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The Grizzly Creek Fire is burning in the White River National Forest near Glenwood Springs and has closed I-70 indefinitely. Smoke from this blaze, and the 51,485 acre Pine Gulch Fire near Grand Junction, is affecting air quality. See PAGE 2A for more on air quality.

Stage II fire restrictions go into effect Friday, Aug. 14

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RBC I Rio Blanco County, the White River BLM Field Office and the White River National Forest will enter Stage II fire restrictions at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 14.

According to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, more dry weather and extreme fire behavior are predicted, indicating the need for Stage II restrictions, which are as follows:

PROHIBITIONS

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■ Using an explosive requiring fuse or blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets and tracers or incendiary ammunition.

■ Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arrestor, and without a chemical pres-

surized fire extinguisher and a round-point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches. The extinguisher will be with the equipment operator. The shovel may be kept with fueling supplies but readily available for use.

■ Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame (except with a current permit, contract or letter of authorization).

■ Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either the Department of Agriculture Forest Service Standard 5100-1a or Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a).

EXEMPTIONS

■ Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.

■ Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

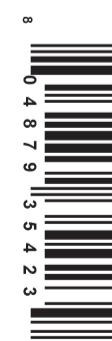
The order will remain in force until rescinded.

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Lucero wins grand champ

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Corbin Lucero is the 2020 grand champion for beef. More fair stories to come.

RBC I Corbin Lucero has been participating in 4-H since he was 5-years-old, starting as a "Cloverbud." He has been showing livestock since he was 8, but this year marks his first time winning grand champion for beef in Rio Blanco County.

"I was speechless, it was amazing. It was probably one of the best times of my life. It was awesome."

Last year Lucero won his class with one of his steers, and made it to the Grand Drive, but ultimately he didn't win.

"That just made me wanna work so much harder this year, because I told myself I wanted to win next year," Lucero said. "I put my mind to it, went out, farmed my own steers and worked my butt off all year long. It finally paid off I guess."

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced closures of state fairs and jackpot shows, Lucero

said he was worried the county fair would be next, and all the hard work, time and financial investment would go to waste.

"There were a couple weeks where we didn't even know. When the county commissioners said that we're having it, that was a huge relief," he said.

ORIGINS

Lucero considers this his first year taking full ownership of his 4-H projects, but he hasn't forgotten those who helped him along the way, like Samantha Lapp, who he said he watched in 4-H over the years and eventually struck up a conversation to express interest in participating.

"She introduced me to the Nieberger family, and their daughter had just 'aged out' so they were super excited to be able to help someone else," Lucero said. "They took me in with the Lapp family and they helped me throughout my first year and second year."

That small conversation had a major impact on Lucero. He

emphasized the significant role 4-H now plays in his life.

"This is all I do. I don't hang out with friends in the summer because I'm in the barn working hair, or making sure my showmanship skills are in top shape for county fair and all the shows I go to," he said.

PAYING IT FORWARD

Corbin Lucero said that enthusiasm for helping others is what 4-H is all about. He encouraged anyone interested in participating to do exactly what he did, just ask for help.

"Pick someone who you admire, pick someone you know works hard and go ask them questions. It looks intimidating, but just go ask questions. They're gonna want to help you."

Lucero said he is excited to help new families who are just getting started, in the same way others helped him.

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Rally Colorado returns to Rangely

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I After months of planning and reworking the operations of the event, Rally Colorado Organizers and America Rally Association are geared up and ready for the August 15-16 event. Rally Colorado will feature Rally Cars tackling over 130 stage miles of twisting dirt roads divided into 14 stages. This event emphasizes the rally's endurance challenge with the stages averaging just under 10 miles per stage. The rugged mountains, vast plains, deep canyons, and high mesas test the competitors abilities. In addition to the ever changing flow of the roads, altitude and adaptability hugely impact a team's success as the elevations bog the cars power down by 15-20% in naturally aspirated vehicles.

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, rally activities are not open to the public for the 2020 event. However, you can find live updates of the event on social media platforms and those local to the event may watch the Main Street Parade scheduled Friday, August 14 at 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. through the town of Rangely.

Rally Colorado will be kicking off the 2020-2021 super season of the California Rally Series (CRS) Rally Championship. The California Rally Series 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 40 continuous years of performance rally, making it the longest running rally series in the United States. To learn more about the California Rally Series visit www.californiarallyseries.com and follow [@californiarallyseries/](https://www.instagram.com/californiarallyseries/) on Instagram and Facebook.

CRS Press Liaison, Erik Christiansen shares a few thoughts on the stacked competition, "Last year's Open Four-Wheel Drive Class season champions Flynn Baglin and co-driver Alix Hakala are back to defend their trophies...with the intent of bringing the fight to the many Subarus on the entry list, as well as a few R5 spec Ford Fiestas. Fresh off a win at a tarmac event on the East Coast, Martin Donnelly and co-driver Martin Brady in their Fiesta will be the one of the favorites to win the event overall. Local driver Scott Crouch, (Flatirons Subaru) took second place overall last year in his Subaru WRX, and along with co-driver Lea Croteau will be looking to improve upon that finish."

2020 has attracted some exciting competition including returning 2019 Overall Champions, Dave and Mike Brown, 2018 Overall Champions Steve Bis and Scott McCarty, professional skateboarder Bucky Lasek paired with co-driver Krista Skucas,

Texas Dave from Rally Ready Driving School, several husband and wife teams, and numerous Colorado locals.

Rally Colorado is a volunteer-run event and its success depends on motorsports fans. What better way to spectate and experience the event first hand! Every volunteer is greatly appreciated by the drivers, crews and event organizers; they will certainly let you know it. This year Rally Colorado has several exciting giveaways for the volunteers provided by Flatirons Subaru, Bobo's Oat Bars, OzRallyPro, Chocolove, Wine Country Motorsports, Castrol Oil, and Rally Ready Driving School.

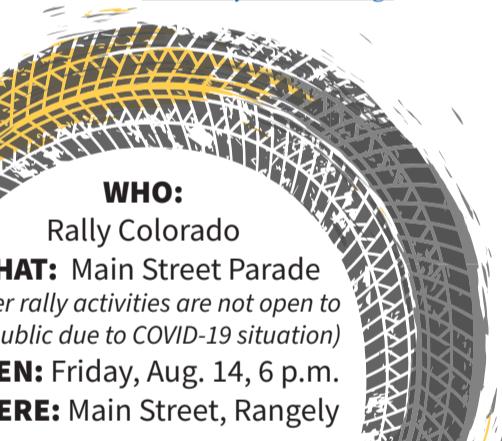
2020 has brought many challenges to the new event organizers, the story goes that rally organizers, rally competitors and rally volunteers were sitting outside of the Blue Mountain Inn after a successful and very eventful 2019 event! If you have not heard, ask someone about the story of Earl. There was chatting into the wee hours of the morning. Samantha and Joseph Chiarelli were asking many questions of Alan, the Irishman and Tracey, of Tag Rally Sport (Organizers in 2016-2019) about what goes into running a rally, and right there the next leaders of Rally Colorado were conscripted.

In 2017, the Rally

Colorado cup was born. Alan Gardiner came up with the idea that there would be a trophy dedicated to the rally. The cup goes to the competitors that take first place overall. The winner's names then get a space on the trophy along with former winners from the original Rally Colorado held in Steamboat Springs. Names currently on the trophy from the days of Steamboat are Travis Pastrana, Ken Block, and Andrew Comrie-Picard.

"Joseph, the entire organizing committee, and I are extremely humbled by the entry list of both competitors and volunteers. We are excited for the growth of the sport and we look forward to a successful 2020 event!" Chairwoman, Samantha Chiarelli

Follow [@rallycogroup/](https://www.instagram.com/rallycogroup/) on Instagram and Facebook. For more information visit www.rallycolorado.org/.



Rally Colorado is celebrating its fourth year in Rio Blanco County. You can see the cars during the Main Street parade this Friday in Rangely, beginning at 6 p.m.

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A huge smoke cloud has blanketed Rio Blanco County this week, triggering multiple air quality alerts. Above, smoke hovers over downtown Meeker. According to the CDC, inhaling wildfire smoke can trigger coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest pain, stinging eyes, runny nose, irritated sinuses, tiredness and a rapid heartbeat. Recommendations are to remain indoors whenever possible with doors and windows closed and use an air filter. A small bit of good news? Skipping housework is also recommended, as it can disturb dust particles and add to the air pollution already present in your home.

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO



It's all in the family ...

This week we are thrilled to announce a new addition to our editorial staff. Lucas Turner, 26, brings a wealth of new skills to the HT. A 2012 graduate of Meeker High School, Turner attended Colorado Mountain College's Isaacson School of New Media in Glenwood Springs, graduating in 2015. During his time at CMC he became manager of the school's FM radio station, and shortly after graduating was asked to be an adjunct professor at the school. Most recently, he worked as news director for KDNK public radio in Carbondale, earning two Murrow Awards this year as well as two awards from the Colorado Broadcasting Association. He's also the owner of LevelHead Audio, a podcasting production company. Turner is married to Haley (McCrory) Turner, whose paternal great-grandmother, Edna Mae Gould, was a longtime Meeker hairdresser. Haley is a stylist in Glenwood Springs. They have an 18-month-old son, Jackson (pictured above with Lucas), and make their home in Rifle.

COURTESY PHOTO

RBC air quality seriously affected by area wildfires

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RBC I With the fourth largest wildfire in the country burning north of Grand Junction, and a new fire in Glenwood Canyon, local air quality has been severely affected this week.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC), breathing in wildfire smoke can have immediate health effects, including coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath, trouble breathing normally, chest pain, stinging eyes, headaches, scratchy throat, asthma attacks, runny nose, irritated sinuses, tiredness, and a rapid heartbeat.

Anyone, even otherwise healthy people, can experience these symptoms when there's enough smoke in the air, but older adults, pregnant women,

children, and people with preexisting respiratory and heart conditions may be more likely to experience symptoms.

Guidelines for protecting yourself and your family include:

- Keeping doors and windows closed, closing the fresh air intake on your air conditioner and keeping the filter clean, and seeking shelter elsewhere if it is too warm to stay inside.
- Use of a freestanding indoor air filter with particle removal can help protect people at higher risk of problems from smoke exposure.
- Skip housework, as vacuuming and dusting disturb particles already in your home and add to the indoor air pollution. Smoking inside, burning incense or candles, or lighting a fireplace are also discouraged.



Lucero and his grand champion steer, Darrel. Lucero plans to continue participating in 4-H and then explore his interest in government.

KIM EKSTROM PHOTO

[Check air quality in real time at iqair.com](http://iqair.com)

RBC Public Health is offering HPV, Tetanus and meningitis shots for middle schoolers with all insurance sources.

(While supplies last. All childhood vaccinations available at Public Health free of charge for children with Medicaid or who have no insurance.)

Call RBC Public Health to schedule an appointment.

> Meeker: 970.878.9520 <
> Rangely: 970.878.9525 <

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FUTURE

With the title of grand champion under his belt — and a buckle to prove it — Lucero now has a taste for victory, and he isn't done quite yet.

"For 4-H I wanna take it for the rest of my career, I wanna

win three years in a row," he said.

Win or lose, three years from now when Lucero ages out of 4-H, he hopes to explore his interest in government.

And Lucero's winning steer's name? Darrel.

"He just looked like a Darrel to me."

CLARIFICATION

MEEKER I The reference to an 11.5% reduction in 2021 revenue for the Town of Meeker in the Aug. 6, 2020 article "No deal on bridge use for pond project" was referring to an anticipated decrease in property tax revenue, not overall revenue.

RBWCD UPDATE & RURAL WATER

RBWCD IS HOSTING A DINNER AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES THE DISTRICT IS PURSUING

Based upon community feedback regarding the development of a Rural Water System for potable drinking water, areas of interest include: County Rd 102, County Rd 2, County Rd 46 & East Hwy. 64.

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

6:00-8:00 PM

RSVP by August 18, 2020

BRING A NEIGHBOR!



NEWS BRIEFS

Help Starbuck celebrate 103rd birthday

MEEKER | The Walbridge Wing is organizing a drive-by parade on Friday, Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. to celebrate Ethel Starbuck's 103rd birthday on Aug. 31. Walbridge Wing Activities Director Jean Gianinetti is asking people to drive by the main entrance of the hospital to honk and wave, and to drop off or mail cards telling Mrs. Starbuck happy birthday and how she impacted their lives.

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RBC | ¡CNCC ofrece clases de inglés básico, intermedio y avanzado! Clases presenciales en Craig con opciones de participar de forma remota en Rangely y Meeker. Clases comienzan el 24 de agosto a las 6:30 p.m. Sala 117; CNCC, Craig remota en Tangely y Meeker. CNCC offers Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced English Language Classes with in-person classes in Craig and distance delivery options in Rangely and Meeker. Classes begin 6:30 p.m. Aug. 24 in Room 117 at CNCC Craig and remote in Meeker and Rangely. ¡APRENDE A HABLAR INGLÉS! Learn to Speak English. Para más información en Español llame Patty Maradieque 970-629-8017. For more information in English call Annette Burrow 970-824-0831 or 970-756-1765.

Drop-in to fitness classes at MRC

RBC | Morning Fitness on M, W, F 5:15-6:15 a.m. at Admin Building Gym; Cardio Combo on M, W 9:15-10:15 a.m. at MRC Studio; Yoganates on M, W 12:10-12:50 p.m. at MRC Studio; Water Workout on T, Th 10:15-11 a.m. at MRC Pool.

ERBM Youth coed volleyball registration

MEEKER | The ERBM youth coed volleyball registration deadline is Aug. 19. Sign up at Meeker Recreation Center or call 970-878-3403.

Red Cross Lifeguarding Course Aug. 14-16

MEEKER | This class provides entry-level participants the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries, and sudden illnesses until EMS personnel take over. An American Red Cross Learning Center course link and manual will be provided. Eight hours of online coursework must be successfully completed prior to Aug. 14. Participants who successfully complete the Lifeguarding course will receive an American Red Cross certificate for Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED, which is valid for two years. Must pass a pre-course swimming skills test. Call Krista, 970-878-7427, to schedule before Aug. 12.

Harvey attending Montana Tech



Reese Harvey

COURTESY PHOTO

MEEKER | Reese Harvey is attending Montana Technological University to study mining engineering. He has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the International Society of Explosive Engineers. Montana Tech is located in Butte, Montana, and the fall semester begins Aug. 17.

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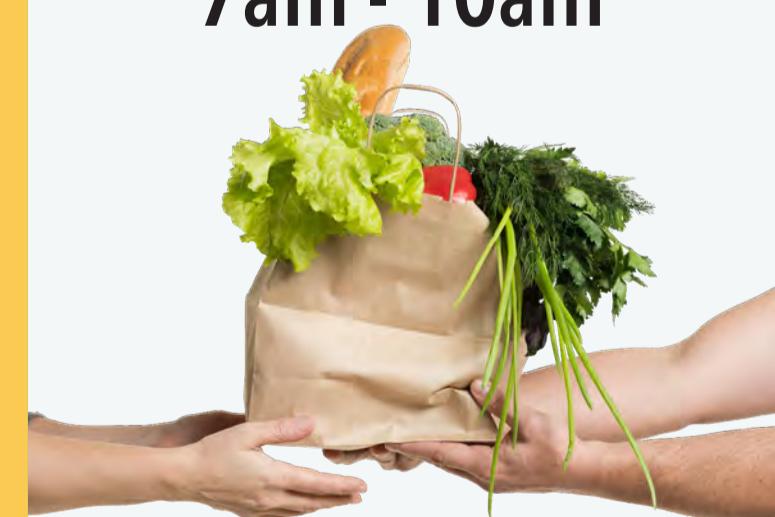
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

We don't have to, we get to

By NIKI TURNER
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I learned this week that an acquaintance in Denver, a fellow writer with whom I enjoyed a four hour dinner and conversation a few years ago, has been hospitalized with COVID-19. The news took me by surprise. Throughout the pandemic she's been a self-described naysayer, doubting the danger posed by the virus, questioning public health directives and the governor's mandates. She and her husband contracted the virus, they think, when they went out to dinner at a restaurant. For the first week, she felt fine. The second week her oxygen levels dropped and doctors sent her home with oxygen. A few days later she announced that she's in the hospital. I'm praying her story will end well. She has a husband and kids and grandkids who need her.

Meanwhile, the simple act of covering our faces with a piece of fabric to slow the spread of a virus has become the crux of a social/political divide. Shouldn't we be taking a stand about more important things, like separation of church and state and taxation without representation? You'd think so, but it appears masks are going to become the political statement of our day.

Wearing a mask when no one else is wearing one is tough from a social standpoint, even when you have a good rea-

son. In the last week or so I've chatted with people who are wearing a mask because they have unseen health conditions that put them in the high risk category for COVID-19 complications and people who are wearing a mask because they are in close contact with relatives who are high risk.

For myself, I'm wearing a mask in public settings (and avoiding higher risk activities as much as possible) for multiple reasons.

For one, I can't get away from the comparisons to seatbelts. I came of age during the original seatbelt debates — before and after it became a law — and understand the "I do what I want" and "it's my right" and "you can't tell me what to do" and "it probably won't help if I get in an accident anyway" arguments. That's all fine and dandy and sounds tough and cool and all-American independent until it's your kid who dies in a car accident he likely would have survived if he'd been wearing his stupid seatbelt. We have a lot of those sad stories in our little community. If wearing a mask limits my exposure — or even just limits the "viral load" I'm exposed to and reduces illness severity to

any degree, as recent studies seem to indicate — it's worth it, just like putting on a seatbelt is worth it, even if I never get in an accident.

And then there's the financial component. Like many small business owners, we're caught in the middle when it comes to health insurance — we don't qualify for healthcare tax credits (we've paid more in taxes in the last two years than ever before, without a corresponding increase in income, but that's another story) and the price of self-paid health insurance is more than our monthly mortgage payment. Statistically, if everyone in our social bubble contracts COVID, at least one of us is likely to require medical care or hospitalization, even if no one dies. One person in our family circle hospitalized with COVID would be financially devastating.

And last, I'm wearing a mask in solidarity with our grocery clerks, who've been wearing them for months, and other essential workers who are required to wear masks to keep their jobs. In a few weeks I'll be wearing one in solidarity with our teachers and students. It just seems fair.

Maybe we just need to change our mindset. Maybe we need to stop thinking we "have to" wear a mask and start realizing we "get to" wear one. We're healthy. We're alive. We're not alone in an ICU ward, like my writer friend in Denver.

OPINION

If you like birds and fish, hug a cow

By PAT AND SHARON O'TOOLE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I You don't hear this from former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt or the usual suspects whose goal is to end many water diversions from the Colorado River, but it's true. Rural landscapes and wildlife need ranching and irrigated agriculture to survive.

Without irrigation, think high desert. Without irrigation in this time of extended drought, less late water will be there for fish, birds and other riparian-dependent species. Wildlife habitat would be traded for urban growth if groups like Western Watersheds and the Center for Biological Diversity have their way.

How can this be when the drumbeat narrative says that without cattle or irrigated crops such as hay, the stressed river could recover? If you believe

The Guardian newspaper, "U.S. rivers and lakes are shrinking for a surprising reason: cows." Another British publication, *Nature*, wrote that in the Western United States, cattle are responsible for 23 percent of water use -- or 32 percent, depending on the article -- and more than 50 percent in the Colorado River basin.

Reputable scientists disagree. Leonard Bull, animal science professor at North Carolina State University, says, "The question that needs answered is how much water is used? And how do you 'charge' that water use if it falls on grazing land that is not suitable for alternative food production?

"Livestock consume water, excrete most of it, and meat has about 72 percent water in the lean portion. Does the water excreted in exhaled breath, urine and manure get a credit for recy-

cling against consumed? This is sort of like chasing carbon," he said (from personal interview with Dr. Bull on July 9, 2020).

Irrigation is likewise under attack. In reality, irrigation in the Western river valleys plays a key role in sustaining wetlands and riparian areas season-long. The green ribbons of irrigated pasture and hay land provide important habitat connectivity for sandhill cranes and other birds on their epic annual migrations. These agriculturally sustained wetlands also provide habitat for many other wildlife species.

Migratory birds are the true canary in the "buy and dry," or just "dry" schemes proposed by the anti-cow vigilantes. Though an assessment reported in *Science* blames habitat reduction for the loss of nearly 3 billion birds in the last 50 years, how much more would be lost if irrigated lands become ephemeral streams?

If irrigation is eliminated, a cascade of negative events could result. Instead of flooded fields recharging underlying aquifers, a dry landscape would hold no water. No longer would groundwater feed springs and discharge water in the late season when fish and other riparian species need it most. Early water left in the river does not necessarily benefit fish, as that water flows away with the snow runoff, which climate change is bringing earlier in spring. Most of the early flows would end up in Lake Mead and Lake Powell for storage.

And that is the real point of Babbitt's proposal to buy up some irrigation rights and fallow lands primarily in western Colorado. That "new" water would go to growing cities.

Cities and industry have real needs, but agriculture should not be sacrificed for either one.

Food production and food security are critical to this country, something we became very aware of during the virus pandemic.

Somehow a narrative has become accepted that if more people -- especially Americans -- stop eating meat, the planet will magically improve. This is a false narrative. In the Rocky Mountain West, as elsewhere, it is ranchers and farmers who hold the landscape together, who provide open space and beauty, and for wildlife, crucial habitat.

Raising cattle has value in its own right. Eighty-five percent of grazing lands — think sagebrush steppe or high desert landscapes — are not suitable for any other type of food production. The much-maligned hay and alfalfa grown to feed beef cattle and dairy cows provide us with high-quality protein and nutritious dairy products. With inputs of grass, sunshine and water, we receive steaks, hamburgers, milk, cheese, yogurt and a long list of other byproducts.

Before you buy that impossible meat substitute, with its lower-quality protein, remember that you might consume a weird concoction, dependent on chemicals and ingredients imported from China, with its own environmental costs.

Let's never forget the wisdom of ecologist Aldo Leopold: "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

Sharon and Pat O'Toole are ranchers and conservationists who are contributors to *Writers on the Range* (writersonthorange.org). Their ranch straddles the Wyoming-Colorado border. He is president of the Family Farm Alliance; she is an award-winning writer.

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A ten year average of 7,500,000 acre-feet of water must be provided by the Upper Basins to the Lower Basins on the Colorado River

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7.5 million acre feet of water is equivalent to 937 Kenney Reservoirs worth of water. The average annual flow from the White River is 500,000 acre feet.

With the uncertainty of a prolonged drought the YWG BRT is working with the eight other Roundtables and the State of CO to develop programs to meet the CO River Compact obligation.

For more information visit:

yampawhitegreen.com

Meet One of Your Local YWG BRT Members: Deirdre Macnab

Deirdre is a co-owner of the 4M Ranch, a Rio Blanco cattle and hay producer, located between Meeker and Rangely. The 4M abuts the White River and contains the original homestead in the valley. Deirdre is a founding member of the community based White River Alliance and joined the YWG BRT in 2018 as an at large member. Deirdre believes that our western rivers are a critical link to healthy sustainable economy, clean and abundant drinking water and overall quality of life enjoyed on the Western Slope.

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OPINION

Fighting western wildfires

By WILLIAM PERRY PENDLEY
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I It is the height of fire season in the American West, with temperatures at triple-digits across the Great Basin and lightning-laden monsoons sweeping the arid landscape. Thus, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and interagency, state and local allies are fighting wildfires to protect natural resources, neighbors, and livelihoods.

The Trump administration fast-tracked hiring during the Pandemic to put nearly 3,000 BLM firefighters on the line fighting

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Elmo Harrison

Jan. 5, 1936 ~ July 27, 2020



Ken Harrison

Ken died peacefully surrounded by family at his summer home in Meeker, Colorado, on July 27, 2020 at age 84.

Born Jan. 5, 1936, in Rifle, Colorado, to Lambert Elmo and Ruth Murdock Harrison, little brother "buddy" to older sisters Shirley and Ruth. The family moved to Filer in southern Idaho early on where he grew up and graduated from Filer High School in 1954. Ken went on to graduate from the University of Idaho with a BA degree in wildlife biology and was the first in his family to achieve that accomplishment. He served in the United States Army and was stationed in South Korea where he was a radio communications operator.

He was married to Sharon Wilcoxson July 5, 1959. They later divorced in 1978, but remained friends. From this union came three children, Debbie, Scott and Greg.

Ken went to work for the Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Shoshone, Idaho, and spent the next 34 years

at several mid- and high-level positions. In 1973, he was the first Area Manager for the Kemmerer, Wyoming, region and several years later, including stints in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Washington, D.C., retired in 1995 as the State of Utah Deputy Director for the BLM.

Ken was an avid outdoorsman. Camping, hunting and fishing with his red canoe and RVing with family for weeks at a time throughout the country was part of his retirement. He was an accomplished artist of many mediums including drawing and advanced woodworking. His nature drawings were published in federal BLM brochures. Ken loved to bowl and did so competitively for many decades. He was captain of the 1971 Nevada State Championship team.

Ken possessed an extreme

level of dedication to his family and friends throughout his life. He turned into a little kid again when he became a grand and great-grandpa. All of his family meant the world to him. He will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by everyone that had the honor of knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lambert Elmo and Ruth Helen Harrison, sister Shirley Patterson, and beloved youngest son, Greg Patrick, in 2019.

He is survived by sister Ruth Thomas (Walt), daughter Debbie Harrison Morlan (Phil), son Shott Harrison, grandchildren Gregory Harrison (Sonia), Devin Neff (Jim), Shelbey Mitchell (Morgan), Lindsay Harrison, Caleigh Morlan, great-grandchildren Colten Mitchell, Amelia Mitchell, Aaron Harrison, Yari Harrison, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers please donate to any Veterans' organization.

Jerry Earl Moomey was born March 9, 1936, in Eldorado, Butler Co., Kansas. He was the oldest son of Harry Francis and Mary Mercedes Sapp Moomey. Due to his father's and grandfather's occupations, he also worked about 35 years in every position from "Worms Corner" to "Consultant" in the oil field.

Jerry served his country in the United States Army. He was in Chun Chong, Korea, from 1952-1954, in the 7th Division, Charlie Co., of the 13th Battalion of Combat Engineers, just north of the 38th Parallel.

In 1955, Jerry was stationed

Jerry Earl Moomey

Mar. 9, 1936 ~ Sept. 15, 2019



Jerry Moomey

at Stuttgart, Germany,

with the 3rd Army Division of Combat Engineers for one year, building a road for extra heavy equipment

and Karen Ann Moomey.

Jerry's second marriage was to Goldia Brenton who had three children by her ex-husband: Theresa Lynn, Everett Carl and Judy Faye, all of whom Jerry legally adopted, and Jerry and Goldia had Jere Janelle "Toby."

"I have thanked God for over 57 years for sending Jerry to me," writes Goldia. "You don't find men very often with a personality and heart of gold like Jerry had."

His celebration of life will be Aug. 15, 2020, at the 4-H Extension Building in the Rio Blanco County shop.

DEATH NOTICES

Allen Arthur Maybury

May 10, 1949 ~ Aug. 8, 2020

Allen Maybury, of Meeker, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020. Funeral services will be held at 11a.m., Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, at The Church at Meeker. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to the family to defray the memorial expenses.

OBITUARY POLICY

The Rio Blanco Herald Times chooses not to charge a publication fee for obituaries or death notices with a local connection to the county. It is our opinion that publishing obituaries is a matter of public record and part of our responsibility as a newspaper to maintain a living record of our local history. If you need to submit an obituary or death notice, please stop by the office or email editor@theheraldtimes.com

CONSERVATION CORNER

Water Measuring Devices

What is the standard water measuring device for the Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR)? There are several other types of measuring devices, including electronic flow meters, but the Parshall Flume is most commonly used.

A Parshall Flume might be the most recognizable measuring device readily available. With an hour-glass shape from the top, the Parshall Flume is quickly identified and easy to install. However, there are several things to watch for while using this flume. The ditch immediately above the device should be clear of things like culverts, gates, and other obstructions. The ditch should be wider and deeper than the flume. The flume itself should be level in all directions and the floor be at least four inches higher than the ditch bottom.

A weir is another option. It is more commonly used in narrower or smaller diversions. Rectangular and V-notch weirs are the two most common. During installation, the centerline of the weir should be placed parallel to the direction of the water flow and high enough to allow water to fall off, while creating a small air gap underneath. Weirs should also be level to allow for a uniform water flow over them, across the width of the weir.

The DWR Division 6 Engineer, Erin Light, required that all water users have an operational measuring device in place by July 31, 2020 to be in compliance. Erin confirmed today that the date has been extended to Oct. 31, 2020. More information on the requirements from DWR and how to install measuring devices from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can be found on the DWR's website and the Districts' website at <http://www.whiterivercd.com/measuring-devices.html> or by using the ZapCode below.



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Reasons For Church Attendance (1)

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

... not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . . (Heb. 10:25)



**Dr. J.D.
Watson**

BEFORE we leave this subject, I would share my pastor's heart, for this is not a minor concern. It is, in fact, an extremely serious matter that every true pastor is burdened by. Commenting on our text, R. Kent Hughes shares his pastor's heart when he writes: "People have a thousand reasons to stay away from church. This is not a new problem. The early Jewish church had had a fall-off in attendance due to persecution, ostracism, apostasy, and arrogance. Today

persecution and ostracism may not be our experience, but people find many other reasons to absent themselves from worship, not the least of which is laziness. But de-churched Christians have always been an aberration, as Cyprian, Augustine, Luther, Calvin, and the various classic confessions repeatedly affirm."

Pastor John Gill was equally candid: "This evil practice arises sometimes from a vain conceit of being in no need of ordinances, and from an over love of the world." Commentator and professor E. Schuyler English also effectively "meddles" into the life of such Christians: "Point out a man or a woman who does not desire communion with other Christians, and you are pointing to one whose spiritual condition is low and whose testimony for Christ is weak indeed." Still another writes: "One of the first indications of a lack of love toward God and the neighbor is for a Christian to stay away from the worship services. He forsakes the communal obligations of attending these meetings and displays the symptoms of selfishness and self-centeredness."

Speaking from my own heart, in all my four decades plus of

ministry, I have never quite gotten past this oddity. I just don't understand it. I have seen countless things come before church, proving that such attendance is not only not the priority but also is flippantly considered as "no big deal." I've seen Christians abandon church for any number of reasons. I could make a list, but such a list would go on *ad infinitum*. It would be far better if we each examine ourselves to see where our priority lies. One I can't resist mentioning, however, is the lady I once heard say, "Oh, I can't be at church tonight because I'm getting my hair done."

If I may also say again from my heart, I lovingly submit that there is something very troubling with the Christian whose priority is not faithful, consistent attendance in the Local Church. I know that might sound intolerant—or even that most terrible of words, "legalistic"—but such nonchalance about unfaithfulness is a staggering contradiction. What can possibly be more important than our attendance in the Local Church, where we worship, fellowship, and receive the essential nourishment of God's Word?

I would, therefore, offer seven reasons for not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.

Scriptures for Study: What do we read about the Early Church in the following verses: Acts 2:1, 42, 46-47; 20:7?

We hope you will visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find not only our podcast of these devotional studies but also other resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files. You are also invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is: "continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

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"Some things are more valuable when they are upside down. A figure 6, for instance."

~ The Herald, Nov. 6, 1886



A plane takes off from the Meeker airport.

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sounds of meeker Part 4: The Airport

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER One of the distinct sounds of Meeker, perhaps surprisingly, are planes and helicopters flying overhead. It seems to me we've been listening to more planes this summer, so I wondered if we're possibly getting more visitors. This question caused me to realize that I don't know anything about our airport, leading to this "Sounds of Meeker" story.

Coulter Airport, activated in 1946, is owned and funded by Rio Blanco County. At an official elevation of 6,421 feet the airport offers three runways, has no radio tower, and operates around the clock. An official weather station, information you may receive on your weather app for Meeker, probably comes from airport readings.

Managed by Lanny Coulter and his crew of four, its operations are quite broad and include fuel, aircraft maintenance, overnight tie-down, hangars, Flight for Life support, oxygen resources, aerial spraying, and more. They even provide a loaner auto for in town use to visitors.

Lanny Coulter grew up in the airport business, following in his father's footsteps, the prior manager. His days are unpredictable and his job consists of a wide

variety of tasks including piloting charter flights, supporting BLM firefighting, managing a full aircraft maintenance facility, aerial spraying and the list goes on. He seems to love all aspects of his work with 62 years of airport experience in his background.

On average, around 29 flights arrive or depart daily. Mr. Coulter told me we are about normal this time of the summer, although numbers of flights were down a bit earlier this year. Recently, we've had the firefighting helicopters zipping around and I think I heard a slurry bomber today.

Among the benefits to local citizens is the Flight for Life program whose aircraft can fly you to a hospital if you need specialized, emergency care. The medical helicopter at Pioneers Hospital has its own landing pad but uses the airport for gas and repairs.

Local pilot David Cole flies many physicians to and from our small western towns, including Steamboat, Craig, Cortez and Durango. Without this ability to relocate doctors quickly, we residents would have to travel to them.

"The Meeker Airport has much going for us," says Cole, a 32-year resident, because of the economic impact. This includes second home visitors buying

airport fuel, fixed wing aircraft response to wildfires, various aspects of medical support, and stopovers by business jets. Many of these folks buy groceries, lodging, gas and recreational supplies in Meeker.

According to CDOT's "Airport Economic Impact Report of 2020," airport activity adds \$1,313,000 to the local community plus off airport visitor spending is \$1,160,000. For more information, see www.coloradoaviationsystem.com/ceis for Meeker/Coulter Field.

With the right pilot, aircraft, and a pocketful of cash you could charter a flight as far as 500 miles from Coulter Airport. An approximate cost to fly to Denver is \$4,000-\$5,000, depending on number of people, aircraft fuel, pilot availability/commercial certification, immediacy, etc.

Unlike DIA (Denver International Airport) our airport has few noise restrictions except departing to the north for larger aircraft. Although normally a rather quiet sound of Meeker, when noise picks up, it tells us residents we are getting more visitors, either tourists or emergency support.

Many thanks to Lanny Coulter and David Cole for graciously contributing to this article. Upcoming is the final segment of "The Sounds of Meeker."

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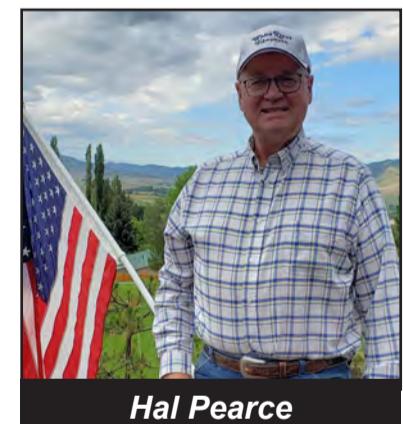
Neil Brennan, man of many hats (literally), observes the Little Buckaroo rodeo proceedings during the 2020 RBC Fair. More photos on [PAGE 8A](#).

WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Please remember this year's election will be by **mail-in ballot only**, with the annual meeting available **online** September 9, 2020 at 1 p.m.

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Wilhelm begins campaign tour, will visit Meeker Aug. 15, Rangely Aug. 22

By LUCAS TURNER
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RBC | Glenwood Springs attorney Colin Wilhelm is running for Colorado House District 57 as a Democrat this election. He faces incumbent Rep. Perry Will, R-New Castle for the district encompassing Garfield, Moffat, and Rio Blanco counties.

Starting this week Wilhelm begins a "socially distanced tailgate tour" to hear from people around the district.

"It's gonna be very informal, I'm not gonna be giving a speech or anything. I'd love to hear what they wanna say, hear what they want from their representative down in Denver, hear what issues are most important to them."

Wilhelm is focused on a message of unity, working together and resolving differences.

"I want to get us talking about these issues, and talking about different ways to solve the issues. If me and six other people sit down at a table and have a calm rational discussion, we can come up with seven great ideas that could turn into one really good idea that might solve that issue."

Wilhelm believes that for too long, Americans have avoided some of the difficult conversations needed to really move the country forward.

"That has actually led us to having a much more divisive country and not listening to other people and their ideas."

ENERGY INDUSTRY

One example of this divide in HD57 pertains to the energy sector, specifically the subject of fossil fuels versus renewable energy.

"We can expand the renewable footprint while at the same time not diminishing the oil and gas industry footprint," Wilhelm said.

"What we need to do, while keeping those [energy] jobs, is to diversify our jobs. We need to incentivize new companies coming in, and that's a broad range of companies."

Wilhelm shared examples like outdoor equipment manufacturers and retailers, a new railroad line through northern Colorado as a goods distribution satellite hub for Salt Lake City, and bringing in tech companies looking to do remote work.

"We've spoken to some front range companies like Lockheed Martin and defense contractors who would like to put satellite offices up here on the Western Slope," Wilhelm said.

He emphasized the urgency of economic diversification, but described the current moment as an opportunity.

"We need to work now and get these things lined up, and if we do that then we can have a really phenomenal transition to an even better, diversified economy," he said.

PANDEMIC

Aside from long term economic strategies for the district, Wilhelm is focused on mitigating the impacts of COVID-19, both economically and healthwise.

"Garfield County, Rio Blanco County and Moffat County have very few ICU beds for the size of their population. And those beds need to remain available while the pandemic is going on for heart attacks and car accidents and hunting accidents and the various things we get throughout the year. We can't be filling up those beds with COVID-19 patients," said Wilhelm. Wilhelm acknowledged that we need to get through the health crisis as quickly as possible, so that we can begin to address the economic crisis. He cited wearing masks as one way to accomplish this goal.

"It is one of the most useful and least imposing things that somebody can do to help protect their neighbors," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm, a practicing attorney, also said he does not believe mandatory mask orders violate the U.S. Constitution.

"Governments under the Constitution are allowed to make laws and pass ordinances for the health and safety of their constituents. Those laws are reviewed by the Supreme Court under



Colin Wilhelm is running for Colorado House District 57 against Rep. Perry Will.

COURTESY PHOTO

what's titled 'strict scrutiny.'

"I believe it would stand up to strict scrutiny and would therefore not be unconstitutional. That would be my legal analysis that I would do if I was presenting it to the supreme court, or to a judge," he said.

As long as the pandemic is still happening, Wilhelm says workers need to be supported. One way to do that, is to continue the \$600/week pandemic assistance payments mandated as part of the federal CARES act.

"For now it's necessary. If in the future we need to lower that, we need to start in a trickle down way. Not from \$600 to \$200 to zero. We need to lessen that burden on our workers."

"As we do these things in the interim to protect people now, we develop a plan for the future in case another economic collapse comes like this. So that way we have some benefits there that protect people and keep them from all of the sudden being out of work for 12 months with no income, and unable to pay their rent."

PROTECTING WATER RIGHTS

Also on Wilhelm's radar: water rights. He said we "can't diminish the importance" of the Colorado River as a water source for 37 million people, but he notes the importance of avoiding a call on the Colorado River for as long as possible.

"We are the headwaters up here in these districts. So we need to stand up and protect our rights first and foremost," Wilhelm said.

He mentioned a few ways to prevent a call on the Colorado anytime in the near future.

"I like some of the programs that reduce the use when people aren't necessarily needing to use all of their water."

Wilhelm believes these kinds of measures can be achieved within the existing legal framework and policies like "use it or lose it." For example, water lease-back programs, which give rights-holders the option to lease water they don't need for a given period of time.

"Previously that had been done in a 10 year block system where you had to lease those rights for 10 years. Recently it's gone down to about five. I wouldn't mind seeing it go down to one year programs."

"There's also incentivizing some agricultural businesses to lower their water use consumption and build new agricultural water distribution plans that are more efficient."

"Really what we're looking for here is preventing water waste, which will prevent a call on the Colorado River," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm had more to say about issues like improving healthcare access, bolstering restaurant workers, expanding broadband access throughout the district and more. You can listen to the full interview in our podcast feed at soundcloud.com/heraldtimes1885

Colin Wilhelm begins touring the district this week, starting in Meeker on Saturday, Aug. 15, at City Park from 1-4 p.m. He will be in Rangely the following week on Saturday, Aug. 22 at Elk's Park from 1-4 p.m.

Wilhelm has multiple trips to Meeker and Rangely scheduled through October. You can find the full list of dates at facebook.com/ColinWilhelmForColorado/

COUNTY BEAT



By NIKI TURNER

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RBC | Term limits for elected county officials are expected to appear on the November ballot, but we won't know until next week's meeting in Rangely exactly which elected offices will be subject to change.

Currently, there are no term limits on any elected offices in the county — commissioner, clerk and recorder, sheriff, assessor, treasurer, surveyor, coroner. Commissioners are discussing which offices should be exempt from term limits because of the level of training and certification required.

Voters will be asked to decide on term limits for each individual office. If approved, term limits would not be retroactive, meaning any elected county official currently in office would potentially have eight more years in office after the 2020 election, regardless of how many years they've served thus far.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The board opted to discontinue advertising for a relief building inspector. Current Inspector LaDonna Eubanks said she has been contacting contractors ahead of time when she knows she will be gone, and in the event of an extended leave she would have a contract inspector come in.

County Attorney Todd Starr said he would like to see a fee added to the rural building permit exemption to cover county

costs for staff time taking care of exemption paperwork.

COMPLAINT RECEIVED

The commissioners received a letter from a non-resident traveling through, who "stopped at a local burger joint" and were appalled by the failure to wear masks. Starr suggested the commissioners forward the letter to the restaurant "because if it gets forwarded to the state there may be consequences."

In a Facebook post Monday, commissioners reiterated their May letter and said they believe it's not their place to enforce the state mask mandate.

"If a restaurant or a business owner decides that they don't want to do that, as a patron you don't have to go there," said Commissioner Jeff Rector. "This is really dividing everyone across the nation. I think we can be the people who can be respectful."

The board encouraged citizens to respect the personal rights of other citizens to wear, or not to wear, a mask.

As for the complaint, "If the state decides to come and penalize that restaurant, that's at the state's decision," Starr said.

Multiple local businesses are subject to state regulations to protect their licensing. Compliance with state public health orders or mandates may affect license approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board again went into an execu-

tive session to discuss negotiations with Chevron, the WREA CR 8 fiber plan, and the Department of Human Services accounting position (Ryan Torsell in attendance as personnel under discussion).

In an interagency meeting following the regular board meeting, commissioners heard from various entities.

BLM, CPW and Forest Service officials said OHV use in the area this summer is higher than ever before. CPW said they anticipate that increase translating to increased hunter numbers this fall, based on license sales.

BLM said from a paperwork standpoint, industry is moving onto federal lands. Asked about firefighting operations, he said seasoned firefighters have told him the fire behavior they're seeing is "unprecedented."

Director Alden Vanden Brink said the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District is working on a local water system — which does not require a tax increase — and have about 35 residents who have expressed interest.

The Wolf Creek Reservoir project is supposed to go to court at the state level in January to determine whether the area needs more water storage, an idea the state has opposed.

As of Tuesday morning, the White River was flowing at less than 50 cubic feet per second below the Kenney Reservoir Dam, shutting off irrigation capability to several residents.



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(Left) A few of The Meeker Herald and Rangely Times archives in 'the vault'. A friendly house spider named Peter Parker guards the door.



SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE VIRUS.

This summer may not look the same as always, but together we feel strongly that we can continue to enjoy the customs and traditions of our community while maintaining the health and safety of our citizens. In any situation where people are gathering, the risk for communicable disease transmission is increased. COVID-19 is a new virus that spreads quickly, and because it is a novel strain we do not have "herd immunity" at this time. It is because of this that we must all work together to prevent an outbreak from occurring here due to our summer activities. There are many simple things that you can do to protect the health of your community:

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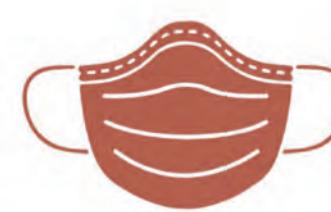
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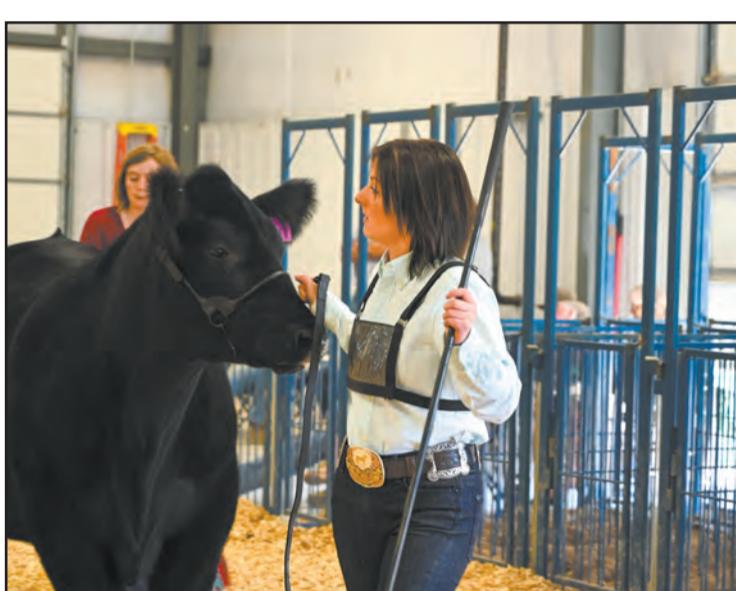
Charlie Rogers



Jill Ward



Some good old-fashioned fun was had at the fair, including sack races and watermelon eating contests, part of this year's Barnyard Games.



Kolbi Franklin



Madison Kindler

**Full fair results and official photos were not available by press time.
Please watch for them in the coming weeks.**



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Sports stories are posted in the HT as space allows in the following order: varsity stories, junior varsity stories, junior high stories, miscellaneous stories. Contact us at editor@ht1885.com with questions.



KIM EKSTROM PHOTO

The action continues in the Meeker Summer Rodeo Series during fair week. The Bull riding ended with no one able to ride the eight seconds, to sweeten the pot, the purse for this week will be \$1000 for the top competitor who can finish the ride. Above, Leah Wood and JD Slagowski, junior/senior team roper champs. Last weeks' results are below.

Saddle bronc - Casey Rosendahl
Number 8 roping - Ross Slagowski & JD Slagowski
Mixed pairs team roping - Raelynn Toon & JD Slagowski
Number 11 roping - Joe Wood & JD Slagowski
Open team roping - Dustin Flor & Kevin Wahlert
Junior/senior team roping - Leah Wood & JD Slagowski

Dally ribbon roping - JD Slagowski & Ross Slagowski
Open breakaway - Catherine Edwards
Ladies breakaway - Ember Salazar
Open barrels - Karryn Hazelbush
Junior barrels - Cylee Dunsmore



Junior Peter Hanks had an excellent week, according to coach Willy Theos.

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Cowboy golf plays 3 tourneys in first 10 days of season

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Cowboy Golf jumped right into the season with three tournaments in the first 10 days of the season.

"The guys did well for only having two or

three days of practice and I am proud of their effort," began head coach Willy Theos, "having a few extra players because of the CHSAA ruling has been nice."

The team had tournaments on August 6, 7, and 10.

"Junior Peter Hanks is a leader on the team and had an excellent week, we have two Seniors, Brayden Garcia and Ryan Phelan, and I think we will be competitive," wrapped up Theos.

Devil's Thumb Golf Tournament results:

Peter Hanks score of 92

Braydon Garcia - 99

John Hampton Hightower - 101

Ryan Phelan - 105

Liam DemingScore Malfunction

Placed 13th as a team.

Cedaredge Invitational results:

Braydon Garcia - 95

Peter Hanks - 98

John Hampton Hightower - 112

Liam Deming - 122

Ryan Phelan - 131

Placed sixth as a team

Wildcat Invitational at Adobe Creek results:

Peter Hanks - 89

Ryan Sullivan - 100

Ryan Phelan - 103

John Hampton Hightower - 104

Liam Deming - 124

Finished in 10th place as a team.



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MHS 2020 grad Phil Arnold will play golf at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling.

Arnold to play golf at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling

MEEKER I Meeker High School 2020 alumnus Phil Arnold has committed to Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado and play golf in the fall and spring seasons. He received a small scholarship, as well, according to mother Priscilla Sheridan. Arnold signed his commitment letter in July and will begin practice this August. Arnold was one of three seniors on the 2019 Cowboy team, the only member to qualify for the state tournament, and a team leader, according to head coach Willy Theos.

While attending school in Sterling, Arnold will pursue a B.A. in Business Management with plans to transfer to University of Nevada in Las Vegas (UNLV), which offers a Professional Golf Association (PGA) Management Program, to continue his career in the field of golf.

High temps and low humidity cause numerous problems for water users, recreation and fish

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Officials with Colorado Parks and Wildlife are working to address a number of water and recreation issues across the northwest part of the state. As high temperatures and low humidity have fueled wildfires in the region, they are also causing significant issues for water users, water recreation, and fish. The following is an update on some specific issues:

ANGLER ALERT

CPW staff are continuing to monitor environmental conditions, fishing pressure, and fish behavior in the Colorado, Roaring Fork, Fraser and Eagle rivers, and in other trout streams across the region. Trout are a cold water species. When water temperatures rise above 70 degrees, trout can become stressed. They may seek areas of refuge with cooler temperatures and more dissolved oxygen available as colder water holds more oxygen than warm water. Trout may be more susceptible to predation, disease, and stress during this time.

Anglers are encouraged to avoid fishing during the warmest parts of the day until water temperatures cool and/or river flows increase with monsoonal rains or upstream reservoir releases. Unnecessary handling of fish during these conditions can cause additional stress, so anglers are encouraged to release fish quickly.

Voluntary fishing closures from 2 p.m. to midnight are being implemented on the White River in Rio Blanco County and also the Colorado River in Garfield County. Anglers should refrain from fishing from 2 p.m. to midnight on the mainstem White River from the confluence with the North and South forks at the Belaire Unit of the Oak Ridge State Wildlife Area downstream to Rio Blanco County Road 5 (just downstream of Rio Blanco Lake State Wildlife Area), and also on the mainstem Colorado River from Newcastle downstream to Rifle. These voluntary fishing closures will remain in effect until conditions improve. While specific closures may not be in place in other waters, anglers are asked to minimize fishing during the warmest parts of the day. Fish at higher elevations when possible or seek out cool mountain lakes for a change of pace. Avoid playing fish to exhaustion when hooked and keep fish in the water if you must handle them.

ALGAE BLOOMS

Warm temperatures are also fueling algae blooms in several northwest waters. Steamboat Lake State Park has reported an algae bloom and is advising children and pets to be kept out of the water in areas where the algae are present. In addition, sections of the White and Colorado rivers are experiencing noticeable algae growth this year. Algae blooms can negatively impact human and animal health, create difficult fishing conditions and negatively affect water delivery systems.

LAKE AVERY WATER RELEASE

CPW managers are monitoring conditions for fish along the White River from Lake Avery downstream to the Rangely area. Lake Avery, also known as Big Beaver Reservoir, is located approximately 19 miles east of the community of Meeker. Water provided would be used to protect important coldwater fisheries in the river. Water releases for fish have been used in dry years to keep river temperatures lower while also keeping flows high enough to prevent a "call" on the river. These coordinated releases through the Colorado Water Conservation Board benefit more than just fish by allowing river operations such as recreation and irrigation to continue in extremely dry years. Releases are a short-term solution, while cooler temperatures and rainfall will be a welcome natural relief.

Through an agreement with the Colorado Water Conservation Board, CPW can release water from Lake Avery to help the Board meet their instream flow right of 200 cubic feet per second. The goal is protecting aquatic life in Big Beaver Creek downstream of Lake Avery, and the White River downstream to the confluence with Piceance Creek. The terms of the agreement allow for releasing 20 cfs for up to

120 days. CPW will monitor water-quality conditions and fish to gauge the effects of the additional water, adjusting the release from Lake Avery as conditions warrant.

PINE GULCH/GRIZZLY CREEK FIRES

Biologists with CPW are monitoring the area around the Pine Gulch Fire and Grizzly Creek Fire. While fire can have positive habitat impacts for big game species like deer and elk, it can create dangerous and possibly deadly conditions for fish. While fish are often safe from active fire, heavy rain events after a fire can inundate streams with debris, ash, and sediment making it difficult for fish to survive and reproduce. Toxins from ash and fire retardant can also negatively impact fish communities. Creeks in the Pine Gulch Fire area are home to several native fishes, including Colorado River cutthroat trout, bluehead sucker, mottled sculpin, and speckled dace. Grizzly Creek is an important spawning tributary to the Colorado River for rainbow trout, brown trout, and mountain whitefish; brook trout and cutthroat trout are present in higher stream reaches. Wildlife managers and biologists will be monitoring conditions in case action is necessary.



STOCK PHOTO

CPW officials have issued an angler alert due to high temps and low relative humidity. Voluntary fishing closures from 2 p.m. to midnight are being implemented on the White River.

THE STRIP

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from
SLEEPY CAT YOGI SHOP

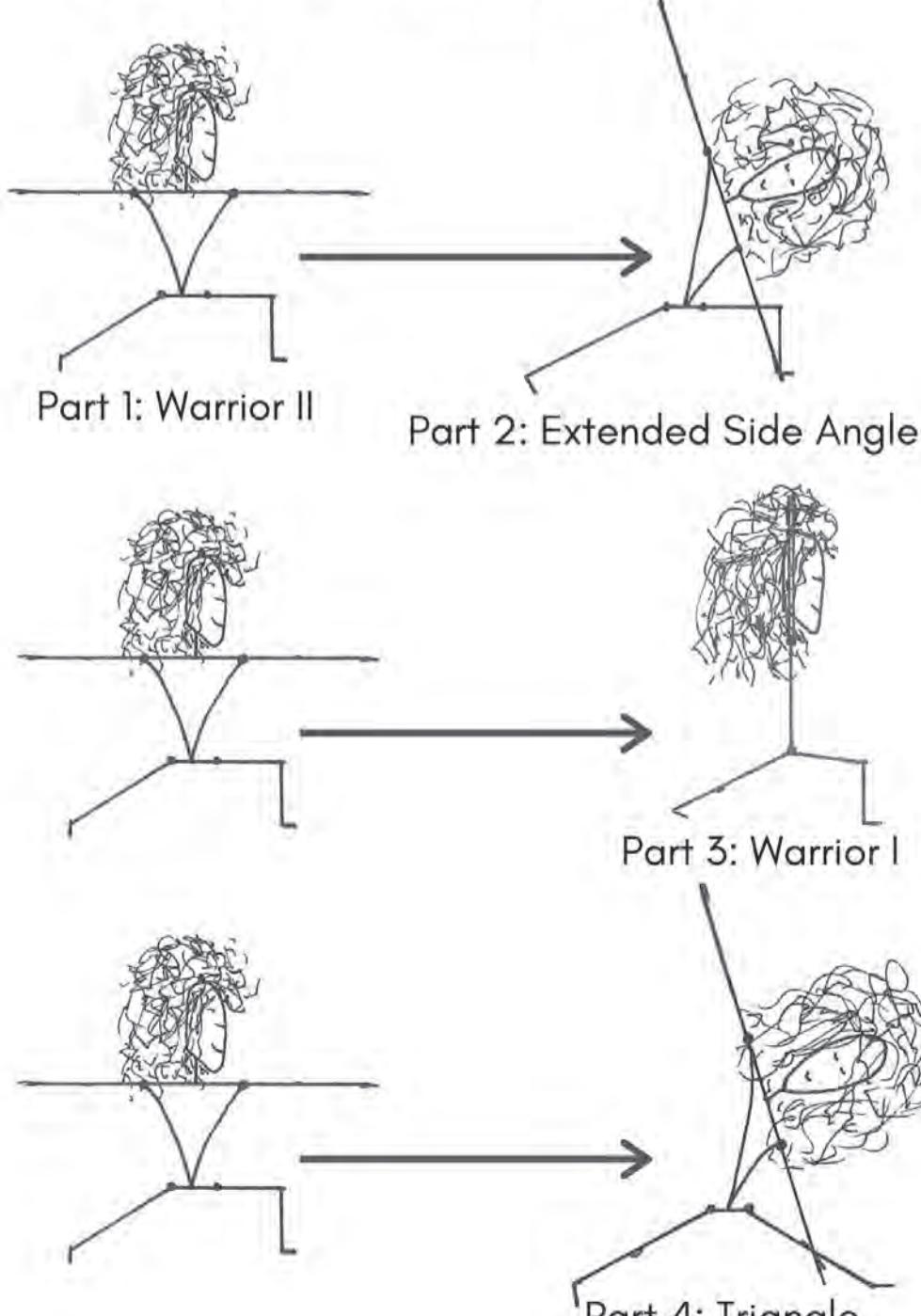
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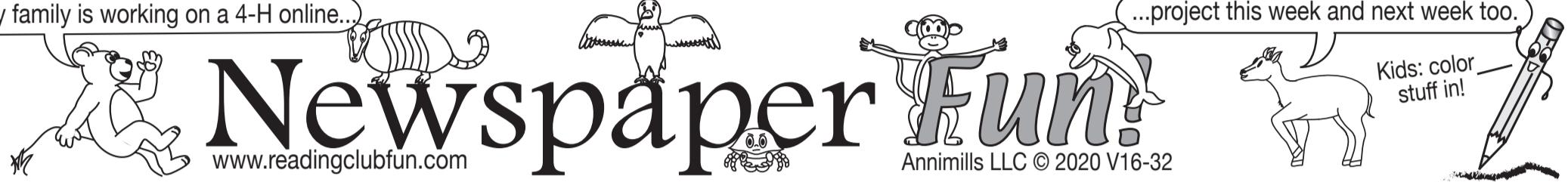
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My family is working on a 4-H online...



I'd make cheese!

Wow!

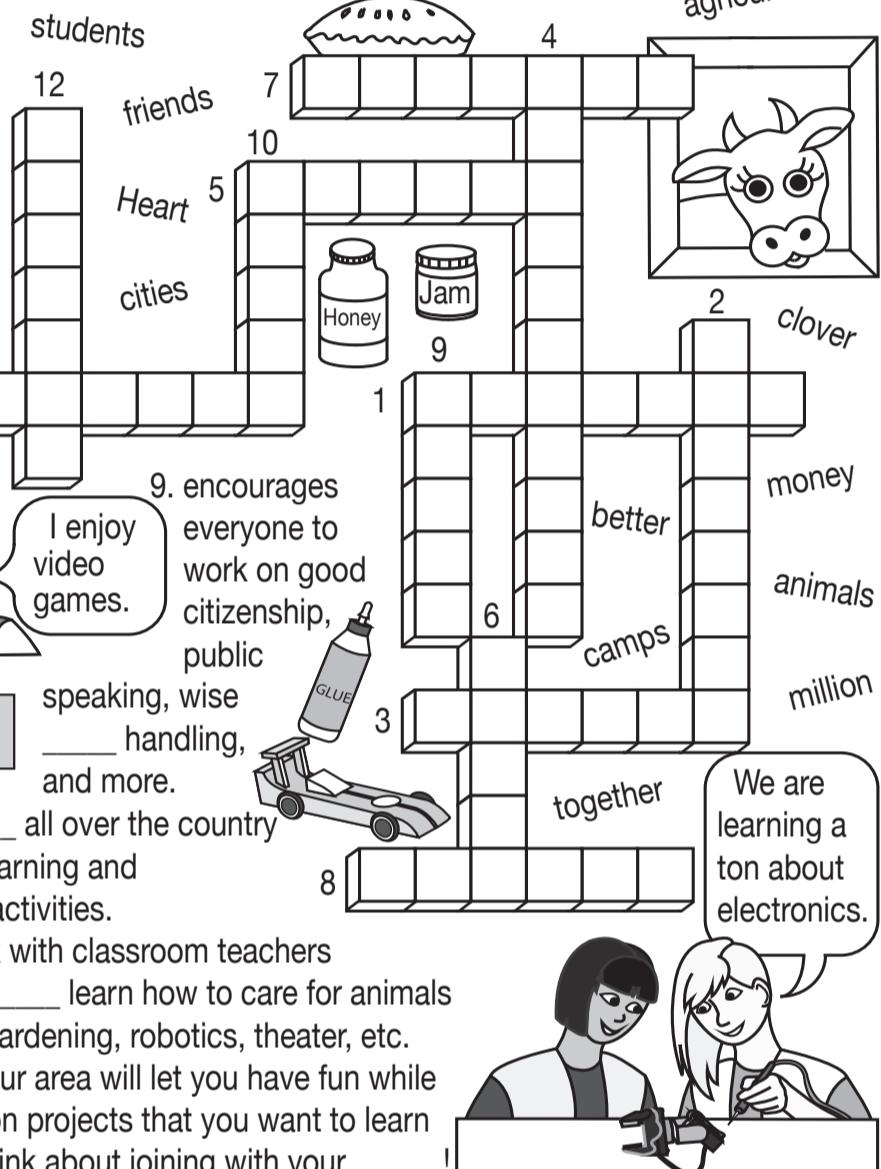
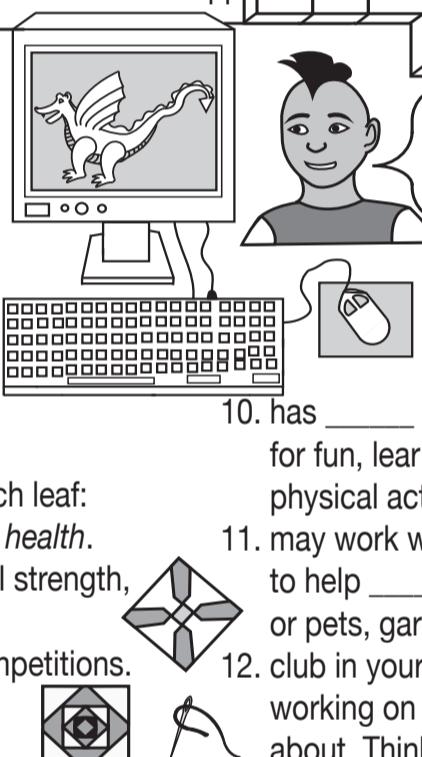
4-H Fun For Kids Everywhere!

What do you know about the world-famous 4-H organization? Do you know that about 7 million young people from more than 50 countries belong to the 4-H groups, clubs and programs? Members are 6 to 25 years old and have a range of backgrounds and beliefs. They think about their interests and then set out to complete their own hands-on projects: experiments, cooking, robotics, etc. 4-H members "learn by doing."

Right now, during a time when a lot of kids are staying closer to home, the 4-H has created a great online *Home Activity Guide* that offers families lots of ideas for learning, hands-on activities and experiments. Check out this FREE guide – and try out some cool new stuff – by visiting <https://4-H.org>.

The 4-H:

- has more than 6.5 _____ kids and young people as members in the U.S. and Canada.
- encourages kids to get _____ and plan interesting projects.
- teaches that we keep learning all our lives – and we can work to make the best even _____!
- was started by a few people living in different areas; one was a superintendent of schools named A. B. Graham who began a club where kids could learn about _____ – the science of caring for animals and the land, and raising crops.
- has a symbol that started as a 3-leaf _____ with an H on each leaf: *head, heart, hands*; later, the 4th leaf and "H" was added for *health*.
- Head is for thinking and knowledge, the _____ is for spiritual strength, the Hands are for doing and Health is for "better living."
- members who live on farms may work with _____; enter competitions.
- members in clubs near or in large _____ may work on areas such as: photography, cooking, neighborhood projects.



4-H Clubs The 4-H started in rural areas, but now its members are everywhere! Often, clubs meet right after the school day is over.

Find and circle some exciting projects that kids can choose to do:



bicycle geospatial energy amphibians and reptiles
clowning photography robotics video game design
dairy small engine theater cake decorating
horses computers small pet scrapbooking



4-H Online Activities

Staying around the house more? Looking for new challenges, things to learn or fun activities to do? Check out the FREE *4-H Home Activity Guide* at their web site (<https://4-H.org>) to get started! Read the clues to fill in some of the many activities:

With help or permission from a grownup:

- use household supplies to create _____ experiments
- use a phone or camera, learn how to take a creative _____
- use coordinates of a recent _____ to create your own storm tracking map
- interview a veteran about his or her life to learn about American _____
- find or buy cloth and thread to try _____ your own handbag or tote

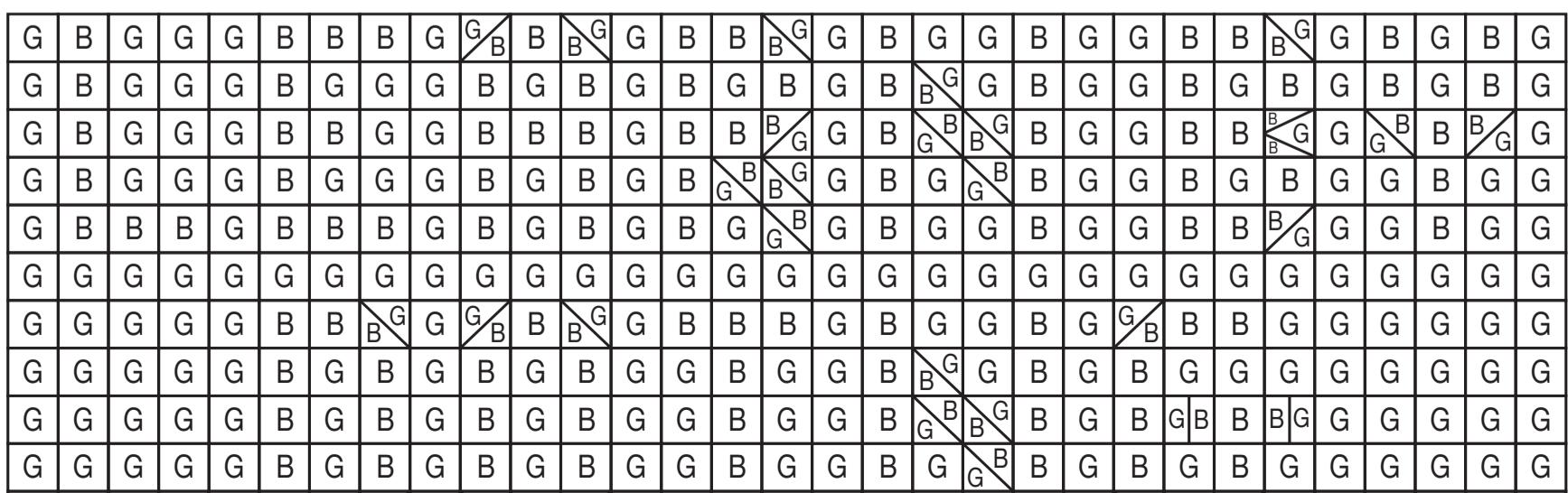


Try It Yourself!

One of the goals of the 4-H clubs and their online activities is to help members have hands-on experiences – so they can go ahead and "try it themselves."

Follow the color key to fill in the squares to read what the 4-H believes in:

G = Green B = Brown



DAYS GONE BY

*The Meeker Herald
125 years ago*

■ A Grand river fruit man was in this week with a load of peaches. The ordinance licensing hucksters is not yet in effect, but likely will be by the 7th of September. In view of the fact that the postoffice store (and at other places too, doubtless) they are selling peaches at \$1.25 a box, where does the profit come for the consumer? The huckster got his \$1.50 a box, and not a cent of it went into the town coffers.

■ James M. Cole, Piceance creek's well known cattle baron, returned yesterday from Leadville where he disposed of several car loads of cows and steers. The former netted him \$21, the latter \$31 per head.

■ Judge J.W. Hugus came in from Craig last evening on a tour of inspection of his many interests in this part of the country.

*The Meeker Herald
100 years ago*

■ The fame of Meeker and the White River Country continues to spread. The number of visitors this season, up to date, has been greater than ever before.

■ Lyman Ellis formerly a well known young man of Meeker, is now a member of one of Uncle Sam's aviation units and is in active service on the Coast. This is a service to which Lyman would naturally take to and make good in.

■ The above reminds us of the fact that last spring we urged our town authorities to set our trees around the town park. No action was taken. It is now too late to take action, this season; but such action should be taken next spring, and the town park made comfortable and attractive for visiting autoists. More than twice as many auto parties have visited Meeker this season than last; and all say a much larger number will visit us next summer. All should be sent away with a good opinion of Meeker.

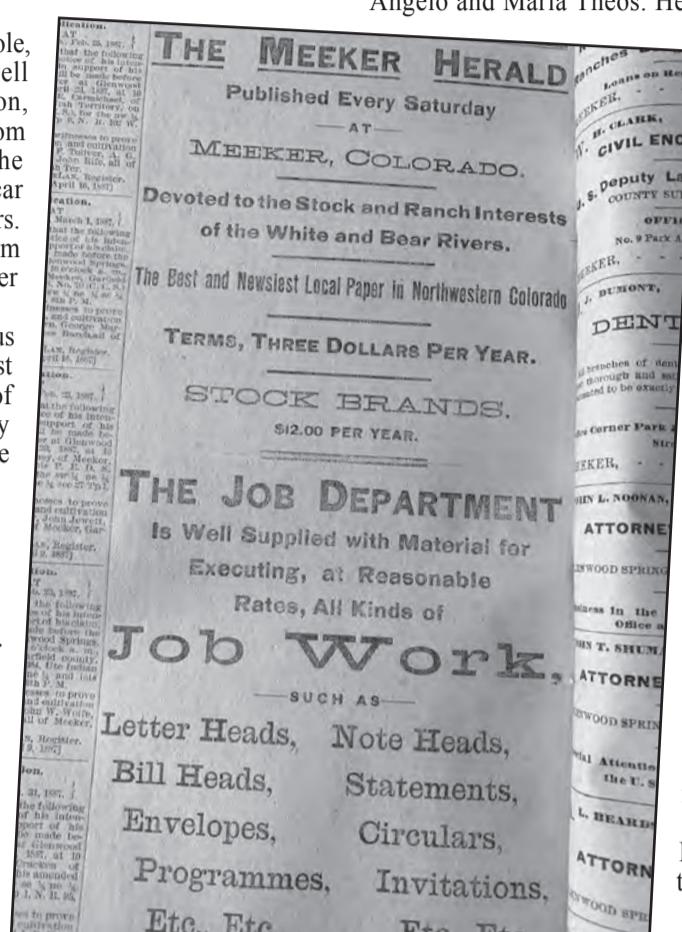
*The Meeker Herald
50 years ago*

■ Four men were burned shortly before noon Tuesday in an oil well explosion about 30 highway miles southwest of Craig and taken to Craig Memorial Hospital, a Moffat County Sheriff's office spokesman said. They were identified as Arthur Sims, 43; Eldon Lane, 22; William Pilcher, 21; and John Pittensbarger, 34, all of Rangely, Colo. Well Service employees. Sims was in good condition, the others in fair condition.

■ The Aero Inn Supper Club two miles west of Meeker, which opened July 3 under the new management of Gary Coulter and Larry Ebert, will be hosting their Grand Opening Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22.

■ Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder Sue Mantle said this week the current registration figure compares with 2,094 persons who were eligible to vote in the 1968 primary. The current figure also includes 853 Registered Democratic voters, 978 registered Republican voters and 348 Independent voters.

*The Meeker Herald
25 years ago*



HT FILE PHOTO
From the Meeker Herald, 1885, proclaiming it, "The Colorado."

■ Meeker plays reluctant host to stranded migrant workers; Meeker police officers had their hands full over the weekend when a state highway patrolman discovered a disabled truck full of what apparently were undocumented migrant workers from Mexico on a highway just outside of Meeker.

■ Mike Theos 1924-1995; Mike Theos, 71, longtime Rio Blanco county resident and rancher, died Aug. 16, 1995 at Pioneers Hospital in Meeker following a heart attack. Mike Theos was born in Leadville, Colo., on July 20 1924, the fifth son of Angelo and Maria Theos. He attended Grand Junction schools and graduated from high school there in 1942. He spent summers at the family ranch in Meeker where he and his brothers helped with the many facets of sheep ranching. After Graduation, he worked for his father full time, herding sheep, maving camp and helping with the haying at both the winter range in Utah and the Little Beaver Ranch in the Meeker area.

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■ Rangely Times

RE-4 School

District will start the 1970-1971 school year on Tuesday, August 25, with the students to report at 8:45 a.m. The faculty is complete at this date. Walter Stahlecker will start his fourth year as Superintendent of Schools and William Bell will be in his second year as High School Principal. George Tookey will be in his eighth year as Principle of the Middle School and William Palmer will be in his third year as Elementary Principal.

■ Two new vocational course have been added to the curriculum. They are Vocational Automobile Mechanics and Vocational Building Trades. Primarily, these courses are offered to students who do not intend to further their education from high school by attending college.

■ Everyone knows that the husband is the head of the house and that pedestrians have the right of way. The trouble begins when you try to prove it.

*Rangely Times
25 years ago*

■ In a relatively short Aug. 21 meeting, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners passed a motion to help ease the troubles at Deserado Mine facilities. The commissioners moved to free Western Fuels-Utah Inc., from a settlement agreement with the County dated Dec. 26, 1989. That agreement held Western-Fuels responsible for maintenance on the road from Colorado Highway 64 to the Deserado Mine road and the bridge over the White River. According to the commissioners, Western-Fuels paid the county, who did the actual roadwork. "I hope maybe this helps Western Fuels stay in business," said Commissioner Don Davis after the motion passed.

Meeker Police Department responded to 96 calls for service

- Five 911 hangup/test
 - Two alarms
 - Three agency assists
 - Nine animal calls
 - 35 business/residential checks
 - Five citizen assists
 - Two code enforcement
 - Two disturbances
 - Two motorist assists
 - Two suspicious incidents
 - Five VIN inspections
 - One each: abandoned vehicle, assault, civil, harassment, sexual assault, traffic crash, traffic hazard
- Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to 11 calls
- Three ambulance requests, assault, four assists with CSP involving two ATV crashes and one fatal motorcycle crash, smoke report, one medical transport

Rio Blanco Detention

- 12 current inmates, nine males and three females
- One jail transport to or from another facility
- Four arrests, two RBSO and one each from Meeker and Rangely PDs
- Three inmates released/bonded

This information is a weekly review of the calls for service that were requested at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions or would like an explanation of the call types listed please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

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PAYROLL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOWN OF MEEKER 7/31/20

GENERAL FUND

Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$51,460.33

CRA, Emp. Retirement - PD, \$2,806.12

CRA, Emp. Retirement, \$7,042.94

CRA, Emp. Loan Payments, \$1,200.83

CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$19,249.23

Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$4,949.69

Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$1,976.10

Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$1,964.58

Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$5,374.94

MHRC, Emp. Donations, \$26.50

Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$903.69

Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$192.31

A-1 Heating & Cooling, 3rd Floor Urinal Replace, \$987.00

Curtis Blue Line, Name Tag's / PD, \$37.50

Eagle River Waste, Recycle Svc., \$1,800.00

Jean's Printing, Envelopes, \$110.01

McGuire Auto, Battery - Fork Lift, \$113.10

Meeker Embroidery, Ball Caps / PD, \$20.10

Positive Promotions, Hand Sanitizer, Wet Wipes / PD, \$395.59

Pro Force Law Enforcement, Taser Cartridges, Ammo, \$1,468.60

RBC Fleet Mgt., July Fuel, \$1,201.76

SGM, Prof. Svc. Crosswalk Proj., \$198.00

Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$552.58

White River Inn, Reimb. Business Grant, \$5,000.00

All Copy Products, Copier Lease, \$747.56

Also, Coveralls, \$21.71

BoyKo, Nitrile Gloves, \$50.79

CMRS-PB, Reimb. Pstg., \$28.50

Curtis Blue Line, Badges / PD, \$156.00

Herald Times, Legal Pub., \$230.33

Networking of the Rockies, IT Support, \$1,666.67

Olszewski, Mash & Maurer, Legal Fees, \$4,373.00

Overton Recycling, Trash Svc., \$50.00

Pitney Bowes, Meter Rental, \$125.67

Red Rooster, Reimb. Business Grant, \$1,200.00

RMR, July Claims, \$1,780.62

Samuelson's, Sprinkler Parts / Ute Park, \$147.25

Valley Hardware, Sewer Auger, \$91.43

Watt's, Snacks / MMF; Dog Food / AC, \$86.57

Western Slope Const., Comp Plan Update, \$26,585.04

WREA, Electric, \$2,868.29

A-1 Heating & Cooling, Boiler Repairs & Filled System, \$6,930.50

BoyKo, Hand Towels, Hand Soap & Gloves, \$284.77

CMRS - PB, Reimb. June Pstg., \$81.60

Cole, State Treasurer, 2nd Qtr. Unemp., \$611.50

Eagle River Waste, Trash Svc., \$262.00

Grand Jct. Pipe, Sprinklers / Ute Park, \$133.24

Meeker Chamber, Main St. Mini Grant, \$2,500.00

Mtn. Cross Eng., NW Corner Proj., \$815.40

MVB-VISA, Weed Eater / St. Ad / PD, \$1,423.78

PB Electronics Inc., Radar Cables, \$90.00

PMC, DOT Physical, \$52.50

RBC Fire Prot., Fireworks Donation, \$1,500.00

RBC Sheriff's Office, 3rd Qrt. Dispatch Svc., \$11,250.00

RMR, June Claims, July Admin Fee, \$1,597.03

Atmos, Gas, \$180.43

Edwards Jay, Attorney, Muni Judge Svc., \$325.00

Kasey Cox, Phase 1 Website Dev., \$2,800.00

Meeker Chamber, Reimb. Main St. Scholarship, \$619.50

RBC Sales & Use Tax, Sales Tax Adjustment, \$22,681.01

RBC Weed & Pest, Weed Chemical, \$349.60

Respond, 1st Aid Supplies, \$58.43

PUBLIC NOTICES

Stripe A Lot, Paint - St., \$3,850.00 Total General Fund: \$207,827.12

WATER FUND

Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$16,254.59

CCOERA, Emp. Retirement, \$2,828.24

CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$6,150.70

Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$3,085.54

Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$721.60

Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$2,355.97

Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$846.90

MHRC, Employee Donation, \$18.50

Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$289.28

Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$103.19

US Postmaster, Water Billing Pstg., \$188.48

Core & Main, Hyman Fittings, \$482.00

Ducey's Elec., Wire Water Loadout, \$110.26

HACH, Test Chemicals, \$163.29

Jean's Printing, Envelopes, \$36.67

McGuire Auto, Battery - Fork Lift, \$112.39

RBC Fleet Mgt., Fuel, \$288.81

Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$89.95

All Copy Products, Copier Lease, \$230.44

Also, Coveralls, \$21.71

CMRS - PB, Reimb. Pstg., \$144.50

Craig Cola Water Dept., Water Test, \$225.00

Public Health & Env., Water Distrib. Fee, \$310.00

Herald Times, Legal Pub., \$67.07

Olszewski, Mash & Maurer, Legal Fees, \$785.00

Pitney Bowes, Meter Rental, \$90.99

RMR, Claims, \$551.87

Samuelson's, Antifreeze Mix, \$43.40

UNCC, Line Locates, \$128.14

Valley Hardware, Sewer Auger, \$129.09

Watt's, Soap, \$10.48

WREA, Electricity, \$5,651.27

CMRS - PB, Reimb. June Pstg., \$128.00

Colo. State Treasurer, 2nd Qtr. Unemp., \$183.28

Core & Main, Meter Parts, \$51.50

CW Const., Water St. Water Line Proj., \$214,332.46

DPC Ind., Canister Chg., \$80.00

Mtn. Cross Eng., Chlorine Sys. Upgrade, \$825.00

Mtn. Cross Eng., Water St. Water Line Work, \$702.90

MVB-VISA, Meals, Office Supplies, Phone Svc., \$148.15

PMC, DOT Physical, \$52.50

RMR, June Claims, July Admin Fee, \$475.74

Atmos, July Natural Gas, \$39.61

DPC, Chlorine Cylinders, \$1,277.25

NW CO. Consultants, Soils Testing & Service, \$14,382.00

Respond, 1st Aid Supplies, \$33.77

Total Water Fund: \$279,056.59

Total All Funds: \$486,883.71

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Rio Blanco Herald Times

RIO BLANCO COUNTY EMPLOYEES TOTAL GROSS SALARY PAID IN JUNE 2020.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

IN ADDITION TO COMPENSATION DURING JUNE WAS 50% OF GROSS SALARY.

TITLE, GROSS SALARY

Airport Coord, 216.88

Assessor, 6,728.08

Assr Cartographer I, 4,116.67

Assr Chief Appraiser, 3,120.00

Assr Office Asst, 2,681.47

Assr Oil & Gas Tax Auditor, 155.04

Assr PP Appraiser/Appraiser I, 3,198.00

At Help Desk/Ofc Asst, 2,946.67

AWy Legal Staff Asst, 4,849.98

AWyBOCC/HR Admin Asst, 2,681.47

Building Insp. 6,000.00

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Building/Planning Staff Asst, 3,124.06 Clerk & Recorder, 6,728.08

C&R Bikpr/Spec Proj Coord, 3,460.94

C&R Motor Veh Admin Asst I, 2,502.47

C&R Motor Veh Admin Asst II, 2,768.73

C&R Motor Veh Compl Agent, 3,188.70

C&R Rcrd/Elec Asst, 511.36

C&R Staff Asst, 3,169.96

Col Prk Mgr, 3,033.89

Commissioner, 6,337.50

Commissioner, 6,728.08

Communications Tech, 3,570.83

Communications Tech, 3,570.83

Coroner, 3,806.83

Deputy Coroner, 189.34

DHS Dir, 6,380.10

DHS Acctg Tech

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF MEEKER

ORDINANCE 4-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER AND APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
WHEREAS, on December 12, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Meeker adopted the 2020 Budget; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Governmental Budget Law of Colorado, C.R.S. Section 29-1-101 et seq., and specifically C.R.S. Section 29-1-109, if after the adoption of the budget a municipality receives unanticipated revenues, has revenues that are lower than anticipated in the adopted budget, or deems it necessary to transfer appropriated moneys between funds, the governing body may adopt an ordinance in this regard; and
WHEREAS, after adoption of the 2020 Budget, the Town received more revenues, incurred more expenditures or required different transfers than were originally anticipated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER AS FOLLOWS:

1. That revenues and expenditures of the funds described herein of the Town of Meeker for 2020 are amended as follows and appropriated for the purposes stated:

That during the 2020 fiscal year the following revenues and expenditures were unanticipated at the time of the adoption of the budget and were from a source other than local government property tax mill levy:

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CVRF) Revenue Gen. Fund \$180,839.00

Coronavirus Related Expenditures Gen. Fund \$180,839.00

Purpose of appropriation: The CVRF revenue was received from the State of Colorado to reduce the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and revenue expended to offset the additional expenditures incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Certified VIN Inspection Fees Gen. Fund \$1,500.00

Certified VIN Training & Certification Gen. Fund \$1,500.00

Purpose of appropriation: There is a new State of Colorado requirement for the certified VIN inspection fees to be collected and the revenue expended for officer training for certified VIN inspections.

2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication as provided in Section 31-16-105 C.R.S.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on August 4, 2020, by a vote of 5 for and 0 against, and ordered published in full in the Rio Blanco Herald Times.

TOWN OF MEEKER
Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

ATTTEST: Amy Tup, Town Clerk

Published: August 13, 2020

Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF MEEKER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Annual joint meeting with ERBM Rec. & Park District and Town Trustees will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Center, 200 Main St. Meeker, CO.

7:00 P.M. Board Meeting
Town Hall

345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

In order to comply with the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 044 dated April 26, 2020 regarding social distancing the public is invited to attend by telephone by calling 970-878-8091.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of the Agenda

5. Approval of the Previous Minutes

6. Approval of Monthly Disbursements

7. Public Participation

This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees that are not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.

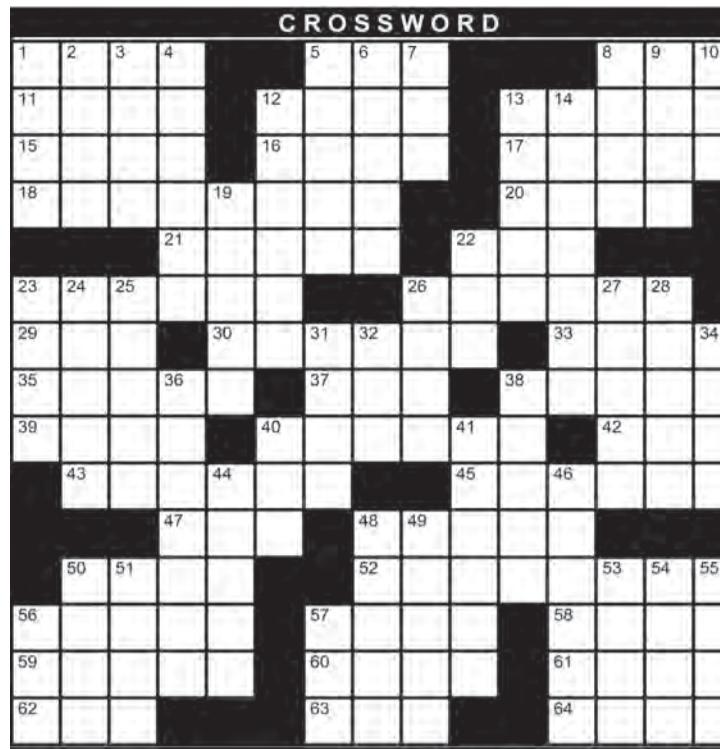
8. Staff Reports

9. Public Hearings

a. Request from Meeker Lion's Club for a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Meeker Mustang Makeover event at RBC Fairgrounds Grandstands, 700 Sulphur Cr. Rd., Sept. 11, 2020.

10. New Business:
a. Bid opening for the Animal Shelter Remodel.

b. Presentation by White River Alliance requesting consideration of an integrated pest control management program.



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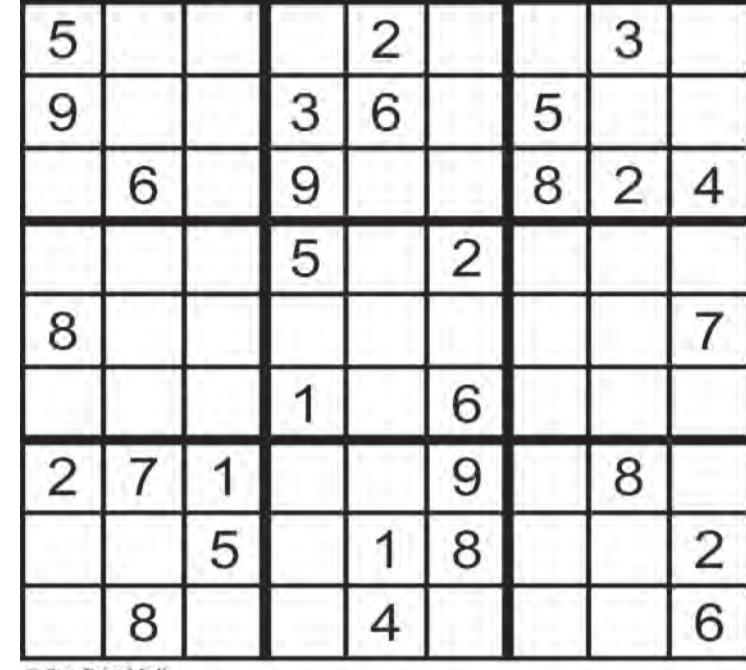
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 3. Whimper
 4. "That ____!" and hurts
 5. Mosque officials
 6. Don McLean: "Drove my chevy to the ____"
 7. Comes before first Mississippi
 8. Minute opening
 9. "For Pete's ____!"
 10. Belonging to it
 11. Not aria nor recitative
 12. Open a beer bottle
 13. *Union responsibility
 14. "Labor Day is this puzzle's ____"
 15. Beyond, a.k.a. Queen ____
 16. Like Labor Day weekend
 17. Ovine sign of the zodiac
 18. Type of weasel
 19. "Pro" follower
- ACROSS**
1. Delivery org.
 5. "U.N. workers' grp.
 8. Pressure unit
 11. Prune, previously
 12. Congregation's echo
 13. Lusitania's destroyer
 15. Samoan money
 16. Enthusiastic review
 17. Police informers
 18. "More than 40 hours
 20. First Nation nation
 21. Not these
 22. Paper or plastic?
 23. Lads' girlfriends
 26. Meal
 29. Morsel
 30. "Labor Day, always
 33. International Civil Aviation Org.
 35. She turned to stone, Greek
 37. Quaker grain
 38. Same as gnarls
 39. Toothy wheel
 40. Capital of Canada
 42. Homer Simpson exclamation
 43. Russia's plain
 45. Zoroastrian archives
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School Bus

Route/Activity/Substitute Driver

Meeker School District Re-1 is seeking individuals to drive a school bus route and activity trips beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. While it is preferred that applicants hold a current CDL Class B P2S license, the district will train approved applicants in obtaining this license.

For job requirements, details and an application, please visit Meeker.k12.co.us or Meeker School District Administration, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO.

Review of applications will begin immediately and close when position is filled.

ADA/EOE

970-878-9040

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Range Cowboy Church of Meeker



For more information, Please call Tom 970-260-6820

FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES

Monthly Food Distribution

Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds

@11:30 AM

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Wednesday, October 22, 2020

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Rangely Victim Services: An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. Non-emergency call 629-9691. Emergencies call 911. Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Service Offices Rio Blanco County:

Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581. Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

RBC | Attention Rio Blanco County Veterans:

Veterans may be eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel costs to receive VA medical care. If you do not currently receive VA travel compensation please contact the Rio Blanco County Veterans Service offices. Rangely: John "Hoot" Gibson, 970-878-9695. Meeker: Joe Bob Dungan, 970-878-9690. Travel compensation is made possible through the Veterans Trust Fund Grant and VFW Post 5843.

RIO BLANCO Masonic Lodge #80 meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at 7th and Park, Meeker.

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7 p.m., 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely.

Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970.

Women's NA/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m., St. Timothy's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Eden Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals.

Meeker: Thursdays, Noon to 5 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpc@gmail.com or (970)878-5117

Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

AUCTION

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Saturday August 15th, 10:00 a.m.

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