Local crafters use skills, supplies to create cloth face coverings

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MEEEKER 1 The narrative surrounding a wearing a face mask has changed drastically since the early days of COVID-19 — just a few years ago, in the U.S. It’s unclear whether the early guidelines for face masks weren’t recommended for the general populace based on known shortages of personal protective equipment for medical providers or fears people would try to hoard medical supplies.

The phased plan for reopening has led to some confusion for business owners and citizens. In addition, counties are submitting individual requests to have a local government variance from state orders, allowing us to develop our own guidelines and policies.

Rio Blanco County will not enforce the stricter orders and will continue to adhere to best practice guidelines however, they did, local crafters and quilters went to work.

Patti Terp has been sewing for over 50 years. She is not a quilter, she says, but she’s been sewing for a long time and is a proud member of the Walbridge Quilters group in Mancos, that makes and sells handmade items from local products like the Walbridge Wool. Walbridge Wool is a redwood, a nurse at the Wing, reached out to Terp and fellow Wingnut Elaine Jordan made 25 masks each in response. Then she posted something on Facebook.

Cloth face coverings are recommended for residents in public settings to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. Local crafters are making them by the 100s.

Stay-at-home order shifts to ‘safer-at-home’; stay in if you can...

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RBC 1 Monday was the official day for Colorado’s stay-at-home order to be lifted. Gov. Polis, as expected, shifted the state public health order to a “safer-at-home” version that will allow businesses to begin to open up in stages and with strict precautions.

The gradual plan for reopening has led to some confusion for business owners and citizens. In addition, counties are submitting individual plans to the state for reopening. Current guidelines will be revised in two weeks and adapted as needed.

From the county, “Rio Blanco County is exercising its authority to have a local government variance from state orders, allowing us to evaluate our conditions and capacity as we move through each phase of re-opening. We support the scientific basis for the state orders and will continue to adhere to best practice guidelines, however, we will tailor these recommendations to our community specifically as we monitor cases and respond to them locally.”

Residents are free to abide by the state’s more restrictive rules, or the county’s guidelines. Rio Blanco County will not enforce the stricter state restrictions, but individuals and businesses should be aware that their decisions could subject them to state-imposed consequences for violating state orders. Business owners should consult with their particular regulatory industry for specifics. The current goals are effective through May 11.

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What has not changed?

■ Hand hygiene.
■ Social distancing. Maximize physical distance from others in public settings and avoid socializing in groups of 10 or more.
■ Face coverings are recommended for all residents in public settings.
■ Stay home if you can — if you can telework, that is encouraged.
■ Avoid non-essential travel.
■ If you’re sick, stay home.
■ Older adults and at-risk individuals are encouraged to stay home.
■ Restaurants remain limited to take-out and delivery orders only.
■ Nursing homes are still closed to visitors.
■ Churches closed to gatherings of more than 10.
■ Gyms and spas remain closed.
■ Childcare and schools remain closed.

What has changed?

■ Local government offices and critical businesses can re-open under strict precautions.
■ Other businesses may open May 4 with strict precautions and 50% staffing.
■ Realers can commence with showings, but no open houses.
■ Elective dental/surgical services are available based on the availability of PPE. Check with your dentist or physician.
■ Personal services and retail shops can reopen with strict precautions May 1.

Because the current guidelines and orders are subject to change at any time, and requirements differ among industries, anyone with questions on how to comply with Colorado’s guidelines should call the RBC Office of Emergency Management at 970-878-4017 or message us on Facebook.

Callers to the ATF tip lines can receive a reward of up to $10,000, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) have partnered to offer a reward of up to $10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for this crime. Anyone with information should call ATF’s Tip Line at 1-800-ATF-TIPS (1-800-283-8477) or the Rangely Police Department at 970-864-2444.

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**COUNTY BEAT**

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RBC I Commissioners discussed budget issues with Finance Director Janae Stanworth Tuesday and scheduled workshops with both school districts in May to discuss funding. While currently the county is close to a balanced budget, uncertainty about the future looms.

“We could see major hits. This county could look totally different in a few years,” said Commissioner Gary Moyes. “It will take months and possibly years to fully calculate the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on Rio Blanco County, but county leaders were already examining the effect of the shrinking fossil fuel industry will have on a county heavily dependent on energy extraction.

RBC Public Health Director Alice Harvey had some good news for the commissioners: ‘We’re finally getting test kits from the state and have received some private testing kits,’ she said. This news comes after weeks of fighting for the test kits. The additional tests will allow public health to increase its testing capacity. Discussion of drive-through testing at Public Health for symptomatic individuals who call ahead is underway. ‘We’re not at the point yet we can do surveillance testing yet,’ Harvey said.

Increasing testing capacity has been listed as one of the most important components of being able to move forward in the fight against COVID-19. Harvey updated the board on the switch to ‘self-at-home’ public health orders from the state, the next phase of quarantine directives.

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MEEEKER I Meeker High School has been named a 2020 Best High School by U.S. News & World Report. Superintendent Chris Selle told the Board of Education on Monday, ‘By earning a national ranking in the top 45%, Meeker High School achieved status as a U.S. News Best High School and gained eligibility to display a U.S. News trademarks logo 2020 Best High Schools award ‘badge.’ In other news from the school board meeting, Me Cal of 2020 responded to a survey about prom and graduation. Overwhelmingly, the 46 seniors approved the idea of a ‘drive-through’ graduation event that would abide by public health guidelines. Discussion is underway to figure out how to make that happen and make sure this year’s seniors receive the recognition they’re due.

‘It’s a tough situation,’ Selle said. ‘Some of us like any of these ideas. I think it’s fair to say, but I hope our kids and parents understand we’re doing the best we can and want to make sure we recognize those kids in a better way.’ Additionally, 62.5% of the senior class said to cancel from this year, as opposed to a virtual option or delaying the event. Selle told the board that at this point, the district’s budget is in a good place, but ‘cuts are coming.’ The economic impact of COVID-19 on the state’s economy is anticipated to have a negative effect on school budgets statewide. ‘I think we’re OK right now,’ Selle said of proposed salary increases, ‘but I don’t know about next year or after that.’

As teachers enter the last month of the school year teaching online, Selle said she anticipates a ‘decline in student participation as the weather warms up and the need for [distance learning] wears off.’ Overall, however, the district has seen a minimal number of students who are not responding to their teachers or engaging with the district. They will continue efforts to reach out to those students.

For people with more symptoms: - Call healthcare provider if your illness becomes more severe, especially if you are experiencing shortness of breath. Your provider may recommend you be tested for COVID-19. - Consider a telehealth visit or nurse line advice before seeking in-person care. Ask your primary care provider if they offer tele-health visits, or call one of Colorado’s nurseries. You can find a list at covid19.colorado.gov/ telehealth-and-nurseries.

For people with mild symptoms: Early on, symptoms may feel like a common cold, including a combination of cough, body aches, fatigue, and chest tightness. People who are not at high risk of severe illness may not need to be evaluated in-person or tested for COVID-19. Not everyone with symptoms or who may have been exposed to COVID-19 will be tested right away. If you have mild symptoms including a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or suspect that you were exposed, please stay home and avoid contact with others.

As a general rule, isolate for 14 days, or until:

- You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that’s 3 days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) AND
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**LOCAL HOSPITAL OPTIONS:**

Drive through specimen collection clinics continue, we have seen a decrease in tests and will be changing our hours to Monday-Friday, from 12:00pm–1:00pm. We will continue the pre-screening, please call ahead.

Meeker, the Pioneers Hospital Respiratory Clinic is open for symptomatic individuals who would like to be seen by a medical provider, Mon.–Fri. from 1-5pm. Testing will be completed if indicated by order from a physician. During these hours you may go to Pioneers Medical Center, follow the signs to the Respiratory Clinic located on the east (or Craig-side) of the Pioneers campus.

Town of Meeker Mayor ProTem Andy Key was presented with an award for his service as a Town Trustee for the past four years of service. Andy served as the Mayor ProTem, ASGC representative for Rangely/Meeker communities, RDBC Town Representative and many other volunteer positions during his term.

The Town of Rangely Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 28. Mayor Andy Shaffer, Trustees Troy Babin and Trustee Tyson Hacking were sworn in again for Mayer, second term two years and Trustees four year terms respectively. The Board unanimously voted to accept Rich Carmans letter of interest for the remaining seat vacated by Andy Key to fulfill the additional four year term. Troy Babin was appointed as Mayor ProTem. Additionally they reconvened an Marybel Cox, Clerk/Treasurer, Karen Wilczek, Rangely Municipal Judge and Dan Wilson, Rangely Municipal Attorney for two year terms as well.

**SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE VIRUS.**

CDPHE is providing the following guidance to people experiencing symptoms of COVID-19:

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Do not congregate, and do not stand closer than 6 feet apart in public places.

- When possible, keep 6 feet between you and others when you are out.
- That’s that. Put away your phone, talk to the person next to you, and think about the people around you.

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**Facebook Comment from a local resident:** "We are so very thankful to all the healthcare professionals for their dedication and compassion during this time. We are also so thankful for Andy Key’s leadership as Mayor ProTem. Thank you, Andy. We are better for having you among us!"
“We need to proceed with caution as we reopen,” Harvey said.

The state officially released the new orders this week, but the variability of reopening the different industries, and no clear guidelines for enforcement, have led to some confusion for business owners.

“We’re trying to support our businesses right now. The rules vary depending on which regulatory agency you answer to,” Harvey said. “The most recent recommendations are on our public health website. We are definitely not rejecting the state’s recommendations in pursuing our own local plan.”

Harvey said the goal is to stop the spread of the virus, avoid new cases, and have “success” in May by adhering to the newest recommendations. “By June we hope to work with people on a case by case basis so we can have modified activities,” she said, noting that public health’s recommendations mirror that of the state.

Speaking to enforcement, the commissioners urged “personal responsibility” and adherence to medico-economic recommendations, acknowledging a “Market policy” doesn’t work for the entire state.

Most industries are regulated by a government agency and those agencies have the capacity to enforce violations of state orders. As far as the county, RBC, like most counties across the state, does not intend to enforce the public health orders. In an earlier meeting, RBC Sheriff Anthony Mariano said he saw his department’s role as one of education, not enforcement.

Harvey said she hopes people fully understand the possible consequences of their choices, whether it’s having a party for a high school student or reopening a business without a plan for meeting state guidelines.

Harvey said Public Health is always willing to work with businesses and individuals to recommend special applications and to review best practices. She intends to continue updating the commissioners every two weeks and will have her video update on Friday on the county’s website.

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Special to the Herald Times

Meeker 3D printers are making PPE for healthcare workers

Ethan and Joshua Quinn with face shield frames printed on the Meeker High School MakerBot 3D printer. The frames were designed at the Columbia University Medical Library and will be distributed to hospitals and clinics needing personal protective equipment to care for COVID-19 patients.

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EDITOR’S COLUMN
Lessons learned

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As we begin taking steps to restore a semblance of normalcy in this new world with COVID-19, some interesting ideas have emerged.

Self-sufficiency and local sustainability are more important than we may have thought. We are a nation that has come to rely on international trade, global corporations, and a handful of large operators who supply most of our goods, from meat to TP. That’s a weak link in the supply chain, in my mind.

Events like this, where shortages loom, should serve as a reminder that we have the capacity to become much more self-sufficient and sustainable than folks who dwell in the urban jungle by virtue of where we live, and we should take advantage of that opportunity.

The “farm to table” movement has mostly been reserved for those who could afford it. Perhaps it’s time to bring that movement home and have it processed locally? We are a nation that has money was tight and that was everything from scratch because we had fresh bread baking in the oven. I haven’t baked bread yet, but a lot of you have, judging from the scarcity of flour and yeast at the stores. There was a time when I made almost everything from scratch because money was tight and that was a way to save. Who is teaching the next generation how to cook from scratch, make their own bread, and turn food scraps into compost?

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Lessons learned

While I was chatting with Pattie Temp about her mask-making endeavors, she said she had dried bread baking in the oven. I haven’t baked bread yet during the stay-at-home order, but a lot of you have, judging from the scarcity of flour and yeast at the stores. There was a time when I made almost everything from scratch because money was tight and that was a way to save. Who is teaching the next generation how to cook from scratch, make their own bread, and turn food scraps into compost?

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MEAKER | I very much enjoyed the project that was assigned to our class called ‘Superhero’ and we decided to make a costume for our school mascot. I believe that this project will help us learn how to work together as a team and also how to make decisions on our own. The project was very challenging, and I think it will be worth all the effort in the end. Once we are done with our costumes, we will wear them in the school assembly and show off our creativity and teamwork.

By Jodie Selle

MEAKER | On April 20th, the school staff and students at Meeker High School were given the opportunity to improve the educational experience by completing a survey. The survey aimed to gather feedback on various areas of the school, such as the physical environment, the availability of resources, and the overall experience of the students. The survey was administered through an online platform, and the results will be used to make necessary changes and improvements to the school. The survey took about 15 minutes to complete, and the participants were encouraged to provide honest and constructive feedback.

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MEAKER | I have recently become aware of the importance of mental health and its impact on our daily lives. There are several resources available to help individuals struggling with mental health issues. These include therapy, medication, and support groups. It is crucial to recognize the signs of mental health issues and seek help when needed. I encourage everyone to prioritize their mental health and take the necessary steps to maintain a healthy mindset.

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MEAKER | The school district has set a goal to achieve a 100% graduation rate by 2025. This is an ambitious goal, but with the right resources and support, it is achievable. The district has already implemented several initiatives, such as providing additional support to at-risk students and increasing access to college prep courses. I believe that these efforts will contribute to the success of our students in achieving this goal.

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MEAKER | I have been actively involved in the community and have witnessed the impact of social distancing on our daily lives. The pandemic has forced us to adapt and find new ways to connect with others. While it has been challenging, it has also highlighted the importance of community and the value of human connections. I encourage everyone to remain vigilant and continue following the guidelines to ensure the safety of ourselves and others.

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MEAKER | I am excited to share that our school district has received a grant to support the implementation of a new technology in our classrooms. This technology will enhance the learning experience by providing interactive and engaging opportunities for students. The grant is a testament to the dedication of our teachers and the support of our community. I look forward to seeing the positive impact this technology will have on our students.

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MEAKER | Our school has recently undergone a renovation project, which has improved the overall functionality and aesthetics of our school. The modifications were carefully planned and executed to ensure minimal disruption to the daily operations. We are grateful for the support of our community and the efforts of our administration and staff.

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Ohio, and lived there until he was cancer.

Jerry was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and lived there until he was 12 years old when his father passed away. His mother remarried and they moved to the Ashland, Jefferson, Ohio area.

Jerry graduated from Jefferson High School in 1960 and immediately enlisted in the Marine Corp. He served four years as a machinist’s mate and on various rifle teams, winning medals and trophies. Upon his honorable discharge in 1964, he met the love of his life, Georgia. They fell in love at first sight and were married June 19, 1965. Their marriage was born six wonderful daughters.

The highlight of Jerry and Georgia’s life is when they studied theology at Jehovah’s Witnesses. They moved to Meeker in June 1974, and helped form the Meeker congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Many in the Meeker community may have met Jerry and Georgia in their devotional ministry.

They had a wonderful life together—steering “strong and arctic” ships, traveling and visiting Yellowstone and taking Tim Midd. Lake to Minnesota each year for a month at a time.

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Fiscus competes in History Channel’s ‘Forged in Fire’

By ROXIE FROMANG
Special to the Herald Times

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Swords may not be the weapon of choice for many people nowadays, with more advanced weaponry readily available, but that does not stop some from continuing to work as bladesmiths, including 2017 Rangely High School graduate, musician, and coal miner Jarrod Fiscus.

As the owner and bladesmith at Waving Hands Forge, Fiscus competed on the History Channel’s “Forged in Fire” show back in September. With seven seasons and more than 150 episodes, the show tests the best in the field as they attempt to re-create some of history’s most iconic edged weapons. The contestant who survives the elimination rounds and wins the episode’s contest earns $10,000 and the title of Forged in Fire champion. Fiscus’s episode will air on Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. MDT.

The multi-talented Fiscus traveled to Connecticut for filming, first flying into New York City where he said he felt out of place. His favorite part of competing on the show was the camaraderie between the contestants. “It’s all real. You go out and do it. No Hollywood fakery.” The bulk of the forge work is completed in one day for the competition.

Fiscus began blacksmithing three years ago, starting with stock removal (just grinding out knives). When asked about words of wisdom to others who aspire to greatness, Fiscus humbly said, “Words of wisdom often come from folks much smarter and better at getting their message through than I. There was a poster in my high school chemistry teacher’s classroom that said something along the lines of ‘shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you will land among the stars.’ It does not matter where you come from, opportunities will always knock on your door. It’s up to you whether you take them or not.”


Meeker is a community of endless kindness and resourcefulness. As the COVID-19 pandemic emerged we didn’t know how our community would be impacted. Pioneers Medical Center was busy anticipating and quickly implementing plans to address COVID-19, our community members and businesses said, “How can we help?”

Our community made sure healthcare workers had PPE masks and shields, businesses made sure we had a building for a temporary respiratory clinic. Others made sure our employees were fed.

We continue to learn more about the virus and continue to prepare to care for patients that may be infected with COVID. But since March 9, 2020, there has been so much kindness from our community Pioneers wants to pause and say THANK YOU to everyone.

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Rangely brought out their classic cars and other wheeled conveyances for a socially-distanced ‘Cruisin’ Main’ parade last Friday evening. The event was put on by the Rangely Human Resource Council and was sponsored by a variety of local entities. Download the free Zappar app and scan the code to view more photos.
### Q&A with candidates for ERBM’s board of directors

**By Tiffany Jehorek**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER**  
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2. How will the district work to promote innovative thinking and new programming?
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COLORADO WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM ACCEPTING PROPOSALS

PRESS RELEASE

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The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is pleased to announce the 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program (CWHP). The CWHP is a statewide program that supports CPW’s mission by utilizing funding opportunities to private landowners to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitat on their properties, or provide wildlife-related recreational access to the public.

The CWHP is an incentive-based and voluntary program that uses conservation easements, public access easements, and in limited circumstances, the title purchase option to accomplish strategic wildlife, conservation goals and/or public access goals. Priority is given to proposals for conservation easements and public access easements over fee title purchases (per CPW policy and 16 CCR 3-4-307).

Funding for the 2020 cycle is approximately $1 million and is made possible through a conservation partnership with Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and from revenue generated through the sale of habitat stamps.

To APPLY:

To apply, a landowner, or their designee, must complete a Request for Proposals ("RFP") that addresses one or more of the following:

1. Identification of the property, or properties, to be protected.
2. Description of the project and anticipated benefits.
3. Description of all conservation benefits expected.
4. Description of all benefits to the public.
5. Description of the landowner’s or designee’s experience.
6. Description of the amount of public funding proposed.
7. Description of any other available funding.

Applications are due to be emailed to Wildlife.RealEstateProposals@state.co.us no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020.

Applicants will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of Proposal.

It is not required that CPW hold conservation easements purchased through the CWHP. A landowner may request a land trust, local government, or other conservation organization (collectively, “Third Party”) to submit a Proposal on their behalf. If the Proposal involves a conservation easement to be held by a Third Party, the entity must be qualified to hold conservation easements under federal and state law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) recognizes that maintaining wildlife-compatible agriculture is an important benefit that can be realized through conservation easements and land management plans. All conservation easement funds purchased through the CWHP will have an accompanying management plan that must be approved upon the purchase agreement by the landowner and CPW prior to the closing and recording of the property.

The management plan typically includes provisions for the type, timing, and duration of livestock grazing, recreational activities, and overall management of habitat to protect or enhance the property’s conservation values identified in the conservation easement.

Negotiating the terms and conditions of the management plan is a key step in the conservation process. Landowners are encouraged to develop a clear vision of the future of their property prior to submitting their Proposal. Proposals are scored and ranked through a rigorous review process to evaluate strategic conservation impacts, biological significance, public benefits, and project feasibility.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their local CPW Area Wildlife Manager or his/her designee for assistance describing the wildlife and habitat values accurately and to discuss the merits of their Proposal. Local CPW office contact information may be found at https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/RealEstateProposals.aspx.

Interested parties should email their complete funding proposal based on recommendation by the Commission. Applicants are expected to submit an outline of the Commission’s final draft decision to the CPW staff within 30 days following the 2020 Commission meeting.

All proposals received and funded in this program are subject to an appraisal to verify value. Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with their financial advisors when considering the terms and conditions associated with the CWHP. Third-Party conservation easement holders are required to submit to CPW a copy of the annual monitoring report for each conservation easement that receives funding through the CWHP.

Public access is not required for conservation easement projects. However, conservation easement projects are expected to convey to CPW public access for wildlife-viewing or recreation may be eligible for compensation in addition to compensation for the conservation easement. Landowners may also submit proposals to the CWHP for projects that solely provide hunting or fishing access to the public through a public access easement.

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Westlands changes hands

BY CATLIN WALKER

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | One of Rio Blanco County’s most expansive properties is under new owner, officials, according to local documents.

Special warranty deeds filed in the county April 14 under state and federal law from KRI Colorado Inc., KRI Colorado Properties LLC, and Henry R. Kravis to a company named “Westlands, LLC” out of Delaware. That company is formed and has an incorporation date of Oct. 15, 2019.

The recorded price is $44,792,641.49.

Filing documents entered by the Colorado Secretary of State indicate Westlands is an Illinois limited liability company. The principal office address listed is 1111 Wilkerson Farr & Gallagher LLP, on Seventh Avenue in New York.

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By TROY ALRED
Special to the Herald Times

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“Unable to see any of the Philippines was preparing for a major typhoon which was the exact location of the Philippines. At that time, I didn’t realize that one of the most memorable times that I had ever had was going to be the beginning of one of the greatest adventures of my life. The Philippines was facing a major typhoon which was the exact location of the Philippines. When I met the people of the Philippines for the first time, I was not sure what to expect. I didn’t expect to be amazed by their hospitality or to fall in love with the culture. I knew that I would be challenged, but I was prepared for the experience.

After being home for a month I still have mixed feelings about the fact that I am home. I have absolutely loved being home with my family but I still miss the Philippines. I miss the Filipinos and their wonderful culture. I miss talking in Tagalog and I miss the beautiful, picturesque landscapes of the Philippines. I absolutely love them and I will always cherish the memories that I have from my trip. My experience there has shaped me into the person I am today. I will never forget them and cherish the memories that I have from my trip. I absolutely love them and I will always cherish my time there.

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Due to the extended closure of the Meeker Recreation Center (MRC), as well as the broad economic impacts of the current public health crisis, ERBM Recreation & Park District has approved extended MRC membership refunds and program discounts throughout the duration of 2020.

REMEMBER:

- Center will remain CLOSED through Memorial Day, May 25, with anticipated to amount to approximately $56,500 that will directly benefit local families and help our neighbors and friends in their times of need. It’s one of the greatest adventures of my life.”

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ERBM: Q&A with the candidates for the board of directors, continued

Kent Walter
I care running for ERBM because I want to be of service to my community. I strongly believe in the mission of the ERBM Recreation and Park District. It is not just yoga, but also so much more. The ERBM Board has been highly responsive to the needs of our community. With my background in engineering and my experience in business management, I believe I can provide a unique perspective to the board. I am not a professional athlete, but I am an avid runner and have competed in several races. I am passionate about ensuring that the people in our community have access to quality recreational opportunities.

The Board has been under fire for its fee structure and budget decisions. I believe the fees are reasonable. In order for the Board to work effectively with the other organizations and the community, the fees must be fair. I believe we should continue to strive to make the services more affordable, especially for lower-income families.

The Board has been criticized for its lack of transparency. I believe the Board should be more open and communicative. The Board should be accountable to the community, and the community should be able to have input into the decision-making process.

As a member of the community, I believe we should continue to support the ERBM Board. The Board has a difficult job, and we should be grateful for the work they do. I believe the Board should be given the opportunity to continue serving our community.

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ERBM: What do you think about the fee structure? Do you think the fees are fair?

Walter: I believe the ERBM fees are fair. If ERBM cut all programming and offered only one activity per season, the fee structure would not be as affordable for all income levels. I believe the fees are reasonable and that the Board should continue to work on making them more affordable.

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Fun!

Find a word in the crossword puzzle below. Then, see if you can find the word in words on the page. The word can be read forward and backward, too!

A palindrome is a word that can be read forward and backward. Sometimes a person thinks up a sentence that can be read forward and backward too! Read these words and sentences, then find them in the puzzle!

We use words when we speak or write. We use them in songs, stories, poems, letters and speeches! We use words to tell others what we are thinking, how we are feeling or how things work. We use words for fun too! We love to “play” on words in jokes and riddles, and in other ways.

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with different kinds of word play that we have fun with:

1. a __ __ __ __ word shrinks a word making it easier to say; airplane = plane
2. word that is spelled the same backwards and forwards; kayak
3. series of words with the same starting sound; big bad boy
4. words with the same letters, but moved around; cat = acf
5. words that resemble the sound they are talking about; whist, bang
6. set of “opposite” words; jumbo shrimp, small crowd
7. swapping of letters or syllables in words; bunny rabbit = runny rabbit
8. a tongue __ __ __ __ puts together
9. an exaggerated statement; I died laughing
10. putting two words together to make a new word; squeeze + crunch = squunch
11. words that have the same ending sound; very cherry
12. a humor-filled story or trick; knock, knock!
13. giving human-like abilities to something non-human; the wind howled, time marches on
14. a word named after a real person; teddy bear (Theodore Roosevelt)
15. a clever question that needs thought to be answered; What loses its head each morning, and gets it back in the evening? A pillow!

Dear Forest,

At the picnic today, a fast pitch from the baseball pitcher broke a pitcher, and the pieces flew into a warm pitch that sealed a hole in the walkway! A bowl of squash skidded off the table and squashed tomatoes in a basket. After I clean the mess and the rest I will need a rest! And so I seal my letter with a seal to send to you! P.S. Follow the numbers to see it.

Your Pal, Squeak.

You can make a play on words just by exchanging letters in words. After you finish the activity below, try to write one of your own and share it with a friend.

1. Change the “n” to “t” and see the “goat”. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
2. Add an “n” to this word and you’ll know what happened to my car. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
3. Change the first letter to “b” and you’ll know what happened to my car. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
4. Change the “k” to “t” and you’ll see what a dog gave me as I was riding by. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
5. Change the “ch” to “c” and it will close your snack bag. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

The North Side round-up will meet at Wolf creek on Wednesday, May 13. The South Side round-up will meet at Rangely on Thursday, May 30.

The ladies around town were put in shape this week to receive water from the town reservoir, which will be turned on next Monday.

Assist the strike of the workmen on the Highland ditch for eight hours to constitute a day’s work.—It’s a sad day when we can’t keep up to modern civilization.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

The friends of Miss Lala Anderson and her husband were surprised Monday morning to hear that they married Saturday evening at Rev. Nelson. Everybody expected that it was coming but not until school was out.

All classes of reformers are becoming more and more in disfavor. Reformers are largely made up of two classes, the idealist and intellectual factions and dishonest racketeers who are in the reform business for the good, many, life-misleading all alike.

Our first spring-like weather put in an appearance Wednesday.

The Meeker Herald
45 years ago

Construction timing to be negotiated with contractor.

specifications, and Owner-Contractor Agreement

Contractors must submit their bid proposals before 5pm

provides a third party check

Publication in a newspaper

invitations.

summonses and bid

tax and budget info, liquor

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This page includes a variety

25 years ago

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requiring children under age 16 to wear seat belts

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Reminisce magazine to attract more subscribers.

"Folks wouldn't feel - in so much danger - if

Gov. Roy Romer has signed a law

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RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES
Thursday, April 30, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICES

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY
The Town of Meeker is seeking applicants for Planning Commission. The commission will be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Town Council. The principal duty of the Planning Commission is to consider and recommend decisions on applications for permits, variances, and other matters. The Commission is also to serve on the Board of Appeals, and the nuisance abatement board. The Planning Commission shall have no regulatory authority in the Town of Meeker. For more information contact the Town Manager. Applications are due by 5:00 pm on May 14, 2020. Applications can be submitted electronically to info@meekerco.gov or in person to the Meeker Administration Building, 100 E Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641.

ADDRESS CHANGES & ADDITION/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
We are currently accepting applications for the Planning Commission. Application forms can be picked up at the Meeker Administration Building, 100 E Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641. Applications can be submitted electronically to info@meekerco.gov or in person to the Meeker Administration Building, 100 E Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641.

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APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETINGS
1. Approve Special Meeting Minutes May 5, 2020
2. Approve Special Meeting Minutes May 11, 2020
3. Approve Special Meeting Minutes May 12, 2020
4. Approve Special Meeting Minutes May 14, 2020
5. Approve Special Meeting Minutes May 17, 2020
6. Approve Special Meeting Minutes May 19, 2020

TOWN OF MEeker

OPEN RAINIER MOUNTAIN WATER DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING
The Open Rainier Mountain Water District Board of Directors has scheduled a Special Meeting for Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Open Rainier Mountain Water District Office at 100 N 5th Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following matters:

1. Open Session
2. Approve Agenda
3. Consider approval of a water rate increase
4. Consider approval of a special assessment
5. Consider approval of a bond issue
6. Consider approval of a lease agreement

Please contact Chris Selle, at chris.selle@ht1885.com or 970-878-4017 for more information.

MEEEKER CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM
Catholic Believers Community Church in Meeker is pleased to announce a Bible Study Program on Sunday Aug 2nd, 2020. The class will run every Sunday morning from 9:30am to 11:00am. The program will be held at the Catholic Believers Community Church located at 620 N 5th Street in Meeker, Colorado 81641. The class will be led by Pastor Scott Kindig. For more information, please contact Pastor Scott at 970-878-4421 or scott@meekercommunity.com

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

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FACILITY RENTAL:
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