



COURTESY PHOTOS
Elementary students in Meeker (bottom) and Rangely learned about protecting historic artifacts and got to practice using atlatls, prehistoric spear replicas (top).

BLM hits the mark with fourth grade archaeology day

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The BLM White River Field Office joined forces with Parkview and Meeker Elementary schools to inform and educate fourth graders about archaeology May 10-13 at Elks Park in Rangely and Paintbrush Park in Meeker.

Prior to the field days, BLM Archaeologists Luke Trout and Cody Walton visited classrooms to teach students about appropriate stewardship behavior at cultural sites.

“We live in an area with a number of archaeological sites, and once artifacts are illegally removed, you lose important evidence,” said White River Field Office Archaeologist Luke Trout. “It’s important to begin educating our children about treating cultural sites on public lands with respect.”

During activity days, students learned about rock art, Native American beadwork, and how archaeologists study the past by making inferences about artifacts. A highlight for the students was earning their BLM Jr. Ranger Badge and the chance to learn how to use the pre-historic atlatl to throw 5-foot long darts.

“I wanted to get our children interested in archaeology and the history of the area,” said White River Field Office

Planning and Environmental Coordinator Heather Sauls. “I wanted to impress upon them the necessity of protecting our resources.”

The BLM also partnered with local site steward volunteers to put on the program. BLM site stewards receive training to monitor historic archaeological sites throughout the state to preserve and protect local resources while educating visitors.

“We always liked archaeology and when we retired, we found our way into it [site stewards],” said Lynne Green, BLM site steward.

“We went to a meeting and here we are...it kind of found us.” The White River Field Office hopes to make this an annual event with the activity day at Canyon Pintado National Historic District so students can view rock art in person.

“We feel that school’s benefit by having a field day that complements the fourth grade social studies curriculum,” said Sauls. “The BLM also benefits by helping to educate students on how to ‘visit with respect’ when at a cultural site and also by getting the word out about our incredible resources in Rio Blanco County.”

Interested in visiting historic sites on public lands? For more information, visit <https://www.blm.gov/visit/canyon-pintado-national-historic-district>.

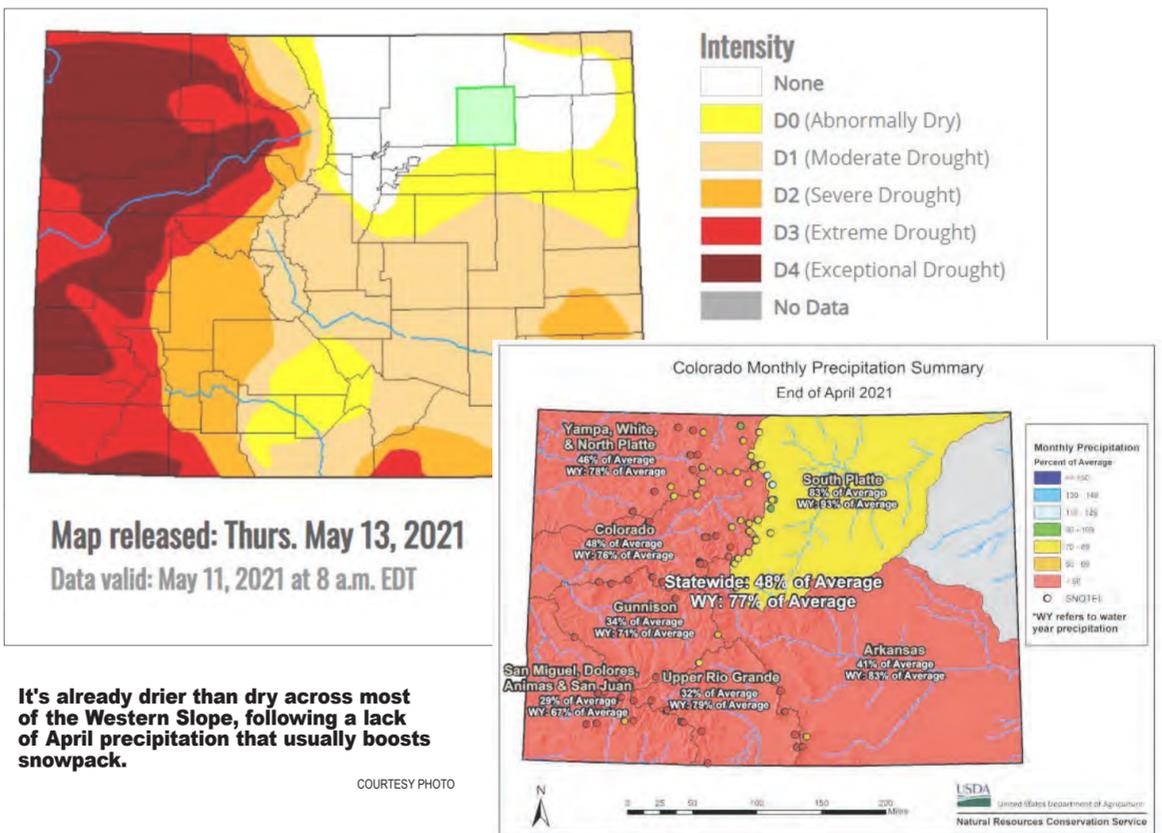


COURTESY PHOTOS
Students learned about rock art, beadwork and other archaeological artifacts.

PROM ROYALTY ...



COURTESY PHOTO
Meeker High School 2021 Prom royalty were First Attendants Mason Holliday and Ethan Drake; Queen Sophia Goedert and King Cooper Main; Second Attendants Sierra Gomez and Braydon Garcia; and crown bearers Fletcher Chinn and Carson Cook.



Exceptional drought conditions across W. Slope

By **LUCAS TURNER**
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RBC I April 2021 was “exceptionally dry” according to the latest statistics from the USDA’s National Resource Conservation Service. NRCS Hydrologist Joel Atwood noted “Many SNOTEL sites reported record low precipitation for April west of the Continental Divide. Snowpack has also declined in all basins except the South Platte, due to higher temperature and below-average precipitation.”

According to the U.S. Drought monitor, the region is experiencing D4 drought level classified as “exceptional drought,” the highest level under extreme (D3), severe (D2), moderate (D1) and abnormally dry (D0).

Despite the well-below-average precipitation levels in the Yampa-White River Basin last month, reservoir storage is sitting at 106% of average. NRCS’ latest report notes however that consistent dry conditions since last summer combined with last month’s lack of precipitation compounded drought conditions. Atwood said, “With much of the snowpack in many basins already melted out, persistent dry

soil conditions, and little hope for substantial precipitation moving into summer, runoff volumes will continue to be meager.” Streamflow volumes for all basins west of the Continental Divide are projected between 34 and 73 percent this summer.

With these statistics and projections in mind, the local White River Alliance this week heard from Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s Northwest Regional Water Specialist David Graf on the topics of a potential for expansion of the Lake Avery Reservoir at the headwaters of the White River and “some lease options CPW is considering for 2021.”

In an email sent out prior to the presentation, WRA member Dr. Bob Dorsett questioned the viability of increased storage as a solution “if there’s no water to store.” Dorsett also reiterated NRCS data points, noting that the White River peaked on May 2 at about 700 cfs and the Yampa peaked May 4 at about 3500 cfs. “The peaks occurred about six weeks ahead of the historical normal, and both rivers are running near historical lows,” wrote Dorsett.

He also highlighted the lack of “reserve moisture” in the soil which means much of the

runoff that would normally make its way into rivers is being absorbed along the way. “Burro Mountain is reporting no snowpack remaining,” said Dorsett, adding “In a normal year it should have about 10 inches of water equivalent remaining.”

Severe to exceptional drought conditions persist across much of the state, with many Western Slope counties seeing the most significant decreases in precipitation and available water in storage. As an example, SNOTEL sites in the San Juan region are reporting just 40% median snowpack.

Statewide, apart from the South Platte River Basin (which has 102% median snowpack), all other basins are reporting less than 80% average snowpack. Snowpack in the Yampa/White River basin is at 73% of median for this time of year.

You can read more detailed information on snowpack in NRCS’ May 1, 2021 Colorado Water Supply Outlook Report. The most up to date information about Colorado snowpack and water supply is at the Colorado Snow Survey website <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/co/snow/>

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COUNTY BEAT



By NIKI TURNER
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BUDGET UPDATE

Budget and Finance Director Janae Stanworth updated the commissioners on the status of revenue and expenditures compared to the 2021 budget so far this year.

As of April, the county has collected about 74% of property taxes due from 2020, with another "big distribution" anticipated in June when people pay the second half of taxes owed. Sales tax collection has increased since the first of the year. Highway User Tax Fund (HUTF) collection is at about 28% of what was budgeted for 2021. Use tax is higher than what was budgeted for the year by about \$40K, primarily due to one large project. Motor vehicle taxes collected are at approximately 30% of what was projected in the budget.

Stanworth also updated the board on grant money that hasn't been received before and wasn't included in the budget, including \$1.2 million from the American Rescue Plan. Those funds are limited to specific uses, but don't have to be spent until 2024. It can't be used to make up for lost property taxes, or budget shortfalls, or balancing the budget.

Additional expenditures that fall into contingency budgets include another \$351,000 for the CR 73 bridge replacement, \$9,000 for the GIS data recovery (sales tax collection), \$92,000 in personnel transactions, about \$100K in additional insurance costs, and \$3,250 for the hearing officer brought in for the recall hearing.

Further discussion needs to take place on the Meeker Airport stormwater drainage project, upgrading the power to the broadband towers, and replacing rodeo equipment at Columbine Park.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Emergency Manager Eddie

Smercina shared information from several meetings he's attended, and discussed the plan for the upcoming Rally Colorado racing event in Rangely.

REGULAR MEETING

Commissioners will be adding Rio Blanco County as an "interested party" to a list of entities opposed to the federal regulations on oil and gas development to an amicus brief instigated by the State of Louisiana in response to a request from a representative in the Utah governor's office.

Accepted the terms of the American Rescue Plan Distribution. The county will receive approximately \$1.2 million from the U.S. Treasury.

Approved a \$1,500 grant for the purchase of freezers for Food Bank of the Rockies in the Rangely area.

Approved a letter to the Colorado Attorney General's office in support of having a stakeholder group of elected officials on the Western Slope to be involved in the gray wolf reintroduction plan through Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Appointed Ty Gates as representative to the Yampa Valley Economic Development Council Board and approved a letter of support for the Yampa Valley Economic Development Council (Resiliency and Recovery/Just Transition Northwest Colorado regional working group) REDI Grant application.

Accepted a \$36K grant for digitization of records in the clerk and recorder's office as a continuation of a project begun in 2018.

Approved advertising for a caseworker in the Department of Human Services.

Approved multiple agreements for services for the Department of Human Services.

Approved a broadband agreement between White River Electric Association and the County with some amendments to the original agreement.

A brief review of the COVID vaccines

By BOB DORSETT, MD
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I This article is directed toward readers who may have lingering concerns about vaccine safety, those who are confused by misinformation circulating on the web, and anyone interested in the basic biology of vaccination. This is, particularly, the remarkable story of the new mRNA vaccines. I can't cover all the details. Three short animations help to illustrate the processes I describe; readers can find links to them at the end of the article.

In the following brief sketch of the viral life cycle and the body's immune response, 'virus' refers specifically to SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes the disease COVID-19, and 'cell' refers to the human cells it attacks. While the discussion is specific to SARS-CoV-2, other viral infections follow the same general pattern.

Viruses take over normal cells' replication machinery and use it to produce more viruses, which then infect other cells. Disease results from the damage to those previously healthy cells and also as a side effect of the body's own inflammatory response.

There are several steps in the life cycle of a virus. First it has to stick to the surface of a cell, e.g. a cell in the lining of the airway. That's where the coronavirus spike protein comes in. It binds to a protein common to the surface of human cells. If you can prevent that binding, you prevent infection and disease.

After binding, the virus has to gain entry into the cell. Binding of the coronavirus spike protein initiates a series of events by which the cell pulls the virus inside.

Then the virus takes over the cell's own replication and transcription machinery to produce new viral RNA and new viral proteins. (RNA is the genetic blueprint for making new copies of the virus.) Those proteins self-assemble into new virus particles,

encapsulating the new viral RNA. The new viruses burst out of the cell, destroying it, and disperse to infect other cells.

The body's immune system responds to a new infection and then creates a memory bank to react to future infections more quickly.

As with any pathogen, our immune systems jump into action if there's a COVID infection. Specialized T-cells recognize the viral spike protein displayed on the surface of infected cells and on other antigen-presenting cells of the immune system, the cellular scouts out on the body's defensive perimeter. Those T-cells release signaling and activating chemicals that recruit killer cells, which destroy anything carrying the spike protein. Other chemical signals from the T-cells activate B-cells which produce antibodies to the spike protein. (Antibodies are specialized defensive proteins produced by the immune system.) Those antibodies stick to the spike protein. That prevents the spike protein from binding to new cells and infecting them. Antibodies bound to the spike protein also activate other chemical cascades and attract other immune cells that destroy any virus or cell carrying the viral spike protein. Meanwhile, inflammation brings more immune cells and antibodies into an infected region. After the infection is cleared, memory T-cells remain in the circulation and in lymph nodes, ready to activate a response to any repeat infection by that strain of virus.

Vaccines activate the immune system and create protective immune memory using weakened or killed virus or, with the newly available technologies, by activating production of the spike protein without the presence of the actual virus.

The Johnson&Johnson and AstraZeneca vaccines carry the spike protein into the body using adenovirus vectors, viruses that themselves do not cause disease. The mRNA vaccines (Moderna and Pfizer), on the other hand, employ a system that delivers a snippet of coronavirus RNA into the cells. That snippet carries the RNA blueprint for the spike protein. Just as they do with their own RNA to produce normal cellular proteins, those injected cells produce the viral spike protein, and the immune system responds as it would to the spike protein in a real infection. That ramps up immune defenses, as outlined above, and over time creates memory cells that can recognize and obliterate the real virus. In some people, the inflammatory response also gets

activated; that's what causes the common side effects of soreness at the injection site or flu-like symptoms for a day or two.

Same as in their normal day-to-day protein production, the spike-producing cells inactivate viral mRNA in a few minutes to hours. There's no lingering viral mutant monster.

It's important to note that the new mRNA vaccine technology is exactly replicating the same cellular mechanics and the same immune response as would result from the real coronavirus infection, except there's not a complete RNA genome to build whole virus. There's only the RNA segment for the spike protein. That's what the immune system responds to. That's what prevents infection with the real thing. And even more promising, the new technologies enable rapid development of new vaccines to counter new variants of the spike protein or other antigens (viral proteins that activate the immune system).

The science that has produced these extraordinary vaccines is the result of nearly 70 years of research. We stand on the shoulders of giants dating back even further, to the early geneticists like Gregor Mendel and beyond. We are enormously fortunate to live in a time where a vaccine can be developed in just a few months, a vaccine that can stop a global pandemic.

One hundred years ago four out of 10 children born in the United States did not survive to adulthood. They died from smallpox and measles and diphtheria and pertussis and a host of other infectious diseases. (Other public health deficits certainly contributed to high infant and childhood mortality, but infectious diseases were top of the list.) Today, and unless we assume that it can never happen to us because it's not happening now, children are protected by vaccination. They survive. Vaccines save lives. The COVID vaccines have undoubtedly prevented hundreds of thousands of deaths already. If enough of us get vaccinated, we can stop the pandemic.

Resources:

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How new vaccines are developed. Nature video. 2021. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2t_mQwTY4WQ

Summer events on tap in Meeker

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MEEKER I Gearing up for summer events, the Town of Meeker's Board of Trustees approved special event liquor permits for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet (June 12) and four Meekerpalooza events (June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23). The board also approved a fermented malt beverage license for the Little Cheese Shop.

Public Works Supervisor Russell Overton said the two "parklets" are complete and ready to be

placed outside local businesses. And town crews assisted County Planner and Surveyor Leif Joy with locating and raising one of the oldest survey monuments in town to a usable level this week. The monument, at the intersection of Fourth and Main streets, was more than 3 feet below ground. Survey monuments, or markers, are placed to mark key survey points.

The board reappointed Leif Joy to the Meeker Planning Commission, reappointed Scott Nielsen and Kathleen Sizemore to the Meeker Housing Authority Board, and appointed Sean VonRoenn to the Housing Authority board.



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White River clean-up day May 22

MEEKER | Join us Saturday, May 22 at the bottom of the Lake Avery dam for a morning of White River clean-up starting at 8:30 a.m. We will pick up trash there before stopping at several public river access sites on the way down to Meeker Circle Park. We will wrap up at Circle Park with some clean up there as well as lunch. The White River Alliance will provide trash bags, gloves, lunch and will haul all the trash. Just bring yourself and as much help as you can muster. Let's come together and make our river as beautiful and clean as possible.

Community theater is here!

MEEKER | MACC will be holding auditions for a community production of the hilarious Broadway hit, "Something Rotten!" Thursday, May 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the MHS Auditorium. We are looking for people who would like to try acting, singing and dancing, and also for a backstage crew for lighting, set construction, prop making, and more! The show will be performed at MHS July 29, 30 and 31. If auditioning for a lead role: prepare a song, prepare a monologue (if looking for ideas for your monologue or song, visit <https://bit.ly/3xYONVP>) If you would like to be in the chorus: come to auditions prepared to learn a short dance sequence with a group. No song or monologue prep necessary. If you would like to be involved, but can't be at auditions, please text Shana Holliday at 970-987-9299.

RDH foundation yard sale fundraiser

RANGELY | In support of the senior-living park—North Park—an outdoor recreational park for seniors, the Rangely Hospital Foundation Board will host a "community yard sale" on Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 511 South White Ave. All proceeds will be applied to the North Park project. Area residents are invited to donate any and all items in good condition or good working order. Donated items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. June 1-3. (Donated items will not be returned if not sold.) This is an opportunity for residents to do their spring cleaning and support the North Park project. For more information, contact Rangely District Hospital at 970-675-5011.

Summer reading program starts June 1

MEEKER | Meeker Regional Library will be starting its Summer Reading Program on June 1, 2021. The program will run through July 31, 2021. You can earn ice cream certificates by reading books. Complete the program and receive a day pass for the Meeker Recreation Center and a new book of your very own. You can sign kids up for this program by coming in or calling 878-5911. Come and join the fun.

White River annual fish fry June 12

MEEKER | The annual fish fry will be held at the Buford School June 12 from 4-6 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy the deep fried whitefish from our own White River, along with all the home cooked fixin's. Proceeds will be used for the continued maintenance of the historic Buford School. See you there!

Library book club returns

MEEKER | The Meeker Library book club will be meeting on Monday, June 14th at 1:00pm to share favorite books read in the past year. All are welcome to join in the fun.

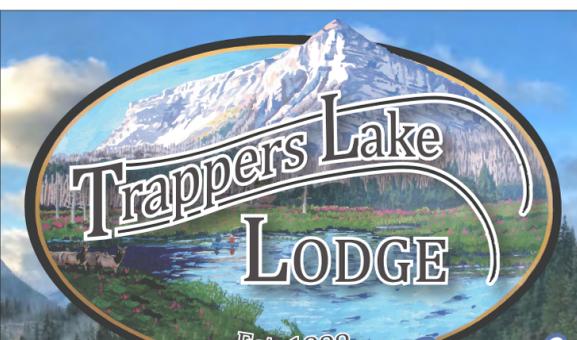
Oldtimers postponed to June 2022

MEEKER | On May 8, a public meeting was held at the Heritage Culture Center concerning the future plans for the Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association, and more specifically, the Old Timers' dinner/dance. It was decided to postpone the dinner/dance until Saturday, June 6, 2022. There will be a potluck picnic at the City Park for all members on Friday, Sept. 4, 2021, which is Labor Day weekend. The purpose of the picnic will be to acknowledge and promote membership in the Pioneers Association and to appoint new officers for the next year. It was recommended that one of the past rules requiring a 30-year-member-residence in Rio Blanco County and neighboring communities be eliminated. By acclamation of all the meeting attendees, that rule will be discontinued. However, that final vote will take place at the Sept. 4 meeting. In addition, the age limit was dropped to 21 years old for new members. We will also be selecting officers for next year. Needed will be a treasurer, secretary, vice-president, and president/ chairman. As stated earlier, this will take place at the Sept. 4 (Labor Day) picnic. Please send any names for nominations to Daryl LeFevre (307-272-0763) or Roberta Watt (970-878-5727). We will send a reminder for the picnic later this summer. Next year's dinner theme will be the crazy 1950s, so start hunting up those poodle skirts, Grandma; and polish up the penny loafers, Grandpa. We're gearing up and looking forward to a great time next June 6, 2022.

Wilkie named to President's List

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | Hannah Wilkie of Rangely, Colorado, has been named to Chadron State College's Spring 2021 President's List. The list consists of students with a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. To qualify, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester.



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BACKCOUNTRY OUTPOST ...



Joshua Harrison, owner of Backcountry Outpost in Meeker (formerly Wyatt's Sporting Goods) is happy to build on the solid business foundation established 27 years ago by Stan Wyatt. Harrison, originally from Texas but relocating from Arvada with his wife and daughter, bought the business in April 2021. Suggestions are welcome. "I'm looking to add things people might need," he said, adding, "Trying to save people a trip to Rifle or Craig." Backcountry Outpost will have a grand opening this Saturday, May 22 starting at 10 a.m. with refreshments, prizes, and outdoor games all day, with a ribbon cutting at 1 p.m.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Don't. Feed. The. Trolls.



By **NIKI TURNER**
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The trolls I remember from children's books were dull-witted, cranky creatures who threatened to eat billy goats if they didn't pay a toll, or evil villains who stalk and kill innocent gnomes. Vocabulary.com describes trolls this way: "a supernatural creature who is either very big or very small, ugly, and not very nice."

That fits today's real trolls... the internet troll. Unfortunately, internet trolls are real, and they can cause real harm, or at minimum, get you to waste a ton of time and energy being angry.

Internet trolls "write negative and hostile comments on a website in order to provoke people," according to MacMillan Dictionary. If you've been anywhere on the internet, you know these trolls are everywhere. The more we engage with them, the more they believe they're relevant. You can't win an argument with a troll, they just double down, even when they are blatantly wrong.

Responding to an internet troll is the equivalent of giving the troll under the bridge your gold... the troll will take your gold and then gobble you up, you still won't get across the bridge. Better to ignore them. Don't give them your time, energy or attention. They aren't worth it.



KAYE'S CORNER

"Sit," "Heel" and "We love you"

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

MEEKER I Many years ago, we acquired a German Shepherd puppy who came from certified parents. Our sons named him "Storm" because he arrived on a stormy day. As a youngster, he was rambunctious with fuzzy hair, sweet to cuddle, and totally out of control.

We, two parents and two young children, tried our best. On the plus side, we trained him to do his business outside and more or less walk with us on a leash. As he got older, his bark got stronger and at 120 pounds, he scared the heck out of every visitor. As well, he didn't stay in our yard.

Most of our neighbors were good-hearted and knew we were trying to get our dog under control. They would call from several blocks away, "Storm is over here visiting us."

Our next-door neighbor loved Storm and kept dog treats for him in her garage, even though their family did not own pets. As soon as she drove in her driveway, Storm would zip over there and beg for his treat. No wonder he barged right through the electric dog fence!

Still, German Shepherds can be very intimidating. A police officer told us he had never investigated a burglary in a house with a German Shepherd. However, the FedEx driver would call us from our driveway feeling intimidated to make a delivery if Storm was outside.

So, we hired a professional dog trainer who worked with police dogs and owned several German Shepherds. This guy was amazing. Within minutes, he had Storm obeying him along with establishing a loving relationship.

I've often reflected on his teaching methods that were extremes of "follow my command" along with tons of praise and hugs.

If he said "sit," our dog would sit. If he commanded "heel" our dog wouldn't lunge ahead like he

did with us but walked alongside as asked. The trainer reinforced proper behavior and immediately corrected infractions. None of this pampering attitude of "you're just a dog and can't help it" excuses.

Strangely, our dog almost seemed to prefer the discipline and accepted it as in now "we are training" and "I can do this." The instructions were short, clear and consistent. No backsliding and no compromise on the standards.

Training sessions were short and progressive, primarily focused on training us humans to use consistent commands and leash behavior.

We were assigned to practice each week's lesson for 15 minutes every day.

That meant I took Storm around the yard to sit, then Jay, then our sons. I think the poor dog was going nuts after so much sit, sit, sit. But he got it and so did we. Next week, "heel" and on it went, reinforcing each skill and adding another every week.

We moved on to more difficult lessons. Leap into the back of our car so we can go for a walk. Storm didn't like that, but once he got it, as soon as we were packing and had the car doors open, guess who was already loaded up?

The flip side of all this discipline was unconditional love for our dog. Our trainer would hug Storm forever when he did something right and learned his lessons. He would receive free time, dog treats, and play time with the trainer's dog (a buddy).

I often think that's a part we parents and society are missing today. We need more "good job," "way to go" "I love you" for the smallest of accomplishments. Lots of praise along with high standards.

Somehow, this event still looms large in my brain. For myself, I relate it to basic life ethics as in "these are the rules; follow them" along with a huge dose of humanitarian compassion. Strange, but maybe dog training can be a part of our human practices too.



Kaye Sullivan

LOOSE ENDS

Teacher appreciation

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

MEEKER I We are quickly approaching the end of another school year. Recently the celebration of teacher appreciation week took place in schools across the country. A national news story about one teacher in Texas reminded me of so many of my fellow teachers over the years. It featured a woman whose dedication to her family required her to delay her own education to become a teacher. This resulted in her taking a variety of non-certified positions in her own community while raising her family and going to night school. So many of the teachers I worked with in schools in Ohio and Colorado showed the same dedication.

There was another commonality that kept these individuals in the field of

education no matter what obstacles faced them. It was a passion for teaching. It seemed to be what made them natural teachers. Lifelong learners themselves, they continued to spark interest and a love of learning from so many of their students.

Watching the newscast that showed a camera crew recording this featured educator receiving her surprise award, I was struck by her humility. It was obvious that she, like many in the helping professions, was amazed that she would be honored for her work at a job she loved. She considered her profession an opportunity to make a difference in her students' lives.

Some of the teachers in the beginning of my teaching career shared their experiences in the one-room schoolhouses dotting the countryside of northwestern

Colorado. A few were hired right off the family ranch and did not have the time or money later to continue their education. I found it amazing that when I interviewed two seniors who were working daily in the lunchroom and on the playground, they told me that when they were offered an opportunity to work in non-certified positions in the schools, they didn't have any reservations about accepting those positions. The way they viewed it, they loved being with students and thought they had something to offer.

A passion for teaching goes hand in hand with teaching young people skills they can use later in life. The teachers

who connect with all of their students often keep in touch with them for many years. These educators demonstrated their care and concern for all their students in so many small ways.

They were able to convey to those in their classrooms that they were able to see the good in each and every one of them.

It was as if every day in that classroom someone could say they felt appreciated. I have never come across any survey but talking with local graduates, many said they felt as if their favorite teacher was able to make students feel as if they were important. They viewed it as a gift to them — their own student appreciation day.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to Prystupa

Dear Editor:

As he has requested, I would be glad to accept an invitation from Dr. Prystupa for a presentation to the County Health Board. Such a presentation would provide the commissioners with the best available scientific evidence and an opportunity to review the county's response to the pandemic. As a member of the Health Board, Dr. Prystupa can propose such a venue, open to the public for questions and published well in advance so that interested community members can attend. Meantime, the commissioners should follow the advice of Dr. Prystupa's parent institution, Sloan-Kettering, and encourage vaccination against COVID. That will go a long way toward protecting our citizens and our economy from lingering effects of the pandemic and from potential surges due to new variants of the COVID virus.

Memorial Sloan Kettering updated information on covid vaccines. 2021. <https://www.mskcc.org/coronavirus/what-you-should-know-about-covid-19-vaccines>

Bob Dorsett, MD
Meeker

Comments on clerk and recorder

Dear Editor:

After reading the letter to the editor from our county clerk and recorder I want to express my thoughts and opinion on some of her statements. I watched the entire 3.5 hour hearing on the petition to recall Gary Moyer. I have some strong concerns about some of the testimony given by the clerk. It appeared to me that she was less than truthful about how, when, and where the petition was handed out. It seemed that the dates and times kept changing. Also I feel because of her incompetent actions it caused the petition

to be deemed invalid. She is blaming the fact that Mr. Moyer had legal counsel and she didn't. WOW what a lame excuse!! I think if she had taken the time to reach out to the county attorney or the Sec. of States office for assistance to insure that all wording was correct and all laws followed that this would never have happened. I have been told that she made the statement, I know the law. Well apparently Boots you didn't know the law. She tries to play off that the ruling was based on a technical error. Wrong again as that is a law you failed to follow. You also state that you feel it is wrong for the will of the citizens who signed the petition to be overturned. Again if you had done your job correctly this would be a moot point. I also wonder if the proper language was on the petition if there would have been the same number of signatures. My final concern is after seeing how poorly she handled this petition if she handles her other duties as clerk and recorder in the same manner. I sure hope not!

Frank Huitt
Rangely

Another response to Prystupa

Dear Editor:

This is in response to a letter written by a Dr. Jeff Prystupa in the last edition of the *Herald Times*. He does not believe in immunizations at all and calls it "injecting the disease into children." He also claims that private citizens are "forced to submit to medical care." He claims that his immune system protects him from all infectious diseases, something vaccines never do.

Jeff Prystupa, D.C., is a doctor of chiropractic medicine and might have helped a lot of patients who suffered from back pain. But why in the world does he feel called upon to make these statements about the concept of vaccinations?

Did he do independent medical research or study the history of infectious diseases to make these outlandish statements? He insinuates that he has expertise in that field based on what his family doctor told him back in 1957.

Most of us, especially us older folks, know about the breakthrough in the fight against polio infections when Salk invented the oral polio vaccine and we all stood in line to get our sugar cube vaccine. Our parents were so relieved when it turned out to be a huge success and the disease was pretty much eradicated. No more children suffocating from respiratory failure and being partially paralyzed for the rest of their lives. And no more cute little five year olds dying a miserable death due to measles. Roughly 6,000 U.S. deaths per year were attributed to that disease prior to the invention of the measles vaccine.

Or my little brother Martin who died in East Germany from whooping cough, a now preventable infection due to the very effective pertussis vaccine...Mr. Prystupa, DC...this is very personal. My little brother was born and died before I was born. I never met him... A vaccine would have prevented his death. My mother grieved the loss of that little happy and smiling baby for the rest of her life. Yes, in those days, many parents had to take small caskets to the cemeteries.

What drives and motivates you to come to Rio Blanco County and join the Board of Public Health and then publish a completely misleading letter in our newspaper. What is your intention? Will you be proud to have convinced and misled people to abandon the public health concept and not vaccinate their children? Will you have any

scruples when one of our local unvaccinated babies dies from a preventable disease and the parents trusted your expert opinion on vaccinations?

Our residents do not want or need misleading and false information leading potentially to ill health and suffering and worse, to death. Please ask for accurate information, based on true science and true data. We have a proud history of a Rio Blanco County Public Health Service. Their nurses in Meeker and Rangely having given out lots and lots of true and valuable advice and numerous children have received their vaccines from Public Health.

We have two wonderful health care facilities in this county and we are proud of them. You will get ample true and proven scientific information from their health care workers, doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants. They will all sit down with you and give you the facts, the numbers to support the concept of vaccinations. Or you can turn to the CDC, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American Academy of Pediatrics for true information.

Yes, I agree with Jeff Prystupa, DC, that seeking medical care is a voluntary act, including taking vaccines. I also agree that a healthy immune system is a great way to fight infections. However, not everybody is blessed with that defense, especially the very little ones and the elderly. Not every person has those same assets. A vaccine goes a long way to give those people a fighting chance.

I am very comfortable to have taken all vaccines made available to me. I also took the COVID 19 vaccine as I continued to provide medical care to those infected by this nasty

virus.

With each vaccine I take I protect my health and help my immune system to fight off infection. Further, I am not spreading the infection to another person or infecting my neighbor or customer without knowing. I am breaking the chain for the virus to spread. I would like to thank all those who have volunteered to become vaccinated and to stop the spread of diseases in your community.

I am so proud to live in a community where so many people think straight and care about others.

Albert Krueger, MD, FAAP
Family Physician
Meeker

Recall effort begins again

Dear Editor:

Last week a hearing officer disallowed the petitions in the Gary Moyer recall effort. The decision was based on technical issues, not on substance. These were items even the Colorado Secretary of State's attorneys didn't know, and included: circulators should have name tags, the petitions were supposed be numbered, and a "printer's proof" wasn't submitted. The substantive claims were upheld and the factual reasons for the recall were ruled valid.

This leaves the recall committee with a decision, give up or try again. We stopped at 879 signatures in 38 days instead of going the full 60 days, which I think makes a statement.

These signers have stuck their necks out, risking retaliation, and are counting on us to make this recall happen. Speaking of retaliation, there have been reports of many signers being

called and harassed for signing, then being hung up on. I even have friends that were too scared to sign due to fear of retaliation, which I respect, but isn't this America? What happened to respecting the people's right to choose?

The recall committee has decided this effort is too important to the county to let it drop. We will move forward with the recall. We owe this to the voters and county employees. We will collect signatures again. You can be assured we plan on meeting all requirements.

I want to reiterate that this is not just about Dave Morlan and Gary Moyer. This is about our ever-growing number of county department heads and employees being harassed and mistreated, it's about the destruction of longstanding relationships with other agencies, it's about a lack of transparency and it is about creating a toxic atmosphere in the county. Gary Moyer does not represent us! I just happen to be the person to stand up and help get the process going after watching this nightmare from the inside for two years. So, we will be coming around to get the same signatures in the next few weeks. We know we missed a lot of people that would have liked to sign before and will have an opportunity now. Please stop in at Wendell's or Crystal Meadow Farms in Meeker or you can give me a call at 970-942-8093 or Terry Smalec in Rangely at 970-675-2355.

Let's get this process done so we can move on to all of the bigger issues facing Rio Blanco County.

Thank you,
For the Moyer Recall
Committee
Dave Morlan

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The Third Commandment: The Law Concerning Reverence (1)
By Dr. J. D. Watson
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

CONTINUING what man's relationship should be to the One True God, man is commanded in Exodus 20:7: **Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD thy God is a jealous God that taketh his name in vain.** This is obviously closely connected with the first two commands. While disobeying the first commandment *banishes* God from the mind and the second *blemishes* our worship of Him, violating this third one *belittles* Him with irreverence.

Names are not very important in Western culture but were most significant in ancient Near Eastern thinking. The Hebrew behind **name** (*shēm*), in fact, probably comes from an Arabic root (*wšm*) that means "to mark or brand, [and] hence an external mark to distinguish one thing or person from another." So, a person's name, in fact, often carried more significance than an identification mark; it was considered to be a description of character or conditions. *Eve* means "the mother of all living" (Gen. 3:20), *Nabal* reflects the fact that he was a fool (1 Sam. 25:25), and *Isaac* means "he laughs," a reminder of his parents' laughter at the thought they could conceive a child in old age (Gen. 17:17, 19; 18:12). *Jacob* means "one who follows on another's heels," which goes back to his birth as he followed Esau. *Samuel* means "heard of God" and was given to him because in his birth God had heard his mother's prayer for a son.

In the New Testament, *Peter* (from *petros*) means "small, throwable stone," in contrast to *petra*, which means "a large boulder or even a cliff," a term Jesus used of Himself as the Rock on which the Church was built (not Peter). The Roman name *Paul* means "little," reflecting humility, in contrast to his Jewish name *Saul*, which means "desired." *Timothy* means "honoring God," reflecting

his godly upbringing by his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois. And we could look at others.

This is all the more significant when we turn to God's many names. God is *'Elōhiym* ("the Strong One, who is to be feared and revered because of who He is"), and *Jehovah* or *LORD*, is *Yāhweh*, His covenant name emphasizing self-existence and unchangeableness. There is also *Lord* (*Adōnāy*), which speaks of dominion, possession, and sovereignty. And there are many others as well.

Likewise, *Jesus* is the Greek *Iēsous*, a transliteration of the Hebrew *Yehoshūa*, which means "He will save" or "*Yāhweh* is salvation." *Christ* is *Christos*, which means "anointed," an Old Testament term used to apply to anyone anointed with holy oil, primarily the high priesthood (Lev. 4:5; 4:16). Then there are Jesus' own "I am" statements in the Gospel of John, the most profound declarations of His nature and work contained in Scripture. He said, "I Am": the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Door of the sheepfold; the Good Shepherd; the Resurrection and the Life; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; the Vine; the Alpha and Omega. And what significance there is in His titles, such as the Lamb of God and many others.

So, "what's in a name?" As we can see, there is very much in a name. It, therefore, matters very much how we treat that name, how we use it in everything we say, and that is what this commandment is all about. Next time we will turn to our three-fold examination.

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OBITUARY

John Anthony Daugherty

Jan. 14, 1940 ~ March 18, 2021

John was born in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, to Leo P. and Rachel (Clardy) Daugherty. He was raised in Gypsum, Colorado, graduating from Eagle County High School in 1958. He married Carol Ann Harris (of Minturn, Colorado) on Nov. 22, 1958.



John Daugherty

favorite area. Being an avid photographer, he captured many beautiful scenes in Rio Blanco County.

John is survived by his wife, Carol Ann, and sisters Analee Kirkham and Pauline Bowles. He is survived by many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by sisters-in-law Rose Marie Farrell (Tom) and Kathy Shackford (Paul); and by brothers-in-law Bill Harris (Sandy) and Tom Harris (Beverly).

John was preceded in death by his parents, and by brothers Thomas, Edward and Frank, and his sister Ida Mary.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. on June 5, 2021, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Meeker, Colorado.

They moved to California where he worked at General Motors assembly plant for two years. They returned to Colorado and he began his career with Colorado Department of Transportation in 1961. He retired in 1994. He worked on Loveland Pass, Wolf Creek Pass and Rabbit Ears Pass, transferring to Meeker in 1969.

John enjoyed hunting and fishing. He especially enjoyed riding his horses, the Flat Tops being a

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HopeWest celebrated its volunteers with ice cream sundaes on the courthouse lawn. Hope the mini-horse, HopeWest's new mascot, made an appearance for the first time also.

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Aging Services Coalition focuses on meeting needs of older adults

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | According to the Colorado State Demography office, the population of adults aged 65 and older will nearly double between 2020 and 2050. In Northwest Colorado, adults over the age of 60 account for 24% of the population, and contribute significantly to our economy and community. The Aging Services Coalition of Northwest Colorado is working to understand the needs of older adults in Routt, Moffat, Grand, Jackson and Rio Blanco counties.

"The Aging Services Coalition has grown to nearly 50 members representing over 30 agencies and organizations servicing older adults in our community," said Leigh Hull, Aging Services Coordinator with Northwest Colorado Health. "Working together, we can develop and sustain programs to allow people of all ages to remain living independently in this beautiful area of our state."

The Coalition, which was formed in April 2020, has hit the ground running and recently completed a needs assessment survey for adults and caregivers of those 60 and older. The survey, which was distribut-

ed by the members of the Coalition throughout five counties via mail and available online, received over 280 responses. Feedback from survey participants will help to inform the priorities of the group going forward, and allow the member organizations to work together on developing strategies in the key areas indicated by survey respondents.

The results of the survey both confirmed some assumptions of the group, and highlighted key focus areas. Results showed that in Northwest Colorado we have a very independent population, well-established senior centers and a number of programs and services readily available to older adults. A key theme from the survey results is the need to communicate those resources to the community at the point and time of need, and improve education around availability of existing services.

"We want the older adult or caregiver to know who to contact for assistance when a need arises. For example, most of us are not thinking about home modifications until someone is injured from a slip and fall," said Hull. "These results tell us that we need to begin work developing and implementing a comprehensive communication plan to provide information at

the fingertips of providers and community members via print, internet and in-person. Additionally we found there are needs for new or enhanced programs, such as providing handyman and snow removal services, as well as assistance with coordinating transportation and providing non-medical chore services."

"We have four workgroups with some very knowledgeable team members focused on key areas of communications, housing, socialization/isolation and transportation," said Hull. "Each group is studying not only our survey results, but other relevant studies and information to identify initiatives to bridge gaps and barriers to services."

The Coalition will identify three to five initiatives to take on and implement in these focus areas by Fall 2021. From there, recommendations will be taken to county, municipality and civic leaders to engage their support in prioritizing the needs of our growing population of citizens age 60 plus throughout Northwest Colorado.

"Northwest Colorado Health believes that every person deserves the chance to achieve their best health, and this very much includes the growing aging population in our region," said Stephanie Einfeld,

CEO of Northwest Colorado Health. "We are proud of the aging services we provide through our Home Services and Aging Well program, and also understand that in order to best allow residents to age in place, increases in community awareness, education, and support are essential. Lack of resources and support for our aging community is a valley wide concern of ours, and we are excited to share these assessment results in order to further community collaboration and system wide evolution."

The Aging Services Coalition of Northwest Colorado consists of individual community members and senior services organizations and is open to anyone in Routt, Moffat, Grand, Jackson and Rio Blanco counties. The goal of the Coalition is to identify service gaps for older adults, identify and replicate outstanding programs and become a unified voice for aging services in the region. This project is made possible by a generous grant from the Next Fifty Initiative.

If you are interested in joining the Coalition, please contact Leigh Hull at lhull@northwestcoloradohealth.org or 303-638-3788. For more information visit northwestcoloradohealth.org.



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Rally Colorado adds new spectating areas for 2021

Event celebrating fifth year in RBC, aims to become nat'l event in 2022

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rally Colorado Organizers are enthusiastic for the 2021 event, taking place June 5-6 as they welcome back teams and spectators both Saturday and Sunday. Rally Colorado will challenge rally cars and teams over 135 competition stage miles divided into 14 stages. The stages include the quintessential rugged mountains, vast plains, deep canyons, and high mesas included in years prior with three brand new stages never used before. The highlight of which is a super special stage where the crews will marvel fans, volunteers, and locals as they race around Columbine Park in Rangely, Colorado.

With 99% of the event taking place outdoors, organizers have worked with the local community to incorporate a safe family friendly environment to welcome back fans and spectators to watch the teams roar down the stage roads. The traditional Main Street Parade is scheduled for Friday, June 4 at 7-7:30 pm in "Rally Town USA," Rangely, Colorado. A detailed spectator guide and full schedule will be available for download at www.rallycolorado.org along with a list of locations where printed guides can be obtained. The Guide will inform fans, locals and the like of the safe and approved designated viewing areas. It will also provide detailed safety instructions on how to prepare to watch the event.

In addition to counting toward the West Region points bracket of the American Rally Association as a Super Regional event, Rally Colorado will again kick off the 2020-2021 super season of the California Rally Series (CRS) Rally Championship. The CRS is the premier performance rally championship in the southwestern United States. The Series incorporates events from various sanctioning bodies in order to create a meaningful regional championship for its members. The Series celebrates more than



TOWN OF RANGELY PHOTO

40 continuous years of performance rally, making it the longest running rally series in the United States.

Rally Colorado is a volunteer-run event, and its success depends on motorsports fans. There is no better way to spectate and experience the event than to volunteer and see first hand. Rally Colorado Organizers are working hard to ensure the volunteers are appreciated and plan for some fun prizes and surprises to later be announced for volunteers.

2021 will be a bold and exciting event as the organizers gear up to properly elevate the event to the National American Rally Association Championship Series in 2022. "We anticipate the 2021 entry list to be more mellow than 2020 due to tight scheduling with other events but we have a great route planned for the competitors along with some exciting opportunities to include the local community. We will be announcing a special

surprise for our volunteers in a few weeks. Our goal is to use the 2021 event as an earnest test for our future National running." Chairwoman, Samantha Chiarelli

The organizers encourage any interested or curious fans to volunteer and learn more about rally in North America. The continued growth of the sport offers many unique opportunities for people with any and all volunteer experience level. The organizers and seasoned volunteers are always excited to train new faces as course workers, banner team, and control workers and we openly welcome amateur radio operators to help fill our safety communications net team. For more information visit <https://www.rallycolorado.org/>. Follow @rallycogroup on Instagram and Facebook. To learn more about the California Rally Series visit californiarallyseries.com and follow @californiarallyseries on Instagram and Facebook.

Moffat County draft horse show returns to Craig for 2021

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

CRAIG I Are you ready to hear the thunder of horses' hooves? Did you miss seeing them at the stock show this year? Are you longing to see a horse event because you miss seeing the Great American Horse Drive go through Maybell? It is time again for the ninth annual Moffat County Horse Power Draft Horse show in Craig, Colorado, hosted at the Moffat County Fairgrounds June 4-6.

This year, the draft horse show has gotten a little bigger with the addition of the North American 6 Horse Hitch Classic and Classic Cart. In 1987, Dr. John Weber of Live Oak Plantation in Ocala, Florida, presented the Classic Series idea to a number of dedicated draft horse breed representatives, as a way of promoting and marketing the draft horse, as well as increasing premiums paid to participants competing in six horse hitch classes. From that initial meeting, the Classic Series mushroomed into 60 shows that are qualifiers for points accumulation, with almost 200 six-horse hitch owners earning points towards becoming one of 12 finalists. The 2019 Classic Series World Finals purse amounted to more than \$100,000. Hitches come from all over the United States to show.

Moffat County will see a few hitches from Colorado, but also some from Idaho, Utah, California, Kansas and Wyoming. The Memorial Day weekend shows are the first on the books for most of these hitches. They just finished selling horses, buying horses and having babies, and now it's time to get on the road and go show off those beautiful animals.

To bring these draft horses to Craig, each Classic Series qualifying show must pay out a minimum of \$2,500 in premiums. This has helped to pave the way for a new standard in the draft horse industry. Many top venues now pay premiums in excess of \$5,000 per six-horse hitch class. What they win barely covers what they spend on travel, feed, and labor, not to mention the harnesses for each horse, and the trailers and vehicles to haul the horses, supplies and crew to the events. The hitch show world is not for the lazy; it's early to bed and early to rise. The horses need feed and groomed, and stalls are cleaned three times a day. Harnessing and preparing for a show begins about an hour or two before the show even starts.

The three breeds that compete for the North American Six-Horse Classic series are Belgian, Percheron and Clydesdale/Shires. The North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series and its

"Final Championship show" has grown to be the "Triple Crown" of draft horse competitions, stimulating growth and interest in all of the draft horse breeds. You can learn more about the series at info@naclassicseries.com.

It is our goal to promote the draft horse breeds and to exhibit them to the public, as well as bringing the six horse hitch and classic cart competitions to Craig. This qualifying show usually happens in Denver in January at the National Western Stock Show. Due to COVID, this show and the Big Thunder show in Loveland were canceled and they are needing little shows to step up so that they can get their qualifying points for this year. We took this as a great opportunity for our little community to acquire a show of this magnitude. We hope to have people from surrounding communities come to the show to watch. We are praying for good weather and to be cleared from the COVID-19 cloud.

Show times are June 4 at 6 p.m., June 5 at 5 p.m. and June 6 at 10 a.m. Tickets are

sold at the Craig Chamber and at the gate.

There are also several ways to be a sponsor. A \$1,000 sponsorship would be like having your own six-horse hitch for the week. Your banner will be displayed on the back of the wagon all week, you will be invited to have dinner with the team and present the banner personally and will get to ride out on the hitch of your choice when it leaves the arena each show. If you would like to sponsor or would like more information on this event, please contact Mardi Anson at 970-629-2380.

There will be up to 10 teams of fancy six-horse hitches that come to Craig. Each team has 8-10 people with them to help. This will mean lodging, eating and shopping. These teams show up in town on June 1 with their horses and crew. Shows do not start until Friday evening, which gives the teams time to look around and explore Craig.

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MEMORIAL DAY DECORATION REGULATIONS

MEEKER HIGHLAND CEMETERY

All decorations placed on graves for Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, must be picked up from the graves by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 12.

Any remaining decorations on Monday, June 14 will be picked up and kept at the cemetery until June 21.

Please do not put anything on the granite memorial walls in the cremains garden.

Thank you,
Meeker Highland Cemetery

2021 Crab Crack helps raise funds for Cox family



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

RANGELY I The 2021 Crab Crack in Rangely had a new mission this year, to help community members challenged with an unexpected diagnosis. On May 14, 2021, the event's volunteer bartenders Jeff Rector, Jeff LeBleu (pictured), Leanna Cox, Amy Buffington, and Scott and Melissa Demboski donated their tips from the night. The tips and generously donated silent auction items helped raise approximately \$7,000 to assist the family with living expenses while they are away from home.

Fifth-grader Isabella Cox was recently diagnosed with B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and is currently in Salt Lake City receiving treatment. Isabella's parents are Jason and Marybel Cox. Isabella's sister Kaitlyn and Isabella's friends have designed shirts and are selling them in sup-

port of Isabella. Shirts can be purchased for \$15, and \$7 of every shirt will be donated directly to the Cox family.

You may order shirts online at: <https://getyourstitchoninc.com/collections/lets-unite-for-isabella>. You may also call 970-629-3745 to place your order.

Heifer Gang Clothing Co. is also selling bracelets. \$3 to purchase and \$2 from each purchase will be donated to the Cox family. To order, visit this link: <https://heifergangclothingco.com/products/isabellastrong-wristband>

A Cox Family Donation Account is also set up at the Bank of the San Juans, Account #5106.

There is a virtual silent auction happening now until May 31. To donate or bid on items, visit the Facebook page *For the Love of Isabella - Silent Auction* at <https://www.facebook.com/For-the-Love-of-Isabella-Silent-Auction-104509381803756>.

Rangely Chamber Crab Crack volunteer bartenders including Jeff LeBleu (left) donated his tips to the Cox family. (Bottom) Jeani and Cisco Lucero show off the delicious crab served at the May 14 event.



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- ♥ Purchase a shirt: <https://getyourstitchoninc.com/collections/lets-unite-for-isabella>
- ♥ Purchase a bracelet: <https://heifergangclothingco.com/products/isabellastrong-wristband>
- ♥ Donate to the Cox Family Donation Account, Bank of the San Juans Account #5106.
- ♥ Bid in the silent auction on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/For-the-Love-of-Isabella-Silent-Auction-104509381803756>



COUNCIL CLEAN-UP ...



On May 15 the Rangely 4-H Community Council met for their traditional highway clean up at the intersection of Highways 139 and 64.

4-H SHOOT ...



Mesa County 4-H shooting invitationals were held last weekend outside of Grand Junction. Two Rio Blanco county 4-H members represented Rio Blanco County at the shoot. Zackery Meyers competed in the shotgun competition. Steven Raley (pictured) placed first in the air rifle and third in the .22 hunt competitions.

Community trash clean-up in Rangely May 18-21

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

RANGELY I Town of Rangely Trustees Alisa Granger, Trey Robie, Andy Shaffer, Luke Geer, Keely Ellis, Richard Garner, and Tim Weber met May 11.

Commissioner Ty Gates (attending by phone) reported on the recently passed constitutional sanctuary resolution and a private landowner's resolution that would allow private property owners to remove BLM wild horses from their property using nonlethal methods. Trustee Garner asked if any other county has acted in a similar way regarding the wild horses. Commissioner Gates did not believe any other county had passed anything similar. Gates spoke about the possibility of opening an opiate and mental health treatment center in Rio Blanco County. He also reported briefly about House Bill 1290 saying that Rio Blanco County is at Tier One and that there could be some money involved for the retraining of oil, gas, and coal industry employees.

The trustees unanimously decided to pass Ordinance 694 — changing land use zoning for 2825 Shale Dr. from industrial to county zone. After the ordinance is signed it will take 30 days before it is enacted. There was no discussion from the board or the public in this matter.

During trustee reports Ellis spoke about her visit to Montrose the previous Friday where she toured a solar manufacturing plant and a water treatment plant that uses not only solar but also geothermal energy. She said it was "very impressive" to see in person. Discussions following the past meeting about alternative energy prospects led Tina Carstens and Jocelyn Mullen to begin working on fund-

ing the prospective project. Shaffer said he believes they should keep pursuing this in the community. Resident Don Davidson spoke about the small footprint of this system and said that it could put people to work and secure Rangely's economic future.

Town Manager Lisa Piering reminded attendees that a Facebook page has been set up for Jason and Marybell Cox's (the Rangely Town Clerk/Treasurer) daughter Isabella to assist with costs associated with cancer treatments she is receiving in Utah. The page features a silent auction with many donated items that closes its bids on May 31. You can find the page by searching "For the Love of Isabella-Silent Auction".

Marketing Coordinator Jeannie Caldwell reports that an article came out in Spoke and Blossom about the Town of Rangely. She said it's a great article and about 7,000 people have viewed the article from the Town of Rangely Facebook page. Out There Colorado will have an article about Rangely, specifically about it being the "tire capital" of Colorado. She is working on two professional videos for the town focusing on why Rangely is awesome and why Rangely is a great place to do business. The east end entrance signage will be designed soon. Rangely Main Street and TREAD will be featured in a video by DOLA. Caldwell reports that ROAR had the largest attendance that they have ever had. Typically, they have 20 registrations and this year 90 people registered for the event. She shared that strategic advertising by the town and the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce was credited for its success. Caldwell spoke about Main Street Colorado making a GIS map for Rangely which will be used across the state at Welcome Centers.

Town Manager Lisa Piering complimented Caldwell on what she has done since being hired as the town's marketing coordinator.

Piering reports that department supervisors are staying busy. They are installing meter water pit before starting the main street project this spring. Summer projects are underway and the La Mesa and Main Street and Kennedy Drive projects are kicking off. She updated the trustees about the Rodeo Road fire that started last Saturday.

A community trash cleanup is scheduled from May 18-21. The Rally Colorado and Hill Climb events are returning this year. Rally Colorado events are scheduled June 4-6. Shaffer and Weber volunteered to be involved with upcoming discussions about the wolf reintroductions (CML). An acting DOLA representative will talk about the resiliency and road map of Rangely. Funding is limited but should help with community planning. The American Rescue Plan is rolling out and Piering said she will keep the council updated on the funds available from that. Piering announced that retired Meeker Police Chief Phil Stubblefield accepted the position of lieutenant with the Rangely Police Department and they happily welcomed him back to Rangely.

During new business the April 2021 check register was moved for approval by Weber and seconded by Garner. It passed unanimously.

A special event permit for the Crab Crack was moved for approval and passed unanimously.

Community Garden members and community residents planted the Main Street flowers last Friday. The Trustees thanked René Harden for all of her hard work in organizing the event.

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RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES | Thursday, May 20, 2021



Panther girls finish third as a team

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Despite only having had two track meets so far this season, there are several student-athletes competing for the Rangely High School track and field team who are running, jumping and throwing full steam ahead into the shortened spring season.

Again, the small team of 11 girls managed to pack a lot of power into their performances as they claimed a third place team finish in a meet made up of 15 teams. After winning four events (long jump, triple jump, 800-meter run, 3,200-meter run), Mary Scoggins was awarded the Ben Eastman Memorial Award for Outstanding Female Athlete. Dixie Rhea also made great use of her day, rewriting the Rangely record books as she claimed victory in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.80 to break Tina Hames' 1992 school record. Rhea then went on to win the 200-meter dash with teammate Maya Mercado shortly behind her in third. Mercado won the high jump competition and

sophomore Rylee Allred placed third in the discus.

For the boys, Kenyon Cochran led the much smaller-than-normal team of five athletes with a victory in the discus as he threw 134-8. Timothy Scoggins finished runner-up in the high jump and Colton Noel crossed the finish line of the 3,200m run in third.

"I am pleased with where we are so far in the season. We still have a lot of work to do, but our potential is certainly there. All of the athletes have been working really hard to get better every day, but it's been especially fun to see all the hard work paying off for some of our upperclassmen after missing the chance to compete last year," said head coach Beth Scoggins.

The Panthers will be competing in Grand Valley next Saturday as the school year begins to wrap up.

Mary Scoggins (right) was awarded the Ben Eastman Memorial Award for Outstanding Female Athlete.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO



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Cowboys setting up for good ranking at state



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

(Top) Cooper Main cleared 12 feet in the vault. (Bottom) Jayde Turner ran a leg of the 4x100 meter relay with teammates Shyann Dilley, Sarah Kracht and Emma Luce.

Girls results Demon Invitational
200 METER DASH
29.28 seconds, Aspen Merrifield placing ninth
29.88, Turner, tenth place
4X100 METER RELAY
54.79 seconds, placing third
4X200 METER RELAY
1 minute 59.90 seconds, placing fifth
HIGH JUMP
4 feet, 10 inches, Luce, second place
4-6 Ruby Holliday, fourth place
TRIPLE JUMP
27 feet, 10 inches, Kracht, ninth place
27-3.5, Selle, tenth place
POLE VAULT
7 feet 2 inches, Merrifield, fourth place
6-8, Allison Kobald, seventh place
DISCUS
96 feet, Hailey Knowles, second place

SHOT PUT
25 feet, 4 inches Blazon, sixth place
Boys results Demon Invitational
100 METER DASH
11.53 seconds, Jeremy Woodward, third place
12.28, Porter Hossack, seventh place
400 METER RUN
52.56 seconds, Colby Clatterbaugh, first place
300 METER HURDLES
45.31 seconds, Brendan Clatterbaugh, third place
53.99, Owen Hannemann, eighth place
4X200 RELAY
1:45.77, ninth place
HIGH JUMP
5 feet, 10 inches, Cooper Main, third place
5-8, C. Clatterbaugh, fifth place
5-6, Hannemann, sixth place
LONG JUMP
20 feet, 2.7 inches, Woodward,

first place
17-5.2, Austin Lopez, eighth place
TRIPLE JUMP
41 feet, 1.2 inches, Woodward, first place
38-8.2, Ryan Phelan, third place
34-7.5, Connor Blunt, seventh place
POLE VAULT
12 feet, 2 inches, Main, first place
11-8, C. Clatterbaugh, second place
9-2, B. Clatterbaugh, eighth place
SHOT PUT
41 feet, 5 inches -1.5 Zach Eskelson, second place
Last week, we missed that at the Clint Wells Invitational, Eskelson threw 44 feet and took first place.
35-1.5, Grant Cravens, ninth place

Cowboys beat MoCo Bulldogs 11-9

By TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I After a busy week last week, the Cowboys wrapped it up Thursday hosting the Moffat County Bulldogs in a double header featuring varsity followed by JV. This game, not featured in MaxPreps, is considered a foundation game by CHSAA, giving the boys an opportunity to play without going against innings played or pitches thrown.

The varsity came out on top winning 11-9.
"Liam Deming opened the game pitching and got in a good

inning of work," commented head coach Donald Blazon.

John Hampton Hightower finished the game and sealed the victory.
The JV game went eight innings after regulation play ended in a tie.

"The boys found the will to play hard and want to win," commented Blazon; "Everyone got in and had at least one at bat and got to play defense."

Logan Pozorski opened the game on the mound then Jake Blazon took the team for the next six innings, he had no walks for the evening.



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

By TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Cowboys attended the biggest meet of the year so far last Saturday, the Demon Invitational in Glenwood Springs.

In the field events, "Bella Blazon had a good performance to make the finals at a little bit larger meet," said head coach John Strate. "She has a bright future in the shot."

"On the track the girls showed their inexperience a little bit competing against more schools, but still showed a lot of promise," said Strate. "It was nice to have Emma Luce this week, she cleared 4 feet 10 inches in the high jump and ran a leg of the 4x100 meter relay with Shyann Dilley, Sarah Kracht and Jadye Turner."

The freshmen made progress this week as well. Ainsley Selle improved in the triple jump, and Ellie Hossack "really showed some promise in the 400," commented Strate.

"It is going to be really fun to watch our young girls team improve each week," said Strate, "Many of them are fighting some

soreness and muscle fatigue due the transition from volleyball to track. It is good for a young group to learn how to work through getting into shape."

The boys team was second overall behind Steamboat.

"Second was good considering we did not load kids up with four events as we wanted to get them back for prom," commented Strate.

Highlights were Cooper Main cleared 12 feet in the vault and Colby Clatterbaugh was close behind with 11'8".

"Twelve feet is a great height for this early in the season," said

The Cowboys performed well at the largest meet so far this season in Glenwood. (Above) Zagar Brown.

Strate, "and Colby had a great day on the track winning the 400-meter run; this is the perfect race for him with his combination of grit and speed."

Jeremy Woodward hit 41 feet in the triple jump.

"We really felt like Jeremy would hit this last week, but hitting a jump over 40' this early should put him near the top of the rankings state wide."

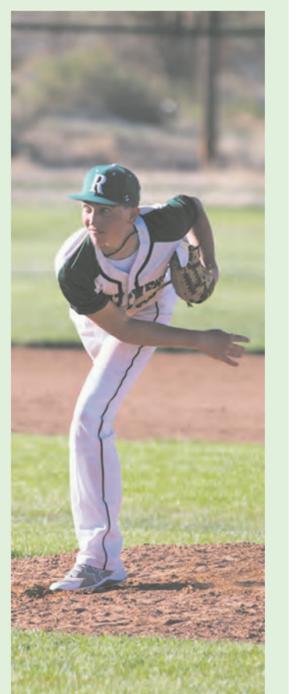
Panthers win two

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Rangely Panthers, eager for a win, took on the Grand Valley Cardinals winning 10-0. Junior Justin Cudo toed the mound for the Panthers in the win. Cudo gave up a single hit on the day in five innings. Cudo struck out six and gave up two walks. The Panthers got it going in the second inning when Ryan Richens went yard for his first home run of the year in his first game back. Luis Quintana, Keihlin Myers and Byron Mackay all drove in runs. The Panthers tallied 10 hits and swiped eight bases for the win. Cudo, Myers and Richens all had multiple hits in the game.

In the second half of a double header with Grand Valley the Panthers kept the bats hot, racking up 13 hits on the way to a 15-0 victory. Cudo, Richens and Quintana all had multiple hits in the game. The Panthers stole 10 bags with freshman Kobey Chism stealing two. Keihlin Myers started on the mound. The righty allowed three hits and zero runs in four innings while striking out eight batters and zero walks. The Panthers are finally getting back key players this week and are destined to make some noise in this very talented league this year.

On Friday, May 14 the Panther JV boys traveled to Craig to take on the Bulldogs. They were very eager to finally get some extended playing time.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The Panthers are scheduled to play at home tomorrow beginning at 11 a.m.

The Panthers took both games 13-4 and 11-9. In this game every Panther got at least one base hit. The young Panthers figured out the Bulldog pitching as they were in double digits in steals. Byron Mackay, Luis Quintana, Kevin Wren and Kobey Chism pitched for the Panthers.

■ **MHS BASEBALL**
May 20 @ Coal Ridge
May 22 @ Olathe - 11am, 1pm
May 25 @ Grand Valley

■ **MHS GOLF**
June 21-22 @ State Golf @ TBA

■ **MHS TRACK**
May 21 @ Coal Ridge
May 25 @ West Grand (Pole Vault)

■ **MHS TRACK**
May 27 @ HOME (Pole Vault)
May 27 @ Meeker (Pole Vault)

■ **RHS BASEBALL**
May 21 @ HOME v. Ignacio - 11am, 1pm

May 28 @ Nucla - 2, 4pm
May 29 @ Olathe

■ **RHS TRACK**
May 22 @ Grand Valley - 10am
May 28 @ HOME - 10am

BMS relay tonight

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Barone Middle School's track team travelled to Craig for the Moffat County meet this past Friday. This meet was not scored separately by age division, but we still saw some good results from our seventh graders: Addie Knowles won the girls discus event, and was third in shot put. Jacey Follman, Jordan Galland, Naomy Villalpando and Addie Knowles took third in the 800-meter medley relay. Aidan Tapia was second in the 800-meter run.

We only had a handful of eighth grade boys competing this week, but had good results there as well. Clay Crawford took first place in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, and 400-meter dash, and Cade Blunt was first in shot put, discus, and long jump, and third in the 200 dash. Bradley

Parish and Tyler Sanders joined those two in the 4x100 relay for second place.

The BMS eighth grade girls also had a good showing, with the top three places in triple jump. Reese Clatterbaugh won the event, Taylor Garcia placed second, and Adi Selle placed third. Garcia was also second place in the 200 dash. Zoe Baldozier took second place in the 100-meter hurdles and high jump, as well as winning the 100 dash. Daya Trabauda was second in shot put. Garcia, Selle, Clatterbaugh and Baldozier won the 4x100 relay, and Garcia, Taylor Schacht, Baldozier, and Clatterbaugh won the 4x200 relay.

Meeker will be hosting the Night Relays Meet this year, Thursday at 5 p.m. Admission will be charged at the gate. We will then be travelling to Steamboat Springs on Saturday, May 22, with events starting at 10 a.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

Scan the QR code to watch the high jump; click in the digital edition.

Meeker girls play back-to-back tourneys

By TIFFANY JEHOBEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker girls golf played River Valley Ranch on Monday. It rained for half of the day making conditions less than ideal. This was a par 72 course, and the home course for head coach Amanda Back.

"The girls did awesome," commented Back.

Jayda May shot a 115 which was 32 strokes better than the last tournament, Wagner Brown shot a 121, improving by 15 strokes, and Vivian Brown shot a 145.

"I am so proud of the girls, they are improving and they are understanding that this game takes patience and that they have to trust the process to improve and get better," Back said.

The following day the team traveled to Craig and played the Yampa Valley Golf Course, which is also a par 72. On Tuesday, V. Brown shot 121, W. Brown shot 129 and May shot 129.



COURTESY PHOTO

Meeker golf played tourneys at River Valley Ranch and Yampa Valley golf courses. Next up will be Grand Junction.

"They did great with their focus playing back to back tournaments, and championed their mental games, staying right in there," Back said. "They are improving immensely and we are going to keep working hard to achieve all the girls' goals. I couldn't be prouder for our

first year and we will keep our momentum going throughout the year."

The girls are seeing some new courses and are looking forward to their next tournament on Friday, May 28, once again playing at Chipeta in Grand Junction.

Strong performance by junior high Panther tracksters

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I On Friday, May 21 the Rangely Junior High School Track team travelled to Craig for the Bulldog Track Invite. The kids competed at a high level and there were many personal bests achieved. The Panthers were led by Ashlynn Ducey who scored 46 points in the meet and had three first place finishes in long jump, 100-meter hurdles and the 200. The Panther girls finished in the top four spots in the long jump. Place winners in that event were Ducey, TyLee Fielder, Miah Wren and Addie Scott. Overall the girls' team scored 111 points and finished third.

The Panther boys had strong performances by all members. James Talbot won the 800-meter and Clay Allred won the triple jump. Chase Cochrane finished second in the shot put, discus and high jump. The sprint relay team of Talbot, Allred, Cochrane and Tristan Scott cut five seconds off their previous best time. The 4x400 relay team of Logan Peterson, Matthew Morgan, Gage Nielsen and Caidenlee French finished second. Logan Benson also competed in the 100 and high jump and achieved personal bests in both events.

MHS SENIOR PARENTS:

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College now enrolling students in new cybersecurity program

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Cybersecurity has joined the list of academic programs available to students who choose Colorado Northwestern Community College in fall 2021 after passing two major milestones — hiring a program director and receiving program approval by the

Higher Learning Commission.

"Our newest program in cybersecurity will offer students the opportunity to receive one or more college certificates; their Associated of Applied Science and several industry recognized credentials for career or further study in one of the most in-demand and highest paying tech sector professions in the nation," said college President

Ron Granger.

For students venturing into, or those wishing to brush-up on skills in computer networking technology, the program will begin with networking fundamentals, principals of information assurance, network security fundamentals and firewalls/network security. New instructor Dr. Rodney Alexander will teach the four classes mornings

and nights this fall.

"We welcome Dr. Rodney Alexander to Craig and the college. He joins us from Hutchinson Community College in Kansas where he was teaching networking and cybersecurity after a long career with the Department of Defense that began when he enlisted and served our country in the military," Granger said.

Alexander, who started in November 2021, quickly established the college as a CISCO

Networking Academy, began setting-up dedicated computer labs, and settling into life in Craig.

"I was surprised to see deer walking the streets in town. Everyone has been very friendly," Alexander said. "We have a lot of work to do to prepare for our first cybersecurity students."

Development of the cybersecurity program is supported by a \$500,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Law under the direction of Attorney General Phil

Weiser awarded early in 2020.

A business industry leadership team composed of people involved in cybersecurity at local, regional and state levels are advising the college on the skills, knowledge and abilities most desired in the profession. Additionally, the board helped to determine the equipment and software needed for learning labs.

"The need for cybersecurity professionals continues to grow, offering opportunities to work locally and also remotely. It's our role to advise the college so that the program aligns with industry to ensure students that graduate from the program are ready to enter the workforce," said Tim Osborn, chair of the cybersecurity BILT Advisory Board and Operations Manager for the Craig Station.

Cybersecurity is the practice of defending computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from malicious attacks. Cybercrimes such as identity theft, phishing, and ransomware attacks are on the rise and so is the need for people to help prevent them. Now more than ever, companies, and government agencies need help to protect their networks and sensitive information.

The profession offers a high-paid option to traditional employment opportunities. Northwest Colorado won't be the first region to turn to the high tech sector in a transition from coal, as the Appalachian region saw a similar transition about a decade ago with the growth of companies like Birtsource in Pikeville, Kentucky.

"We're a region filled with practical inventors, accidental entrepreneurs, makers and doers that use their skills to get their work done. When we reimagine that work in another context, it's not so hard to believe that some coal miner will have what it takes to be the coders and cybersecurity professionals of the future," said Kathy Powell-Case, Dean of Career Technical Education for the Craig campus.

The next step is qualifying the program for federal financial aid eligibility. Program development is on-time and on-budget with enrollment for fall classes open now.

"We're on-track with our plans to hold the first classes in Craig in the fall of 2021. We're excited to welcome Dr. Alexander to the team. And we're grateful for the hard work of our BILT advisory board, Attorney General Weiser and the community for their outstanding support," said Keith Peterson, CNCC Vice President of Instruction.

For more information and to register for classes visit: www.cncc.edu/cyber

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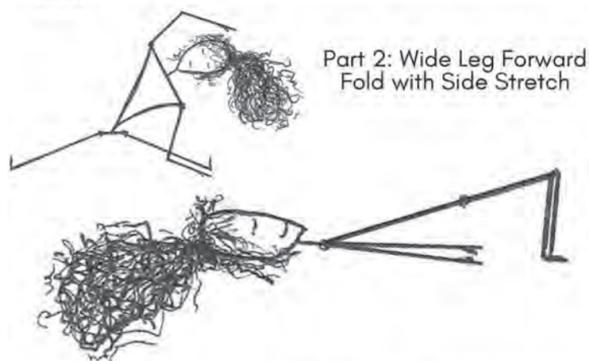


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1. Lengthen through the crown of your head, tucking your chin in just a smidgen to straighten out your cervical spine; stand, sit, or lay flat.
 2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
 3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.



This next pose is called Bridge and is the third and last in this three part series that allows us to sink and relax into the floor as well as stretch and strengthen our side bodies and spine.

From your Wide Leg Forward Fold lay yourself down onto the floor and bend your knees bringing your heels in towards your rump. Tuck your shoulders behind you to open up your chest, then with your next inhale lift your hips high finding length through your front body and squeezing your thighs towards one another to keep your core and pelvic floor engaged. Exhale to gently release one vertebra at a time back down to the floor.

Continue to inhale and lift, exhale to release back down.

Understanding your property valuation



What is a Reappraisal?

- Property is valued every two years for property tax purposes
- According to state law, only sales from the study period can be used to value residential property
- Property is valued as of an appraisal date –June 30, 2020

In Colorado, all properties are re-valued every odd-numbered year —this is called a reappraisal. When a property is reappraised by the Assessor’s office, we estimate the market value as of the appraisal date, which is set by statute as June 30 of the preceding year. The appraisal date for the 2021 reappraisal is June 30, 2020. In even numbered years property values stay the same unless a change has occurred to the property.

Colorado law requires that residential property be valued using sales from a specific time frame. This time frame, known as the “study period,” is a minimum of eighteen months, and may extend up to five years prior to the appraisal date. We cannot include transactions that occurred after the time frame in our analysis. The Rio Blanco County Assessor’s Office provides tools and publications on our website so that property owners can research their value. One example is the Property Database, which shows a sales history as well as other properties for comparison purposes. Another example is the yearly Sales Book which provides information regarding area sales.

Your Notice of Valuation (NOV)

On May 1, the Assessor’s Office mails each property owner a notice of the appraised value of their property. After receiving your postcard, we recommend that you visit the Assessor website to review your property characteristics and study period sales in your area. Remember, the total value stated on your Notice of Valuation is an estimate of your home’s worth on June 30, 2020. Total value does not necessarily reflect market value.

Understanding your 2021 Notice of Valuation

Sales used for analysis during the reappraisal process are valid, arm's length transactions. Rio Blanco County uses an 18-month cycle to ensure that all sales are considered and that we have an accurate view of our market trends.

PREVIOUS DATA COLLECTION PERIOD	CURRENT DATA COLLECTION PERIOD	MOVING FORWARD ... DATES TO REMEMBER
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2017-2018	2019-2020	2021-2022

Your Rights of Appeal

If you feel that your valuation is incorrect after reviewing sales and characteristics for your property, you may appeal your property valuation to the Assessor between May 4 and June 1. Assessor level appeals may be filed by mailing back the appeal form that is part of the NOV postcard. You may also meet with an appraiser and appeal in person (by appointment only). Regardless of the method you choose, each appeal receives careful consideration and review. Be sure to include any information you have gathered in your research to support your appeal. The assessor will make a decision and mail a Notice of Determination to you on or before June 30.

If you still disagree with the Assessor’s valuation, you may file a written appeal with the County Board of Equalization (CBOE) on or before July 15. Hearing officers are appointed by the County Commissioners to administer the cases and provide a recommendation for each appeal. The Board schedules and completes their appeals by Aug. 5. Written notification is mailed within five business days once the Board has approved recommendations made by the hearing officers.

Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Tax Exemptions

Seniors over 65 who have occupied their home as their primary residence for over 10 years as of January 1 qualify for a state funded property exemption. For those who qualify, 50% of the first \$200,000 of actual value of the home is exempted from taxes, this reduction is noted on the homeowner’s tax bill. Qualifying senior citizens must submit their application to the Assessor’s Office prior to July 15. Once approved there is no need to reapply. Forms are available on the Assessor website.

A similar exemption is available for Veteran’s who have been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as 100% “permanent and total” disabled. Application for this exemption is made to the Division of Veterans Affairs, however the application and other important information are also available on the Assessor website.

How are Residential, Vacant & Commercial Property Taxes Calculated?

Property Tax Calculation Examples

Residential Property Taxes

$$\text{Home Value} \times \text{Assessment Rate} = \text{Taxable Value}$$

$$(200,000 \times 7.15\% = \$14,300.00)$$

$$\text{Taxable Value} \times \text{Mill Levy}/1000 = \text{Taxes Due}$$

$$(14,300 \times 59.231/1000 = \$847.00)$$

Vacant or Commercial Land Property Taxes

$$\text{Vacant/Commercial Land Value} \times \text{Assessment Rate} = \text{Taxable Value}$$

$$(200,000 \times 29\% = \$58,000.00)$$

$$\text{Taxable Value} \times \text{Mill Levy}/1000 = \text{Taxes Due}$$

$$(58,000 \times 59.231/1000 = \$3,435.40)$$

Visit the official web page of the Rio Blanco County Assessor:

<https://rbc.us/152/Assessor>

You can search properties by:

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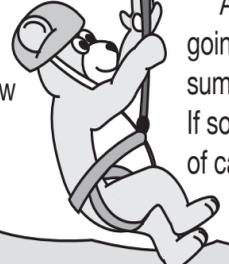
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We can't wait to meet...  ...the other campers in our groups.    Kids: color stuff in! 

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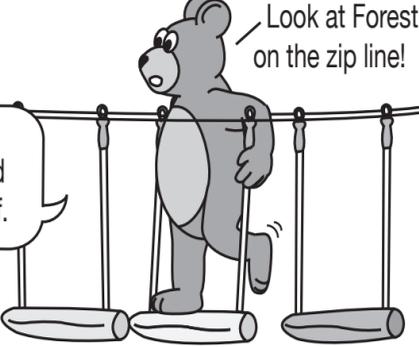
Camp has so many new activities to try!



Are **you** going to any summer camp? If so, what kind of camp?

Off to Summer Camp!

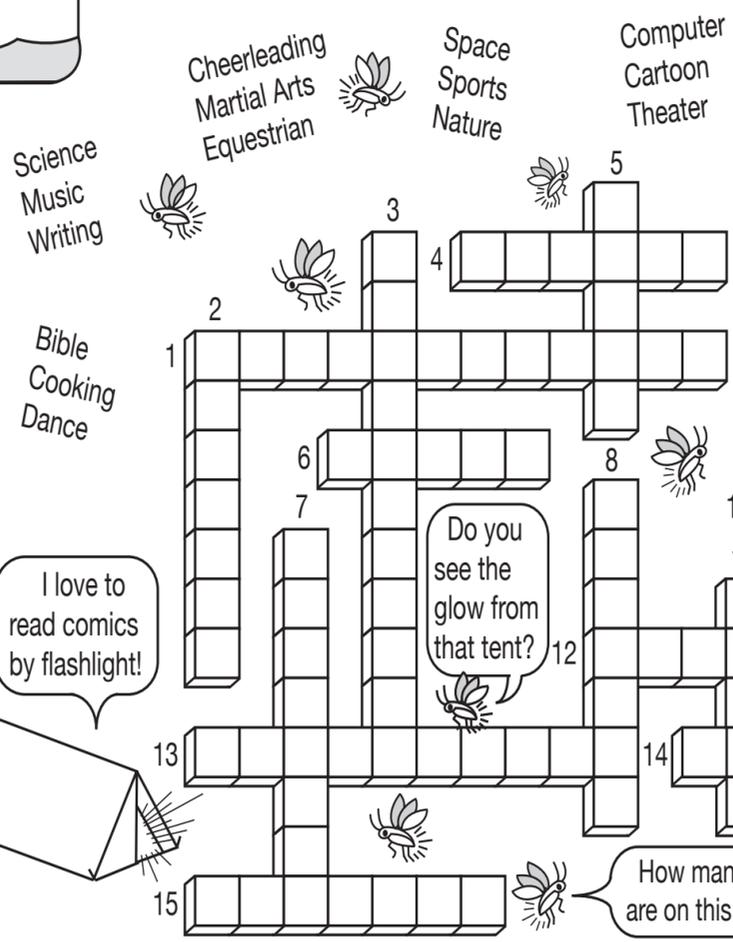
Chitter and Chatter are going to go to day camp. Forest and I are going to overnight camp for two weeks. Chitter and Chatter only need to bring their lunches each day, but Forest and I must pack more stuff.



Look at Forest on the zip line!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with the names of different kinds of camps:

1. stunts, cheers, competitions
2. kitchen safety, recipes, pans
3. defense exercises, sparring practice
4. canoeing, hiking, fishing
5. lessons, practice, recitals
6. study, singing, praying
7. programming, gaming, web site building
8. brainstorming, stories, editing
9. flight simulation, mock launches
10. swimming, basketball, soccer
11. ballet, hip hop, jazz
12. costumes, acting, shows
13. horses, riding, shows
14. experiments, rockets, robots
15. drawing, comics, animations



Cheerleading
Marital Arts
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Space
Sports
Nature

Computer
Cartoon
Theater

Science
Music
Writing

Bible
Cooking
Dance

I love to read comics by flashlight!

Do you see the glow from that tent?

How many fireflies are on this page?

Fill in the blanks below to help Forest and Glade make their list of things to bring to camp:

1. __ oo __ hbrush
 2. sh __ __ ts
 3. fla __ __ __ ight
 4. hair __ __ __ __
 5. t __ __ __ ls
 6. so __ __ s
 7. pill __ __
 8. __ tamp __
 9. j __ ck __ t
 10. h __ __
- w s s c r
u b o e r
e o h l a k
t s o h s



What?
I can do the dog paddle, but this is fun.

I'm trying something new!

What are you doing, Echo?



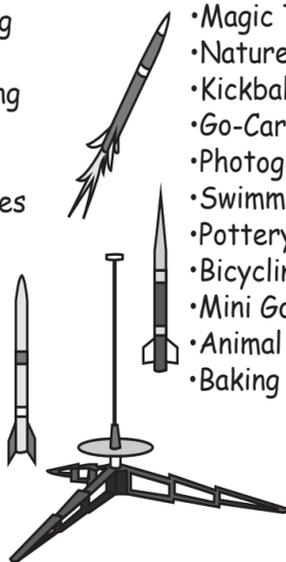
Hey guys! Pull harder! Forest is as strong as a bear!

Eeeeeek! Look out for me. !!!

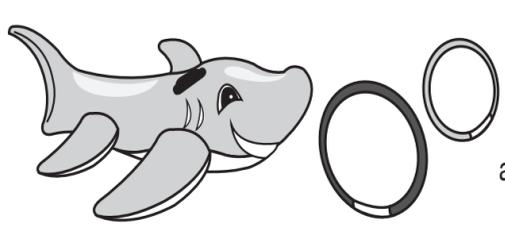
No kidding!

Ugh!

Hi Mom and Dad,
I love camp! I have made lots of friends. We are so busy all the time swimming, making crafts and learning new activities. I even made you a puzzle. **Can you find and circle all of these activities that I have tried this year?** I can't wait to see you!
Love, Forest

- Capture the Flag
 - Playing Cards
 - Horseback Riding
 - Scrapbooking
 - Model Rockets
 - Catching Fireflies
 - Spooky Stories
 - Roasting Marshmallows
 - First Aid Class
 - Magic Tricks
 - Nature Walk
 - Kickball
 - Go-Carts
 - Photography
 - Swimming
 - Pottery
 - Bicycling
 - Mini Golf
 - Animal Care
 - Baking
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- Hey! When did you find time to write home?

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Ready For Fun at Camp!

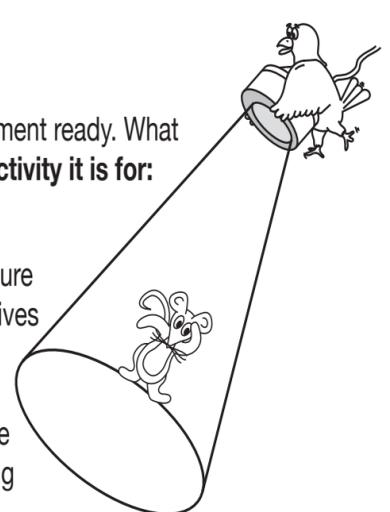
When you show up for your next class, the camp counselor has the equipment ready. What activity are you going to do? Draw a line from each equipment list to the activity it is for:

- 1.) plastic lacing, popsicle sticks, buttons and glue, macaroni
- 2.) tennis racket, baseball bat, soccer ball, basketball hoop
- 3.) script, stage, spotlight, curtain
- 4.) bows, arrows, wrist guards, targets
- 5.) keyboard, monitor, mouse, software

- A.) Theater
- B.) Computer
- C.) Crafts
- D.) Sports
- E.) Archery

- 1.) kickboards, diving toys, whistle
- 2.) bowls, spoons, ingredients, pans
- 3.) rocks, fossils, volcano models
- 4.) canoes, kayaks, safety vests
- 5.) fingerprinting, magnifying glass

- A.) Water Adventure
- B.) Detectives
- C.) Swim
- D.) Earth Science
- E.) Cooking



THEME: SCREEN-FREE PLAYTIME

ACROSS

1. Ivory, in the bathroom
5. Letter of the _____
8. Kiln for drying hops
12. Marine eagle
13. Muffin Man's Drury
14. Zest
15. Landlord's collection
16. Chieftain in Arabia
17. Frequently precedes "nonsense"
18. *Tabletop fun (2 words)
20. Passage in a coal mine
21. Clear the whiteboard
22. Sean's mom Yoko
23. Alpine structure
26. Slabbered
30. Clothing border
31. Incense burning container
34. Gauche or Droite, in Paris
35. In a frenzy
37. Unagi
38. Fancy necktie
39. Eye protection, sing.
40. Not dangerous to health
42. Dwight the President
43. Worked the dough
45. *Screen-free message
47. Hairpiece, slangily
48. Libra symbol
50. Buenos _____
52. *Dirty hobby?
56. African prairie
57. Like family lore
58. Don't let it hit you on your way out
59. *Ten-pin establishment
60. Challenge
61. Purse to match a gown
62. Lake of Scottish lore
63. *Between 'game' and 'match'
64. Deliver a tirade

DOWN

1. Belgrade native
2. Dessert sandwich
3. Pavlova, e.g.
4. Tube-nosed seabird
5. Tibetan priests
6. Japanese cartoon
7. Used to be
8. *Explore the great _____
9. _____ spumante
10. Editor's mark
11. Craggy peak
13. Official emissary
14. Bird-deposited fertilizer
19. Same as schlock
22. Famous Bobby, on ice
23. *Sidewalk art medium
24. Macho man
25. *Tell jokes, e.g.
26. Sub station
27. Permissible
28. Extract a memory, e.g.
29. Try to prevent
32. It's not a want
33. _____ Bernie Sanders, abbr.
36. *Guessing game
38. Administer an oil
40. "Don't make me _____!"
41. With pleasure
44. Full of bunnies?
46. Full of gentleness
48. Ranees's wrap
49. *Macrame or wood carving, e.g.
50. Expunge
51. Bodily disorders
52. Hermes and Apollo
53. 'I' in Greek alphabet
54. Person, place or thing
55. John Wayne's "True _____"
56. Delivery vehicle

CROSSWORD

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DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
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- The river went down rapidly during the past 10 days.
- School closed yesterday with very credible entertainment at courthouse hall.
- Ezra Flemming made it to town with about 400 head of cattle he purchased from the San Luis valley.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

- The senior class presented the community with the play "Old Days in Dixie" at Dunham Hall.
- Under new game and fish law whitefish may be caught at any time of the year now that they are classed with suckers and squawfish.
- The weather conditions for the track meet last Saturday could not have been better even if they had been specially ordered.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

- J. O. Weiland, Dick Moyer, and Jim Brown sworn in to their chairs as new members of the Meeker School Board.
- Rev. Daniel Newman was the Baccalaureate speaker for the graduation class of 1971.
- The White River Museum was very popular this week with three third grade classes from Rifle visiting. While the 4th and 5th grade students from Silt visited Friday morning.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

- A group of teens from Craig went on a crime spree in Meeker. First stealing Louis Adam's truck then breaking into and stealing multiple vehicles, including breaking into a police officers car.
- The county's drug sniffing dog Xaro gave a drug demonstration to the elementary school this last week.
- Tom Kourlis, the state agriculture commissioner, addressed a citizens group about developing new predator control regulations for the state.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

- Karen Anderson was selected as the Queen of the Little Buckaroo Rodeo and Junior Riding Club. Jana Lee Nickson was chosen as first attendant and Kathy Caldwell as second attendant.
- Part of the stolen goods taken from Peacock's Store last October have been recovered from a field near Rangely. A number of rifles, shotgun, pistol, cameras, radios, etc. were taken from the store last fall.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

- A routine cut on an oil transportation trailer that belonged to Ace West Transportation burst into flames after an employee took a cutting torch to it believing it had been cleaned out.
- Noel Crown and Joel Hogan were honored for their long-time service to the Re-4 School District after the board accepted their retirement.
- The annual Rangely Canoe Race will be held on May 27th, sponsored by the Outback Adventure Club of CNCC. Teams will canoe 58 miles down the White River.

Fire preparedness: are you ready?

Advance Preparation Checklist

- ❑ Prepare an emergency plan using the five P's—people, pets, prescriptions, papers and priceless items should all be accounted for.
- ❑ Assemble an emergency kit (<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html>)
- ❑ Clear away all flammable vegetation from within 30 feet or more of your home. Also, clear 10 feet from propane tanks.
- ❑ Cut plywood covers for glass doors, windows, and vents.
- ❑ Stack firewood away from your home and garage.

When Fire Threatens Checklist

Outside Your Home

- ❑ Seal up attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood.
- ❑ Remove containers of combustible trash from the area.
- ❑ Have garden hose hooked up and ready for use.

Inside Your Home

- ❑ Close all windows and doors. Also close interior doors to prevent circulation of air and movement of fire from room to room.
- ❑ Remove lightweight curtains from windows as they may ignite from heat radiation. However, heavily-lined drapes or venetian blinds pulled down will help keep out heat. If there is time, move all flammable furnishing to the center of the room away from glass windows and doors.
- ❑ Gather up your pets so you do not have to search for them at the last minute.
- ❑ Make sure your emergency kit is assembled and ready to go with you in the event you are evacuated.
- ❑ Keep your radio tuned to a local station for reports and evacuation information.
- ❑ Check your emergency plan and make sure all preparation is done and/or accounted for.
- ❑ Fill bathtub, sink and/or containers with water.

Your Car

- ❑ Park your car in garage headed out.
- ❑ Leave the keys in the ignition.
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- ❑ Know where you are going in advance.
- ❑ Evacuate to a safe location.



Ahsoka Tano: Corruption is what happens when someone in power puts their own personal gain before the interests of the people they represent.

Cadet: So it's a result of greed?

Ahsoka Tano: Yes. A leader sacrifices moral integrity for the sake of money or power. Entire star systems have collapsed into chaos or revolution because their greedy politicians got caught up in a cycle of bribery and blackmail while their people suffered.

Cadet: Does that mean most government officials are corrupt?

Ahsoka Tano: No, but the point is that temptation is always there, and citizens must be vigilant so corruption can't take root. The deadliest enemies of a society dwell within its borders, and from these internal threats, the people need to be protected.

Cadet: But if you don't trust your leaders, isn't that treason?

Ahsoka Tano: It's every citizen's duty to challenge their leaders, to keep them honest, and hold them accountable if they're not.

Cadet: How do you do that?

Ahsoka Tano: By exposing corrupt officials for what they are. Lasting change can only come from within.

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

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Cherry-picking data clusters to suit an argument, or finding a pattern to fit a presumption.

Example: The makers of Sugarette Candy Drinks point to research showing that of the five countries where Sugarette drinks sell the most units, three of them are in the top ten healthiest countries on Earth. Therefore, Sugarette drinks are healthy.

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