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Board inks deal for permanent easement on town well property

By **NIKI TURNER**
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MEEKER I After nearly 40 years, the town of Meeker finalized a permanent easement on the property that houses the wells that supply the town with water. Property owner Rick Edinger was in attendance at Tuesday's board meeting.

The approval of the easement was the final step, according to Town Attorney Melody Massih. "Edinger's attorney and I have been back and forth and forward and back," she said. "I recommend approval."

"It's been a rough road, and I know a lot of us sitting here realize that," Edinger said. He thanked town staff for their help, specifically Town Manager Lisa Cook, Public Works Supervisor Russell Overton and Trustee Travis Day.

Edinger, who said he was a contractor for 30 years, said the troubles with subcontractors should serve as a "lesson for the

town moving forward," adding, "I appreciate all of us remaining civil."

Cook agreed, and said the town appreciated the Edinger family's patience. "It's been a long time coming," she said.

In town manager updates, Cook said the town is working with surrounding counties on the governor's Just Transition plan to apply for grants as a region. Routt County is taking the lead, at this point, as they have the staffing capacity to do the grant writing.

Cook also said the Circle Park bridge plank replacement is underway, aiming to be completed in time for the June 5 celebration of the Circle Park pond project and fishing day.

The town is advertising for vacancies on the planning commission and the housing authority board.

Trustees went into executive session to discuss legal negotiations for the town administrator's contract.

R.O.A.R. RIDES AGAIN ...



A group of Rangely OHV Adventure Rally participants enjoyed tours of the Rangely area on April 30 and May 1. Watch for a report on the economic impact for local restaurants and hotels in next week's edition.

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New solar tech could bring jobs to Rangely

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RANGELY I "My goal, frankly, is to make the Western Slope the center of the universe for sensible solar," said Doug Kiesewetter, CEO of Montrose-based Cogency Power to the Rangely Board of Trustees during a special meeting last week. Kiesewetter presented his company's proprietary technology, Highly Concentrated Photovoltaic Thermal (HCPVT) which combines aerospace grade "gallium arsenide" solar cells, 1000 to 1 magnification via parabolic mirrors and geothermal storage to achieve "a better way to do solar."

The presentation focused on a few key points, primarily the cost effectiveness of Cogency's integrated "distributed generation" power system. "We can deliver power to customers for 50-75% lower cost than what they've been experiencing with public utilities" said Kiesewetter.

Cogency claims to achieve this level of high efficiency at a low cost by utilizing already existing technologies in an integrated way. "The key to this hasn't been technology based, it's how you assemble the technology pieces to make it work for the right applications," said Cogency's Chief Operating Officer Drew Granzow in an interview with the HT earlier this week. He explained exactly how the technology works, noting it is already in use at 5 beta testing sites in the US, including two in Colorado.

Granzow explained that conventional silicon based solar panels are about 15-20% efficient, and very temperature sensitive, losing additional efficiency in climates above 78 degrees Fahrenheit.

Those drawbacks are what motivated Cogency to go with "gallium arsenide" based solar cells, which are used in satellites and other aerospace applications, due to their "temperature intensive" properties. Gallium arsenide cells are nearly twice as efficient, around 40%, compared to silicon. Normally these types of

solar cells would be cost prohibitive, as they are far more expensive to produce, but Cogency seems to have a solution to that problem as well.

Granzow said to achieve cost effective power output with these cells, Cogency uses parabolic mirrors to focus the solar energy up to 1000:1 into a small area, reducing the amount of required solar material per panel.

The company regularly notes however that the actual solar cells are just a part of what "makes the system work" in an economic and energy sense. The other big factor at play in these systems is the integration of thermal storage. While 40% of the energy in gallium arsenide cells is converted to electricity that can either be stored or used on-demand, the remaining 60% is typically lost in dissipated heat energy. Cogency's solution instead makes use of this heat, capturing and storing it in geothermal style bore holes for later use, a storage alternative that can be described as a "thermal battery."

Thermal energy, which is measured in BTUs, can later be utilized for various applications such as space heating & cooling, refrigeration, water heating and more. Granzow pointed out that in a large building, up to 60% of energy usage can be tied directly to these applications, which means utilizing thermal energy as an alternative could drastically reduce "electric plug loads" in existing buildings. Granzow also pointed out that the thermal energy can be stored long term, even for multiple years if needed.

"That heat has real economic value, that's the secret to how our system makes sense when the rest of solar really doesn't," said Kiesewetter, a businessman who is no stranger to the oil and gas industry, having founded multiple multi-million dollar oil and gas production companies in his lifetime.

Putting this technology into practice in a place like Rangely seems to make sense from Cogency's perspective for a number of reasons. For one, like much of Colorado's western slope Rangely gets a lot of sunshine, but Kiesewetter said there are even more enticing advantages.



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An example of the concentrated solar cells created by Cogency Power.

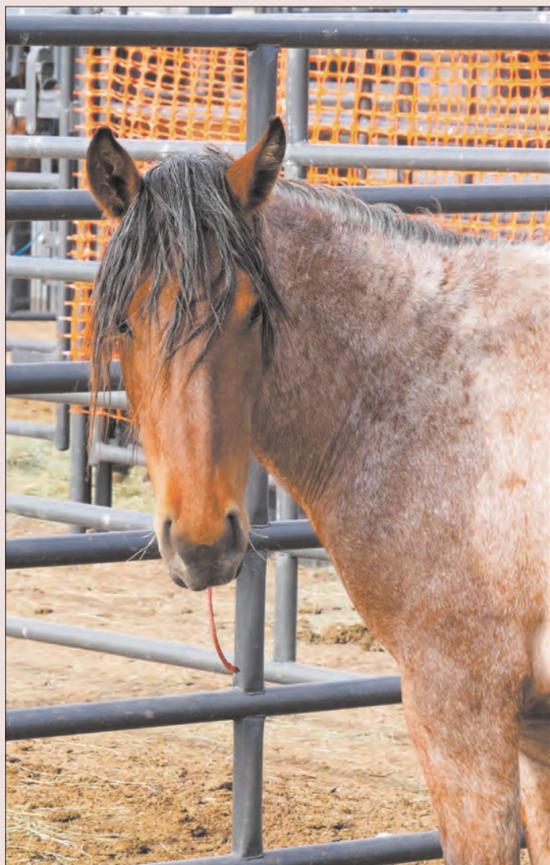
"The Western Slope has a highly skilled and independent work force for whom the transition to solar geothermal would continue to provide well paying natural resource jobs outside that capitalize on the mechanical, electrical and maintenance skill of the existing workforce," he said.

Skills like drilling, fabrication and on site construction/installation of natural resource infrastructure all tie into the transferability to Cogency's proposed system. If the company were to expand into the region, they also hope to partner with Colorado Northwestern Community College to develop training programs for the installation of their technology in other parts of the state and country.

With the booms and busts of the past few decades still fresh in the minds of many residents, these kinds of promises may feel "too good to be true" for many, but Cogency says with an expectation to add hundreds of new jobs in Montrose by the end of this year, they'll need to expand somewhere, and that somewhere might just be Rangely, Colorado.

Whatever happens, you can be sure Rio Blanco County residents and officials will keep a close eye on Cogency and their promises of a viable energy transition.

MAKEOVER BEGINS ...



LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

One- and three-year-old mustangs were picked up by trainers Saturday, officially kicking off this year's Meeker Mustang Makeover. The third annual event is set for Aug. 28 at the RBC Fairgrounds.

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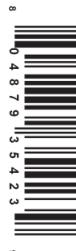


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CLEANING UP THE RANGELY OUTDOOR MUSEUM ...



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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Rangely Second Ward arrived at the Rangely Outdoor Museum on Wednesday April 28 to help with the spring cleaning of the yards. A lot of leaves, branches and trash were gathered by this happy crew. All the help was greatly appreciated.



Pioneers Medical Center CEO responds to questions

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER | Following a slew of comments and questions from the public regarding various situations at Pioneers Medical Center, the HT reached out to CEO Liz Sellers, who celebrated her one-year anniversary in Meeker in April. Sellers' responses to questions asked by the HT are presented here:

Introduction

Pioneers Hospital recognizes that the community is concerned with the current administration based on various rumors. The hospital's goal in resolving this matter is to be fully transparent in our communications with the community, our employees and patients. The hospital is an important part of this community and we have every intention of keeping it that way for decades to come.

However, the hospital is not a normal business. The hospital is an institution that is heavily regulated by the federal government. If these regulations are not followed, the hospital can be put into financial jeopardy, which would have a very negative affect

on this community. It is our goal to assure the hospital was following these regulations so that we can avoid penalties and fines, which would ultimately lead to higher costs in the community to keep the hospital running. Many of the issues the hospital is now facing are a result of changes to the regulations, which are making the hospital's historical practices change. No one likes change so it is understandable that the employees and patients are struggling with these new rules. Our team has done an amazing job of stepping up and showing that they are up to the challenge. In essence a vast majority of the long term, local staff have really shown how much they care and are able to adapt to the new rules and how much they are willing to push to ensure the continuation of this wonderful institution!

Q: Donna Wille is a self-pay patient who was scheduled by her doctor for two procedures following six weeks of illness. Just before her procedures she received a voicemail from Danette in billing stating that she would need to pay over \$5,000 out of pocket in advance or the procedures would not be

performed.

Is this hospital policy for non-elective procedures? Has this always been hospital policy or is this new? If new, when did this policy change and why?

After telling PMC she would not be using them, Donna received information that the same procedures at an outpatient facility in Grand Junction would be nearly 50% less and she would not be required to provide such a hefty sum in advance.

As a hospital we cannot discuss any patient's records with anyone to comply with HIPAA. Even if this individual disclosed their circumstances to the public, the hospital is still bound by HIPAA unless that person signs a waiver allowing us to disclose their private information. As such, the hospital will not comment on any specific patient cases. We can say that the hospital tries to provide services at the least possible expense that we can afford to the local population. We are a small, rural facility so our expenses sometimes may not compete with a larger organization in a bigger town and it is possible that pricing in Grand Junction may be less expensive than what we charge.

Q: How many local staff members have resigned in the last 12 months from department head or management level positions?

How many have been replaced with temporary consultants and why?

How many have been replaced by Ms. Sellers' former coworkers at other hospitals? We are aware of at least three. Are these individuals moving here to become part of the community, or are they transient and will follow Ms. Sellers to her next position?

How many positions are being covered by interim staff?

Many organizations have a standard practice of hiring from within whenever possible. That does not seem to be the case with the current administration. Can you explain the reasoning

for that?

Are hospital employees now employed by Aramark, or by PMC? Aramark has some questionable reviews. How were they chosen and for what departments?

We have had a few employees resign from the hospital. Similar to HIPAA, the personnel records of specific employees is privileged information so the hospital cannot discuss specific resignations. However, resignations of management level employees is not an uncommon event in any business. A few of the managers have resigned recently due to retirement, other opportunities that have allowed personal growth, or new regulations enforced.

The CEO is not creating the rules, she is just requesting that people follow them. Failure to follow these regulations can result in very large penalties to the organization. The hospital wants to make sure that it has appropriate staff to handle these rules. As a result, consultants and individuals have come in, who have the ability to make sure that the organization as a whole is compliant. The goal is to transition this knowledge to local employees so that the hospital will continue to be compliant with all applicable regulations into the future.

The hospital contracted with Aramark as they came highly recommended for certain services. However, very shortly after the hospital started using their services, it was determined that this was not the direction the hospital wanted to pursue further so the contract with Aramark was terminated.

Q: We've heard reports that the hospital plans to put in a retail pharmacy. This would be in direct competition with our local pharmacy and create a public (taxpayer-funded)/private competition problem. Can you verify or clarify the hospital's plans?

The hospital has been in discussions around putting in a retail pharmacy for a couple of

years. The goal behind the retail pharmacy is not to compete with Meeker Drugs. Rather, the hospital hopes to supplement the services that the local pharmacy is providing by offering prescriptions that they cannot offer. Currently, our residents in the Walbridge Wing have their prescriptions filled outside of the community. Bringing this service back to Meeker is a win for everyone.

Q: We are not receiving press releases from PMC, and learned about the sleep study center from an article sent to the GJ Sentinel. When will Meeker residents learn about the sleep center, as the Sentinel is no longer being distributed locally?

It appears that a Sleep Center has been installed in every hospital Ms. Sellers has worked at previously. Can you share why having a Sleep Study Center is so important to a small community hospital both from a healthcare standpoint and a financial standpoint?

As we plan for the future, you may see new projects/programs brought to PMC. These are considered from a strategic position to provide our community care here at home. They further assist with the sustainability of PMC as we will be challenged with the decrease of mill levy funding in the near future. Our hope is that by adding services, we will maintain financial stability without the need for taxpayer funding. Many rural facilities that have lost support from mill levy funding are challenged to remain viable. A good example of a much needed service in Meeker and surrounding areas is our new American Academy of Sleep Medicine Accredited Center. Many facilities depend on a mobile sleep lab, much like PMC used in the past. These services do not provide continued support for those in need of sleep equipment to assure they are receiving quality sleep. Currently, the Sleep Center is scheduled out to June and have received referrals from as far as Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction. This is a great addition to PMC, and we are excited to be helping our community with these services.

PMC has hired a behavioral specialist as well to support the great need for those needing support with depression, identity issues and behavioral concerns. This is another example of a program that was created this year out of a need in the community and resulting in filling an unmet need.

Q: We received an email that stated the hospital's IT department has been decimated. Have those positions been filled? What is the status of the hospital's IT department currently?

The hospital cannot and will not talk about the private records of former IT staff or why the

IT department has experienced changes recently as that would be disclosing private information from employees in that department. Currently, the hospital has hired a consulting firm to manage the IT department. The hospital has further hired a new IT director. The hiring process was a selection from 20 applicants. The selection panel was composed of senior department managers of PMC, as this group would have a close working relationship with their peer. In this ranking the team selected a candidate with specific criteria and expertise to move the program forward.

Q: As the hospital is partially funded by taxpayer funds, the HT will be submitting a Colorado Open Records Act request for financial statements for the hospital for the last two years at the direction of PMC administration.

What is the plan for replacing the two board members who have recently resigned?

The board positions will be filled through the process outlined in the law. That means that the current board members will vote to temporarily fill the vacancies. These individuals will temporarily fill the vacancies until the next election. At that time, the new board members will have to be elected.

Q: In his letter to the editor two weeks ago, former board member Brian Bofinger said he was concerned about confidentiality issues related to the board. How are those concerns being addressed?

The law requires certain information learned by the board to be confidential. However, when an employee brings forth a complaint about the administration of the hospital, the hospital needs information to fully investigate that complaint. The board is not the body that is traditionally responsible for investigations of employee complaints. Certainly, should the complaint be very serious and involve the CEO or CFO, the board has the right to do a full investigation. But even under these circumstances the CEO or CFO has a right to be interviewed against them. The board member in question believed that when he was receiving complaints, that the accused person had no right to know of the exact facts around such complaint. He wanted the board to make decisions on employee matters without both sides of the story. Other members of the board could not support that position. The disclosure of the facts to the accused person, is not disclosing confidential information as indicated by the law. The board members in question had followed the law appropriately and have continued to fully investigate allegations that are brought to their attention.



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CORRECTION

MEEKER | In last week's coverage of the Pioneers Medical Center board meeting, comments made to Donna Wille in response to her questions about billing and hospital policy were attributed to CEO Liz Sellers. In fact, it was PMC Board President Kim Brown who thanked Wille for coming and sharing her concerns. It was also Brown who asked the minutes from March be tabled for approval as some items needed to be remedied. The HT regrets the misattribution.

NEWS BRIEFS

Recall petition protest hearing May 6

RBC | The recall petition protest hearing for Commissioner Gary Moyer will be held Thursday, May 6, at 3 p.m. in the third floor hearing room at the Rio Blanco County Courthouse. There is no call-in option, but the meeting will be live streamed to YouTube. Visit rbc.us and click the YouTube button on the left side of the screen. In-person attendance is limited to 70. No testimony or comments from the public will be permitted.

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@westoffice.net) or Roberta Watt (pianolady1947@yahoo.com).

Tri-State wholesale rate reduction

MEEKER | On April 30, 2021, WREA's wholesale power supplier, Tri-State, announced its approval of the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Council) settlement case which results in rate reductions for 2021 and 2022. Tri-State's proposed settlement will be filed with the FERC and, if approved, will go into effect retroactively to March 1, 2021. The additional 2% wholesale rate decrease would go into effect in March 2022, and Tri-State would have a moratorium on any rate increases until May 31, 2023. As an intervening party in the FERC case, WREA advocated for the wholesale rate reduction as well as other issues that WREA believes will benefit Tri-State and its membership. Tri-State voluntarily submitted to FERC rate jurisdiction in 2019 whereby all Tri-State utility members have an opportunity to participate in the wholesale rate cases.

"WREA is pleased with the outcome of the FERC case which began over a year ago. FERC is a new process for Tri-State and it has shown to be a productive venue to successfully address rate issues," said WREA General Manager Alan Michalewicz. WREA is optimistic that the settlement will be approved by FERC this summer and WREA will determine how best to apply these savings. WREA remains financially strong but its industrial loads have declined by 20% in 2021. WREA has worked diligently in the last year to improve efficiencies and reduce costs in an effort to offset declining revenue. These efforts are balanced by WREA's commitment to maintaining safety, reliability and quality customer service.

Join Girl Scouts of Colorado

MEEKER | Join Girl Scouts of Colorado at Sanderson Hills Park on Friday, June 4 at 11 a.m. for some fun in the great outdoors – Girl Scout style! At this free event, we will play games centered around Leave No Trace, outdoor first aid, trail markings and more. Caregivers and girls can learn more about launching into their shared Girl Scouts adventure this year. RSVP here: bit.ly/exploregs or email ashley.virgin@gscolorado.org

All girls need to bring a caregiver, as this is not a drop off event. Parents are welcome to bring siblings of any gender, as this is a casual, family positive event. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by registering for the event using the linked form to maintain capacity, social distancing requirements, and other safety standards. You will receive a confirmation email with more information regarding safety protocols and what you will need to do during the event. Please note that this event is subject to cancellation or change.

Veterans resource tour, town hall

RBC | VA Western Colorado Health Care System invites veterans to the 2021 Veterans Resource Tour and Town Hall on May 19 at the VFW Post 4265 at 419 E. Victory Way in Craig, Colorado. The resource tour is from 1-5:30 p.m. and the town hall will be from 5:30-7 p.m. Learn about VA health care enrollment, benefits administration, vet center, programs and support. You may dial into the town hall by phone at 1-872-701-0185, meeting ID is 6628040890#. For more information call 970-3140-6597.

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.

MUSTANG MASTER ...



Former Meekerite Steve Mantle, now of Wyoming, offered two horse training clinics Saturday in conjunction with the Meeker Mustang Makeover pickup day at the RBC Fairgrounds.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Freeman E. Fairfield

He never forgot the little community where he was born, being a great benefactor to his birthplace.

~ said of Freeman E. Fairfield

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As I write this on Wednesday, just before deadline, I'm planning to head to the high school this afternoon to hand out Fairfield Scholarship certificates from the Freeman E. Fairfield Meeker Charitable Trust

to graduating seniors.

It's not a common thing for a town of this size to have a philanthropic organization that has lasted as long as it has and done so much for the community, and it's something for which we should be thankful.

Freeman E. Fairfield was born May 9, 1899, in Meeker. He returned in the 1940s to establish a hospital committee in his mother's memory, and his financial contributions are largely responsible for building Pioneers Hospital, which opened in 1951.

Upon his death on Aug. 8, 1967, he left \$2 million dollars to the town of Meeker in a trust fund. The interest accrued from that trust was to be used exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes. Local churches have received grants for building repairs and equipment, schools

have received funds to send students on class trips to Washington, D.C., the hospital has received grants for equipment upgrades, and much more. Part of that trust provides scholarships to Meeker High School graduates every year.

As a standing member of the Fairfield Trust board, I'm regularly reminded of Freeman Fairfield's legacy, which reminds me that we will all leave a legacy of some sort, for better or worse. It's the kind of thing we don't think about very often, but maybe should give more consideration to as we go about our day-to-day lives.

Happy birthday this Sunday, Mr. Fairfield. Your hometown appreciates you.



KAYE'S CORNER

Clotheslines: A reliable asset

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

hanging all his clothes outside, despite the modern convenience of a dryer.

MEEKER I Why do I bring up the topic of clotheslines? It's time to do your spring cleaning and air the lines on your outside line so they smell fresh and renewed for the year ahead. With warmer weather arriving, now is the time to put that clothesline to good use.

That presumes you still have a clothesline which is rapidly becoming a part of our history. Many communities prohibit them as unsightly, so I am grateful that Meeker doesn't seem to care about this topic. After all, we allow farm animal of all kinds in town, so why not an innocent clothesline?

Clothespins and I have a testy relationship. During my childhood I was tasked with helping my Mother hang out the clothes, even if it meant donning our galoshes when Indiana rainy ground conditions were adverse. My mom believed the wash "smelled better" so to her, it was worth all that endeavor.

Many rules dominated the correct way of hanging the clothes. Some were to be upside, some upside down. Sheets on the outside, so they wouldn't blow into the smaller items. Small items like handkerchiefs and undies would be clipped together in a row. No clothespins wasted!

Just when my family finally purchased one of those new-fangled clothes dryer machines, my younger brother was born with some rash causing allergy that was difficult to diagnose. The doctor recommended hanging his diapers (cloth, of course) on the line - no dryer! Turned out it was a milk allergy, but we continued

As you may gather, I came to resent wash day and hanging out the clothes (and, of course, retrieving and folding them). At least, it was confined to one day per week as my Mother believed in the old principal of one day to bake, one to clean, one to wash, etc. plus Sunday to attend church and rest.

Today, I have eco-friendly friends who love the smell of clothes hung outside plus feel it is a contribution to saving electricity and promoting clothing longevity. They are right and I periodically use our lines for swimsuits and other delicate items to preserve the fabric. Admittedly, they do smell better!

Then, there's the next generation including our son who asked if we were planning to take out our clothesline. I was somewhat astonished, as even though we don't use it lots, it remains a functional resource. Birdfeeders hang from each end and that's a good use right there, isn't it?

We inherited about a million clothespins from the former generation along with a clothesline in the basement. It seems to me, the clothespin has never changed. Evented around 1853 with two prongs, fulcrum, and spring, wooden clothespin do the job reliably and cheaply.

Clothespins are practical, functional, rarely wear out, and don't need some fancy upgrade. Isn't it nice to own one thing that works as promised?

Thankfully, a few things endure over the years as is. That includes our clothesline and clothespins.



Kaye Sullivan

LOOSE ENDS

The Great Divide

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

MEEKER I Recognizing and acknowledging "The Great Divide" between our Front Range and Western Slope residents is only the first step toward moving forward to opening our communities in the next few weeks. The social conventions that have continued to create obstacles between new and long term residents have been in place for so many years that they are difficult to change.

Divisiveness and rancor between Meeker residents continue to boil underneath the surface.

The erroneous perceptions and assumptions that we make about our fellow community members continue to stop us from getting involved outside of our own interests. In the past, no matter how serious the incident or issue, sides were chosen. Rather than trying to resolve the problem, it was comfortable to fall back into the old habit of inaction. The phrase, "The Meeker Way" has become so common, that it

has become acceptable to justify any non-involvement. Once this familiar and extremely vague conversation-stopper had been said aloud, all efforts to make progress stop.

The success and growth of two annual events, Meeker Classic and Range Call, depend on volunteer help. It hasn't helped that state and local governments have not been on the same



Dolly Viscardi

page about opening up their communities. That inconsistency has allowed residents to continue to feel comfortable with making their own decisions about wearing masks and social distancing. Getting vaccinations has become viewed by some as a personal choice. Others view

this as a selfish act infringing on ensuring public safety for all of us. necessity.

These opposing views are dictating how we interact with each other in public. We all need to get rid of these destructive behaviors and work out a solution for working together again. It is when we rid ourselves of these old familiar ways of dealing with each other, that we can move forward. It is only then that that great divide between us will close.



Kilowatt Korner

MAY 2021

Minimal April showers will bring May flowers but also predictions of summer fire danger for the White River Valley. WREA encourages all members to take extra care with their outdoor activities this year. Electric cooperatives around the state endured devastating wildfires last summer with miles of burned power lines and hundreds of lost homes. While we can all do our part to help prevent wildfires, WREA takes additional affirmative steps to address fire danger through the management of our electric system.

WREA works throughout the year to mitigate fuels within our electric rights of way with our tree trimming program. Please call WREA if you see trees too close to power lines and WREA will promptly respond to determine if it is a tree that requires trimming. WREA also monitors wildfire conditions to adjust its electric breakers to more sensitive "fire settings" so the system can quickly detect line interferences. These efforts mitigate fire dangers but can also result in power fluctuations and outages. WREA does not anticipate more issues than normal but we do want to educate our membership about the cause of seasonal fluctuations and outages.

Lighting and wind remain the primary causes of summer outages, but fire settings can increase outages. WREA appreciates that outages are an inconvenience, but these steps are necessary to proactively address increasing fire dangers. WREA is proud of its 99% overall reliability ratings and WREA's dedicated line crews are prepared to restore power as quickly as possible. WREA's advanced outage management system helps WREA respond to issues by sending real time information to headquarters. WREA will continue to closely monitor the fire danger and change the settings to match the corresponding danger. If your power does go out, please remember the basic common-sense tips such as keeping the fridge and freezer door shut as well-insulated fridges and freezers will keep things cool for several hours. Consider installing surge protectors to address power fluctuations for more sensitive technology or unplug if it is not consistently used. WREA is committed to the safe and reliable operation of our electric system and we appreciate the supportive role our members play in mitigating seasonal fire dangers.

Most importantly, never hesitate to call WREA if your power goes out or if you are experiencing abnormal power fluctuations. The more information we have, the better we can improve our system and respond to your specific issues. WREA's phones are answered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by our local employees or by our afterhours customer service representatives who are familiar with our system. Please also look to our website (wrea.org), our Facebook and Instagram pages for outage updates.

May is also the month that WREA sends out its Annual Meeting Notice and information about director elections including director qualifications. This fall, one Town of Meeker and one Rural District director will be elected. In 2020, the COVID pandemic required WREA to pivot from its traditional lunch meeting. Thank you to our membership for your commitment to last year's election and democratic process. Also, a thank you for all the "likes" and views of our Annual Meeting video. Following last year's positive response, we have decided to take the best of our traditional community gathering and collaborate with the Meekerpalooza Concert Series to add a WREA Member Appreciation Dinner to the July 23, 2021 Friday night concert. WREA will provide a complimentary dinner to all who attend the Friday night event as well as hand out WREA member appreciation gifts. The July 23rd event will be in lieu of our traditional lunch event at the Fairfield Center. WREA will host its Annual Business Meeting in the same virtual video format as we did last year with a mail-in ballot election. We will also draw names from those who mail in a ballot to select the winners of the WREA 4H Meat Boxes.

~ White River Electric Association

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CNCC CORNER

Congrats to the CNCC class of 2021

By **RON GRANGER**
CNCC President

RBC I May is probably our favorite time of year at Colorado Northwestern Community College. The grass greens up, the trees bloom, and we get to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating students. On May 7, we will be holding our 58th Commencement Ceremony for Colorado Northwestern Community College. It will be a little bittersweet. Bitter, because it will be the final commencement with me as CNCC's President, as I am retiring at the end of July. Sweet, due to the support and efforts of so many at the college and in the community we will be holding our Commencement Ceremony in-person, with limited attendance.

It is hard to believe that it has been two long years since we have had an in-person ceremony. This year we will award over 160 credentials (diplomas and certifications) to over 150 students. This is extraordinary. It isn't extraordinary because of the number of credentials or students, but instead because of what our students have gone through to get to this point in their college education.

Commencement is not so much about the college as it is about our students. This year's graduates have faced some very difficult challenges in pursuit of their education. Our students had to change from face-to-face classes to remote classes twice (last spring and this last

fall). They had to deal with family issues that occurred because of the pandemic, find new ways to pay for their education because of lost jobs, and most of all they had to deal with being isolated from their friends and fellow students off and on through this last year and a half. However, in spite of these challenges, they showed their resilience and much like the ancient Spartans, excelled in the face of adversity.

In spite of these various obstacles, our students have gone above and beyond to accomplish something that will be with them for the rest of their lives. When I think about our students and what they have gone through to get to this point, I am excited about their future. I am excited because I see a group of dedicated adults who will work hard to accomplish all of their goals and to make their lives better.

We are so proud of them and what they have accomplished and couldn't be happier to say congratulations to the CNCC graduating class of 2021! May the lessons you learned here, both in and out of the classroom, guide you to a happy and successful life.

I want to give a very special congratulations to all of our graduates and let them know they will always be special in the hearts and the minds of the faculty and staff at CNCC. You graduates are the future and, if how you handled this last year is any indication, your future is very bright and will be in great hands.



Ron Granger

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Board of health

Dear Editor:

Public officials nominally advocate for public health and safety. That should apply, particularly, to representatives on a County Health Board.

Mr. Prystupa's comments on vaccination, presented in public session and reported in your pages last week, are completely misguided and contrary to established medical knowledge. His recommendations, if adopted by our commissioners, threaten the health of this community.

Mr. Prystupa boasts that he is perfectly healthy despite avoiding vaccines. I am glad for his well-being. That is the result, in large part, because the rest of us got our immunizations – measles, mumps, diphtheria, tetanus, polio, influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, human papilloma virus and a list of others specific to international travelers or specific circumstances. He hasn't been exposed to those infections because the rest of us follow recommendations long established by rigorous science. The COVID vaccines, like those others, have proven safe and effective. Our commissioners should stop the ideological nonsense and encourage their use.

Dr. Bob Dorsett
Meeker

ness. As a result of your efforts 40,289 pennies were collected as a part of our Red Letter Day Penny Drive! Our Penny Drive contest winner was Grant Family Dentistry with 11,051 pennies. McGuire Auto fought a good fight and came in second with 8,980 pennies! We are thrilled to award Blanco Cellars and The Little Cheese Shop cheese boards to these businesses for the excitement and competitive spirit that they brought to the event.

Mountain Valley Bank is proud to match these pennies and make a total donation of \$805.78 to be shared between the Meeker Education Foundation and Hope West.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our community and the history of our building. We love our community!

Tawny S. Halandras
Meeker Market President
Mountain Valley Bank

Meeker just saved my life

Dear Editor:

I was completely overwhelmed with love at the auction April 17 to raise funds for my cancer treatment. After a really hard year, people were

able to gather and put everything else aside and lift us up.

I truly feel like Meeker saved my life. You lifted us up and supported us. We are so humbled and grateful. Thank you all so much for your love and kindness.

Special thanks to the following individuals for organizing the event: Janelle Borchard, Carinda Otte, Ashley Garcia, Vanessa Trout, Stephanie Hanson Kobald, Rachel Gates and Jessica Creecy.

A huge shout out to Larin and Danielle and staff at Chippers for hosting the event and for donating half of all money spent on drinks.

Thank you to Watts, the Mexican House, and The Fork for donating all the delicious eats served at the benefit!

Thank you to Matt and Shana Holliday for dazzling us with your musical talents!

Thanks to Jim and Julie, Jill, Andrea, Andy, and Chris and Jenessa for making the trip.

Much appreciation to the many organizations and individuals who donated items and services for the auction: Blanco Cellars and The Little Cheese Shop, Brett Borchard, Kevin and Hannah Borchard, Robin Bragg, Geri Camera, Rosaly Coombs at White River Aesthetics, Crystal Meadow Farms, Pat Daggett,

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Thank you again, to the people of this community for your love and caring support to our family. We love you.

Karen Iacuone
Meeker

CONSERVATION CORNER

White River Integrated Water Initiative Update

The White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts (Districts) are excited to share information about the progress that is being made on the White River Integrated Water Initiative (Initiative). This effort began in late 2019 with a group of local stakeholders serving on the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC developed a mission statement and four primary goals to be accomplished through the Initiative.

The Districts received a grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board to coordinate and facilitate this planning effort along with diversion structure and riparian health assessments. Approximately twenty diversion structures within the White River and Piceance Creek will be evaluated to identify opportunities for improvements that will benefit the water user, fish, and/or the health of the river. Additionally, riparian health assessments will be conducted on another twenty sites along the White River and Piceance Creek riparian corridors. These assessments will be completed in 2021 with the permission of the respective landowners and water right holders.

The Districts have contracted with two individuals to coordinate and facilitate the continuation of the planning process while the assessments are ongoing. Liz Chandler will be the PAC Coordinator. She will work closely with the PAC and all stakeholders to continue gathering information to refine the goals and objectives of the group. This will lead to the development of an Integrated Water Management Plan or other type of plan determined by the PAC and community.

Kari Brennan will be the Project Coordinator assisting the diversion structure and riparian health assessment teams. Kari will work closely with these two teams to determine preferred locations, contacting landowners and water right holders, and coordinating training workshops for interested landowners.

For more information, please visit www.whiterivercd.com and click on the "Integrated Water Initiative" tab or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera (click on the QR code if reading the digital edition!)



Penny drive success

Dear Editor:

A big "thank you" from Mountain Valley Bank to our business community and to all of you that took the time to take pennies to your favorite busi-

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OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Fuller

March 13, 1932 ~ April 9, 2021



Mary Ann Fuller

Mary Ann Fuller passed away on April 9, 2021 at the age of 89. Mary Ann was born on March 13, 1932, to Gertie E. Cary and Sam T. Cary in Milner, Colorado. Mary Ann married Joseph (Joe) Fuller on Nov. 16, 1952, in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Mary Ann enjoyed her yard, quilting, painting, hiking, and volunteering at the Colorado Welcome Center, all the trips that they took, her church

family, and 19 years driving a school bus.

Mary Ann is survived by her husband Joe Fuller; children: Kenneth (Sandy) Fuller, Betty (Peter) Urie, Cindy Booker, Diane (John) Laporte, nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, and sister Betty Kemry. She is preceded in death by her mother and father, four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held in July. Online condolences may be shared at www.AshleyValleyFuneralHome.com.

Benjamin Jack Bailey

Nov. 5, 1975 ~ April 24, 2021



Ben Bailey

Benjamin Jack Bailey passed away on April 24, 2021. He was living with his wife in Spanish Fork, Utah, where he suffered many health problems over the past year. Ben was born on Nov. 5, 1975, to Camille B. and Jack M. Bailey in Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

He was their first child, and they later welcomed two more sons and two daughters. He was raised in a very loving and happy family.

Ben started school in Littleton, Colorado, attended schools in Slidell, Louisiana; Walnut Creek, California; and then graduated from high school in Rangely, Colorado. He served an LDS mission in Jacksonville, Florida. He attended Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, and later finished at Utah State University in Logan, graduating with a mechanical engineering degree.

Ben married Jennifer M.

Barnes while attending Snow College. They had five beautiful children: two daughters and three sons. They later divorced.

Ben worked as a successful mechanical engineer, and he was privileged to apply his skills and leadership on nuclear submarines and in aerospace design.

Ben met Doni Kay Oldroyd Esmay, an engineering intern, while they were both working at Skyline Mine. Their meeting in an underground coal mine was so improbable, Doni always claimed she was "mining for coal and found a diamond". Ben and Doni were married Aug. 21, 2015. They made their home in Spanish Fork, Utah. They were truly sweethearts their entire marriage, enjoying the same activities and spending nearly every moment together. Combined, they have nine children, and they both adored each and every one of them.

They centered their home on love for one another, sharing happiness and adventure.

Ben's children were the center of his life and he loved them dearly. They developed a strong bond and love for each other, even while living apart. Ben and Doni cherished life together with their family. There was never a dull moment. Ben was a very fun and loving father, and he also shared that love with all his nieces and nephews who love him dearly.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he has served in many assignments. Ben always maintained a strong testimony of the gospel and provided many "pay it forward" acts toward people in need. He had a magnetic personality and used it to serve others by lifting their spirits and boosting their appreciation of God's beautiful world. He loved being in the mountains to camp, hunt or fish with his family. The memories with Ben will live on forever.

Ben is survived by his wife, Doni; his children: Katelyn (Isaiah) Sowers, Zachary, Davis, Ethan, and Carlie Bailey; his step children: Tyler (Madi) Esmay, Michael Esmay, Ryan (Mishelle) Esmay, and Layne Esmay; parents: Jack and Camille Bailey; and siblings: Elizabeth (Randon) Renzello, David (Amanda) Bailey, Sam (Nicole) Bailey, and Rachel (Brett) Butterfield; in-laws: Ed and Fran Oldroyd, and many extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Perry and Izola Blackham, Moroni, and Glenn and Barbara Bailey, Ephraim; an aunt, two uncles and two nieces.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 1, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Ephraim 4th Ward Chapel, 723 S. 100 E. Interment was in the Ephraim Park Cemetery. Online guestbook at www.maglebymortuary.com

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Benjamin Jack Bailey, please visit our floral store.



COURTESY PHOTO

The late Anthony Weiss, pictured above, inspired the White River Alliance's new \$500 Rio Blanco Youth Leadership Scholarship Award.

Separating the good from the bad in Rio Blanco bugs

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Rio Blanco residents had their "antennae up" as bug expert Nina Loudon from the Colorado Department of Agriculture — Insectary shared her observations and knowledge about how to put bugs to work and save money for Rio Blanco County and area landowners as they fight expensive invasive plant infestations.

Last month at the Heritage Culture Center, the White River Alliance hosted Loudon, a specialist from the insectary in Palisade, Colorado, whose primary expertise is with tamarisk-eating beetles. Loudon presented details on beneficial insects that are available at the insectary to help landowners battle tamarisk, leafy spurge, Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, toadflax and others.

They have seen good success with the tamarisk beetle in Douglas Creek but it has not spread up the White River, possibly because of past mosquito aerial spray. After bugs kill back branches over at least two or more consecutive years, tamarisk can be cut, but herbicide must be applied to the stump right away otherwise it will re-grow.

Loudon explained bio-controls do not eradicate invasives like tamarisk but are critical in slowing their spread and with other tools can vastly

minimize the infestation. Certain areas have better success. The outcome seems related in some cases to aerial mosquito spray or fogging which diminishes impact by killing beneficial insects such as tamarisk beetles. Delta, Colorado, currently treats for mosquitos using mosquito specific larvicide or Bti and less frequent, more targeted mosquito fogging and is now having success with beetles on their tamarisk stands. Beetles are the most cost-effective tool compared to labor, chemicals and machines.

Why is tamarisk bad? Tamarisk makes soil salty thus eliminating native plants. It can make a river unapproachable for humans and wildlife by creating a monoculture, killing native inhabitants, and thus end up using more water than natives due to prolific growth.

It is the tamarisk beetle larvae that feed on the plant. Larvae eat leaves and flowers, slowing tamarisk spread. One can expect up to 55% die-back, and about 30% killing of the whole bush.

When asked about bugs for Russian olive and houndstongue, Loudon she shared that a mite is being considered for Russian olive which will reduce seeding and they are hopeful for the arrival of a weevil for houndstongue. The weevil has been a big success in Canada,

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DEATH NOTICE

Gary C. Hicken

Oct. 22, 1946 ~ May 2, 2021

His family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in his name to the Veterans Organization of your choice.

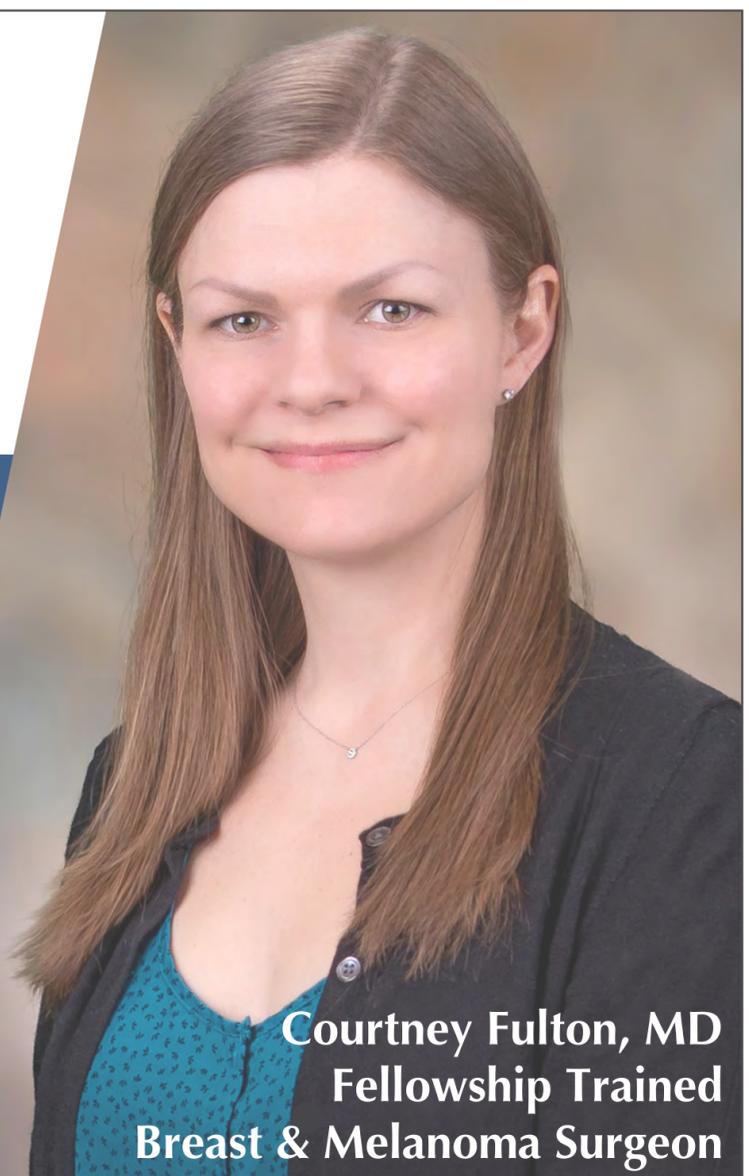
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Seeking favorite places on Colorado Main Streets

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado Main Streets boast vibrant businesses, inspiring public spaces, and engaging historic landmarks. To celebrate historic downtowns during Historic Preservation Month (May), the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Main Streets Program is launching a campaign to hear from residents and visitors about the spaces that matter most in our state's Main Street communities – which includes Meeker!

While Historic Preservation Month celebrates historic places and the benefits of historic preservation through a series of events, this Colorado Main Streets campaign expands that vision to underscore the economic vitality of historic downtowns, and encourages the exploration of our distinctive businesses, public spaces, and historic landmarks.

This campaign is a physically distanced, multi-community event that gathers the places important to locals and impressive to visitors through an online questionnaire. The project celebrates the places and spaces that are authentically Colorado, and create a living product that supports heritage tourists and Colorado stay-cation enthusiasts in identifying the businesses, public spaces, and historic landmarks to experience at their Main Street destination. This information will ultimately

create an interactive online map to explore the places locals recommend in each of our 21 unique, official Colorado Main Streets.

Meeker's residents and visitors will be able to participate in this campaign during the entire month of May. The public survey is available in English and Spanish at <https://tinyurl.com/7su6ct28> to share the places and spaces that you recommend in Downtown Meeker. Join the celebration and follow the campaign on social media at #COMainStreet.

See you on Main Street!
The Colorado Main Street Program, funded in part by a State Historical Fund from History Colorado, continues to provide official Main Street cities and towns assistance in building community engagement and support, to attain their long-term visions for the future of their historic downtowns. The campaign is presented in partnership with Colorado Preservation Inc. (CPI), the Colorado statewide nonprofit for historic preservation, and with the help of consultants at Pinyon Environmental. To learn more about the Colorado Main Street Program, visit www.colorado.gov/mainstreet. To learn more about the project partners, visit History Colorado and the State Historical Fund at www.historycolorado.org, Colorado Preservation Inc. at coloradopreservation.org, and Pinyon Environmental Inc. at <https://pinyon-env.com>

ALLIANCE: speakers educate on river issues, new annual scholarship, clean up day May 22

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but is not available here yet. She explained that the typical aerial spray or fogging with Permethrin kills all insects on contact: as well as bees, butterflies and the beneficial bugs distributed to ranchers and landowners by the insectary. Many areas have turned to a natural compound called Bti which is used to kill the larvae and is much more effective. Unlike Permethrin, Bti does not kill other insects and does not harm Tamarisk beetles.

She also shared the impact of aerial mosquito spray (permethrin, etc.) on these beetles (kills them dead), adding that areas that cease to use aerial permethrin and instead use more targeted mosquito control or Bti will have far greater luck with reducing Tamarisk using tamarisk beetles than those that don't.

She also shared that many areas around the state are moving to larvae control (rather than adult control) for mosquitos as it is cheaper, more effective and healthier for both people and beneficial insects.

Delta County, for example, has found the most cost-effective way to treat mosquitos is to focus their efforts on early larval treatment before the adults get bad. They identify and work to remove wet areas and deposit Bti, which is a natural substance that kills the larvae before they develop into adults. Larval controls (Bti) are extremely effective and non-toxic to horses and livestock. Aerial fogging has not been used in Delta County since the late 1980s to early '90s.

If all the hot spots aren't adequately treated using bacteria a very short lived mineral oil (BVA 2 oil) can be applied to water surfaces to kill mosquito pupae. Interestingly, diesel used to be used. If these methods do not work — including first and foremost removing standing water when possible, proper drainage of irrigated fields and such, then fogging is necessary to control adult populations.

Fogging with trucks or backpack sprayers are used when necessary on residential properties or areas where adult mosquitos are found, then Pursuit insecticide is used. Without proper larvicide treatment adult mosquitos will be prevalent and more fogging is necessary.

Actively applying host specific bacteria with backpack sprayers or other methods to standing water is the way to prevent adults from ever forming. The White River Alliance pest management committee will continue to research surrounding counties efforts in this area to assist in spreading best and most cost effective practices.

In other news, the White River Alliance voted to provide an annual scholarship for a Rio Blanco youth who shows leadership in the area of conservancy in the name of Anthony Weiss, who just passed away, and was known for his work, love and dedication to the outdoors.

Liz Chander, one of the new coordinators for the White River Integrated Management Plan gave a brief update on activities within the Planning Advisory Committee which will include a study on diversions and a healthy riparian. And finally, a Clean Up the White River Day was set for May 22 starting at 8:30 a.m. up at Lake Avery and moving down to Circle Park and finally the 10th Street Bridge. Lunch will be provided and the public is invited to help.

Area pilot David Cole reported that he had been engaged by the Water Desk at Colorado University to fly over the White River from Trappers Lake to Utah to video the river from headwaters to Utah with a GoPr camera to create a video library to assist journalists in reporting on river issues. The videos will be posted at the Rio Blanco Times Herald website.

All are invited to help with Clean Up the White River Day and to join or learn more about the White River Alliance at whiteriveralliance.net.

APPRECIATION ...



The Meeker Education Foundation is pleased to share that a sign of appreciation, honoring the track and football field renewal project's many generous donors, is finally in place north of Meeker High School. In the last couple of years, finding a mason who could fit the project into their schedule while working around seasonal weather was a challenge. "We're extremely grateful to Haselden Construction for donating and completing the masonry work, this spring, while finishing up the Meeker High School job. Additionally, Jim Brooks donated his time and welding expertise to set the actual sign in place," said foundation board member Mary Strang. The generosity of Haselden Construction and Jim Brooks added significantly to remaining funds and facilitated the purchase of a little more than \$5,000 of equipment for the Track and Field program. Foundation board members include: Tom Allen, Erik Brown, Stacey Burke, Becky Hughes, Jerry Oldland, Mary Strang and Kellie Turner.

ONE SHEEP, TWO SHEEP ...



Every year, the Theos family trail their sheep along Highway 13 from winter pasture near Rangely to summer pasture up County Road 8, prompting the closest thing to a traffic jam seen in these parts.

Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone camera to watch a full video (click on the QR code if you're reading the digital edition.)



4-H WEIGH-IN ...



Rangely 4-H Livestock members weighed in their 2021 project animals on Sunday, May 2. Members enjoyed pig, sheep, and goat showmanship clinics and a livestock quiz bowl. Kastyn Dembowski was the overall quiz bowl champion and Corbin Lucero was the reserve champion.



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RANGELY RUNNERS ...



The RHS Panther track and field team starts competition this week at the Rifle Invitational on Saturday at Coal Ridge High School.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Lady Cowboys end undefeated season

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

MEEKER I The 2021 volleyball season came to an end last Friday as the Meeker Cowboys took on the Yuma Indians. The Indians came to town with a 6-8 record due to a rough start in the beginning of the season.

"I'm very proud of this team," began head coach Greg Cravens. "We were undefeated in the Western Slope League for the third straight year and second undefeated regular season in my four years here all from a group of girls that had little varsity experience. Sarah and Emma shared a position last year and everyone else was new to starting."

"I was impressed at how well the girls came together as a team," wrapped up Cravens.

The lady Cowboys are looking forward to next season returning all but their libero Knapp and senior Sophia Goedert.

The team will pick up volleyball for the summer program and hope to go to Grand Valley as usual and are looking to put together a team camp here in Meeker.



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Above, Emma Luce. Stats from Yuma's game are as follows: Bianca Duerr - one dig; Nora Gianinetti - one block, two digs; Sophia Goedert - four digs, 15 assists; Tatum Kennedy - one kill, one ace, two blocks, 15 digs, 32 assists; Lea Knapp - one kill, 12 digs; Sarah Kracht - six kills, two aces, two blocks, 28 digs; Emma Luce - 37 kills, one ace, four blocks, 28 digs; Savvy Mendenhall - two kills, one ace, five blocks, 10 digs; Aspen Merrifield - one kill, one ace, nine digs, one assist; Ainsley Selle - one block.

Track team competition starts today with pole vaulting

By **TIFFANY JEHOREK**
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MEEKER I Head coach John Strate has a stacked coaching staff for the 2021 track season, after missing track all of last year, they are looking forward to this season. This year Greg Cravens is the throwing coach, Kris Casey high jump and hurdles, Terrence Casias coaches distance running, Marki Grant is coaching sprints and hurdles, Kirk Hossack is also coaching sprints, Hallie Blunt pole vault, and Shane Phelan will coach the jumping events.

These coaches have a team of 30 Meeker Cowboys and are coaching six returning state placers Cooper Main, Kelton Turner, Savannah Mendenhall, Colby Clatterbaugh, Porter Hossack and Sarah Kracht.

Seniors on the team are Jeremy Woodward, Clatterbaugh, Main, Carter Strate, Ryan Phelan, Shyann Dilley, Grant Cravens and Axel Oliva.

This week the pole vaulters will be first up on Thursday, hosting Soroco at 3 p.m. at the Meeker High School Track and Starbuck Stadium, this is a portion of the Craig Meet. Then Friday the entire team will travel to Craig for a meet which is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.



TIFFANY JEHOREK PHOTO

This year's track and field seniors are (from left): Axel Olivas, Jeremy Woodward, Colby Clatterbaugh, Shyan Diley, Cooper Main, Carter Strate and Grant Cravens.

■ MHS BASEBALL

May 8 @ Ignacio - 11am
May 10 @ Steamboat - 3pm
May 11 @ HOME v. Coal Ridge - 4pm
May 13 @ HOME v. Moffat - 4, 6pm
May 19 @ HOME v. Rangely - 4, 6pm

■ MHS GOLF

May 6 @ GJ (Chipeta) - 10am
May 10 @ Montrose (Cobble Creek) - 9am

■ MHS GOLF (CONT.)

May 11 @ Rifle (Rifle Creek) - 10am
May 17 @ River Valley Ranch - 10am

■ MHS TRACK

May 7 @ Moffat - 10am
May 14 @ Glenwood Springs (Pole Vault)
May 15 @ Glenwood Springs
May 21 @ Coal Ridge
May 25 @ West Grand (Pole Vault)
May 27 @ Meeker (Pole Vault)

■ RHS BASEBALL

May 7 @ HOME v. Hotchkiss - 2, 4pm
May 12 @ HOME v. Grand Valley - 3, 5pm
May 19 @ Meeker - 5pm
May 21 @ HOME v. Ignacio - 11am, 1pm
May 28 @ Nucla - 2, 4pm

■ RHS TRACK

May 7 @ Coal Ridge - TBA
May 15 @ Hotchkiss - TBA
May 22 @ Grand Valley - 10am
May 28 @ HOME - 10am
June 2 @ Hayden - 12pm

CHSAA restrictions are currently in place for high school sports. 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.

Meeker high school baseball returns after two years

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

MEEKER Meeker Baseball has not played a game in two years, and this year head coach Donald Blazon welcomes 25 players to his team. Blazon is joined by assistants Cody Smith and Dylan Mobley, both of whom have coached for multiple years.

The season, which begins late and does not end until just before the Fourth of July, kicked off Wednesday, May 5 in Rangely, then this weekend the JV has a double header, the varsity travels to Ignacio.

Next Tuesday Cowboy fans can watch the first regular season baseball game at home when the Cowboys host Coal Ridge at 4 p.m.

There are seven seniors on the team this year, Brayden Garcia, Spud White, Ryan Phelan, Josh Murphy, Ethan Drake and Junior Gaeta. Three of these players have either never played or haven't played since t-ball, but they all are contributing to the team, reported Blazon.

"It's a great group of guys," says Blazon, "the freshmen are really setting the bar high and making these guys work hard, it's going to be a great season."

Meeker baseball kicked off this week in Rangely, and a double header is scheduled for this weekend in Ignacio. Seniors this year are Brayden Garcia, Spud White, Ryan Phelan, Josh Murphy, Ethan Drake and Junior Gaeta.

TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO



NATIONALS WRESTLING ...



COURTESY PHOTO

(From left) Judd Harvey, Trae Kennedy, Connor Blunt, Colby Clatterbaugh, Brendan Clatterbaugh, Tanner Musser and Ty Goedert traveled to Virginia Beach, Virginia to wrestle in the USA High School Nationals. This group of boys had 5:30 a.m. practices and evening lifting for weeks following the end of their regular season in preparation for the tournament. They each wrestled by weight and grade, some of which had 130 plus kids in their brackets, and only the top eight earned the honor of All-American Wrestler. Coaches Justin Grant and Trevor Grant chaperoned the boys to Virginia, coached them in the mornings and evening, and both said the boys went "for the experience, and they all gained some valuable mat time." Harvey took sixth place and came home an All-American for freshmen at 220 pounds.

Peewee wrestling tourney hosts 200

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Head coach Carl Padilla once again ran a successful Meeker Cowboy Peewee wrestling season. There were 71 Meeker wrestlers entered in last weekend's tournament in a field of almost 200 kids from all over Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

"It was a short but great season," commented Padilla. "I am very proud of these kids for wanting to come into the wrestling room and get better. We wrestled well! I want to thank the community for coming out and supporting these wrestlers, thank the volunteers for running an excellent tournament and a special thank you to the high school wrestlers that did a great job refereeing."

Some kids double bracketed so their names are listed more than once.

■ 6 and under (6U)

1st place: Luke Muxlow
2nd place: Brayden White, Cort Crawford, Sasha Miller, Fletcher Chinn, Emerson Deming, Weston Goode, Camillo Rizzo
3rd place: Levi Jaquez, Karstin Rollins, Jameson Mlakar, Boomer Sjoerdsma, Lee Kirkpatrick, Ari Theos, Madelin Miller
4th place: Ezra Crawford, Connor Moody, Olympia-Ann Webb, Hudson Hummel, Oakley Deming
5th place: Sawyer Hummel

■ 8U

1st place: Carson Blunt, Gael Rodriguez
2nd place: Tyler Follman
3rd place: Ray'son Hume, Miles Etchart, Noah Hanberg, Lucas Simpson, Isaiah Gianinetti,
4th place: Daxten Koenig, Toren Gates, Weston Bayles, Wyatt Goode
5th Place: Samuel Jaquez, Brantley White, Peyton Muxlow, Milo Jaxson McPherson, Milo Brennan, Liam Heely, Westin Martindale

■ 10U

1st place: Kael Overton
2nd place: Dylan Rundberg, Toren Gates, Dillon Koenig, Jordan Simpson, Tilden Gates, Bryant Turner, Cooper Maupin, Miles Franklin, Samuel Merz, Miles Franklin
3rd place: Jackson Steele, Joshua Simmons
4th place: Davin Rust, Milo Jaxson McPherson, Lucas Simpson, Lyam Richardson, Tyler Follman
5th place: Dylan Rundberg, Ollie Thomson, Liam Thomson, Thomas Theos

■ 12U

1st place: Cody Richardson, Tucker Chinn, Said Rodriguez
2nd place: Henry Creecy, Orion Musser
3rd place: Jordan Simpson, Ryan Hanberg, Kael Overton
4th place: Axle Koenig, Elijah Rundberg
5th place: Tanner Shults



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTOS

Meeker hosted more than 200 pint-size wrestlers, 71 from Meeker, in last week's tournament. Pictured from top are Ari Theos and Weston Goode, Brayden White and Maddie Miller, Emerson Deming and Fletcher Chinn and Jameson Mlakar.

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Rangely middle school track team opens season in Baggs



The middle school relay team posed for a photo.

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Rangely middle school tracksters will return to Baggs Friday.

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely middle school track team opened up their season last weekend.

They traveled to Baggs, Wyoming, where they had 22 kids compete. Several of the young athletes placed in the top eight. As a team, the eighth grade girls finished fifth, the seventh grade girls finished fourth, the eighth grade boys finished fourth and the seventh grade boys finished eighth. The top point scorer for the meet was Ashlynn Ducey, who scored 36 team points in five events.

The following day they participated in a home meet where once again the athletes made a very

good showing. The eighth grade girls 4x100 relay team placed second, taking two seconds off their time from the day before. Ducey finished first in the long jump. Clay Allred placed first in the triple jump, and James Talbot placed first in the 800-meter run. Logan Peterson finished first in the seventh grade boys triple jump. On Saturday as a team the eighth grade girls finished in sixth place, the seventh grade girls finished seventh, the eighth grade boys finished fifth, and the seventh grade boys finished seventh. The top boys scorer for the Panthers was Clay Allred with 21 points in three events.

The Panthers travel back to Baggs, Wyoming, on Friday.

WRBM YOUTH V-BALL ...



COURTESY PHOTO

The WRB Rec and Park District would like to send a thank you out to the CNCC volleyball team for volunteering their time to work with us and the 1st-6th grade youth volleyball players. Coach Ashley, Coach Cassidi, and everyone involved helped make this year a huge success!

Back row left to right: Mia Pena, Gabrielle Hertzke, Lillian Morgan, Charlee Low, Taylor Fouch, Kaitlyn Morgan, Dixie Hall, Olivia Olsen, Kassidy Sanford, Rilynn Brown, Makenzie Hill, Nevaeh Casto, Abby Sprague, Cassidi Stabile (Assistant CNCC Volleyball Coach), Savannah Cazier

Middle row left to right: Brooklyn Griggs, Kinlie Plummer, Teagan Behunin, Rylee Kenney, Hannah Geer, Gracie Coker, Rylee Robie, Reagan Brown, Makenna Williams, Gentry Plummer, Kesleigh Kennedy

Bottom row left to right: Addison Willis, Paisley Potter, DawnLynn Smuts, Samantha Guzman, Crimson Wolgamott, Mikaila Hill, Hailey Armstrong, Ivory Triplett, Bailey Robie, Embri Nolan, Ally Black

Youth volleyball athletes not pictured: Arabella Black, Summer Davis, Haiden Garcia, Addison Hejl, Brielle Lucero, Kailee McNeely

CNCC Volleyball Athletes Not pictured: Ashley Bryant (head CNCC volleyball coach), Peanut Dryden, Claudia Schuurmans, Braedyn Peters, Isabella Stille, Alexis Steinbar, Ellie Hartman, Aliyah Hernandez, Morgan Reynolds, and Emily Badger

BMS RELAY TEAM ...



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The Barone Middle School relay team competed at Rangely's home meet last weekend.

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DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

■ The North Side and South Side cattle round-up are meeting next week according to captains Lee Peterson and Clarence Lamb.

■ Wind! Dust! More wind and dust.

■ Jack Deveraux's barn, corrals, and some farm implements were lost after burning brush got out of hand.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

■ Meeker streets were dragged this week after the rain and snow put them in bad shape.

■ Many Meeker citizens have started planting their gardens but the upcoming frost may put them at risk.

■ Rifle has voted to pave several main streets with concrete. There was opposition to this decision.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

■ Freeman Fairfield Day is May 7, is being celebrated at Richards Hall. Coffee, arts and crafts, and guest speakers will be there to help celebrate the day.

■ Dick Moyer, Jim Brown, and J. O. Weiland, were all elected to the School Board after the most recent election.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Don Hutchings purchased the Rio Blanco Store from Mr. and Mrs. Jim Withrow.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

■ The Theos family drove their sheep through town this week. The 3,200 critters were on their way to their summer pasture.

■ The Meeker Board of Education voted unanimously to fund the Meeker Alternative High School for another year.

■ The Colorado State Education Department is

requiring Meeker School District to establish a computer link with the state so that school records and other information can be sent regularly to the state.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

■ High voter turnout was seen at the Re-4 Board of Education election. Larry AuMiller and Harvey Burch were elected to the school board.

■ Rangely Town Council set May 10-16, as official Clean-Up Week for the city.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

■ The Rangely Mini-Mall was burglarized, resulting in \$2,000 worth of goods stolen. The Rangely Police Department believe that someone was locked inside after closing as there were no signs of forced break-in.

■ Voter turnout was minimal this year for the special district elections.

THEME: FICTIONAL FATHERS

ACROSS

- 1. Like Annapolis Academy
- 6. Pine juice
- 9. One in a manger

- 13. Like a good athlete
- 14. Modern address
- 15. Printer cartridge contents
- 16. Cate Blanchett's movie "___ on a Scandal"

- 17. 2nd largest living bird in world
- 18. U in UV
- 19. *HonorÉ de Balzac's "Le PÈre ___"

- 21. *Nemo's dad, named after a sport fish
- 23. "___ of the morning!"
- 24. Seaside bird
- 25. Tax accounting specialist, acr.
- 28. Back of the neck
- 30. Chew the fat
- 35. Country dance formation
- 37. Greek goddess of fertility
- 39. Waterwheel
- 40. *Drunk and, incidentally, Huck Finn's Pap
- 41. Metallic sounding
- 43. Quite a stretch
- 44. Place to dry out
- 46. Like the White Rabbit
- 47. Dr. Robert Bruce Banner's green alter ego
- 48. Sun-___
- 50. Toothy wheel
- 52. Bad-mouth
- 53. Made a rug
- 55. Low-___ image
- 57. *Simba's father in "The Lion King"
- 60. *Luke's and Leia's father
- 63. Golfer's sun protection
- 64. Romanian monetary unit
- 66. Introverted one
- 68. Follow as a consequence
- 69. Pooh's wise friend
- 70. Territory in China known as Las Vegas of Asia
- 71. Young woman
- 72. **That '70s Show" dad
- 73. One-room school house "notebook"

DOWN

- 1. A Bobbsey twin
- 2. Awestruck
- 3. *The Godfather's given name
- 4. Heads-up
- 5. Wound
- 6. Cooking grease
- 7. Hammer holder?
- 8. D'Artagnan's hat decoration
- 9. Weevil's target
- 10. Not in favor of
- 11. Capital of Switzerland
- 12. Chapter in history
- 15. As opposed to turn-off
- 20. 1960s abstractionism
- 22. Rainbow shape
- 24. Like ones between 13 and 19 years old
- 25. *Griswold family patriarch
- 26. Mushroom caps
- 27. Egyptian symbol of life, pl.
- 29. *Jay is to Claire as ___ is to Haley
- 31. Flood survivor
- 32. Father of psychoanalysis Sigmund
- 33. Garlicky mayonnaise
- 34. *Both father in "Mary Poppins" and father in "Father of the Bride"
- 36. Unfledged hawk
- 38. Casino chip
- 42. Pine
- 45. ___ of dog!
- 49. "I ___" at the altar
- 51. Middle Earth and Kingdom of the North, e.g.
- 54. Courage in the face of danger
- 56. Smokeless tobacco brand
- 57. Short skirt
- 58. It was Brezhnev's domain
- 59. Unplayable baseball
- 60. Old in Scottish
- 61. Cuzco valley empire
- 62. Straight pour from the bottle
- 63. Chill in front of TV, with 'out'
- 65. Ovine mom
- 67. Beluga yield

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

STATE FBLA ...



Rangely High School students recently participated in the state FBLA competitions and they all did amazing jobs. Congratulations to the following students for competing in the following events: Aspen Low and Adelynn Halcomb in computer applications; Annika Cantrell, introduction to FBLA; Macy Morgan, introduction to financial math, and Ryann Mergelman and Mary Scoggins in word processing. Huge shout out to Ryann Mergelman (right) for placing 10th and Mary Scoggins (left) for placing second at the state level in word processing. Mary Scoggins will be representing Rangely High School at the national level.

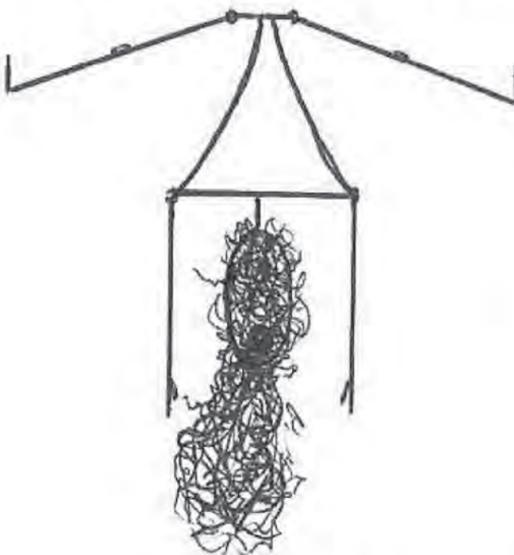
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This pose is called Wide Leg Forward Fold and is the first in a three part series that allows us to sink and relax into the floor as well as stretch and strengthen our side bodies and spine.

To begin, find your seat by settling your sit bones evenly down into the floor and bring your legs out wide pointing your toes up. With an inhale find length through the crown of your head and with your exhale fold forward from your hips. Depending on your flexibility you may reach your arms out long as in the illustration, or perhaps you are propped up on your forearms, or maybe you simply walk your hands forward until you can feel the stretch down the insides of your legs.

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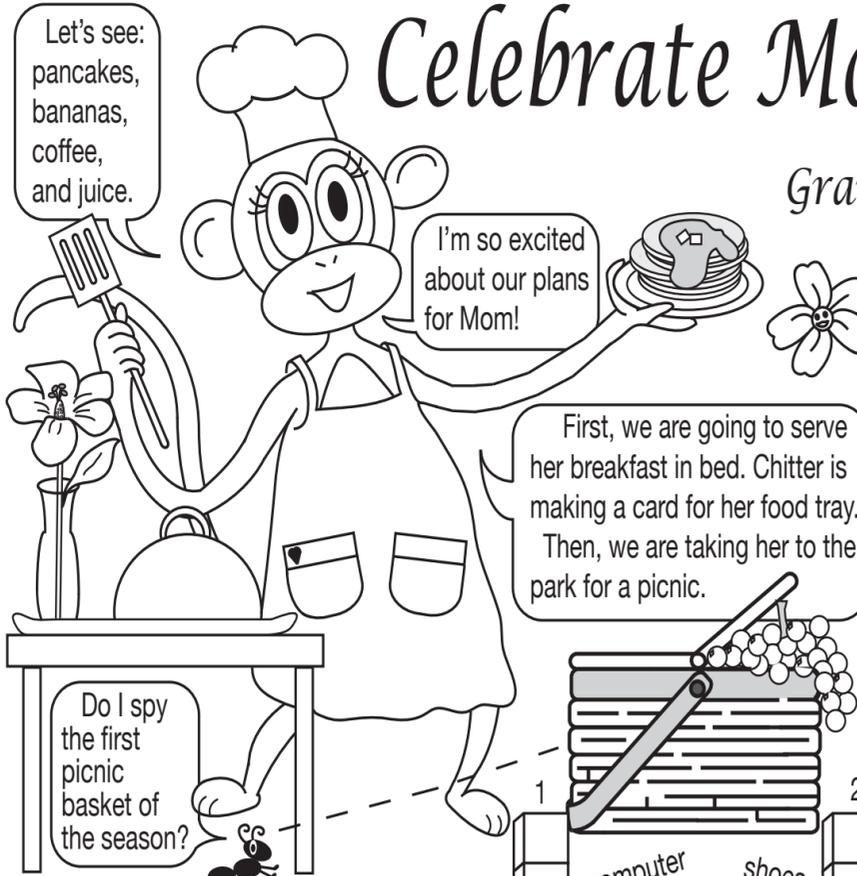
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Let's see: pancakes, bananas, coffee, and juice.

I'm so excited about our plans for Mom!

First, we are going to serve her breakfast in bed. Chitter is making a card for her food tray. Then, we are taking her to the park for a picnic.

Do I spy the first picnic basket of the season?



Mom's favorite things:

1. locket _____
2. baby _____
3. laptop _____
4. coastal _____
5. stack of _____
6. running _____



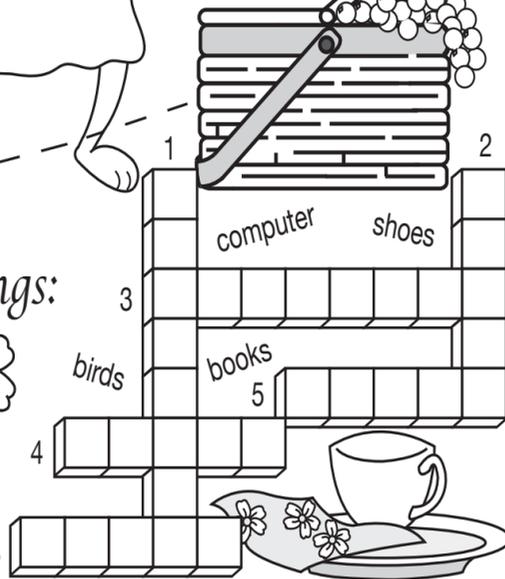
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computer shoes

books

necklace

beach



Grandma's favorite things:

1. box of _____
2. cellular _____
3. teacup _____
4. family _____
5. ten-speed _____
6. garden _____



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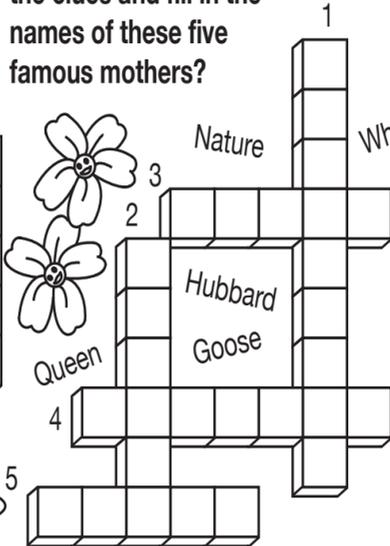
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We talk about mothers all the time in rhymes, stories and art. Can you read the clues and fill in the names of these five famous mothers?

Nature

Hubbard Goose

Queen



1. son's painting of her in chair is famous: _____ Mother
2. "parent" to all the natural world (not made by man): Mother _____
3. "author" of a collection of nursery rhymes: Mother _____
4. character of a nursery rhyme: Mother _____
5. Her Gracious Majesty: _____ Mother

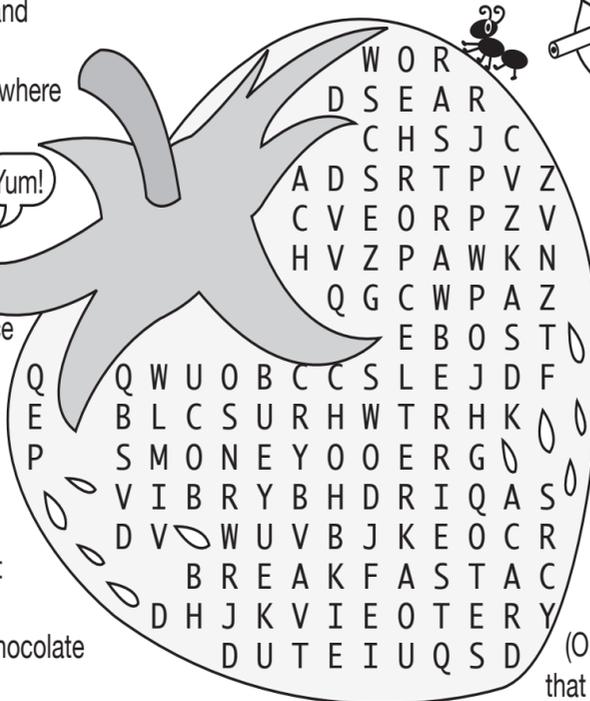
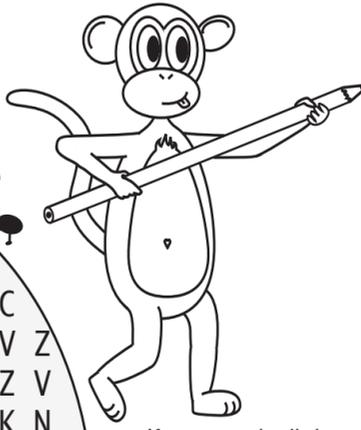
How can you surprise your Mom on her special day? Is there something that you can do that would be helpful? Read Chitter's list. Find and circle the words in bold print in the strawberry.

1. be very **quiet** in the morning and let Mom sleep in late
 2. make a **card**, put it in a place where you know she will see it
 3. with an adult's help, make **breakfast** and serve it to her in bed
 4. put little, fancy **soaps** into a basket or on a clean face cloth in the bathroom
 5. save your **money** and buy a gift just for her (write a few clues on some paper and let Mom search for it)
 6. finish a **chore** that Mom didn't have time to complete
 7. dip some **strawberries** into chocolate
- What ideas do you have?

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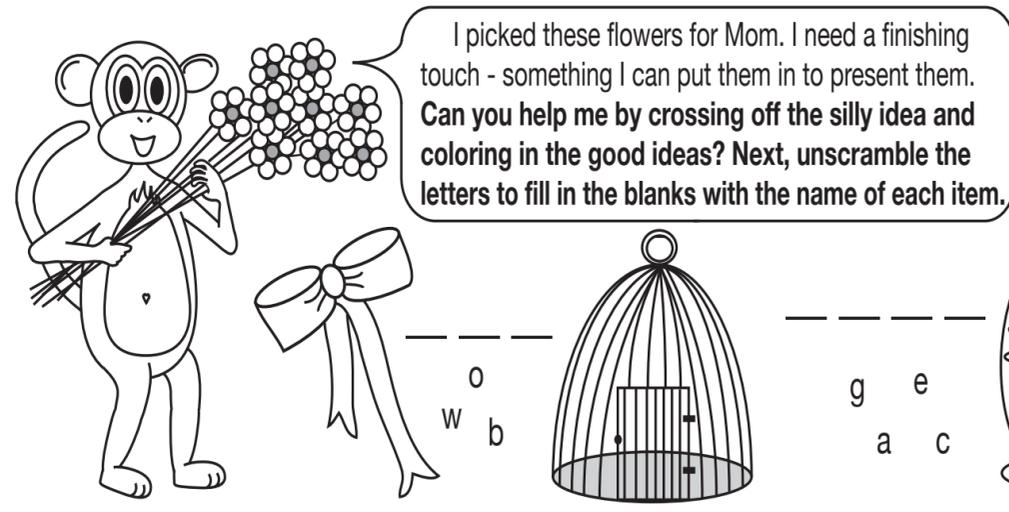
If you need a little help starting a surprise, then **finish this note for Mom**. Fill in the middle with your ideas. Color and decorate it to give it your special touch. Cut it out and give it to your mother! (Or, slip this into a fancy card that you make for your Mom.)

Happy Mother's Day!

Mom, thanks for...

With all my love,

I picked these flowers for Mom. I need a finishing touch - something I can put them in to present them. Can you help me by crossing off the silly idea and coloring in the good ideas? Next, unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks with the name of each item.



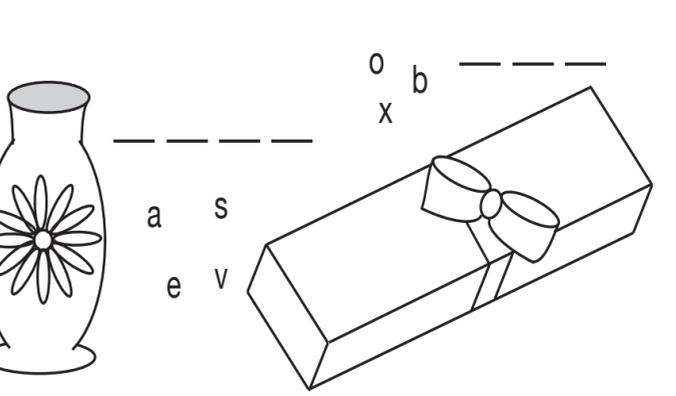
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Let's talk about logical fallacies-gaps in logic that invalidate an argument or opinion.

20 Appeal to Nature

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