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**SPLAT ...**



Meeker celebrated the last farmers market of the season last Friday. Something Rotten! cast member Jesse Yarbrough took tomatoes for the team as part of a fundraiser for Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (top) and WREA hosted their annual member appreciation dinner with Navajo tacos prepared by Meeker Lions Club (third from top), free gifts and giveaways, like an electric lawnmower which went to the Braaten family (left).

CAITLIN WALKER/BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTOS

**FOR ISABELLA ...**



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTOS

On July 15 Rangely residents enjoyed a concert at Elks Park by Lendon James and the Highway 34 Band with a mission to raise money for Rangely fifth-grader Isabella Cox, who has been fighting B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia in Salt Lake City since April. Benefit organizer Steve Osborn reports \$4,800 was raised from the donations by concertgoers. A big thank you goes out to event sponsors Big D's and the Smuts Family, Chill Mortgage, Urie Trucking and Urie Rock, Tina Carstens and Lisa Piering.

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# COUNTY BEAT *Changes at DHS questioned by former staff*

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC |** In a special meeting last Thursday, July 22, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners discussed providing a letter of support for work performed by dual-county Department of Human Services Director Tia Murry. Murry, hired in January 2021, splits her time 60/40 between Moffat and Rio Blanco counties.

Commissioner Ty Gates said while he understands the challenges involved in fulfilling a dual-county role, he had an issue providing a letter of support for an individual employee and not for the entire department.

Commissioner Jeff Rector said hiring Murry was an effort to help solve some of the problems faced by DHS over the years.

"The reason we did this collaborative effort with Moffat County and Rio Blanco

County was to hire Tia to kind of help some of that stuff out, and if we don't do this letter right now, we're giving staff that ability to tell that director or the board of county commissioners what they want done," Rector said.

Gates voted against approving the letter, Rector and Commissioner Gary Moyer voted in favor.

The meeting was interrupted several times by an individual who called in to listen but failed to mute his phone.

Also on the agenda was an intergovernmental agreement between Moffat and Rio Blanco counties. Gates moved to table the agreement because the agreement had not been received. According to County Attorney Don Steerman, Moffat County had not had an opportunity to review the memorandum.

After adjourning the meeting, former RBC DHS Director Barb Bofinger and former DHS caseworker Michelle Reese, who

both recently resigned, asked for an opportunity to comment on the letter of support, saying there was no opening for public comment.

On advice from Steerman, the board reopened the meeting to allow Bofinger time to comment. She said she agreed with Gates that the letter should be a letter to the community about the county's support of the department, not just the director. Bofinger went on to add that the decision to hire Murry was made in October 2020, something she learned from a conversation she overheard in the parking lot at the county building in Rangely between former County Attorney Todd Starr, Rector, and former commissioner Si Woodruff. When she asked about her job security, Rector told her he and former Moffat County Commissioner Don Cook had decided together to pursue the dual-director position for the benefit of both counties. Bofinger said she still has unanswered

questions about whether the move is the best way to utilize taxpayer dollars, what support measures were implemented for DHS in the last two years and particularly in the last 10 months, and whether the board had spoken with any DHS staff members about the needs of the department.

Rector questioned why Bofinger wanted to "bring all this to light" now that she has resigned, to which she asked the commissioners to review a letter she sent to the board in January.

Moyer said the board had the correspondence, but that the special meeting was not an appropriate time for debate, and adjourned the meeting a second time.

As of Monday, a second approval of the intergovernmental agreement between Moffat and Rio Blanco counties had been removed from the regular meeting agenda.

## Commissioners hear solar array proposal from Spectra Solar

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**RBC |** Solar power could be available for county buildings, if the commissioners decide to move forward on a proposal heard Tuesday. James Talley from Spectra Solar LLC, a Georgia-based company, presented information to the board in a work session. Talley said he had been working with Commissioner Jeff Rector.

Spectra puts together renewable energy systems "that make sense," combining solar, battery storage and natural gas generation to meet an entity's energy requirements. The goal proposes cost savings on utilities, which Talley said cost savings for the eight county-owned sites — four in Meeker and four in Rangely — that his firm reviewed were estimated at about \$62,000 a year.

According to Talley, the system would supply up to 60% of the power supply, with the remaining energy needs supplied through the local power companies.

Commissioners asked whether Talley had been in contact with White River Electric Association and Moon Lake Electric Association, expressing some concern about how the proposal would affect the two member associations.

In other work sessions, the commissioners discussed waiving the fee for disposal of a trailer for Paul Vinzant.

Meeker Police Chief Eddie Thompson presented a request for a sixth patrol vehicle. The town currently has five vehicles for six full-time officers and has been having trouble with reliability and repairs on existing patrol

cars. Commissioner Gary Moyer said he did not believe the request met the definition of an emergency — or unforeseen — expense, such as the funding granted for the purchase of pesticides to address the Mormon cricket outbreak.

Commissioner Ty Gates said he did see the need for a sixth vehicle for the department as fitting the emergency funding requirements, and that he did not believe it would set a precedent. The request will be added to a future agenda for a decision.

Budget and Finance Director Janae Stanworth presented details about the proposed supplemental budget, which includes unanticipated revenue and unplanned expenses received so far this year. Details are in the resolution which was approved during the regular meeting Tuesday. You can view the resolution at <https://www.theheraldtimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/RBC-Resolution-No.-2021-16.pdf>.

Jason Anderson, working as an independent contractor for MindSprings, asked the board for feedback on what MindSprings can do to be more efficient and effective. Commissioner Gates said finding a bed for someone on a 72-hour M1 hold, and transporting patients, and ongoing treatment once patients are released, are ongoing concerns. County Attorney Don Steerman said he believes MindSprings would be a "good partner" for family services, and DHS Director Tia Murry told Anderson both Moffat and RBC are having trouble with a lack of local providers.

Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District

Director Alden VandenBrink said the White River is finally being included in the Upper Colorado River Endangered Species Recovery Plan, which should be a benefit in water use planning in the future, as the plan includes development for agriculture, energy, and storage.

VandenBrink said it "took a significant negotiation effort" to get the Wolf Creek storage project attached to the programmatic biological opinion.

### REGULAR MEETING

In response to a citizen's request last week, commissioners approved a letter to the Clerk and Recorder requesting any Dominion election equipment or software upgrades be delayed "until sufficient information regarding the integrity and certification of this action are received."

According to a memo sent last week from Judd Choate, Director of the Colorado Secretary of State's elections division addressing "false assertions" concerning the voting system upgrade, the upgrade "follows both federal and state regulations."

Commissioners approved a "general release" to resolve "issues and claims" regarding an livestock accident at Columbine Park in which a horse was killed. The county agreed to pay \$2,500.

A corrected agreement with Downstream Services for litigation support was approved, along with a letter of permission to the Town

of Meeker granting the Lions Club permission to serve alcohol at the Meeker Mustang Makeover and Jammin' Lamb.

RBC Treasurer Rhonna Waldref asked the board for direction regarding real estate property tax liens. According to Waldref, the state statute has changed, allowing counties to put properties into a tax lien sale after three years. Currently there are 14 properties the county is "endorsing" that are over the three year limit, most of which are mineral rights related.

The commissioners agreed that the properties should go up for sale in November.

Honnen Equipment was awarded the bids for a backhoe and three loaders. After trade-in value are accounted for, the equipment will cost the county \$56,600.

In other business, the board approved agreements with Connet Wireless for colocation of services on the Little Beaver Tower, which is expected to take some of the demand off the Oak Ridge tower; Behavioral Health and Wellness to provide mental health services through DHS for eligible youth and families (\$20,000); and the Rangely Junior College District for scheduling a coordinated election.

The board also approved a resolution approving the Rios single lot creation and rezoning to rural residential. The property is off Hwy. 13, and RBC Planner Leif Joy said the planning commission recommended approval.

## Cowboy poetry coming to Trappers

By HT STAFF  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The first Annual Cowboy Gathering on the Mountain will be held at Trappers Lake Lodge Friday, July 30 at 6 p.m. The poet line-up will include Terry Nash and Kyah Westbrook and musicians performing will be Peggy Malone, Daron Little, and Caitlyn Taussig. Bring your lawn chair, a jacket, an appetite for a home-cooked meal from The Lodge and your soul to be filled. Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cowboy-gathering-on-the-mountain-tickets-162587332087>.

We asked the Trappers owners a few questions about the new event. Here are the responses.

**Q: Whose idea was it to start this event/how did this idea come about?**

I (Kaysyn) attended a Cowboy Poetry with my Mom (Becca) that was held in the Meeker High School Auditorium and fell in love! I chatted with Ellene Meece to get all these great folks together and thought that Trappers would be a wonderful setting to host such an event! I always thought it was a great idea but it wasn't until I met one of our new teamsters, Kyah Westbrook, that I

really started moving forward with it. She arrived on property and humbly informed us that she writes poetry. She presented us with her poem book of which she had published and printed. We started selling her books out of the General Store and one day I sat down to read it through. My eyes welled through some of her verses... She wants to keep our way of life alive; she gets it and loves this adventure. She inspired me to host an event in which we can all get together to laugh, listen and travel back in time through word and song.

**Q: Is it similar to past cowboy poetry events held in Meeker?**

It will be very similar! Just a different scenery. Although, we did not get any professional whistlers this go around.

**Q: What are you most excited for with this event?**

The atmosphere that Trappers Lake Lodge provides. Kicked back cowboy, western evenings!

**Q: Why did you want to host an event like this?**

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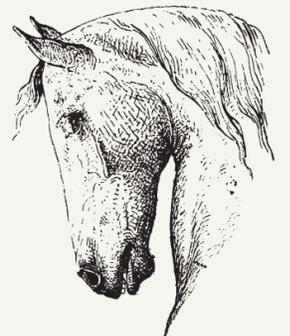
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# NEWS NOTES

## Library book club Aug. 9

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Library book club will be reading "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee. We will discuss the book on Monday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the library. All are welcome to join in the fun.

## Frisell, Morrison live at the TANK

**RANGELY** | On Saturday, Aug. 28 at 8 p.m., in the high desert of Colorado, guitarist and composer Bill Frisell and the filmmaker Bill Morrison will charge the Tank's extraordinary structure with a live sound and image performance. Exploring its history as an embodiment of the American West, Frisell will create an original score and Morrison will project film images on the stark landscape and the sides of the seven-story tower — an unforgettable experience for a select audience. Seating under the stars with a view of the projected visuals and a 7:1 Meyer Sound audio array. Purchase tickets at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5118738>

## Register for the BBQ cookoff

**RBC** | Do you know good BBQ? Register now as a chef for the RBC Backyard Cookoff during the Rio Blanco County Fair on August 6! **NEW CHANGES:** the registration fee has been lowered to \$25 for one meat and \$50 for two! The cookoff will have a two meat (chicken & ribs) competition and People's Choice Category for a chance to win! Prizes total \$3500 and will be awarded for first, second and third place. The people's choice award winner will receive a custom-made cutting board. The "Kids Q" competition allows young chefs (under 16) to show off their grilling skills for a chance to win a cash prize! Join in the fun and taste to vote for your favorite at 5:30 p.m at the RBC Fairgrounds. Call the Chamber of Commerce for details and to enter today, 970-878-5510.

Free legal clinic

**MEEKER** | Parties without and attorney can access free legal assistance from volunteer attorneys on Wednesday, Aug. 11 from 2-5 p.m. Contact Meeker Public Library at 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet.

## Old Timers will return in 2022

**RBC** | RBCPA (Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association) Announcement After going two years without an Old Timers dinner dance, a plan is in place to make sure there is an OT celebration next year (2022) on June 5, the first Saturday of June. According to the current plan, on Sept. 4, 2021, there will be a "bring your own picnic lunch" evening at 4:30 p.m. at the Circle Park picnic area (near the new fish pond). Those who will be in attendance at the picnic will make up the membership needed to conduct business and approve changes to procedures and rules for next year's June meeting. During the September meeting the OT association is asking for help from the members to select next year's chairman and vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and historian. If you would like to volunteer for any of the positions before the fall meeting, contact Roberta Watt 970-220-2247, or Daryl LeFevre 307-272-0763.

# GLOU GLOU ...



A ribbon-cutting for Glou Glou, the latest evolution of Blanco Cellars and The Little Cheese Shop was held last Thursday. Glou Glou provides a casual outdoor dining experience area to gather and socialize at 317 East Market Street.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Here we go again

*The burned hand teaches best. After that, advice about the fire goes to the heart.*

~ J.R.R. Tolkein

By NIKI TURNER  
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We're apparently very slow learners. A year and a half into a global pandemic we're circling around into another wave of illness thanks to a variant of COVID-19. This shouldn't come as a surprise. We were warned, and we've watched it unfold with heartbreaking devastation around the world. If we thought we were immune because we're "special," the virus is proving that line of thinking for what it is: delusional.

Case counts are spiking again around the country, but particularly in areas like ours where the vaccination rate is low. We're seeing more hospitalizations, and more serious illness in younger people.

Now the powers that be are talking about mask-wearing again. (Like they're going to be able to put that cat back in the bag.)

So it appears that we've reached that painful point all parents come to when raising toddlers and teens (basically the same thing in different-sized bodies, with bigger consequences)... the tough love season.

As someone has said, we are free to make whatever choice we want, but we are not free from the consequences of the choice.

That's a hard, hard lesson to learn. So here we go, again. May the odds be ever in your favor.



KAYE'S CORNER

Thank you, fiber optic internet

By KAYE SULLIVAN  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I We citizens of Rio Blanco County have our issues, but one thing we can be proud of is our state-of-the-art fiber optic internet system. Yup! Our technology is considered the go-to model. Local officials get contacted frequently to learn how other communities can get what we have.

Lest we take this convenience for granted, may I share with you what it is like to travel and survive on old fashioned systems so slow, they might as well been dial up. I remember the early internet days when phone systems carried the load and were as slow as molasses.

After a month of intermittent, extremely slow Wi-Fi services at every campground, and no service at many. I am grateful to be home where I can log on in a few seconds and virtually never suffer slow internet service or random disconnects.

So, how in the world did little Meeker and Rangely become hotspots for this new-fangled thing called "fiber optics?" Turns out, being small and remote means the mega Colorado front range organizations supplying internet options didn't think we were big enough to be worth their investment.

Score one for the little guy. A few years ago, forward thinking community leaders made a huge commitment to alter the infrastructure and run fiber optic lines up and down our alleys with free connections to houses. As well, lines were laid to nearby communities.

What is fiber optics and why is it so great? Fiber strands, smaller than one hair, made of glass, are encased and installed below ground, thus all the trenching operations to get it going. Because it is buried, fiber optic connections are not affected by weather.

Current fiber cable is expected to last up to 100 years, does not need updating, is incredibly speedy and reliable. Get this! If you have a fiber disconnect, it is likely a dog chewing on the line or people stomping on it where it goes from the ground into your house.

Locally, we have an extremely high customer/user rate, about 85% of those

eligible. In rural RBC, fiber is not yet an option due to the high costs of trenching long distances. But these connections are in the hoped-for future if funding allows.

In Rio Blanco County, our large public services such as the hospital, schools, and government (including EMS services) benefit us all without further taxes to repair or upgrade prior internet systems. Further, a central server handles all the connections, so each facility does not require its own server, maintenance, and hence more costs.

And we serve as a hub to nearby communities, a multi county support as other small, western towns ramp up to implement fiber optics. There's also support for the new FAA system at the airport and cellular providers.

All these services are maintained by Trevor Nielsen, IT Director at RBC and his staff of five. In addition, they oversee all the additional county IT needs.

The initial install of fiber was paid for by a combination of county taxes, grants, and matching support from the State of Colorado. It is primarily a within town limits service. If you purchase a house with existing fiber connections, you get that just like the plumbing.

Via anecdotal stories, it does seem that some people have moved to Meeker because of the outstanding internet service making remote working feasible. Schoolchildren, businesses, and all of us who have shopped or communicated endlessly online during Covid should be thankful for such a reliable service.

I recently read about the internet challenges in metro Denver and thought, small can be better. Yes, out here on the western slope, being rural and small often works in our favor.

*With grateful thanks to Trevor Nielsen, IT Director and Carly Thomson, Public Affairs for Rio Blanco County and their contributions to this article.*



Kaye Sullivan

LOOSE ENDS

"Out of Order!"

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I "Out of Order! Do not use or you will be trapped," the paper posted on a stall in the public restroom proclaimed. It seems that some of the signs posted in the small, roadside businesses catering to tourists have had to resort to improving their signage. It seems their old signs ensuring public safety are being ignored.



Dolly Viscardi

Perhaps the people who are on the road after staying home for months on end are sick and tired of anyone restricting them. They found it hard enough to follow the public health mandates. Now that more of us are out and about, you might hear disgruntled folks taking issue with all sorts of public safety rules that were made long before this worldwide pandemic.

Business owners have learned that to survive and keep their businesses open, they will be held accountable for not ensuring the health and well-being of their customers. The old signage has to be more

than the original two or three word warning. Apparently something transpired during the week I was traveling, as when I stopped at the same convenience store on my return, a bigger, more readable sign was posted on the same stall door. It was no longer a handwritten scrap of white paper. The bold black capital letters were computer generated and the size of the font used commanded attention.

OUT OF ORDER  
DO NOT USE  
OR YOU WILL BE TRAPPED  
IF YOU TRY

I surmised that the first sign required some adaptation. I also made some assumptions about Jane Q. Public's behavior. The management might have had to extricate more than one or two women from the stall after they had tried to escape by sliding under the door. Apparently neither store management nor customers were standing down.

The variations on the sign were not only posted for the owner's protection (think lawsuits), but for the health and safety of the public (again think lawsuits).

As more city and country folks stretch out of their range to reach more accessible goods and services, our patience has decreased. These quick stop places for food and gas have had to resort to changing tactics. Since their latest customers have been let out of lockdown, no one trusts anyone.

Most everyone appreciated knowing that something was amiss simply with the use of those three words — "Out of Order!"

The use of many more words of caution makes the business owner feel more safe and less liable. Yet, who would have thought that the last three words would have encouraged even the most patient people to resort to a show of bad behavior. "IF YOU TRY" had the same effect as "Go ahead, I dare you." I expect to see the stall door removed by the time I go on my next trip.

**WATER PLANNING ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable (YWG BRT) brings diverse water users and stakeholders together to work on strategies and objectives that meet the water supply gaps within the Yampa, White, and Green River Basins. The Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) is the guide for all members of the BRT to use in developing strategies and objectives. The BIP has eight main goals with related objectives for each goal.

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- Active in the development of the Programmatic Biological Opinions within the basin
- Supported the Rio Blanco WCD Water Plan Grant for Wolf Creek Reservoir
- Helped fund the Maybell Ditch headgate improvements
- Work with stakeholders within the basin (DWR, Yampa River Fund, Conservation Districts) to ensure existing water rights are kept

**Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable**  
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Meeker School District board encourages COVID vaccinations

Dear Editor:

School will be starting soon. We anticipate a full year of learning in our classrooms, but the coronavirus persists in our community and it may yet disrupt activities. Following established public health recommendations, we encourage eligible students to be vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus for the beginning of this school year along with the normal childhood vaccines already mandated. Immunization, by all the available evidence, is the best measure to assure that schools will remain open, that students will be able to participate in normal activities, and that kids can keep learning.

We understand that some parents are skeptical of vaccination, and we fully acknowledge the right of parents to decide what they deem best for their children. We encourage parents to consult with their family doctor for advice. The school district has no current plans to require COVID vaccination, but we strongly encourage it for the protection of individual students, their classmates, and our staff.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.  
Meeker School Board

OBITUARY

Kathy Darlene Slaugh

Oct. 17, 1959 ~ July 23, 2021



Kathy Slaugh

Lifetime Meeker resident Kathy Darlene Slaugh died peacefully on Friday, July 23, 2021, at her home in Meeker. She was 61.

A memorial service celebrating Kathy's life will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 31, 2021, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Meeker. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery.

Kathy Darlene Soper was born the daughter of Keith and Darlene (Evenson) Soper on Oct. 17, 1959, in Meeker, Colorado. Kathy spent her childhood and attended public schools in Meeker.

Following school, Kathy married Allen Slaugh on Dec. 11, 1974, in Meeker. To this union, a son and daughter were born. After several years of marriage, the couple later divorced.

While the children were growing up, Kathy helped her grandma Evenson clean cabins at the Evenson Ranch in Meeker. Her most important role was becoming a loving mother and a devoted grandmother. In her spare time, Kathy enjoyed crocheting, sewing and learning new hobbies. Kathy was also an avid bowler and enjoyed playing on a league for many years. Above all, Kathy loved spending

time with her family and close friends.

Kathy is survived by her son, Allen Slaugh of Vernal, Utah; daughter, Rachel Willey and her husband Tobey of Meeker; and one sister, Kim Laing of Bend, Oregon. Kathy is further survived by six grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents; and her grandson, Tayler Slaugh.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Kathy's memory to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Meeker.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to RBC Fire department, BLM Fire crew, and our neighbors for the fast response and getting the fire on our ranch out fast.

Ryan & Kelcee Vroman and  
Paul & Renae Neilson

Amack earns honor roll distinction at University of Kansas

**MEEKER I** Annelise Amack of Meeker has earned honor roll distinction at the University of Kansas for the spring 2021 semester. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.

Mobley Presidential Scholar at Colorado Mesa University

**MEEKER I** Alicia Mobley of Meeker has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement as a Presidential Scholar at Colorado Mesa University for the Fall 2020 semester. Mobley earned a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Rule graduates University of Wyoming

**MEEKER I** MEEKER | Chase Rule of Meeker has received his Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from the University of Wyoming at the completion of the spring 2021 semester.

Congratulations

Dan and Linda Bosick  
on your 40th Anniversary!

Dad and Mom,

I am so proud to call you my parents. You are the best parents a child could ever ask for. Thank you for always being there for all of us. I hope you both have the best day ever.

Thank you and I love you.

Juanita ♥

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The Fifth Commandment: The Law Concerning Authority (2)

By Dr. J. D. Watson

Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church



Dr. J.D. Watson

**E**XODUS 20:12 declares the fifth commandment of the Moral Law: **Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.** As we have noted, for each of the 10 Commandments, we look first at the Old Testament commandment, second, The New Testament counterpart, and third, the combined confrontation.

The Old Testament Commandment

Pastor and expositor Warren Wiersbe comments here: "In a world that worships and imitates youth and uses 'assisted suicide' (euthanasia) to eliminate unwanted old people, this commandment sounds like an echo from a time warp." Indeed, this commandment is totally alien to our culture, an outdated concept from another era. But God commands that we honor parents and respect all those we call "senior citizens" nowadays. "The [gray] head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Prov. 16:31).

**Honour** translates the fascinating Hebrew word *kābēd*, "to be heavy or weighty." As the adage goes, a person's opinion might "carry a lot of weight," indicating that he or she is important or influential. Similarly, when we refer to someone as a "heavyweight," we mean they possess power, prominence, or stature. As we see in many verses, God, of course, is "heavy," that is, powerful, and is worthy of honor, glory, respect, and obedience (Deut. 28:58; Ps. 50:23; 86:9, 12; Prov. 3:9; etc.).

How significant and sobering it is then that this word is used of parents as it is of God, for they are His representatives in the home. Their offspring are, therefore, commanded to *recognize* that fact, *respond* to it openly, and then *respect* it in obedience. As commentator Adam Clarke rightly warns, "For a considerable time parents stand, as it were, in the place of God to their children, and therefore rebellion against their lawful commands has been considered as rebellion against God." Parents are there to lead,

guide, teach, admonish, and warn, and young people had better listen. To rebel against parents is to rebel against God Himself.

This honor is first given to the **father**. The Hebrew *āb* "apparently is derived from such baby sounds as *abab*" and includes the ideas of the head of a household, ancestor, patron of a class, benevolence, respect, and honor. Because it is also used of God as well as a human father, the place and importance of the latter is all the more pointed. The parallels here are striking. *First*, a father *begets*. Just as God gives us life, so the earthly father gives life through procreation. *Second*, a father *teaches*. We are to "hear the instruction of [our earthly] father" and learn doctrine, wisdom, and God's law from Him (Prov. 1:8; 4:1-4; 5:1). From where do we get our spiritual Father's instruction? From God's Word alone. *Third*, a father *disciplines*. As an earthly father corrects his child because of love (Prov. 3:12; Deut. 8:5), so God our Father "chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. . . for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" (Heb. 12:6, 7; cf. 2 Sam. 7:14). Yes, discipline is painful, but it brings us back to obedience. *Fourth*, a father *provides*. Just as our Heavenly "Father knoweth that [we] have need of these things" and He will provide them when we seek Him (Luke 12:28-31; cf. Matt. 6:9-11), our earthly father provides his child's every need (and even our "wants" if they are with the right motive; cf. 1 Tim. 6:17 and Jas. 4:3). *Fifth*, a father passes on his family name. As one's family name is a precious thing, God has given us names that should be precious to us. Each of us is a "saint" (Phil. 4:21), a "Christian" (1 Pet. 4:16), and a believer (Acts 5:14). Let us live up to those names' lofty standards even more than we would our earthly sir name.

We hope you will visit our website ([www.TheScriptureAlone.com](http://www.TheScriptureAlone.com)), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files. You are also invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is: "continu[ing] stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

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# Emergency wild horse gather of West Douglas Herd

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** To protect the health of wild horses and rangelands, the Bureau of Land Management began an emergency wild horse gather on July 26 on the West Douglas Herd Area about 20 miles south of Rangely in Rio Blanco County. The BLM plans to remove the entire estimated population of 450 wild horses from the herd area, state and private land.

Extreme drought has limited forage production and water resources for wild horses, and the nearby Oil Springs Fire has burned critical summer habitat and limited access

to water sources.

"This emergency gather will prevent further deteriorating body condition of the wild horses in the area due to limited food and water," said White River Field Office Manager Bill Mills. "The removal of excess wild horses over the next few weeks will protect the rangelands and reduce impacts to sensitive animal species and adjoining private properties."

Since 1975, the BLM White River Field Office determined the West Douglas Herd Area was not identified for the management of wild horses. The BLM will conduct gather operations using drive trapping which has been proven effective in these areas. The gather is expected to last approximately 19-25 days.

When possible, the media and public will be allowed to observe the gather when safety requirements have been fulfilled and without negatively impacting the agency's ability to gather horses. The BLM has established the West Douglas Herd Area Gather Info Line at 970-673-7768 for an update on the next day's gather activities, meeting times, and location.

For information about the West Douglas Herd Gather, visit <https://blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/gathers-and-removals/colorado/2021-west-douglas-herd-area-emergency-wild-horse-gather>.

For more information on BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program, visit [BLM.gov/WHB](https://blm.gov/WHB).

## 25 new COVID-19 cases

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** As of Monday, July 26, there were 25 new COVID-19 cases in the county in the last week. There were four new hospital admissions in the last week (July 18-25) and two were still hospitalized as of Monday. According to the RBC Public Health Department, approximately 20% of new COVID-19 cases require hospital admission.

Approximately 37.7% of eligible residents have received at least one dose of vaccine. Rio Blanco County ranks 56th in the state for vaccination rates.

Walk-in vaccination clinics (no appointment necessary) are available in Meeker and Rangely for the general public age 12 and up. Public Health can also facilitate on-site clinics for businesses and organizations on request.

### IN MEEKER:

**Fairfield Center (200 Main St.) Walk-In:**  
• Moderna (18 and up): Thursdays 12-5:30 p.m.

• Pfizer (12 and up): Fridays 2-4 p.m.  
Please call 970-878-9520 with any questions.

### IN RANGELY:

**Public Health Walk-In (101 E. Main across from the library)**

• Moderna (18 and up): Thursdays 12-5:30 p.m.

• Pfizer (12 and up): By appointment only. Please call 970-878-9525 with questions or to schedule Pfizer dose.

\*Pioneers Medical Center is currently offering walk-in clinics for Johnson and Moderna vaccine on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon or 2-4 p.m.



**A CDPHE vaccine bus provided free Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer shots Monday, July 26 at Meeker Town Hall (345 Market Street.) Anyone who received a vaccine dose was entered to win a \$100 Walmart gift card.**

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

### TESTING

Testing for COVID-19 is recommended for all symptomatic individuals (please see CDC website for list of symptoms), and all individuals who are exposed to a known case. If you have no symptoms, but have been exposed, it is advised to test 5-7 days after your last known exposure, or as soon as possible after you begin to develop symptoms.

In Rio Blanco County, free antigen and/or molecular testing is available by appointment for all citizens at both Meeker and Rangely Public Health. We also perform travel and pre-surgical testing.

## Meeker School District's COVID guidelines

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**MEEKER I** The Meeker School District's Board of Education held a special meeting Monday to approve the verbiage of a letter to be sent to parents next week regarding COVID-19 mitigation for the 2021-22 school year.

A handful of parents were present to take a position against mandatory masking or COVID-19 vaccinations for students.

The district's position is that masking will not be required, but notes it is encouraged by the CDPHE as a guideline, and that

COVID-19 vaccinations will not be mandatory for district students.

As stated last year, the district's overall goal is to keep students in classrooms and keep schools open.

Meeker High School Principal Amy Chinn reminded the board that the school has no say over requirements for extracurricular activities, and that rules in other communities may differ from rules in Meeker. The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) has not issued 2021-22 guidelines for virus mitigation during extracurricular activities yet.

## Range Call Royalty tryouts

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Are you interested in representing Rio Blanco County as a member of the Range Call Royalty team? For junior royalty, if you are turning 5-12 anytime in 2021, tryouts are Aug. 21 starting at 9 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds in Meeker. No horse is required. The speech topic is "The History of Range Call Rodeo." If you are turning 9-18 in 2021 and have a horse, the speech topic is Animal Welfare in Rodeo and tryouts are Aug. 22 starting at 9 a.m., also at the Fairgrounds. For more information and to get an application, call or text Karolyn at 970-433-3250 or email [kwakefield@my.com](mailto:kwakefield@my.com).

## LDS church service project July 31

Special to the Herald Times

**CRAIG I** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Craig Colorado Stake will hold a service project July 31 to help at the Winding River Ranch in Grand Lake, Colorado, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hand work and light duty cleanup will include using magnets to recover nails and other metal debris. This effort will be centered on the riding arena area and is suitable for ages 12 and up. Volunteers should contact Corey Trail at 970-531-7564 in advance so he can arrange lunches and assign volunteers to the appropriate work site.

# Do you have concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine?

It's no secret—moms have one of the most important jobs in the world. You keep your family well-loved, happy, safe and so much more. On top of all that, it's up to you to make the best health decisions possible for your loved ones. This can be scary and confusing, especially in times like these.

Are you worried about the COVID-19 vaccine and how it might affect you or your family? If so, we'd love to hear your perspective!

## Please share your questions and concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine.

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



# Rangely trustees oppose Book Cliffs Highway project

By **KATIE KING**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** On Tuesday, July 13 at the Rangely Town Board of Trustees meeting, Grand County (Utah) Commissioner Trisha Hedin spoke to encourage the Town's participation in a call to action in opposition to the Book Cliffs Highway.

The Book Cliffs Highway is a \$300-400 million dollar infrastructure proposal that aims to connect the Uintah Basin to I-70 near Cisco, Utah. It has been on and off the table since the 1980s when it was stated as necessary to assist in extractions transportation. More recently, it is being proposed by the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition as an "ease of tourism traffic" from Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area and Dinosaur National Monument to the Mighty 5 National Parks in Southeast Utah. Hedin stated, "We don't

need more tourism traffic, we're good." Another publication wrote that Moab is drowning in tourism. "This road will also divert tourism away from communities in Utah and Colorado that are working to increase tourism." - Mary McGann, Chair Grand County Commission. Currently, traffic from the Uintah Basin has two routes to I-70. SR-191 through Utah or Colorado SR-139 from Rangely to Loma. The Book Cliffs highway is also claimed to save travelers in time yet is estimated only 27 minutes of travel in either direction. In 2019, the annual average daily traffic count through Mesa County/SR-139, was 680 and the truck traffic count was 110. These travelers pass through Rangely and purchase gas, food and may even stay the night.

While pass-through traffic is not the bulk of Rangely's economy, it is a strong portion and an addition to the need for tourism to continue Rangely's growth and sustainability.

Currently and historically, Rangely has been supported by the extraction industry. The boom and bust oil economy creates challenges in affordable housing for oilfield workers and retaining valuable talent in the teaching, hospitality and small business fields. In 2019, the town employed 163 in the accommodation and food services industry. The population also holds a 12.3% poverty rate.

A Better City Economic Development Strategy phase I report highlights the common goal of the Rangely community is "a desire to expand tourism by leveraging the area's expansive network of ATV trails." "The Chamber [of Commerce] has been proactive on this subject and has applied for grants that would fund a campaign to enhance trail markings." The

Book Cliffs highway could be detrimental to current economic plans and the Town's needs to continue investing in its values and gifts.

"The Book Cliffs region is widely known as a crown jewel of the Colorado Plateau, full of critical high-quality wildlife habitat, ancient rock art, and cliff dwellings, thousand-year-old trees, and spectacular scenery. Wildlife enthusiasts largely oppose this highway recognizing how much negative impact it will have on the fish, elk, deer, buffalo, mountain lions, and bears that occur there," McGann also stated. Highway construction would require the use of eminent domain as part of the area is home to a private ranch whose owners also strongly oppose the highway. The SCIC continues to push this project despite its claimed com-

mitment to fiscally conservative values and freedom from an overreaching government.

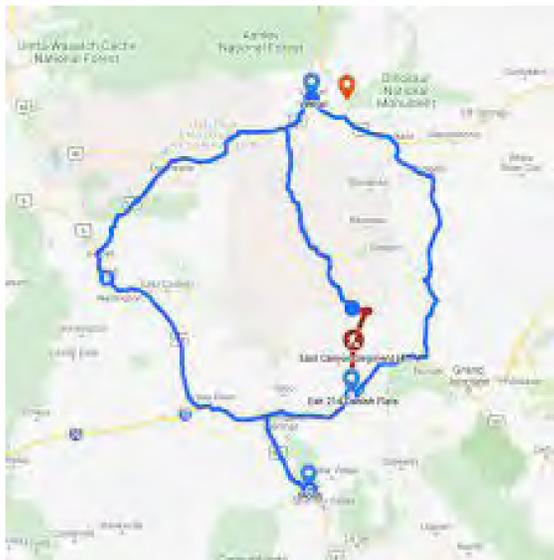
Commissioner Hedin offered several ways Rangely residents can join Grand County in protest of the proposal.

- Contact both the Governor of Colorado and the Governor of Utah.
- Contact your state representatives.
- Michael Bennet, Senator

<https://www.bennet.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/write-to-michael>

- John Hickenlooper, Senator
- <https://www.hickenlooper.senate.gov/>
- Join the Rural Utah Project in opposition—<https://ruralutahproject.org/work/>

Contact the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition and ask to speak at their next public meeting on Aug. 20, 2021, <https://scic-utah.org/>.



**A proposed new highway in Utah connecting the Uintah Basin to I-70 could have dire consequences for tourism development in western Rio Blanco County.**

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## CORRECTION

**RBC I** In last week's coverage of the Rio Blanco County Commissioners meeting, RBC Assessor Renae Neilson was quoted as saying the state plans to change the personal property tax exemption amount from \$79,000 to \$50,000. The corrected amounts are \$7,900 and \$55,000. For taxpayers this means personal property valued under \$55,000 will be exempt from personal property taxes. For the county, this means a reduction in tax revenue, although the state has promised to backfund the difference.



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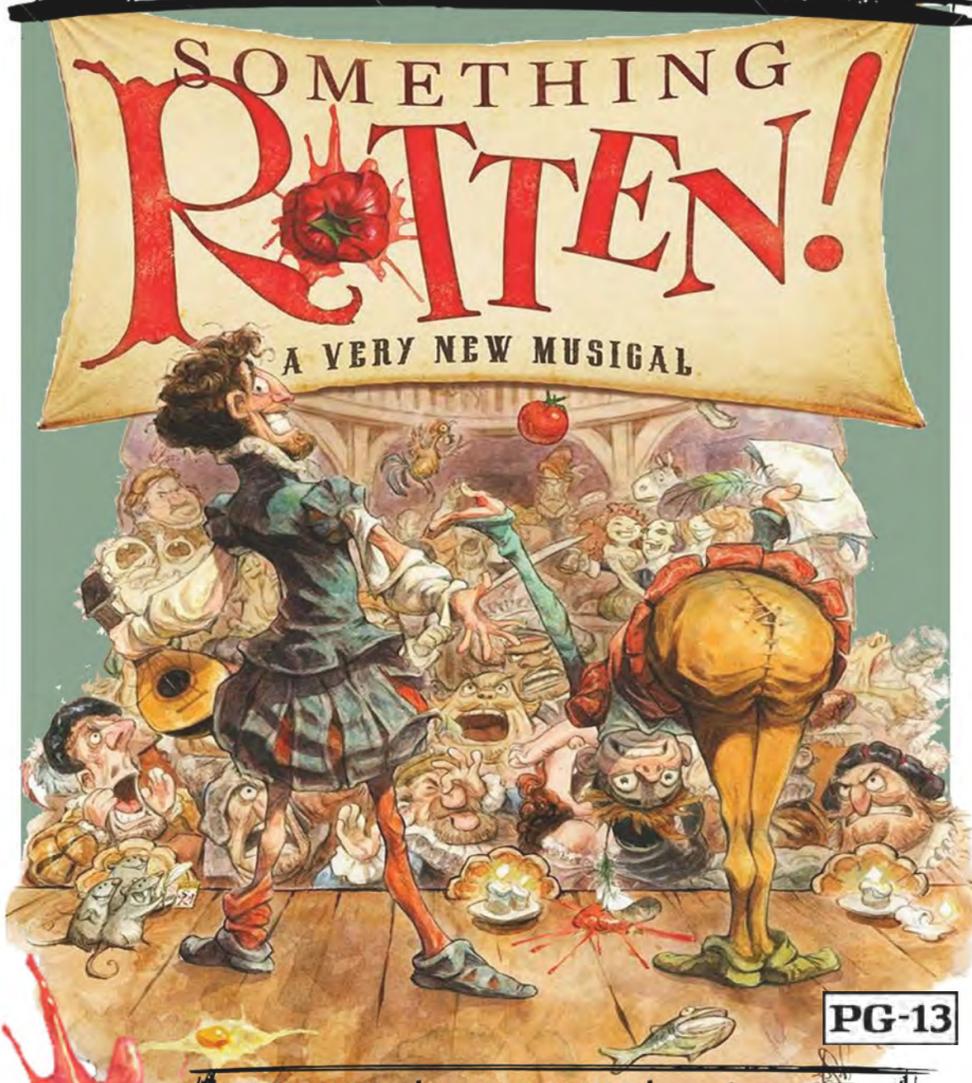


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# STATE OF THE RIVER

## Part Three: Algae bloom effects cause frustration, uncertainty

BY LUCAS TURNER  
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**RBC I** This week, the HT conducted interviews with Alden VandenBrink, manager of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District; Bob Tobin, a former USGS hydrologist and water quality expert; Dr. Bob Dorsett, White River Alliance member; and Callie Hendrickson, White River Conservancy District Executive Director.

This is part three in an ongoing series covering the state of the White River. You can find parts one and two at <https://www.theheraldtimes.com/?s=state+of+the+river>.

### ALDEN VANDENBRINK

"It makes life extremely hard down here," said Alden VandenBrink, manager of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy district, in an interview with the HT earlier this week. As someone who works directly with landowners on the lower White River, VandenBrink sees the impacts of algae blooms firsthand.

"There have been some instances where pumps have burned up, and then we lose the ability to properly irrigate, or divert water if it's for the town of Rangely," he said, emphasizing just how hard the algae has been on local residents over the years, particularly agricultural users. "Two years ago one rancher just threw his hands up in the air — an irrigator — and he just said, 'I'm done, it's not worth it for me anymore.' That's hard."

The impacts of algal overgrowth on agriculture are one pillar of the broader economic and quality-of-life impacts caused by major algae blooms. The Town of Rangely, after spending more than \$8 million to upgrade their water treatment system, was then immediately forced to cope with hundreds of pounds of algae clogging intake screens, forcing town employees to dedicate hours to clearing the screens multiple times every day. Recreational users, who in the past enjoyed the benefits of the river year round, have had to "hang up their rod and reels" when algae arrives, according to VandenBrink, who also pointed out that you wouldn't want to float the river on a tube, paddleboard or anything similar during thick algae blooms. "It sticks all over you, gets all over your body, and it's gross," he

said. VandenBrink's frustration and desire to address the causes of algae was evident as he recounted more stories of residents who have been severely impacted in one way or another since blooms first started in 2014. "Something triggered that to happen, what it was I couldn't tell you. But there was an event-based cause, it was not there any previous years, ever," he said.

Although having a clear memory of the timeline of events can offer a valuable clue for identifying potential causes, VandenBrink noted that there probably won't be a "smoking gun" since a variety of factors are likely contributing to the problem.

Even in 2014 specifically, he noted that a possible water release from Lake Avery, construction projects in the river, fish feeding, pond return flows, land use changes related to irrigation, forest fires, and climate impacts like drought and high temperatures were all present at the time. Most if not all of these factors persist to this day, along with the algae. Unfortunately, factors like low streamflows/high temps are much more difficult to address, regardless of how they contribute to algae blooms. For this reason VandenBrink hopes the final report from the USGS algae study will inform "best management practices." He emphasized that better awareness for private landowners should be a key component of that effort, particularly for activities that could be adding nutrients to, or generally degrading the water quality in the river.

"We also have to get our landowners that are directly impacting our river, somehow, to understand that what they're doing is changing how that ecosystem works," he said, adding "something's gotta change, because what we have here is not sustainable, nor is it right to see the additional expense we've got ranchers and irrigators on the lower White River system having to go through to put water on the ground."

### BOB TOBIN

"Rivers to me, they're sort of like the arteries in the human being, they tell a lot about the health of the system," said former USGS hydrologist and water quality expert Bob Tobin, reflecting on the current state of the White River.

Tobin has been described by other

stakeholders and local experts as having one of the more well-informed perspectives on the river, historically speaking, given his prior work analyzing water quality, hydrology and other related subjects.

Tobin's general perspective on the potential causes for algae blooms is a fairly common one amongst water quality experts. He believes "nutrient loading" (specifically of phosphorus and nitrogen) are likely playing a major role in driving algae blooms.

"I've worked on streams in both California and Ohio, and here in Colorado, and I can tell you that once nutrients reach a certain level in these river systems, unless there's something in there's that's controlling [it], under normal circumstances you will start to get algae blooms," he said.

Nutrient loading in rivers above a certain amount can upset a delicate balance, and so they're oft-cited as one of the primary causes of algae blooms. Unfortunately, finding and identifying the source of nutrients is not always as straightforward as it might seem. Tobin told the HT that a variety of factors can influence even the most rigorous studies, such as sampling methodology, varying kinds of nutrients in the category of "nitrogen" (like nitrite, ammonia and organic nitrogen,) and specific methods of analysis that can lead to skewed results. Despite these challenges, however, Tobin reiterated that nutrients, in his opinion, "seem to be a major player."

Adding to this view are the opinions of experts studying similar algae blooms in other parts of the country. Montana's Gallatin River is an example of a river that has seen severe filamentous green algae blooms since at least 2018. Sampling and analysis of the Gallatin revealed the river contained unnaturally high levels of man-made nutrients, particularly nitrogen. In response, community members including riverfront landowners in the Gallatin basin initiated efforts to work towards restoring the health of their river:

- Education/outreach efforts to landowners along the river about leaky/damaged/old septic systems and how to fix them, along with information on not flushing certain waste products, strategies for conserving water etc.
- Examining major nutrient sources and developing strategies to mitigate them in a way that worked for landowners and the health of the river
- Geo-engineering work along de-vegetated streambanks to restore the natural "filter" created by vegetation, which keeps more nutrient rich runoff out of the river system
- Creation of a centralized water treatment system to consolidate waste from formerly isolated septic systems along the river

"Anytime humans inhabit a river basin, they are gonna have impacts on it," noted Tobin, pointing out that given significant development along the upper White River in the last several decades, he's "not surprised that there are algae blooms going on."

Montana's Smith River has also seen algae blooms for at least the last 5-6 years, and though studies are ongoing, work to identify the cause has primarily focused on nutrient loads, with scientists collecting samples from dozens of sites over the last two years to get a clearer picture of where nutrients may be coming from. Scientists noted that nutrients can come from both manmade and natural causes, including erosion/runoff from phosphorus-rich sediment layers laid during the last ice age which were not previously exposed.

### DR. BOB DORSETT

Dr. Bob Dorsett describes the state of the river as "really worrisome" especially when discussing the subject in the context of a prolonged drought, and white river stream flows below the 25th percentile, which has been going on a year now. He pointed out that "if the flows were normal, all these factors wouldn't make a lot of difference."

Dorsett emphasized that however significant nutrient loads are in triggering the algae overgrowth problem, the blooms are most likely also heavily influenced by the low streamflows, which he noted are a secondary effect of increasing tempera-

tures. Shallower water means more sunlight reaches the streambed, allowing for increased photosynthesis in algae.

In a similar vein, spring runoff has also been examined as a strong factor in blooms, as high-flow runoff events create a "tumbling" effect that sends rocks down the river, which can scrape off algae from the prior year. For this reason low flows can have a significant detrimental impact on the season's algae bloom as fewer rocks are "tumbled" and less "scraping" takes place on the streambed. Dorsett confirmed that this phenomenon, applied to structures in the river that impede or slow down flow velocity could have a similar effect in reducing the amount of algae that gets naturally scraped from the streambed.

Dorsett spoke to the urgency of the issue, stating that "algae blooms are not unheard of in the historical past" but the persistence of blooms for more than five years now could be having cumulative impacts. "Algae can suffocate everything else in the river" he said, noting one unique change in this year's algae bloom is large amounts of sediment coming down the water column, which he said was "smothering" macroinvertebrate populations.

On the subject of insects in the river, insecticides and related matters, Dr. Dorsett said there is some evidence that certain caddisfly species can limit algae growth, which is why insecticides like permethrin, which kill all insects, might increase the severity of blooms. He reiterated that the evidence on the subject was minimal as of yet, and said he'd like to see more rigorous analysis on the subject moving forward.

### CALLIE HENDRICKSON

White River Conservancy District Executive Director Callie Hendrickson has been at the center of the algae issue since at least 2017, when more community members became involved in seeking a solution to the problem. Since then, Hendrickson and other conservation district staff secured funding for a study by USGS, organized the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to include multiple stakeholders and entities, and facilitated public meetings about the issue. Since that time, Hendrickson's stance on causes of algae blooms remains firmly in waiting for the USGS final report, which comes out later this year. "Many people have an opinion on what is causing the algae. No one has the data to verify their opinion. Our expectation is that the USGS study will have the data to verify any potential cause. It may be one primary thing but it is much more likely that it is a combination," she said.

Hendrickson also pointed out "We have to remember this algae is growing in many rivers across the country so we don't expect a specific practice in the White River to be the primary cause."

Hendrickson also noted that high streamflows in 2019, compared to lower flows in 2018 and 2020 have offered a diverse data set for USGS scientists to work with. She also addressed the primary challenge the process has faced, which is that "we would like to know sooner than later but we have to collect multiple years' worth of data."

Hendrickson was unable to answer questions about the cost of the study at the time of the inquiry, noting that she'd have to check specific numbers when she was back in the office. The original estimate for cost was just over \$260,000.

The final report from USGS is expected by the end of 2021 and will be made available on the White River Conservation District website, [whiterivercd.com](http://whiterivercd.com)

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As part of this ongoing series we will look into more of the impacts of algae blooms in western Rio Blanco county, speaking with USGS scientists, examining the extent of river hydrological changes on the upper White River, and more.

If you have any questions about this reporting, suggestions, or otherwise please email [lucas@ht1885.com](mailto:lucas@ht1885.com)

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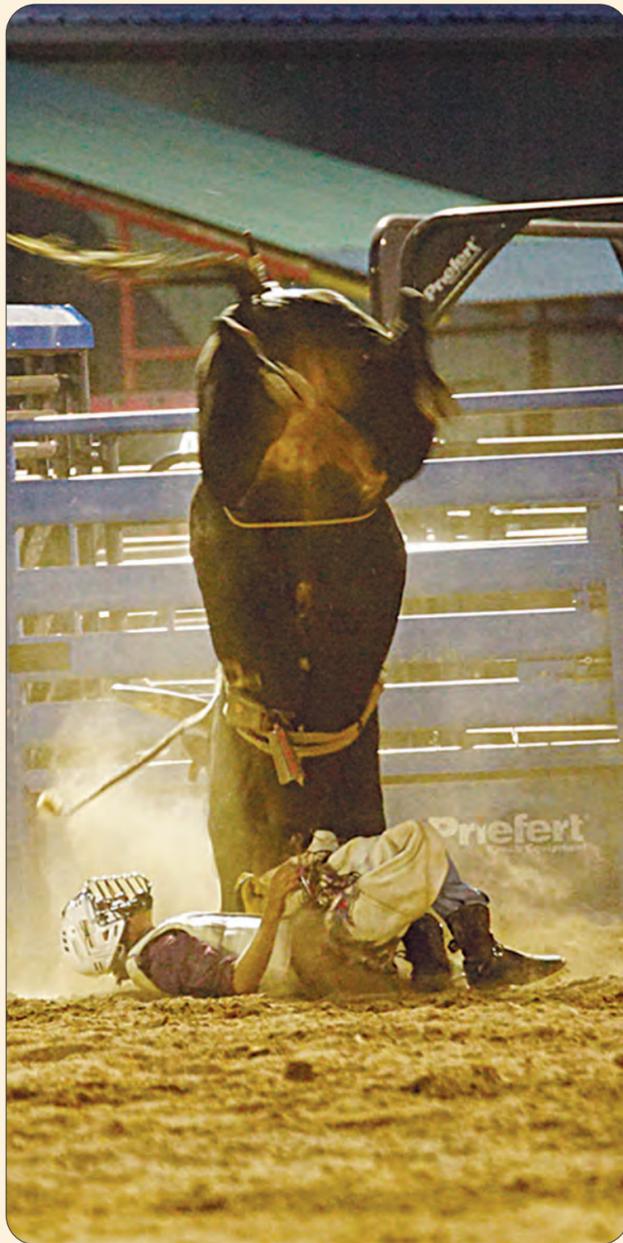
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**Saddle Bronc**—Ty Ivey  
**#8 Team Roping**—Ryan Vroman/Lenny Klinglesmith  
**Mixed Team Roping**—Lori Ann Klinglesmith/Cade Blunt  
**#11 Team Roping**—Joe Wood/Kash Atwood  
**Open Team Roping**—Joe Wood/Brett Watson  
**Jr/Sr Team Roping**—Leah Wood/Joe Wood  
**Dally Ribbon Roping**—Cody Edinger/Ty Ivey  
**Open Breakaway**—Paula Cooper  
**Ladies Breakaway**—Deena Norell  
**Open Barrels**—J'Leah Richardson  
**Jr. Barrels**—Jessey Pelloni

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### JULY 22 RODEO RESULTS

**#8 Team Roping**—Sheridan Harvey/Joe Wood  
**Mixed Team Roping**—Lori Ann Klinglesmith/Cade Blunt  
**#11 Team Roping**—Cody Edinger/Kash Atwood  
**Open Team Roping**—Cody Edinger/Kash Atwood  
**Open Breakaway**—Alex Hamilton  
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## Cedar Ridges July 24 Golf Tournament results

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### RANGELY I CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

First Gross - Rafe Johnston/Blake Murray - Vernal  
 First Net - Sean Bowling/Klayton Costanzo - Glenwood Springs  
 Second Gross - Jerrad Brown/Roger Walters - Rifle  
 Second Net - Cody Weddle/Dean Gibbs - Vernal

### FIRST FLIGHT

First Gross - JC Watt/Willy Theos - Meeker  
 First Net - Robby Elam/Mark Litzelman - Rangely/Meeker  
 Second Gross - Hugo Mondragon/Miguel Mondragon - Glenwood Springs  
 Second Net - Jason Mack/Rob Trask - Meeker/Steamboat Springs

### SECOND FLIGHT

First Gross - Mark Neumeier/Todd Ruckman - Rangely  
 First Net - Gary Denny/Kacey Denny - Rangely  
 Second Gross - Scott Fenske/Kirk Cheney - Glenwood Springs  
 Second Net - Rob Morgan/Jerry Blankenship - Rangely  
 Format was Scramble, Best Ball, Chapman with 28 teams and 56 players.

Todd Thulson of Glenwood Springs got a hole-in-one on hole four during the tournament.



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Nick Burri, Clark Edwards and Lex Collins competed in the 27 hole tournament held Saturday, July 24.

# RBC Junior Livestock Auction benefits area youth

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** Rio Blanco area youth have put in months of hard work raising their premium livestock and preparing for the annual Rio Blanco County Fair and Junior Livestock Auction. The annual livestock sale brings the opportunity for area youth to sell their animals at the end of the show. Many exhibitors use those funds to purchase future livestock projects or help with college expenses.

In addition to the live auction, show organizers have elected to once again host an online sale through [StockShowAuctions.com](http://StockShowAuctions.com), an auction site specific to 4-H and FFA livestock sales. The RBC Junior Livestock Auction has always been supported by local individuals and businesses. The continuation of the online format will allow that support to continue, while also making the livestock sale available to those business and family contacts who live further away. The Rio Blanco Fairboard expects more than 140 animals to be in this year's auction.

The sale offers supporters the opportunity to help exhibitors in two ways; one is by bidding on the animal (in person or virtually) and the second is through "Add-ons". Add-ons are straight financial contributions to either an individual or multiple exhibitors and can be in any amount. Businesses and individuals may wish to help exhibitors but can't afford to buy the

animal(s). They can "add-on" \$25, \$50, \$100 or more to an exhibitor(s). According to Brent Graves with StockShowAuctions.com "Add-ons make the premium sale event what it is. Add-ons come from businesses, neighbors, grandparents, aunts & uncles, it gives everybody the opportunity to support these young people. Everybody in these kids' circle wants to see them be successful and they can help them achieve that success through this premium sale at any financial level."

Organizers admit it is an easy process to participate in. Buyers can watch a short instructional video or print off written instructions, register on the site. Bidding will begin online Aug. 7 at 8 a.m. and become part of the live auction when it begins at 1:30 p.m. Once the auction portion is over the buyers will be able to select whether they wish to resell the project or choose what processor they wish to use. The Rio Blanco County Junior Livestock Auction will collect the funds as they always have, and those instructions will be on the buyer's invoices provided by the site at the conclusion of the event.

Buyers are invited to visit and register for the sale at [www.StockShowAuctions.com](http://www.StockShowAuctions.com) or contact the front office for more information.

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2020 Grand Champion Corbin Lucero.

## VISIT CRAIG

## It's a Way of Life—July 20 meeting

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

**MEEKER |** Acting President Hayden Garcia called the July 20 meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Pearl North Dodd led the group in pledges. Joslin Spieth gave the council report. The last council meeting was Meeker and Rangely councils combined and they discussed the Barnyard Olympics. Fair is Aug. 2-7. Sign Up Genius is where you sign up for all indoor project interviews as well as Woolgrowers and Premier Exhibitor contests. Indoor record books are due at your interview with your project.

Livestock, dog and horse record books are due Sept. 1. The new livestock rules have been sent out and are on the county's website. 4-H members should thank their buyers with a gift at the livestock sale to show appreciation for them buying your animal. The group voted to skip the August meeting and enjoy fair. In September the group is going to have a pizza party and give out awards to two outstanding members selected by leaders and their peers! The group's next meeting will be Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. in the OEH. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



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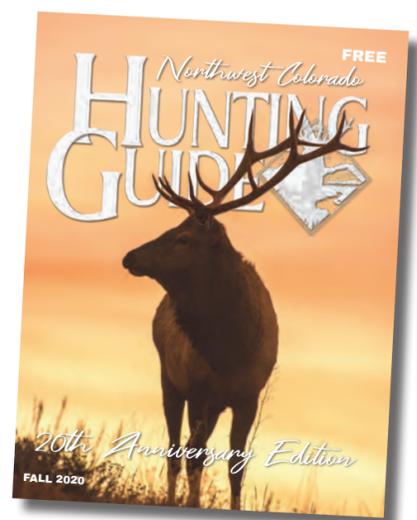
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# 2021 Rio Blanco County Fair Schedule

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<b>Thursday, July 15</b>		
Before 5:00 PM	All Open Entries, 4-H/FFA Entries, Horse Show, Talent Show, Booths and Lil' Buckaroo Rodeo Entries are Due (Excluding Open Indoor Exhibits)	FairEntry.com
<b>Thursday, July 22</b>		
Before 5:00 PM	Last Entries Due - A \$10.00 late fee per entry will apply	Extension Office
<b>Saturday, July 24</b>		
9:00 AM	4-H County Shoot-Off	Rangely Range
<b>Monday, July 26</b>		
3:00 PM	Fashion Revue Clinic	Fairfield Center
<b>Friday, July 30</b>		
7:30 AM - 8:30 PM	Open Ranch Horse Show Check-In	Crowsnest/Bucking Chutes
9:00 AM - Finish	Open Ranch Horse Show	Outdoor Arena
1:00 PM	Fashion Revue Judging	Fairfield Center
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Cake Decorating Contest	Fairfield Center
5:00 PM	Fashion Revue Show	Fairfield Center
Upon completion of Horse Show	Team Roping Signup	Crowsnest/Bucking Chutes
Following Signup	Team Roping	Outdoor Arena
<b>Saturday, July 31</b>		
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Open Horse Show Check-In (Halter, English, Western & Gymkhana)	Crowsnest/Bucking Chutes
8:30 AM	Open Horse Show, PeeWee & Lead Line	Outdoor Arena
<b>Monday, August 2</b>		
9:00 AM	Dog Show (photos to be taken immediately after show)	4-H Building
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	4-H General Projects Check-In, Judging & Interview	Exhibit Hall
<b>Tuesday, August 3</b>		
9:00 AM	Premier Exhibitor, Supreme Sheep & Goat Award Interviews	4-H Building
12:00 PM	All Market Livestock Must Be Stalled (Rabbits on Wednesday)	Livestock Barn
1:30 PM	All Livestock Exhibitors Meeting/Group Photo	4-H Building
2:00 PM	Beef Official Weigh-In / Livestock Exhibitor Check-In	Livestock Barn
*****	Sheep Official Weigh-In / Livestock Exhibitor Check-In	Livestock Barn
*****	Goat Official Weigh-In / Livestock Exhibitor Check-In	Livestock Barn
*****	Swine Official Weigh-In / Livestock Exhibitor Check-In	Livestock Barn
*****	Poultry Official Weigh-In / Livestock Exhibitor Check-In	Livestock Barn
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	4-H Barnyard Olympics	Lawn
<b>Wednesday, August 4</b>		
8:00 AM	Rabbits Penned	Baseball Field
8:30 AM	Rabbit Official Weigh-In / Livestock Exhibitor Check-In	Baseball Field
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Booth Assembly - Must be done by this timeframe	4-H Building
9:00 AM	Rabbit Show - Showmanship, Market, Breeding & Open	Baseball Field
30 min following Show	Rabbit Show - Livestock Sale Nominations	Baseball Field
End of Show	All Open & Breeding Rabbits Released after Show	Baseball Field
*****	Poultry Show - Showmanship, Market, Breeding & Open	4-H Building
30 min following Show	Poultry Show - Livestock Sale Nominations	Showing Table
12:00 PM	Small Animal Knowledge Bowl	4-H Building
12:00 PM	All Breeding Animals Must Be Stalled (except Rabbits)	Livestock Barn
Before 5:00 PM	Buyback Bids Due to RBC Budget & Finance Office	Sealed or Email
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Indoor Open Exhibit Check-In (Exhibit Halls Closed)	Exhibit Hall
5:00 PM	Goat Show - Showmanship, PeeWee Showmanship, Market, Breeding & Open	4-H Building
30 min following Show	Goat Show - Livestock Sale Nominations	Showing Table
8:00 PM	Lil' Buckaroo Entries Due	Extension Office
<b>Thursday, August 5</b>		
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Indoor Open Exhibit Check-In including Wool (Exhibit Hall Closed)	Exhibit Hall
7:00 AM	Buyback Bids Opening by Fair Board	Extension Kitchen
9:00 AM	All Indoor Open Exhibits/Coloring & Design Contest Entries Due	Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM	Swine Show - Showmanship & PeeWee Showmanship	4-H Building
10:00 AM	Indoor Open Exhibit Judging (Exhibit Hall Closed)	Exhibit Hall
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers BBQ & Woolgrowers Lamb Kabob	Lawn
12:00 PM	Sheep Lead Contest	4-H Building
1:00 PM	Sheep Show - Showmanship, PeeWee Showmanship, Market, Breeding & Open	4-H Building
30 min following Show	Sheep Show - Livestock Sale Nominations	Showing Table
6:00 PM	Swine Show - Market	4-H Building
30 min following Show	Swine Show - Livestock Sale Nominations	Showing Table
5:00 PM	RBC Backyard BBQ Contest Setup	Track
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Exhibit Hall open for viewing	Exhibit Hall
<b>Friday, August 6</b>		
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	RBC Backyard BBQ Contest Cookoff	Track
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Exhibit Hall open for viewing	Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM	Dairy Show - Showmanship, Breeding & Open	4-H Building
9:30 AM	Beef Show - Showmanship, Market, Breeding & Open	4-H Building
30 min following Show	Beef Show - Livestock Sale Nomination	Showing Table
2:00 PM	Talent Show Check-In	Stage
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Talent Show & Fashion Show	Stage
5:00 PM	RBC Backyard BBQ Contest Judging	Track
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	4-H/FFA Round Robin	4-H Building
5:30 PM	RBC Backyard BBQ Contest People's Choice Judging	Track
7:00 PM	Lil' Buckaroo Rodeo	Outdoor Arena
<b>Saturday, August 7</b>		
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Exhibit Hall open for viewing	Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM	Rabbit & Poultry Sale Photos	Photo Backdrop
9:30 AM	Goat Sale Photos	Photo Backdrop
10:00 AM	Sheep Sale Photos	Photo Backdrop
11:00 AM	Cattle Sale Photos	Photo Backdrop
*****	Swine Sale Photos	Photo Backdrop
9:30 AM	Cloverbud Show & Tell	Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM	Pet Rock & Rock Rolling Contest	Front Parking Lot
11:00 AM	Rabbit Chase	4-H Building
12:00 PM	Buyers Luncheon	Grandstands
12:30 PM	Presale Awards & Activities	4-H Building
1:30 PM	4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Sale	Sale Arena
6:00 PM	Non-Sale Livestock Released	Livestock Barn
6:00 PM	Free Concert, Dance & Lion's Club BBQ	Outdoor Arena
6:30 PM	Indoor Exhibits and Booths Released - Premium Payouts	Exhibit Hall
<b>Sunday, August 8</b>		
7:00 AM	Load Out Sale Animals	Livestock Barn
<b>Wednesday, August 11</b>		
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Last Day to Pick up Indoor Exhibits & Indoor Premium Payout	Extension Office

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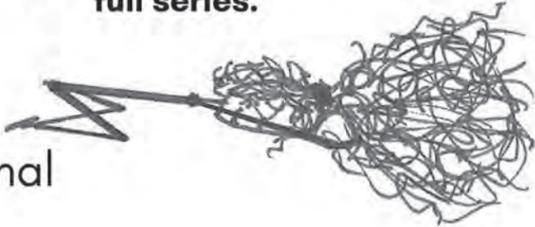
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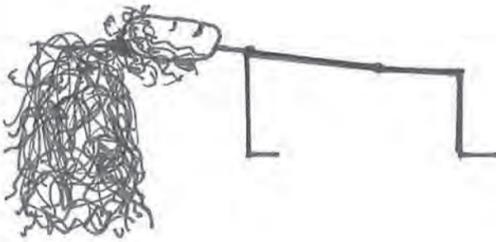
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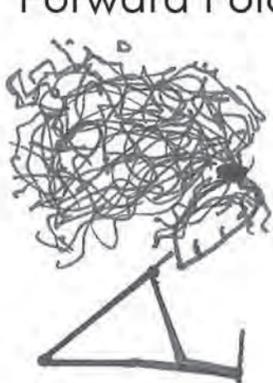
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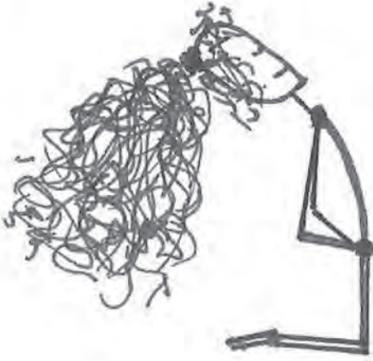
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  6. Misrepresent
  7. Bride screen
  8. \*Often served dirty, pl.
  9. Cogito \_\_\_\_ sum
  10. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
  11. \*Half whiskey, half absinthe cocktail
  13. Pointless
  14. Chili con carne legumes
  19. Between 10 and Queen
  22. Breathing matter
  23. C in CNN
  24. Stray cat's home
  25. Plunder
  26. \*Fermented honey and water
  27. Formed a curve
  28. "Fahrenheit 9/11" documentary director
  29. Go in
  32. \*Straight from the bottle
  33. Make a blunder
  36. \*One appeal of happy hour
  38. About or concerning, archaic
  40. " \_\_\_\_ Milk?"
  41. Knights' breastplates
  44. Dorothy's sleeping aid
  46. Conifer attribute
  48. Deep sleep
  49. Lament for the dead
  50. \_\_\_\_ hub food takeout service
  51. Solitary
  52. Hawk or peddle
  53. Toreador Song from "Carmen," e.g.
  54. River obstructions
  55. Geological Society of America
  58. Thus far

**THEME: HAPPY HOUR**

- ACROSS**
1. Sail support
  5. \*Percentage of alcohol, acr.
  8. Cheesy sandwich
  12. Oil, in Italy
  13. What refugees do
  14. Noble one
  15. \*Moscow \_\_\_\_
  16. Wrinkly fruit
  17. Cereal killer
  18. \*Non-alcoholic cocktail
  20. Elementary particle
  21. Old and feeble
  22. American cuckoo
  23. \_\_\_\_ tunnel
  26. Create a misnomer
  30. \*Tap choice
  31. Tooth cover
  34. A wedge in golf, e.g.
  35. Wesley Snipes' 1998 movie
  37. Notable time
  38. Fancy neckwear
  39. Denim innovator
  40. \*Beer \_\_\_\_ or biergarten
  42. Before, archaic

**"If once the people become inattentive to the public affairs, you and I, and Congress and Assemblies, Judges and Governors, shall all become wolves. It seems to be the law of our general nature, in spite of individual exceptions."**

~ Thomas Jefferson

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**DAYS GONE BY**

*The Meeker Herald*  
125 years ago

- Careless people generally expect others to be the perfection of promptness.
- Workmen commenced on Thursday tearing down the old McHatton adobe, on the site of which will be erected the new Odd Fellows hall. One by one the old landmarks are going.

*The Meeker Herald*  
100 years ago

- Mr. Tomphson W Leonard and Mr. Ralph Bitterman arrived last Thursday for their annual troutng excursion.
- Talk of railroad building into Meeker will not down despite a scarcity of coin of the realm. People in a position to know, confidently look for something during next summer if not sooner. The resources are here and only await the coming of a railroad to be developed.

*The Meeker Herald*  
50 years ago

- Out with the old and in with the new was the story of the hour at the Town Hall Monday evening when Meeker's new 1971 Cadillac ambulance arrived. The modern ambulance has many new safety features.
- Gary and Douglas Oba are presently

attending a four-week summer music camp held at the University of Alaska. This year the students in the opera workshop will present the first major music camp performance to be staged in the university's new multi-million dollar theater.

*The Meeker Herald*  
25 years ago

- Fred Bitler, 43, an employee of the Oldland ranch on Piceance Creek, is listed in critical condition at University Hospital in Denver suffering from 2nd and 3rd degree burns over 70 percent of his body. Bitler suffered his injuries on July 25th when a propane gas buildup in his residence on the Oldland Ranch exploded.
- Last week we published a story about a "sinkhole" that came perilously close to swallowing the Joe Prockow Residence near Meeker. It isn't. It's a mudflow. That's the verdict from a number of geologists who've called to correct the record.

*Rangely Times*  
50 years ago

- Good news for Rangely that the Colorado River Water Conservancy District plans to spend about \$20,000 in core-drilling a dam site east of town this summer.
- Members of Governor John Love's Nuclear Advisory Committee toured the oil shale land in the Piceance Creek Basin and the site of the proposed nuclear shot on Tuesday.

*Rangely Times*  
25 years ago

- On the evening of July 25, a dry lightning storm passed over Wild Mountain, which is a part of Diamond Mountain, and ignited a small fire in a pinion, juniper, and sagebrush vegetation within Dinosaur National Monument. By early afternoon on the 28th the fire had increased to 291 acres and was named "Wild Fire" after its geographic namesake, Wild Mountain.
- A 250,000 gallon treated water storage tank is well under next to Rangely's 1 million gallon tank, south of CNCC. The new tank will provide water while the larger tank is refurbished.

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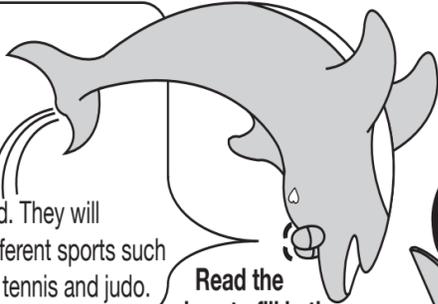


Kids: color stuff in!



Are **you** catching all the excitement of the Summer Olympics in Japan?

The athletes have been training for years and are among the best in the world. They will compete in events in 46 different sports such as gymnastics, table tennis and judo.



Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

## 2020 Summer Olympics

July 23 – August 8, 2021

Welcome to Tokyo, Japan!

- The first Olympic games were held in Olympia, \_\_\_\_\_.
- The games' first competition was a \_\_\_\_\_, which was run barefoot.
- Our modern winter or summer \_\_\_\_\_ are held every two years.
- Months ago, the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ from Olympia, Greece was carried to where the Olympics will be held – Japan. Runners will have carried the torch throughout Japan for 121 days by the time the last torch runner arrives – in time for the opening ceremonies on Friday, July 23, 2021!
- This year, the host city of the summer games is \_\_\_\_\_, Japan.
- Over 11,000 athletes from 205 nations will be in the opening ceremony \_\_\_\_\_.
- The athletes will live together in the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ during the games.
- About 5.5 million \_\_\_\_\_ have been sold for people to watch the games.
- People all over the \_\_\_\_\_ watch and cheer for the athletes.
- We hold our breath while we wait for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and surfing will be Olympic competitions for the first time.
- In surveys in Japan, people were the most interested in watching \_\_\_\_\_ and gymnastics.
- This year's Olympic medals will be made out of precious \_\_\_\_\_ taken from old phones and electronics!
- The \_\_\_\_\_ person ever to win a Gold Medal was 13-year-old diver Marjorie Gestring.
- Michael Phelps, a U.S. swimmer, has won 28 Olympic \_\_\_\_\_, more than any other athlete.
- Look for the 2022 Winter Games to be held in Beijing, \_\_\_\_\_!



### Olympic Sports

The Olympic motto is 'Faster, Higher, Stronger.' Watch the games to see why!

- Find and circle these great Olympic sports:
- shooting
  - archery
  - swimming
  - gymnastics
  - fencing
  - table tennis
  - track and field
  - boxing
  - wrestling
  - canoeing
  - trampoline
  - judo
  - soccer
  - diving
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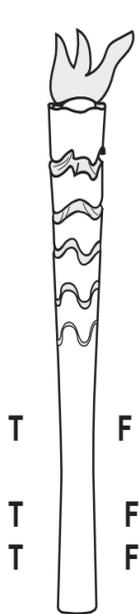
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### Olympic Symbols – A Pop Quiz!

Do **you** know the three main symbols used for the Olympic Games? The Olympic Rings and the Olympic Torch are the first two and are very well known around the world. There also is a motto that is in Latin which means "faster-higher-stronger" and refers to the competing athletes. Read each statement about the symbols, and then circle "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.

- The 5 Olympic Rings:**
- stand for the five major areas of the world: Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania. **T F**
  - are colored red, blue, green, yellow and black – chosen so that each nation has at least six of its colors in the rings. **T F**
  - are linked on a flag of white to show harmony in the world. **T F**
- The Olympic Torch:**
- design is a new one chosen each year. **T F**
  - if it is sunny, is lit by the sun using a special mirror. **T F**
  - is carried from Athens, Greece (the first site of the games) to the city where the games are being held. **T F**
  - is a symbol of peace and friendship. **T F**



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- Precious metals from old mobile phones and other electronics will be reused to make the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_.
- The stands (podiums) for the medal ceremonies will be made out of \_\_\_\_\_ waste collected from the ocean.
- The 18,000 bed frames at the Olympic Village will be made out of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The plaza at the Olympic Village will be made out of \_\_\_\_\_ donated by different areas (area names will be put on the pieces of timber), and the timber will later be turned into benches for schools.
- Uniforms of the Olympic torchbearers will be fashioned from recycled soda \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ is partly made from waste material from the temporary housing that was used after the Great East Japan Earthquake.
- The Olympic Village houses athletes from around the world while they compete at the Games in Tokyo; when Japan has finished using the village for the Summer Olympics it will convert the rooms into \_\_\_\_\_.





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