights. She said there are more proposed rights on the White River than she'd ever seen in one year, and wanted to get a "gameplan" ready. She noted that the protest period for proposed instream flow water rights is currently open, but said the districts for now should focus on the integrated water management plan.

REGULAR MEETING

During their regular meeting, some board actions were:

- approved CRRSAA grants for Meeker and Rangely airports totaling \$9,000 each

- approved an alcohol permission letter to the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council for upcoming "Meekerpalooza" events on June 18 and 25

- appointed Diane Mobley to the Board of Health

- approved a letter of neutrality to Colorado Parks and Wildlife regarding the fee title land acquisition of the Crystal Creek Ranch

- approved an agreement for the use and benefit of the Rio Blanco County Department of Health and Environment to participate in the CDPHE Child Fatality Prevention Act Program.

- approved an FAA funded bid award of \$549K to American Road Maintenance for airport pavement

TREE REMOVAL

Following a discussion in a work session last week, the board again talked about removal of some trees outside the Meeker courthouse. According to county staff and officials, some of the trees represent a safety hazard and should be removed, including an elm on the east side that is "beginning to split," a pine tree off Park next to the basketball court, and an ash west of the plaza. Another still healthy tree "in an inconvenient spot" was proposed for removal, but the board decided against it. Staff has been directed to proceed with the removal of damaged/hazardous trees.

Updates, county policy discussed at Board of Health work session

By **LUCAS TURNER**
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RBC During an afternoon work session Tuesday, Rio Blanco County commissioners and a newly appointed Board of Health member heard updates and discussed county policy with Public Health Director Alice Harvey.

As of Tuesday, 33.1% of the eligible population in RBC had received the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Harvey said the vaccination rate reflected that of other counties with similar demographics, noting that she would like to see the number higher, and have the department push for further outreach and education efforts surrounding vaccines.

Newly appointed BOH member Jeffrey Prystupa, who is a chiropractor and alternative medicine practitioner, expressed his opposition to vaccinations, stating that "it doesn't seem to provide really any benefit," asserting an absence of data proving COVID vaccines to be effective. Prystupa also questioned the science behind newly developed mRNA vaccines, claiming that because mRNA vaccines "don't contain the actual agent," they can't provide immunity.

The newly developed vaccines instruct cells to create COVID-19 antibodies using just a part of the COVID virus known as a "spike protein," present on the outside of the COVID virus, giving it the distinct look we've all become familiar with over the last year. Conventional vaccines utilize weakened/dead but still whole versions of the viruses they are immunizing against,

thus the difference.

Public Health director Alice Harvey noted that according to studies, the Moderna vaccine, (the type of mRNA vaccine deployed in RBC) is up to 90% effective at preventing infection and severe illness from COVID-19

Prystupa repeated claims that receiving a COVID-19 vaccine could void your life insurance policy. While these assertions have primarily been spread by anonymous accounts on sites like Twitter, Reddit and 4chan, more extensive investigations have revealed them to be incorrect, prompting noted life insurance providers to issue statements directly refuting them. Prystupa further emphasized his opposition to vaccinations later in the meeting, saying he had never received a vaccination of any kind, and claiming "I have never been sick in my life."

Referring again to new COVID vaccines, Harvey reiterated, "The data is out there that does support the safety and effectiveness." She also explained that even if you were to contract COVID after being vaccinated, the symptoms would likely be much less severe.

Anti-vaccination points shared Tuesday included those hesitant to get vaccinated. Prystupa asked why anyone should get the shot if they still need to wear a mask afterwards.

Harvey explained her own reason for wearing a mask, stating that even though she was fully vaccinated, there was still



Scan the QR code to listen to the full recording of this meeting (click in the digital edition.)

► See **BOH**, Page 8A

Recall update: protest filed

By HT Staff

RBC Commissioner Gary Moyer and his son-in-law, Matt Scott, filed a protest last Wednesday, April 21, concerning the petition to recall Moyer from office.

The protest alleges that petitions circulated "did not comply with Colorado law," that the petition format was not approved prior to circulation, that two of the four grounds for recall are false, and states Moyer did not receive notice of the petition as required. The protest also challenges when and how the petitions were notarized and signed, and states circulators did not wear identification badges.

Following review, RBC Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell issued a revised "statement of sufficiency" on April 21 for the petition that reduced the number of accepted signatures from 879 to 811. The petition needed 747 signatures to be considered valid.

Campbell said she will designate an individual to preside over the protest hearing as she may have to testify in the hearing as to certain parts of the protest. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 6 at 3 p.m. in the commissioner's meeting room on the third floor.

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.

Rangely Vaccine Walk-In Clinics

Boosters & First Doses

Thursday, Apr. 29, 3 to 5:30 p.m. & Thursday, May 6, 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 125 Eagle Crest St.

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Rio Blanco County Public Health plans to begin in-office clinic appointments for COVID-19 vaccine in both Meeker and Rangely starting in May as we see demand decrease. Please call the following numbers to schedule your first dose or booster: Meeker (970) 878-9520, Rangely (970) 878-9525

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

Testing Schedule:

In Meeker: by appointment **only**, please call (970) 878-9520 to schedule.

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



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Sunday, May 2

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NEWS BRIEFS

WREA Solar lease renewals due today

MEEKER | May is upon us and it is time to make sure your solar lease renewal forms have been returned to WREA. Signed solar lease renewals are due by April 29. The renewal fee will be automatically applied to your May power bill. Please also call if you are interested in signing up for a solar panel lease with WREA or if you would like to expand your existing program. WREA has a limited amount of solar that can be leased annually but there may be additional availability this year depending on renewals. Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 or go to www.wrea.org for more information about WREA's White River Solar program.

Rangely OHV rally this weekend

RANGELY | The Rangely OHV Adventure Rally returns this weekend with a full line-up of events for OHV lovers. Full schedule and tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangely-ohv-adventure-rally-roar-2021-tickets-141910310559>

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.

Wagon Wheel OHV Club meeting

MEEKER | The next meeting of the Wagon Wheel OHV Club will be held Wednesday, May 5 at 7 p.m. at the RBCSO Search and Rescue barn.

White River PAC meeting May 5

RBC | The White River Integrated Water Initiative Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) will be meeting on Wednesday, May 5 at 6 p.m. in Rangely at the CNCC Weiss Conference Room (500 Kennedy Dr.). The PAC will be introduced to the two contracted coordinators, hear updates from the diversion and riparian assessment teams, and provide guidance for the assessment processes which will take place this summer. A virtual link or call-in number will be provided upon request. Please email liz.districts@gmail.com to request a link to the meeting.

Rural cemetery repairs

MEEKER | Residents with an interest in the historic rural cemeteries (Strawberry, Piceance and Black Sulphur Creek) are encouraged to attend the next meeting of the Meeker Cemetery District to provide input on any repairs that need to be made. The meeting is May 6 at 8:30 a.m. at Highland Cemetery in Meeker.

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).

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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.



FFA AUCTION ...

This swinging picnic table and seating were created by Anders Jonsson, Joe McKay and Robert Foster and auctioned at the annual Meeker FFA program fundraiser. The table was purchased by Erin Musser. All told, about \$2,800 was raised for the Meeker FFA program at the recent auction and banquet. FFA Advisor Deneé Chintala thanked Friends of the FFA members Becca Nielsen, Kaysyn Chintala, Kim Davis, Justin Davis, Kasey Rosendahl, Levi Dinwiddie and Tricia Rupp for their help with the event. Travis and Katie Day were recognized for the work they have done teaching classes, organizing events, providing space for the ag program during construction at the high school during the last two years and volunteering for "anything FFA related." The Days received Honorary Friend of the FFA awards.

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16 oz. Mezzetta PEPPERS	\$1.99
12 oz. La Victoria SALSA	3 for \$5
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12-16 oz. Betty Crocker FROSTING	2 for \$3
1.34-3.9 oz. Food Club Instant PUDDING MIX	2 for \$1
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32 oz. Nestle Coffee Mate CREAMER	\$3.29
12 oz. Food Club IWS Processed CHEESE	3 for \$5
8 oz. Food Club Shredded or Block CHEESE	3 for \$5
16 oz. La Mexicana SALSA	\$2.39

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12 oz. Green Giant Fresh GREEN BEANS	2 for \$4
12 oz. Green Giant Fresh BRUSSELS SPROUTS	2 for \$4
Choice LEMONS	2 for \$1
Fresh CAULIFLOWER	99¢/lb.
Red or Green BELL PEPPERS	89¢
Large FUJI APPLES	\$1.29/lb.
12 oz. Sweet Petite CARROTS	2 for \$3
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

The 'scrubbing bubbles' of democracy

By **NIKI TURNER**
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If you are of a certain age, you'll remember the "scrubbing bubbles" TV commercial, with the bubble-shaped scrub brushes that worked magic on nasty bathroom grime. If you don't remember it, here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oh00dgiOdDk>. (Gotta love YouTube.) Also, if you are of a certain age, you remember being thoroughly disappointed when you, as a young adult, bought said cleaner only to find out animated scrubbing bubbles didn't self-clean your bathroom.

I was talking to a friend last week about how we keep saying our tagline should be, "We go to meetings so you don't have to." She messaged me a few hours later and said she kept hearing that in the voice of a scrubbing bubble

and shared the link. I shared that with Caitlin, who replied, "We are the scrubbing bubbles of democracy." She's right.

This week Rocky Mountain PBS is airing "News Matters," a documentary about the state of journalism in the U.S., and particularly about local newspapers.

"Where do you go for information when you don't have a newspaper?"

The answer isn't pretty.

"Democracy dies in darkness, and when the lights go out, we all suffer."

"There is no democracy without a free and independent press. There never has been and there never will be."

As Thomas Jefferson said, "If once the people become inattentive to the public affairs, you and I, and Congress and Assemblies, Judges and Governors, shall all become wolves. It

seems to be the law of our general nature, in spite of individual exceptions."

How do people become inattentive to public affairs? By not A) attending public meetings of boards and councils and committees B) by not reading or hearing about said meetings in their local newspaper.

I've been involved on one level or another in the newspaper business since I was a kid. Trust me when I say the presence of a newspaper in a community is incredibly easy to take for granted. The absence of a newspaper in a community is a loss on multiple levels, and those who would like to see that happen have nefarious intentions.



KAYE'S CORNER

Mother's Day - Let's Celebrate

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

MEEKER

A year ago, I was bemoaning a Mother's Day without family gatherings, dining out, and similar celebrations. May 2020 was still early in the days of COVID restrictions and we didn't know what to expect or what to do.

I think many of us thought it would be short term, a few weeks or months, and we would be over it. Obviously, that is not how it turned out.

We were still in a state of shock. What? Empty shelves at the grocery? Restaurants and about everything else closed? No gatherings, even with family. The future quickly became unpredictable.

Let's rejoice! Now, as we in Rio Blanco County move into a safer COVID zone, I encourage everyone to embrace your family traditions again, including Mother's Day.

Don't forget to say thanks to your Mother in some way and be grateful that she is still among us when so many people were lost this past year. I also honor all the moms and grandmas who have passed on.

Along with food, celebrating Mother's Day can include many other choices:

■ Flowers – Who doesn't appreciate a fresh bouquet or plant? Flowers always bring joy.

■ Gift card – for a spa, shopping, salon, dining, destinations, something she enjoys.

■ Card – Yes, actually mail a card with a personal note inside. Snail mail is so rare, it means a lot.

■ Visit – Schedule time together plus spouse and kids, give hugs, and spend time together.

■ Call or Facetime – Take time to chat and connect. Visual connections are especially great for senior moms and fun for young kids too.

■ Send a photo – Mothers never get tired of photos of their kids and grandchildren.

I am grateful for my daughter-in-law, a devoted stay at home mom who has homeschooled and protected two highly active sons. She has been creative with walks, art projects, healthy food, and entertainment to keep these kids safe and educated.

My mother is 96-years-old, lives in assisted living and is well cared for even though it is far away in Virginia. She has enjoyed more than 70 years of being a mother, now with copious grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The pandemic has put her in lock down for most of the past year, so my wish for her is a brief trip outdoors, shared meals with nearby residents, and in person visits with local family.

I also celebrate two "older" nieces who have struggled to become pregnant and now are or will shortly become new mothers. These moms and babies really need our love and admiration who have worked so hard to bring new life to our world.

As a mom myself, I am happy to rejoice in two sons and two grandsons. I smiled from ear to ear on the days they were born, especially the arrival of healthy babies.

Mother's Day – Let's rejoice!



Kaye Sullivan

LOOSE ENDS

A place at the table

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

MEEKER Finding a "place at the table" in participating in Colorado's legislative process was all important at the beginning of our conversations about finding solutions to statewide issues. Eventually how that place was occupied became even more important. Each representative's actions became the essential components to ensuring that the interests

of both rural and urban communities were represented.

Inclusion in every conversation, as well as acceptance of all points of view are only two of the essential components to keep moving forward. The other is productive communication. While we have Sunshine Laws that dictate open meetings, we seem to resort to withdrawing and putting up roadblocks when it appears no one is listening to our particular point of view.

Resolving these differences

becomes an unreachable goal when sides are taken. "You just don't understand."

"We have always done it this way."

These are fightin' words. No understanding has been reached by anyone at this point. What hasn't been said aloud is the biggest obstacle of all: YOU are the problem.

Building a foundation for being able to have reasonable

discussions must include immersion experiences or exchange visits. These are not new to most of our communities, but they need to be tailored to the needs of the particular individuals involved. We cannot achieve understanding without them. None of us are capable of reaching the point where we can "sit down at the table" and solve the problems we are all facing without doing just that.



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WRITERS ON THE RANGE

Pumping up fear along the Colorado River

By **GEORGE SIBLEY**
Special to the Herald Times

1948 compact? Never mind that a Compact call led by California for its share of water is nowhere mentioned in the 1922 Compact. The axe was planted in the rafter.



George Sibley

RBC I Some Colorado River tribulations today remind me of a folk story: A young man went to visit his fiancé and found the family trembling and weeping. They pointed to the ceiling, where an axe was embedded in a rafter.

"That could fall," the father quavered. "It could kill someone!"

Puzzled, the young man climbed onto a chair, and pulled the axe out of the rafter. Everyone fell all over themselves thanking him. But he quickly broke off the engagement, concerned that such inanity might be inheritable.

This resembles ongoing dithering over the 1922 Colorado River Compact, a 99-year-old agreement among the seven states through which the Colorado River meanders, on how the consumptive use of the river's water should be divided to give each state a fair share. The agreement was necessary to get federal participation (money) to build dams to control the erratic river.

The best they were able to do, given the sketchy information they had about each state's future development and also about the flow of the river, was to divide the river into two "basins" around the natural divide of the Colorado River canyons: Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico in the Upper Basin; and California, Arizona and Nevada in the Lower Basin. Each basin would get to consume 7.5 million acre-feet of the river's water.

This placed a responsibility on the Upper Basin states to "not cause the flow of the river at Lees Ferry (the measuring point in the canyons) to be depleted" below the Lower Basin's share.

A generous reading of that lawyerly clause in the Compact would say the upper states should just be careful that their water development doesn't dip into the lower states' allocation.

A less generous reading would say that if for any reason the flow at Lees Ferry fell below the average of 7.5 million acre feet — whether due to over-appropriation by the upper states, or to a natural cause like a 20-year headwaters drought — the lower states would place a call on the upper states, which would have to cut their own uses and send their water downriver, whether they "caused" the shortage or not.

To maintain that flow in a drought, the upper states would bear the full pain of the drought for the whole river.

Guess which interpretation the upper states chose for their own

They might better have asked how the 1922 Compact creators themselves envisioned the unknown future. The transcripts of the 27 Compact meetings show that the seven state commissioners and their federal chairman Herbert Hoover were concerned, as late as their twenty-first meeting, that they did not know enough about the river's flows to make a permanent equitable division of the waters.

Hoover summarized their concern, and their intent: "We make now, for lack of a better word, a temporary equitable division," leaving the further apportionment of the river's use "to the hands of those men who may come after us, possessed of a far greater fund of information." They even included in the Compact (Article VI) instructions for reconvening to consider "claims or controversy... over the meaning or performance of any of the terms of this compact."

By the drought years of the 1930s, it was already obvious that the 7.5 million-acre feet Compact allocations were unrealistic. That would have been a logical time for the upper states to pull the axe out of the rafter, before the river was so fully developed.

But they didn't, and as the Compact began to take on the aura of something carved in stone on a holy mountain, the fear of the "Compact call" gradually descended into expensive paranoia.

The vastly expensive 24 million acre-feet of storage in Powell Reservoir just upstream from Lees Ferry was created there to fulfill the Upper Basin's self-assumed "delivery obligation," come hell or low water.

But now, hellish low water has come to Powell, and Upper states are developing costly "demand management" programs whereby someone yet unspecified would pay ranchers to fallow fields so their water can be "banked" in Powell against the dreaded "Compact call."

The seven states are now — finally — initiating negotiations on a more reality-based governance of the Colorado River. Let's hope they have the good sense to pull that axe out of the rafters before negotiating fair water use under it.

George Sibley is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively discussion about Western issues. He has written extensively about the Colorado River.

Deborah Sue Davis Ridings Gooch, 64, of Pampa, Texas, passed away on Monday, April 19, 2021 in Pampa.



Deborah Gooch

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Zackary Greer officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Deborah was born on May 3, 1956, to Don and Coene Carter Hunter on the Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base in North

OBITUARY

Deborah Sue Davis Ridings Gooch

May 3, 1956 ~ April 19, 2021

Carolina. She moved all over the country growing up before settling in Meeker, Colorado. Deborah met Bart Gooch in 1996 and they were married on June 18, 2005, in Skellytown. She moved to Pampa in 2013. She enjoyed reading, gardening, coloring, fishing, and making

crafts. Deborah was a good cook and loved to feed her family. She was very close to her family and was always excited to spend time with her grandchildren. Deborah will be remembered for her strength, her bravery, her humor, and her orneriness.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Eddie Davis and Charlie Davis; one sister, Darlene Kinnamon; and one brother-in-law, Darrell Wiltgen.

Deborah is survived by her seven children: Kimberly Thompson and husband Rich of Salmon, Idaho; Leslie Beaird of Grand Junction, Colorado; Andrea Herring and husband Thomas; Tiffany Lauer; Lacey Rozier and husband Martin IV; and Levi Lauer all of Pampa; and Brittany Leadingham and husband Cody of Ashland, Kentucky; two sisters, Dianne Wiltgen and Norma Bicknell and husband Ronny "Ronky", all of Grand Junction, Colorado; one

brother-in-law, Larry Kinnamon of Meeker, Colorado; one sister-in-law, Linda Davis of Pampa; 18 grandchildren: Jordan and husband Matthew, Joshua, Jolee Sue and partner Travis, Kada, Kaiya, Deus, Oliveia, Marshall, Carter, Marissa and husband Taylor, Raylee, Martin Lee, Tristan, Allannah, Amythyst Coene, Kamrynn, Kolton, and Korynn; four great-grandchildren, Sophiah, Shyloh, Lincoln, and Scotland Jo.

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The Second Commandment: The Law Concerning Worship (2)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

LAST time we began our examination of the Old Testament commandment, **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image** (Ex. 20:4). But this commandment adds more so that the meaning will not be misunderstood. This struck me profoundly in my study. God wanted to be as clear as language makes possible. It is the pagan who needs an object that represents, or reminds him, of his god. As our text indicates, he uses the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath,

or that is in the water under the earth. That is paganism in a nutshell. The Egyptians worshiped the sun god Ra. Cats were also sacred because they protected the grain from mice and rats. Other sacred animals associated with Egyptian gods included the ox, cow, cobra, crocodile, falcon, frog, goose, heron, lion, rat, and others. Moon goddesses included the Greek goddess Selene, the Roman goddess Luna, and the Chinese goddess Chang'e. The Babylonian Goddess Tiamat is usually depicted as a sea serpent. An ancient Mesopotamian god, Dagon, was commonly represented as half-man, half-fish. Star worship also existed in Mesopotamia, where astrology reached a high degree of refinement. And that is only a miniscule representation of what our text refers to.

The Christian, therefore, should want nothing whatsoever to do with attaching sacredness to any object. Why? Because such things are utter folly and good for nothing. As Isaiah declared, "Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?" (Is. 44:10). Many say that images help them and are profitable, but God says they are not—*period*. Habakkuk likewise thundered:

"What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it" (Hab. 2:18-19).

Again, images profit nothing. They *help* nothing, rather they *hinder* true spiritual worship. God's command then goes further to specify the results of both disobeying and obeying this command. *First*, of those who disobey, God says (v. 5), **I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me** (see also Deut. 27:15). Frankly, those who defend the use of images, as we will see in church history, have to throw their Bible away; they simply ignore verse after verse after verse that condemns the use of any kind of image for any spiritual reason—*period*, no discussion, end of argument. And that is exactly what has happened historically. It is virtually automatic that false worshipers, who *hate* the true God, will pass on their idolatrous practices to their children, who will pass them on to their children, and so on.

Mark it down: those who *truly love* God shun any kind of worship, veneration, or adoration of objects.

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).

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PMC board addresses pricing concerns

Local resident questions hospital policy on requiring upfront payments

By **NIKI TURNER**
editor@ht1885.com

MEEKER I After six weeks of illness, Meeker resident Donna Wille was told she would need two hospital procedures to determine the cause of her symptoms. Her Grand Junction-based physician, who comes to Pioneers Medical Center once a month, fit Wille into the April 15 schedule.

"It was easier, especially when you aren't feeling well," Wille said about the option to have the procedures done locally.

On April 14, Wille — who is self-employed and does not have insurance — received notification from the hospital's finance department that she would need to pay nearly \$6,000 upfront (including a 20% discount) or the procedures would not be performed. When she questioned the request, Wille was told it was "hospital policy."

In a subsequent call, just an hour or so before Wille was supposed to begin prepping for the procedures the next day, hospital staff told her they had discussed her situation and that she could pay just \$2,500 up front but would lose the 20% discount and could pay the balance in payments.

"What if I was the type of person who just went away and stayed sick?" Wille said. "They can't be allowed to do this to people." After discussion with her physician, she canceled her procedures at PMC and opted to have them done in Grand Junction. To her surprise, the cost out-of-pocket was almost 50% less than what she would have been charged at PMC.

Frustrated and upset, Wille spoke with several board members and CEO Liz Sellers, but didn't feel she received satisfactory answers, so she and her husband Bill attended the hospital's board meeting Tuesday and shared her experience during public participation.

"I was told time and time again 'that is hospital policy' and I want to know why," Wille said. "I want to know why this hospital did that to me and if they're doing that to other people."

Sellers thanked Wille for coming, and said, "If we don't know something is not right, we can't fix it. I'm not sure we'll have answers for you right this moment, but we'll get back to you."

Board member Todd Shults said he believes the policy predated the current board. Wille disagreed, saying she's had other procedures at PMC in the recent past and not had the same experience.

"I paid another hospital when I should have paid in my own community. I will never come here again for any treatment unless it's a life or death situation. Not only because of the treatment I received but because your rates are ridiculous. You seem to have forgotten that you're supposed to be helping the local people here with their medical care... It was a caring community hospital. Now it seems like it's all about medical tourism dollars."

"Your motto of 'caring hearts, serving hands' should have a dollar sign on that S," Bill said, noting the motto on one wall in the boardroom. Bill served on the ambulance crew for nine years, and Donna worked at

PMC many years ago. The couple, who own Antler Taxidermy, have been in Meeker 40 years, and were "appalled" by the way Donna's situation was handled.

She hopes other people who've had similar experiences will speak up.

In other business, the board heard a financial report from interim CFO Tim Howard, who said net revenue is up 4.6%, but operating expenses are up 5.5%. Gross revenues, he said, are up 33% over prior years.

Approval of the March board meeting minutes was tabled as the minutes are "awaiting corrections" requested by Sellers. Two board members — Brian Bofinger and Suzan Pelloni — resigned in the last month, leaving two open seats.

Sellers, in her administrative report, said there are currently 24 residents in the Walbridge Wing with three "on hold." She praised the Wing staff for their "amazing" work keeping the residents healthy and engaged and entertained through COVID.

Sellers said "bottleneck issues" with the hospital's phone system have been resolved, and shared with the board that the Town of Meeker waived the permit fee for the construction of a negative pressure space in the trauma room. The hospital plans to add three or four additional negative pressure rooms to the Wing so patients with contagious illness don't have to be moved to the hospital side.

At the end of regular business, the board went into executive session to discuss "confidential agreements with the hospital."

A.G. & AGNC ...



LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado held their monthly meeting in Meeker last week. Beyond regular business updates the meeting included: an update from Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser (above) encouraging regional government bodies to leverage funds from recent opioid settlement litigation and federal stimulus, a discussion of the upcoming congressional redistricting process with former Colorado state Senator Greg Brophy, a general presentation from Colorado Finance and Housing authority, a guide to some of the new online tools for access the latest census information, updates on federal and state legislatures from congressional staff members and more. You can read more about the AGNC meeting in next week's edition of the *Herald Times*. The next meeting will be in Craig on May 19. Learn more about the organization at AGNC.org



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It's a Way of Life: April 20 meeting

By **SAMUEL MERZ**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I It's a Way of Life Community Club met April 20 at 6 p.m. The group discussed old business including the district retreat and Butterbraid sales. The group then moved on to new business. The 4-H project add and drop deadline of May 1 is very important because after May 1 all projects must be completed as signed up for. Leaders noted that some families have had trouble making changes within their 4-H online account.

Families should try and make the change(s) but if they are unable to, they should call or email Inge Bair or Tonya Merz in the office for assistance. Community service options include visiting the Walbridge wing in June. The group moved on to April demonstrations. Jill Ward gave a demonstration on parts of the egg post it on the 4-H Facebook page as well. We adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.



Samuel Merz

brought their chickens and described the different parts. Nick and Spencer Gates brought their goats which they used for their demonstration. In person demonstration assignments have been made for May and June, however, club members who still need to do their demonstration can

Rangely hospital establishes foundation

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rangely recently established the Rangely Hospital Foundation (Foundation)—dedicated to raising and stewarding funds for the advancement of community health. John Payne, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said he sees the foundation's purpose as twofold, "...first to promote the hospital and its services. To be an advocate of the hospital to the community. Second to identify capital needs the hospital has and seek funding from outside sources to compliment the financial resources that are limited from within."

Those serving on the Foundation—Bernie Rice, Keith Peterson, Frank Huit, Jeannie Caldwell and Susie Berardi—bring experience and knowledge beneficial to creating a successful foundation. Rice's and Peterson's administration experience; Huit's financial and construction knowledge; Caldwell's marketing skills, and Berardi's grant writing skills together form a Foundation that will have significant impact on the community it serves.

The Foundation focuses on town projects which 1) maintain rural integrity; 2) create healthy environments; 3) provide senior citizens with interactive outdoor activities; 4) offer the youth recreational

activities; 5) encourage residents to live healthy lives; and 6) facilitate community relationships.

Already the Foundation is developing a senior-living park (North Park) adjacent to Eagle Crest Senior Living Center—an outdoor recreational park adapted to senior's physical needs and social interests. Designs include adaptive pathways for safe walking and wheelchairs and walkers; exercise and seating areas, a scenic memorial garden, a gazebo and waterfall, and bird watching, picnic.

To fund North Park, the Foundation recently submitted an AARP Challenge Grant and soon will submit a Main Street Grant. Additionally, community donations already received include memorial and anonymous gifts.

Looking forward the Foundation will sponsor a community yard sale the first week of June, and its first annual golf tournament the second week of September.

Payne knows the value of the Foundation saying, "For a long time I have seen the benefits of a hospital foundation in other places and have coveted such a foundation for our hospital." Now Rangely has that Foundation, one that is bridging the hospital to the community by creating a strong partnership based upon trust and shared missions.



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2,226-acre Villa Ranch northwest of Meeker, which was first homesteaded by Mathias and Sigrid Villa in 1915, has been conserved in perpetuity by the Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust and the Krueger family. The project was made possible with support from Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The easement will help preserve greater sage grouse habitat and support deer and elk populations in the area.

Villa Ranch conserved

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The 2,226-acre Villa Ranch has been conserved in perpetuity by the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) and the Krueger family. The conservation project was made possible with support from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Villa Ranch is located northwest of Meeker, Colorado, and was first homesteaded by Mathias and Sigrid Villa in

1915. Current landowner, Mary K. Krueger, is the granddaughter of Mathias and Sigrid. Owned and operated by the Villa family for more than 100 continuous years, the Villa ranch is designated as a Colorado Centennial Ranch.

"The Krueger family is deeply rooted in Meeker and has been dedicated to this community for generations. It was a privilege to work with a family who is so thoughtful about transitioning the ranch to the next generation," said Director of Conservation Transactions at CCALT Molly Fales.

The Krueger family currently raises cattle on Villa Ranch and runs a small hunting operation. Because of these activities, the family is constantly working on ways to improve their operation for the benefit of multiple species. Water facilities and pastures are meticulously maintained and managed for soil health and grass production, and many of the fields on the ranch are being reworked to control rabbit brush and to obtain better ground cover to prevent erosion. Conserving Villa Ranch was the logical next step in the family's quest to improve and safeguard this landscape.

"There are a variety of benefits derived by keeping agricultural land viable and undeveloped," said Clint Evans, NRCS State Conservationist in Colorado. "This particular conservation easement helps pre-

serve greater sage grouse habitat. Colorado is one of 11 western states with sagebrush-steppe and sage grouse habitat and that ecosystem is one of the most imperiled in the U.S. Villa Ranch is identified as a linkage area for greater sage grouse and the property also overlaps with historical habitat for the bird which is listed as a Species of Special concern by CPW."

In addition to sage grouse, northwestern Colorado is home to abundant deer and elk herds and boasts two of the largest migratory elk herds in North America. The area has even been dubbed the elk hunting capital of the world. Villa Ranch provides important habitat for both Northwest Colorado's deer and elk herds, and the Kruegers work with CPW and local hunters on the property annually. Located near a corridor of land previously conserved by CCALT and adjacent to the Windy Gulch Wilderness Study Area, Villa Ranch is a vital component to landscape level conservation happening in the region.

"Villa Ranch is another important parcel in the effort to create large landscape protections for wildlife in Northwest Colorado," said CPW Area Wildlife Manager Bill de Vergie. "As Colorado's human population swells, conserving open spaces will be important to assuring that wildlife can continue to migrate and thrive in the state."

"A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or, perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." - James Madison

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CCCS names Dr. Lisa Jones next CNCC president

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Monday, April 26, Colorado Community College System (CCCS) Chancellor Joe Garcia announced the selection of Dr. Lisa Jones as the next president of Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC).

Dr. Jones will assume the presidency on July 15, 2021. She will succeed Ron Granger, who is retiring at the end of July.

Dr. Jones, a distinguished scholar who has led academic, equity, and innovation programs in her various roles in higher education, will be the first African-American woman to hold the presidency at CNCC and in the Colorado Community College System.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Jones to the system and are confident she will step into the CNCC presidency with the experience and strength needed to lead the college forward as it continues to address challenges and embrace opportunities in a rapidly changing environment," said Garcia. "At such a critical time in the college's history, she brings both energy and an entrepreneurial mindset with over 30 years of experience as a leader in higher education, deep understanding of issues facing students from various backgrounds, commitment to reversing trends in generational poverty, and the executive experience to manage the intersection of sustaining financial health and innovation."

Dr. Jones was selected after a six-month nationwide search, led by an 11-member advisory search committee who worked diligently to screen, interview, and conduct virtual community forums. The committee considered highly accomplished leaders from a pool of more than 60 applicants with diverse backgrounds.

In her most recent role as Vice President of Student Development at Cedar Valley College, a Hispanic-Serving and Predominately Black Institution in Texas, she led a number of initiatives to support enrollment growth, increase college funding, and improve student success outcomes. During her tenure, she guided the institution through enrollment and retention strategies that yielded a 40% increase in overall enrollment and significant increases in target populations including veteran women, adults over the age of 25, and Hispanic and Black males.



Dr. Lisa Jones

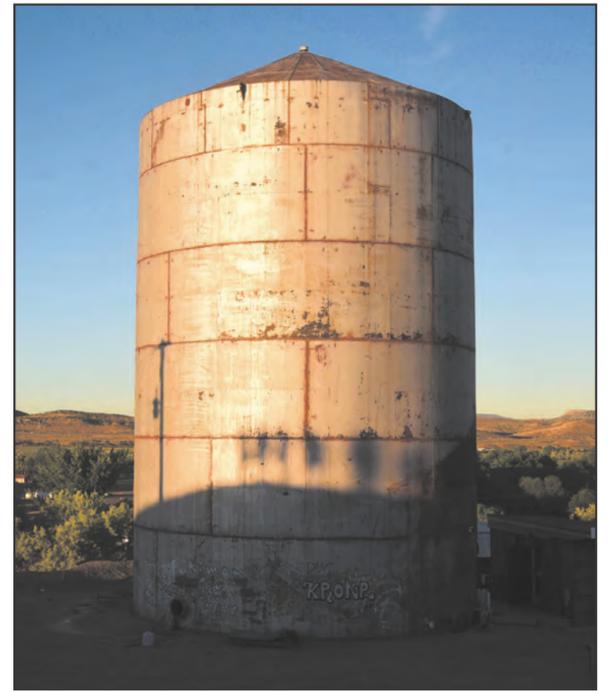
Prior to her role at Cedar Valley College, Dr. Jones served as Vice President of Student Affairs at Henry Ford College in Michigan, where she successfully designed and implemented a diversity, equity, and inclusion master plan and leadership training program that transformed the campus culture, streamlined budget efficiencies, and focused strategic enrollment management efforts. She was also hailed for turning around a \$12 million budget deficit to a positive balance within 18 months.

For Dr. Jones, the role and value of community colleges, especially in rural and under-resourced locations, is tantamount to providing supportive and empowering pathways for students to achieve upward social mobility and transforming the trajectory of futures for generations to come.

"As a first-generation, low-income, minority woman who came from an underperforming high school in Detroit, the odds were heavily stacked against me, but through my community college I was able to rewrite my story and achieve my American Dream," said Dr. Jones. "These institutions play a pivotal role in transforming lives and communities, and I am excited to become a part of this important work at CNCC."

With her official start date approaching this summer, Dr. Jones expressed her eagerness to work with CNCC's dedicated faculty, staff, community, and business partners to increase credentials earned by members of the community, close educational and economic opportunity gaps among students, and support the region's economic growth while elevating the profile of the institution.

"With over 80 years of rich history, CNCC is a jewel in Colorado's northwestern region and no doubt will play an enormous role as the community prepares for its next chapter," said Dr. Jones. "Through collective work, shared vision, and perseverance, I am positive that we will create new opportunities and overcome obstacles facing the region and college because that is The Spartan Way."



COURTESY PHOTO

The Tank Center for Sonic Arts will return to a normal schedule for the 2021 season. Events begin May 1. This summer's lineup includes the fifth annual Solstice Festival, The Tank and the West, a film and music event with Grammy-winning guitarist Bill Frisell and filmmaker Bill Morrison and more.

The Tank returns to a normal schedule

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Tank Center for Sonic Arts is returning to a normal schedule of concerts and visits for its 2021 season, starting May 1. Festivities and regular programs include the fifth annual Solstice Festival, June 19 and 20; The Tank and the West, a film and music event with Grammy-winning guitarist Bill Frisell and filmmaker Bill Morrison, August 28; the resumption of off-site concerts around Rangely by visiting artists; and free Open Saturday hours, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Last year, while the Tank's activities were disrupted by the pandemic, the organization put an emphasis on bringing the sonic experience of the Tank to audiences online, and this focus will continue in 2021. Put Your Head in the Tank is a new program, using binaural head microphones and a 360-degree video camera, that allows a listener anywhere to be immersed in the Tank via a Facebook link. The Tank Masters Series, concerts by artists who have proven most skilled at playing the instrument that is the seven-story water tank, will present new music via the Tank's website, tanksounds.org. And new installments of the sonic meditation program called Tank Mind, designed to calm and ease the listener, will again be broadcast, also via the web.

2021 Solstice Festival: Todd Barton and Slow Beethoven

■ Saturday, June 19, 8 p.m.: Live concert with electronic music legend Todd Barton, a composer, sound designer, multimedia performer, and analog synthesist specializing in Buchla Electronic Musical Instruments, the iconic synthesizers that defined experimental music

in the early '70s. He is also Resident Composer Emeritus for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Barton's concert will occur in conjunction with the Tank's regular festivities around the longest day of the year, including a dawn celebration, bell ringing and other events.

■ Sunday, June 20, all day: The Festival will conclude with Slow Beethoven, a walk-through presentation of a slowed down and electronically-stretched movement from a late Beethoven string quartet. Slowing it down will allow each of those lush, Ludwigg chords to ring out and fade in the Tank, where sounds may sustain for up to 40 seconds. Played by Jeffrey Zeigler, Lara St. John and two other players at National Sawdust in Brooklyn, New York, then sent to the Tank by remote signal, this concert will be a prominent experiment in a year of Beethoven festivities for the famous composer's 250th birthday. Seating will be outdoors only for all Solstice events. Tickets for the Festival are on sale at tanksounds.org.

The Tank and the West
On Aug. 28 at 8 p.m. the Tank will present its much-anticipated and delayed event with guitarist/composer Bill Frisell and filmmaker Bill Morrison, with digitally-mapped projections on the Tank and the landscape illuminated by Future Lighting of Los Angeles. The event will celebrate the town of Rangely and the region and depict the Tank itself as an emblem of the American West. Tickets for this event, too, are on sale at tanksounds.org.

The Tank's program of recording sessions will also return, as will the regular booking of non-recording visits. For more, see tanksounds.org.



ARBOR DAY ...

TREAD (Rangely's Main Street program), Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District and the Rangely Junior Senior High School Change Makers celebrated Arbor Day with a tree planting on Main Street, along with speeches, contests and prizes.

COURTESY PHOTO

VA Western Colorado announces stakeholder listening sessions as part of ongoing effort to guide future of VA

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I VA Western Colorado Health Care System (VA WCHCS) announced today that it will hold a virtual listening session with stakeholders May 11 from 1-2:30 p.m. to hear from veterans and the communities VA serves.

This is one of 50 public virtual listening sessions across the country from March through June 2021 to hear from veterans on how to design a health care system of the

future and grow services for veterans in a way that reinforces VA's role as a leader in the U.S. health care system.

"Our mission is to take care of our nation's veterans and their families. It's important to get their input on the future of their health care," said Executive Director Richard Salgueiro, "We encourage and hope many participate in our listening session."

These listening sessions represent an exciting opportunity for veterans to help VA reimagine how VA delivers care in an equitable, high quality, veteran-centered

manner and develop a plan for investing in VA's aging infrastructure. The feedback will be used to develop the recommendations VA submits to the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission in January 2022. The AIR Commission will also conduct public hearings as part of their review of VA's recommendations before submitting its recommendations to the President and Congress for review and approval in 2023.

To register for VA WCHCS's listening session, please visit <https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPOLICYPLANNING/listening.asp>.

BOH: personal choice, mandates and more

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a chance to infect someone else unknowingly. "I'm doing it as a choice to protect any vulnerable individuals I might be around," she said, reminding those present that mask wearing is still a personal choice, and that the Centers for Disease Control still encourage their use.

Prystupa pressed the issue further, indicating that he didn't believe the virus was making people sick. "I look at this thing which is supposedly making people sick, and I see the healthy people staying healthy, and the sick people getting sicker," he said, adding, "That's kinda how it is, natural selection." In response to Prystupa's comments, Harvey noted that a number of RBC residents have been very ill and suffered serious side effects from COVID since the start of the pandemic.

RBC commissioner Ty Gates also contributed to the exchange, "Bottom line is, it's everybody's individual right," he said, add-

ing that no one is pushing people to make decisions about wearing masks or getting vaccinated.

Commissioner Gary Moyer noted that he appreciated the "diversity of opinions," before moving the meeting forward.

During the meeting county staff and elected officials also discussed options for vaccine information outreach, including county-level data, statistics on efficacy, safety and more. Harvey pointed out that many of the noted stats could be found on the public health website at <https://rbc.us/606/COVID-19-Updates>.

The board revisited the discussion about the county's position to not enforce state health mandates. Harvey also reiterated her understanding of the board's non-enforcement stance, noting that her department has been clear in communicating the board's policies from the outset.

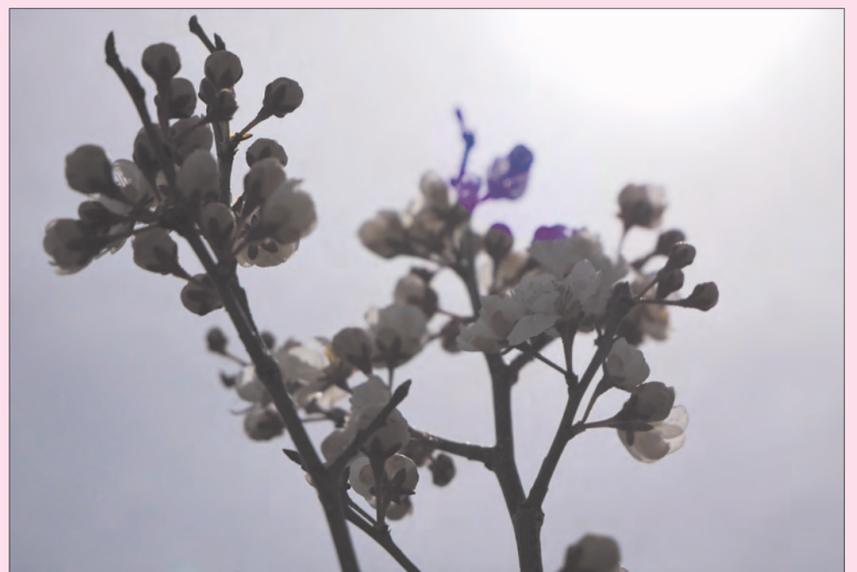
"My job is to communicate, educate and protect people's health. I'm not necessarily the vehicle for the political stance of

Rio Blanco County, nor am I the appropriate vehicle." In an effort to further separate the role of the public health department from the politics of the county board, Harvey requested some form of statement from the board that could be put online and in other relevant places along with public health information about vaccines, masks and COVID-19 generally.

The meeting resolved with commissioners and public health agreeing that despite a disconnect, the two groups had found a reasonable way to work together moving forward. "Really we don't need that division between our own public health department and the board of commissioners," said Commissioner Rector.

You can listen to the entire Board of Health meeting by scanning the QR code on PAGE 2A with your smartphone's camera app, or visit <https://soundcloud.com/ht1885/rbc-board-of-health-mtg-april-27>

BLOOMING ...



LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

Spring continues to make its presence known around RBC (... and yes, we realize by the time this makes it to social media there may very well be snow on the ground again. That's how this whole weekly newspaper thing works.)

RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES | Thursday, April 29, 2021



Lady Panthers split matches over the weekend

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The lady Panthers split their matches last weekend. The girls played their last home game of the season against Olathe and made it exciting, winning the match in four sets. The Panthers played their best match of the season being aggressive and determined. Adelynn Halcomb had 32 assists on the match. Aspen Low led with 14 kills, with Kyras Phelps and Maya Mercado adding in 12 kills apiece. Leading in defensive play for the Panthers was Mercado with six solo blocks and Halcomb with 15 digs.

On Saturday, April 24, Rangely traveled to Paonia. Rangely was hoping to end the season on a high note but Paonia had other ideas. The Panthers struggled to get the offense going with missed serves and missed opportunities at the net. Paonia took advantage of Rangely's mistakes and won the match in three straight sets. Mercado and Low led with only four kills apiece. Emma Smith had some success behind the serving line and chipped in with three aces. Smith also led with 10 digs, with Ryann Mergelman and Phelps contributing eight digs each. Both middles, Mercado and Low, played well at the net with four solo blocks by Mercado and five by Low.

Coach Cox stated that she was very pleased with the growth this team made this season. It wasn't the outcome she wanted for them but sees so much potential. She is proud of the players that played in positions that they were not used to playing, stepping up and doing what was asked of them.

The Panthers finished out their regular season last weekend, and coach Cox complimented the girls on their growth as players.

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Lady Cowboys finish regular season undefeated

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

MEEKER I No matter the rankings the lady Cowboy volleyball team can say they are undefeated and ready to host the post season volleyball tournament.

They are 12-0 and ranked number three in the state in the composite ranking; number one in RPI, number three in the coaches poll, and number four in MaxPreps.

Last weekend the team played in front of packed stands as they hosted Plateau Valley. After a slow start in the first quarter they swept PV 26-24, 25-24, 25-20.

The team then traveled to Oak Creek to take on the ninth ranked Soroco Rams, which, due to supposed COVID on the Vail Christian volleyball team, was the final game of their regular season. The Cowboys gave up the first set 20-25, but came back strong winning the final three 25-17, 25-20,

25-16. They took the game 3-1 and ended their season only losing five sets on the year.

This weekend Union Colony Prep and Yuma will travel to Meeker for the number three hosted regional volleyball tournament. UCP is a school in Greeley, they are currently ranked 14 in the composite ranking with a 10-4 ranking, in their final regular season game of the year they took on the Denver Christian Thunder losing 3-2 but played them strong. Yuma is currently ranked 23 in the composite ranking and has a 6-8 losing record.

The games this weekend will be open to all spectators, masks required. The first game will be at 11 am with Meeker taking on Yuma, in game two Yuma will take on UCP and then in game three Meeker will take on UCP. The winner of the tournament advances to the state tournament of elite eight in Colorado Springs on May 12-13.



TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

At the last home game of the regular season, the lady Cowboys swept the Plateau Valley Cowboys in three sets. Pictured are Emma Luce (left) and Sophia Goedert (right).

Player	Kills	Aces	Blocks	Digs
Nora Gianinetti	2			1
Goedert				5
Kennedy	2	2		11
Lea Knapp		3		26
Sarah Kracht	9	3		30
Emma Luce	55	5	5	47
Savvy Mendenhall	4	6	2	16
Aspen Merrifield	10	2		17
Grace Roberts				
Ainsley Selle				

Above are the combined stats for Plateau Valley and Soroco games. Tatum Kennedy had 48 assists and Sophia Goedert had 24.

CHSAA restrictions are currently in place for high school sports. Don't forget to wear a mask to school events!

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.



(Back) Matthew Willey, Hayden Shults, Marryn Shults and Johnny Allmon. (Front) Owen Etchart, Teagan Smith, Spencer Bair and Joslin Speith competed at the Weld County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest on April 10, 2021.

COURTESY PHOTO

2021 livestock judging season is real

By CLINT SHULTS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Rio Blanco County 4H Livestock Judging team was able to get down the road on April 9 for the first trip of the season.

The team made it to Laramie on Friday and got in some live practice classes at the University of Wyoming Animal Science Research Farm in Laramie, Wyoming.

Madi Shults put together four cattle classes for the team and helped them understand the basics of evaluating breeding cattle.

Marryn and Hayden Shults, Matthew Willey, Owen Etchart, Teagan Smith, Johnny Allmon, Jordan Speith and Spencer Bair made the trip to the Weld County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held at Island Grove Park in Greeley.

An interesting note is that Island Grove

Park is only two blocks from the Meeker Mansion. Meeker's namesake helped Greeley get started back in the day.

As expected, the Weld County Corps of Livestock Judging Coaches, team members, parents and sponsors put together another high quality, challenging livestock judging contest.

The judges marked cards on four cattle classes, three sheep classes and three hog classes.

Marryn Shults finished ninth in oral reasons and placed sixth in the sheep division.

Spencer Bair competed in his first contest and placed 10th in novice reasons and was 12th overall in the Novice 4-H Judge Division.

It was the first live contest of the year for Willey, Etchart, Smith, Allmon and Speith. None of those members have quit the team so far after their baptism by fire. Weld County is usually not the contest a coach wants to start a fresh bunch of rookie judg-

es. But, the kids held up fine. They have grown their hair back after the scalping and they secretly wanted to scalp their coach. Nonetheless, it was fun to judge under normal circumstances again and the first contest provided some good experience for the team to remember.

On April 17 the senior team made the trip to Laramie to compete at the Cowboy Beef Expo hosted by the University of Wyoming Livestock Judging Team.

Marryn and Hayden Shults and Trinity Boulger competed at the contest. The classes were very logical and judges needed to be prepared to win this one in the reasons room.

Marryn was recognized as the fourth high individual in the beef division.

Boulger and Hayden Shults only missed getting their name called in each division by a mere three or four points in reasons.

There is plenty of season left to get this senior team dialed in for the state contest on June 21.

Lady Cowboys add new sport

By TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Lady Cowboys have a new sport in 2021, Golf! Head Coach Amanda Back is in her first year of coaching so this is a monumental year for Lady Cowboy Golf.

"It's very exciting for us to have a golf team," said Back.

The team has three freshmen on its roster, Vivian and Wagner Brown and Jayda May.

Their practices began on April 19 at the Meeker Golf Course and attended their first tournament on April 23 at Chipeta in Grand Junction. The Brown girls are the only ones who attended their first tournament as May was still playing volleyball due to the overlapping seasons in this COVID year.

Chipeta is a par 59 course, V Brown shot a 133 and W Brown shot a 121.

"They did a great job for their very first golf tournament



COURTESY PHOTO

Vivian and Wagner Brown (above) are two of three freshman competing on the Lady Cowboys golf team this year.

of the year," commented Back.

They have six regular season tournaments on the books, and the next one is May 6 at Cobble Creek in Montrose.

Colorado lottery recognizes Circle Park Pond project

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Colorado Lottery Starburst Awards recognize excellence in the use of Lottery funds for community and conservation projects. For fiscal year 2021, the Colorado Lottery recognizes the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan (ERBM) Recreation and Park District's Circle Park Pond Project in the use of Lottery funds with a Starburst Award. This year, Colorado Lottery proceeds surpassed \$3.6 billion.

More than 10 years ago, the Town of Meeker, along with support from the northwest regional Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) office, made initial efforts toward the installation of a small one-acre fishing pond at Meeker's Circle Park. The pond helped improve local fishing and angling educational opportunities and events. In 2017, ERBM's board of directors approved moving forward with the installation of a new fishing pond at Circle Park. The Board began working with various partner stakeholders toward transforming the shallow, narrow irrigation ditch into a high quality trout fishery to serve local residents, as well as the many out of town travelers already frequenting the camping, RV, dump station, and various recreational amenities available at Town Park and Circle Park.

Of the total \$675,711 project cost, CPW provided \$100,000, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) gave \$20,000, and Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) and the Town of Meeker gave \$12,000 to the project. The new fishing pond will provide a venue for ERBM and CPW staff to collaboratively host family fishing days/clinics and youth outreach events to teach the value of fish and wildlife conservation to a new generation of Coloradans. Meeker School District science classes, whose facilities are within walking distance and are already collecting observation data in the adjacent White River, would have an additional venue to conduct studies and take field trips.

More than \$10.5 million in Lottery funds are represented in 11 winning projects distributed statewide through grants via Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF), Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW), and Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST).

"Conservation is a key pillar for the Lottery. It includes not only conserving open space, but also upgrading recreational spaces, creating new places for Coloradans to play, and supporting ecosystems and wildlife," said Tom Seaver, director of the Colorado Lottery. "This year's Starburst Award winners aptly reflect the wide ranging projects that our proceeds support. With now \$3.6 billion going to our proceeds beneficiaries, we continue to look for new ways to grow revenue responsibly to protect more of Colorado's great outdoors."

Submissions include programs and projects such as parks, playgrounds, outdoor recreation facilities, land conservation, trail enhancement, open space acquisition, wildlife natural resource preservation, and public school improvements.

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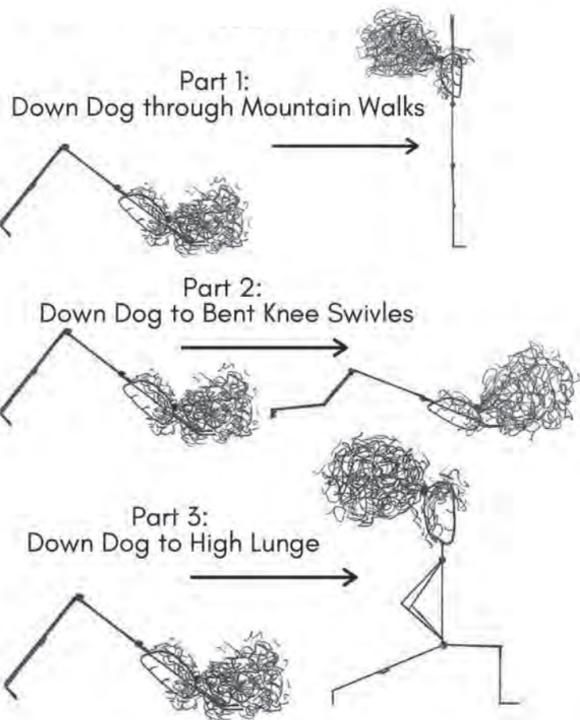
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DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

- The river is high for this season of the year.
- Recent activity in building is causing a stiffening in the prices of real estate.
- Local merchants are now using ham and bacon that is raised in the valley.

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

- Rifle has let a paving contract for \$57,346
- A good hay year is in sight.
- Although the *Herald* has not been officially informed, an item from the *Grand Junction Sentinel* was published leading to believe the Grand River is now going to officially become the Colorado River.

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

- David Smith has been selected to represent Colorado as a member of the National Citizenship Short Course in Washington, D.C. in July.
- Meeker is set to host 15 schools for the Northwestern Colorado Large Group Music Festival.
- Rio Blanco County approved the use of the Rural Environmental Assistance Program with a budget of \$15, 877. Sign up must happen before July 1st at the ASCS Office.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

- The National Resources Conservation Service warns Meeker for the second year in a row

that flooding could occur along the White River this spring and summer.

■ The High School art students put on a display of their work in the lobby of the Fairfield Center. 31 ribbons were given out by advanced art students from Mesa State College.

■ An electrical short circuit was suspected to be the cause of the fire that caused damage to a house of Garfield and Second Street. Two rooms were said to be a total loss with smoke damaging the rest of the structure.

Rangely Times 50 years ago

■ Sharon Broome and David Fox were voted as Prom King and Queen at the 1971 prom.

■ Local businessman Peter Van Cleave Wasson, age 34, died April 22, in a plane crash

north of Rangely.

■ A community-wide clean up drive has been initiated with all of the community civic organizations and school students.

Rangely Times 25 years ago

■ The Rangely Fire Department attended a confined space training sponsored by Chevron, to improve their rescue techniques.

■ Rangely was visited by couple Jerry and Cindy Schultz who are walking from Olympia, Wash. to Atlanta, Ga. to raise awareness for substandard housing. The journey started to mark the 20th anniversary of Habitat for Humanity International and to raise \$200,000 to help HHI affiliates along the way.

Meeker Classic will extend competition a full day in 2021

PRESS RELEASE Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I When September rolls around the Meeker Classic will be adding an additional day to their typical five-day sheepdog trial. "One might think of it as a post COVID trial with an extra day thrown in as a big thank you to all of our friends," said board chair Regas Halandras of the recent decision to add an additional day and 35 dogs to the competition. This means 170 dogs will run in the preliminary runs Sept. 7-10. The semi-finals and finals will be run as they typically have with 30 dogs up on Saturday, Sept. 11 and the top 12 advancing to the finals on Sunday, Sept. 12.

"During the 2020 year of COVID-19 we were overwhelmed by the support from handlers, sponsors, friends and our community," noted Jessica Browning, "Thanks to the help of so many the Meeker Classic was able to maintain their viability as an organization." The choice to add an extra day was driven largely by the desire to give back to the folks that have lent their support of the Meeker Classic. An extra day means that 35 more dogs can run, and more people will be coming to Meeker a day earlier. This will lend a

positive effect on the businesses and the economy of the area.

Meeker's popularity with the handlers rests in the competition, the sheep, and the community. Many mark Meeker as the "go-to" trial on their list. "What makes Meeker special are the people and the community, this is not just a trial put on by handlers, but by the whole community — all are involved, and all take ownership," said veteran handler Jack Knox of Butler, Missouri. "When I go to Meeker, I know that every other handler has as good a chance as I do, and we have the sheep to thank for that."

In addition to hosting 170 dogs from across North America, plans for the 2021 Meeker Classic include the annual Art and Photography Contest and Show, a full slate of artisan craft and food vendors, education programs and the ever popular Jammin' Lamb Festival. Hoping to offer opportunity for locals and others to watch the dogs, Tuesday will be offered as a free admission day at the Meeker Classic. There will be limited amenities on Tuesday, but everyone is welcome.

Some new special attractions include the "Wild n' Woolly" 5K, 10K and 25K Trail Races hosted by the ERBM Recreation and Park District on Saturday. The Purina Performance Dog Team

FAST FACTS

The Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials is extending the 2021 competition from five to six days, with preliminary runs Sept. 7 through 10, and semi-finals and finals Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11 and 12.

will be the noon entertainment on Saturday and Sunday — these dogs travel around the world doing demos and providing thrills for the audience. For those who are unable to attend, but want to experience the Meeker Classic, they can watch via live streaming on the Meeker Classic website and Facebook page.

The Meeker Classic is looking forward to sharing time with old acquaintances and making new friends as the community tradition marks its 34th year. As always, volunteers are welcome and a necessary part of what makes the organization run. Contact the Meeker Classic at trials@meekersheepdog.com or 970-878-0111 or reach out to the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.



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After a year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Meeker Classic will be back this September with a full six days of competition. The event is set for Sept. 7 through 12, 2021.

CPW selects Keystone Policy Center as facilitation partner in wolf reintroduction

PRESS RELEASE Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colorado Parks and Wildlife has selected the Keystone Policy Center, headquartered in Keystone, Colorado, as the facilitation partner to help guide the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in the upcoming public involvement process for gray wolf reintroduction efforts in the state.

The Keystone Policy Center was selected for its depth of experience in managing policy challenges that impact Coloradans, including those which involve diverse perspectives among public, private, and

civic sector leaders who have different perspectives but share a common desire to find sustainable solutions. Keystone has previously worked with CPW and partners on efforts including the Eldorado Canyon State Park Visitor Use Management Plan and the West Slope Mule Deer Strategy.

"Keystone Policy Center's history of navigating complex and dynamic policy issues that affect Colorado and Coloradans makes us confident that they will be a great partner to help us with the consensus-building and public involvement needed to complement our science-based planning," said Colorado Parks

and Wildlife Director Dan Prenzlou.

Keystone Policy Center will lead the Stakeholder Advisory Group and Technical Working Group meetings, facilitate statewide hearings, and manage varied engagement forums and public comment opportunities in coordination with the Parks and Wildlife Commission and CPW staff as planning and implementation continues.

Colorado citizens voted Proposition 114 into statute in 2020. The statute directs the CPW Commission to develop a plan to restore and manage gray wolves in Colorado no later than Dec. 31, 2023.

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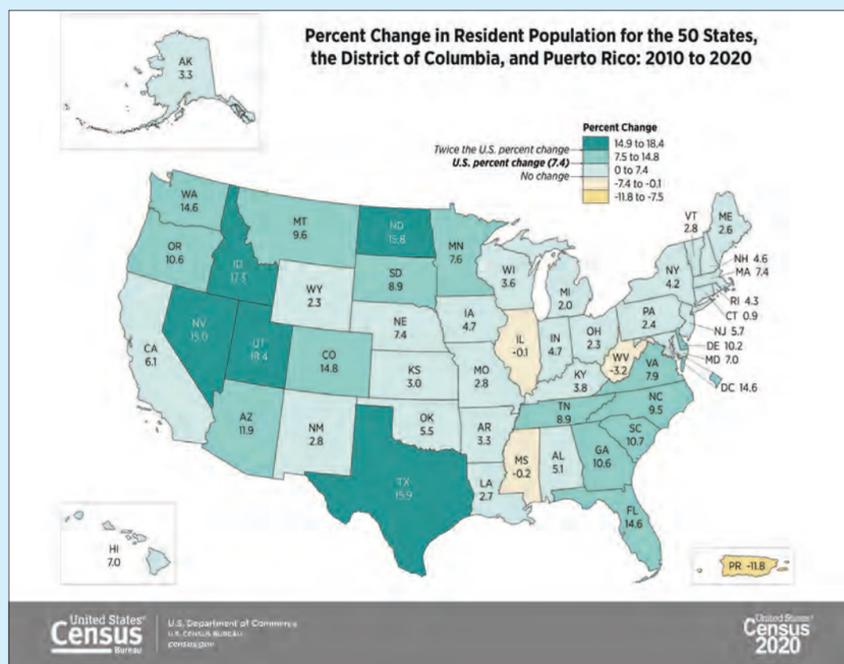
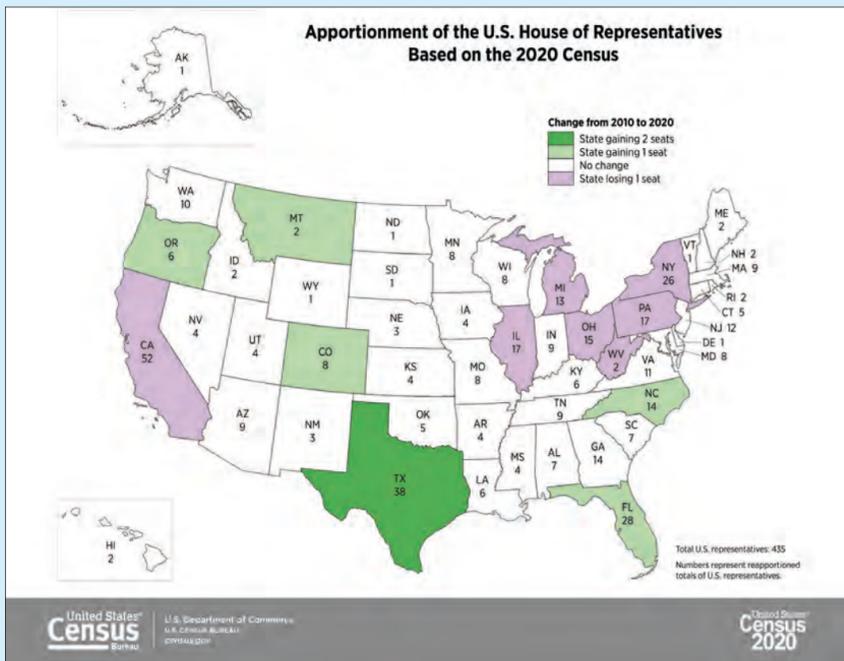
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Apportionment is the process of dividing the 435 memberships, or seats, in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states. At the conclusion of each decennial census, the results are used to calculate the number of House memberships to which each state is entitled. This map shows the changes to the number of Congressional seats for each state between apportionment based on the 2010 Census and apportionment based on the 2020 Census. Colorado is now home to 5,782,171 residents, indicating 14.8% population growth. This nets Colorado one additional House seat, along with Montana, Oregon, North Carolina and Florida. Texas is set to gain two seats, and California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York are projected to lose one seat each.

Forest Legacy Program provides opportunity for private landowners to conserve forested lands

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colorado landowners who want to protect environmentally valuable private forest areas that could someday be threatened by development or conversion to other non-forest uses – and who desire to receive monetary compensation in the process – now have the opportunity to submit proposals to protect their forestlands.

The Colorado State Forest Service is accepting Forest Legacy Program proposals from Colorado landowners. The program authorizes the CSFS or U.S. Forest Service to purchase permanent conservation easements or contribute to fee acquisitions on private forestlands to prevent those lands from being converted to non-forest uses.

The purpose of the Colorado Forest Legacy Program is to protect environmentally important private forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The program provides an opportunity for private landowners to retain ownership and management of their land, while receiving compensation for unrealized development rights.

In order to be eligible for the program, the proposed property must be located within a Forest Legacy Area, as identified in the Assessment of Need for the Colorado Forest Legacy Program, must be privately owned and must consist of at

least 75% of lands that are classified as forests. At least 25% of the project costs must be planned to be secured from non-federal cash or in-kind sources.

The application deadline is June 30, 2021, for federal fiscal year 2023 funding, and proposals must be submitted by standard mail.

Forestlands that contain important scenic, cultural, recreation and water resources, including fish and wildlife habitat and other ecological values, and that support traditional forest uses will receive priority. Landowners who elect to participate in the program are required to follow a land management plan approved by the CSFS. Activities consistent with the management plan are permitted, including timber harvesting, grazing and recreation activities.

The Colorado State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee will evaluate proposals and recommend to the state forester those proposals that have sufficient merit to forward to the U.S. Forest Service. Forwarded proposals will then compete at a regional and national level for funding.

For more information or to obtain an application packet, contact Carolyn Aspelin at the CSFS at 970-690-4271 or carolyn.aspelin@colofate.edu. Applications also are available at csfs.colostate.edu/forest-legacy-program.

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~ Thomas Jefferson

THEME: SESAME STREET
ACROSS

1. Scarecrow stuffing

6. Observe

9. Kind of ski lift

13. "Fear of Flying" author Jong

14. Madame Tussauds' medium

15. Fervent

16. Never say this?

17. You to are is as thou to ____

18. Skylit lobbies

19. "It isn't easy 'bein' green" for him

21. "First bilingual Sesame Street puppet

23. Flower precursor

24. Rental on the links

25. Rowing prop

28. Banana remnant

30. Besmear

35. Poker variety

37. Away from wind

39. Like helium gas

40. Coconut fiber

41. Like an iPhone

43. Singular of #33 Down

44. Per ____, or yearly

46. Guesstimate phrase, 2 words

47. Raise, as in child

48. Bob Marley's music

50. TV classic "____ Make a Deal"

52. Hi-____ monitor

53. Oscar Wilde's Dorian ____

55. "Sesame Street's Meryl Sheep

57. "Every starred clue in this puzzle

60. "Self-described as lovable, cute and furry

63. One born to Japanese immigrants

64. Be in the red

66. He had no cause?

68. Thin mountain ridge

69. Local area network

70. Unmanned flyer

71. Hospital statistics unit, pl.

72. NaOH

73. Church assembly

DOWN

1. D.C. V.I.P.

2. "Star ____"

3. Either Gauche or Droite in Paris

4. Like a lemon

5. Beginning of a workout

6. Special law enforcement unit, acr.

7. Elephant's distinguished feature

8. Uncredited actor

9. Lake ____caca, South America

10. "Ernie's roommate

11. Diva's delivery

12. Swedish shag rug

15. "____ your seatbelts"

20. Think tank output

22. Eyeball shape

24. "I can see ____ now the rain has gone..."

25. "Trash can dweller

26. Be sorry for one's wickedness

27. Repenting

29. "He avoids pronouns and speaks in falsetto

31. Gloomy

32. More competent

33. Arm bones

34. "Mama, Papa, Baby and Curly

36. Chemical cure

38. Gaelic tongue

42. Load carrier

45. Crow's cousin

49. Old English for before

51. Arya Stark's Needle and Jedi's Lightsaber, e.g.

54. Lagoon wall

56. Each and all

57. Bog down

58. From a second-hand store

59. Four-legged friends

60. Autry or Wilder

61. Jet black

62. Nevada city

63. Pick up, as in suspect

65. Modus operandi

67. Light-emitting diode

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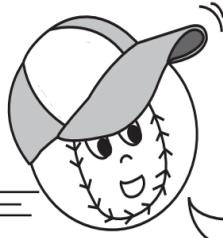
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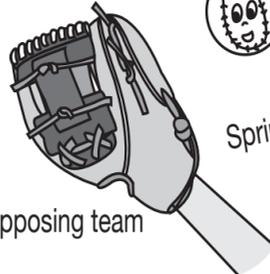


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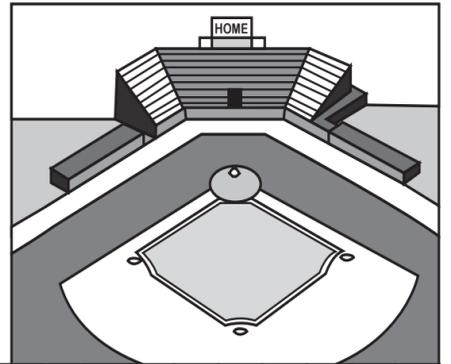
Baseball Fun for Everyone!

Yay! The baseball season has started. Grab your gloves, bats and baseballs and head for the yard, park or field. Let everyone join in playing this great game!



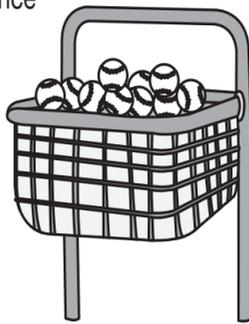
Spring Training

sportsmanship
Little League



Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

1. playing the game with a good attitude toward your team and the opposing team
2. large wall in the stadium that records the points of each team
3. when a ball hit by the batter flies too far to the right or the left
4. sphere covered in white leather
5. to hit the ball lightly so that it rolls only a short distance
6. sunken room the team gathers in during the game
7. the runner steps on the base
8. official in charge of enforcing the rules
9. group that sets rules and guidelines to help young children play organized baseball
10. the number of balls and strikes a batter has
11. period when baseball players warm up, shape up
12. the basemen, shortstop, and pitcher stand here
13. each game has 9 of these, teams take turns batting and fielding
14. a hit that goes so far that it leaves the bounds of the park
15. place we visit to watch a game of baseball
16. players here are on guard for big hits
17. person who trains the team
18. after 3 of these, a batter is out
19. ball that travels high in the sky when hit
20. nine players working together



coach



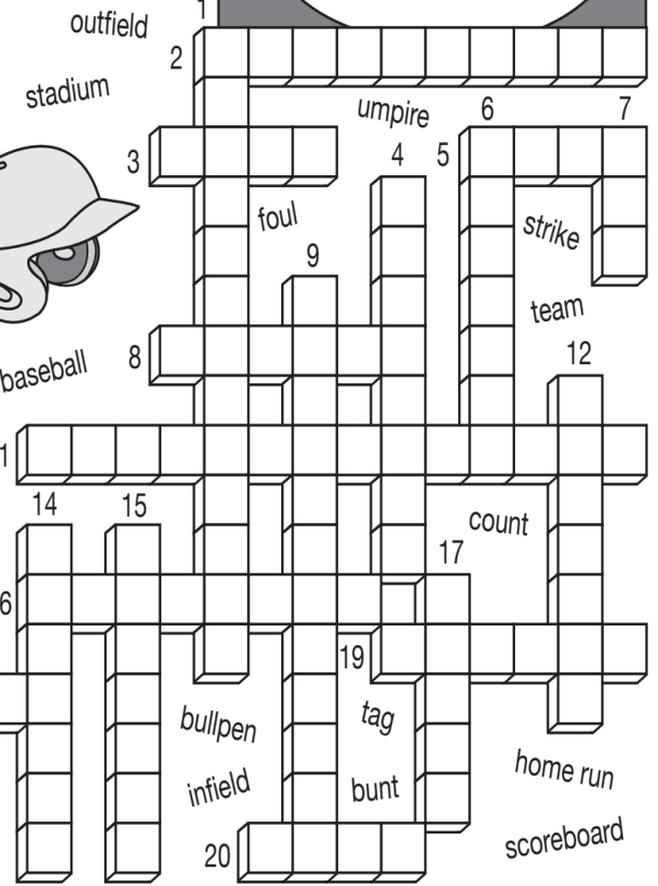
pop fly

baseball



Hey! That player just stole something... third _____

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Playing Baseball!

When you play or watch baseball, it's good to know the words people use. Find and circle these baseball words:

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W S I T R E D G G K L
N M C M N K U P S T A E L C
L J H E O A S N S N W A T E B E W
O E R A R E T E I L S M N H A Y S D
H R D F E E H M V N H H A Z S K E O B
H E L M E T S A Z X G E M D E D V P L T

Who's Who?

1. New York
2. Chicago
3. Houston
4. Toronto
5. Boston
6. Los Angeles
7. Detroit
8. Atlanta
9. Colorado
10. Minnesota

- A. Braves
- B. Red Sox
- C. Yankees
- D. Blue Jays
- E. Rockies
- F. Astros
- G. Twins
- H. Tigers
- I. Angels
- J. Cubs

Match the names of the teams above.

T S M B R O F S K
E A D L R T O P
R L G G B Y A T
I L J H Y E T F
P S B A T S K A O
M T I U Y O P T R
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R S O B J H
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S B J K

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|-----------|------|-------|--------|---------|
| baseballs | bats | score | gloves | throw |
| cleats | runs | pitch | coach | innings |
| uniforms | team | catch | umpire | helmets |

Fill in the missing vowels to see snacks at the ballpark. Then, follow the dots to see a favorite one!

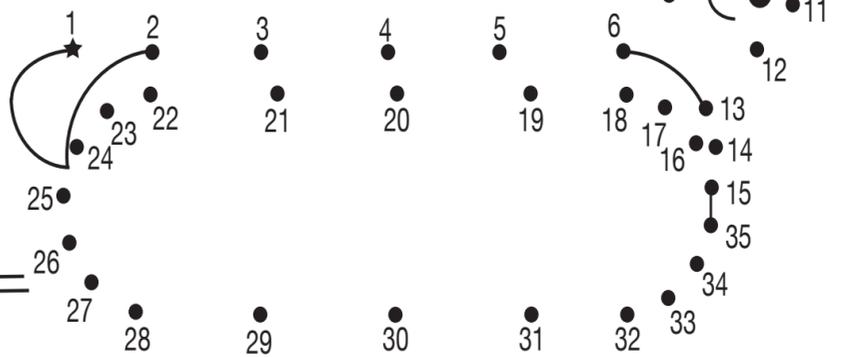
A. p__pc__rn

B. Fr_nch fr__s

C. p__n__ts

D. n__ch__s

H__td__g!



Baseball Banter!

We use sayings and expressions that come from the game of baseball every day. Match the baseball phrases below with what they mean when we use them:

1. on the ball
2. a ballpark figure
3. out in left field
4. bench warmer
5. can't hit the broad side of a barn
6. swing for the fences
7. threw a curveball



I hope I get hit out of the ballpark. I like to see new places!



Me too!

- A. presented something unexpected
- B. someone who really gets things done
- C. estimate of how much something will cost
- D. good, but not the very best
- E. can't get something done in the right way
- F. thinks or behaves strangely
- G. go as far as you can



1. hit a home run
2. struck out
3. way off base
4. play ball
5. step up to the plate
6. pinch hitter
7. a whole new ball game

- A. failed
- B. brand new situation
- C. go along with others
- D. one who takes someone else's place
- E. not even close to being right
- F. did a great job
- G. get ready to do the job



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