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Hop to it

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Beer has been a part of human history for 5,000 years, and homebrewing and microbreweries have enjoyed a resurgence in popularity during the last 20 years, especially in Colorado. Hops, which provide flavor and act as a preservative, are an essential ingredient in beer.

The hop plant is a rhizome, with an underground root system that grows horizontally and can produce new shoots and stems. Bearded irises are another rhizome.

The hop plant is also related to hemp, as both are members of the *Cannabaceae* family. Seven years ago, brothers Kevin and Kristopher Borchard were fishing along the White River when they came across a wild hop plant. That discovery sparked an interest in whether the plant could be grown commercially in Rio Blanco County.

The Borchard brothers partnered with Dan Ward, a Longmont native, and started Smoking River Hops. They bought property along the White River in December 2016 and began an entrepreneurial experiment in agriculture.

According to Kevin Borchard, perhaps better known as Pioneers Medical Center's leading orthopedic surgeon, White River valley pioneers brought hop plants with them to make their own beer. The plants outlasted the settlers. Borchard said they've found plants growing wild on Miller Creek and even up South Fork.

The first year of business was

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What are hops?

If you've ever had a beer, you've tasted the bitter flavor of hops. The dried ripe flowers are an essential ingredient in brewing beer. Plants are grown vertically to heights of 20 feet before harvest.

Clean-up operations underway on oil spill near Parkview Elementary School

By LUCAS TURNER
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RANGELY I Last week a concerned citizen informed the *Herald Times* about a potential oil spill just to the south of Rangely's Parkview Elementary School.

Images submitted to the *HT* showed an unknown volume of what appeared to be oil near the base of large storage tanks on the site. Colorado Oil and Gas Commission records reveal the property is currently owned by Rio Mesa Resources, LLC. Miachel Hayes is listed as the registered agent of the company. The location of said spill was approximately 700 feet from the entrance of the elementary school.

The state oil and gas commission was notified of the spill, who reached out to the property owner. He confirmed the spilled liquid to be oil, and said the volume was "about half a barrel" which is 21 gallons.

"It's been cleaned up. It's a leak out of an old tank off a location that...the tank ended up having a hole in it, and spilled some oil out on the ground," Hayes said.

COGCC Rule 906 governing spills and releases of E&P waste, gas, or produced fluids requires operators to investigate, clean up, and document impacts resulting from spills/releases as soon as practicable. Hayes claims that the clean up requirement has been met.

"We have cleaned the little spill up that didn't amount to much, and it's been taken care of," he said.

By Tuesday this week, cleanup operations had started on the site. Two of the tanks were turned on their side and the affected soil had been dug out and piled up on site.

Hayes said he was "working with the COGCC" to get the spill taken care of. He also indicated he would be taking a sample of the

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BACK IN SESSION ...



(Top) COVID precautions aside, some things about the first day of school never change.

(Right) Students and staff of the Rangely School District must go through a temperature-reading kiosk before entering district buildings. Rangely Superintendent Matt Scoggins said they've checked the devices against handheld thermometers and they're "pretty close." Students and staff are expected to check their own temperatures at home before coming to school, but the kiosks are a "trust but verify" system.



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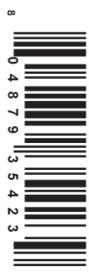
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HOPS: diversifying ag

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dedicated to setting up the hop field. Using metal posts set up using techniques similar to those used for power poles has saved the field from wind damage, even with winds this year that snapped nearby cottonwoods. The hop field has remained standing, and the “bines” have climbed to their 20 foot harvest height on ropes made from coconut fiber.

In 2017 they planted four acres and four varieties. In 2018 they expanded the field to nine acres and added nine more varieties of hops. Each variety has a slightly different aroma and provides different flavors.

Irrigated with a drip system, Kevin said the plants have used significantly less water than the neighboring hayfield, but it’s a more labor intensive crop to produce from start to finish.

Each mature plant can produce three to four pounds of fresh hops. Fresh hops can be used in beer, but has to be processed within 18-24 hours.

Getting the fresh product to area brewers in that window of time can present a challenge, but they’ve done it. Dried hops and pelletized hops are also available for sale, for both commercial and homebrewers.

As the first hops production facility in the area, the success of Smoking River Hops may indicate a new source of economic diversity in agriculture.

Learn more at smokingriverhops.com/

(Top) Kevin and Hanna Borchard of Smoking River Hops. (Middle) The hop plant is a cousin to hemp. Hops are the flowers the plant produces.

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LUCAS TURNER PHOTOS

HIGH SCHOOL CORNERSTONE ...



Members of the Masonic Lodge laid the cornerstone at the new Meeker High School building last week, just in time for students to return to school. MSD Superintendent Chris Selle (top left) and MHS Principal Amy Chinn (middle left) applied some mortar. A time capsule was placed behind the stone. Read the MSD school board meeting report on [PAGE 8A](#).

LUCAS TURNER PHOTOS

Main Street improvements, grants and more

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

RANGELY | The Town of Rangely’s Board of Trustees met Tuesday. During supervisor reports, Janet Miller reported that four White River Village tenant recertifications were completed. The sprinkler system was repaired, common area deep cleaning has been routinely taking place, shampooing carpets, spraying exterior for elm tree beetles, Ring® door bell installation for each resident along with key lock boxes. Miller finished a three-year audit for the USDA. Miller and crew have been busy pruning and maintain-

ing buildings/grounds and main street flowers, trees, and shrubs. Several code enforcement issues were discussed with one leading to a citation.

Michael Dillon reported that the waterline project that began along Colorado Hwy. 139 is about 80% complete. The initial tie in was a success and a second, more complex tie in will occur in the next few weeks. Dillon expects project completion to occur shortly after the Sept. 5 deadline.

Don Reed reported that water flows for the White River are currently at 110 cubic feet per second (CFS). At around 80 CFS, a stage 1 water restriction would likely be

put in place. Reed does not expect any water restrictions in 2020 for the Town of Rangely.

TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

Lisa Piering reports that the town is moving forward with the main street improvement project. Flashing “your speed” signs have been placed at both sides of Highway 64 where the speed limit reduces to 30 mph.

The beloved “Town Buck” — a large mule deer buck who resided in the city limits for several years — was humanely euthanized today after the sudden onset of an unknown illness. With the help of Colorado Parks and Wildlife

and Rangely residents, Town Hall will display a mount provided by Wildlife Expressions to honor the deer.

The Dollar General store is still slated to open in October, adding a second dollar store to Main Street.

Piering reports that all the departments are working hard and trying to complete all of their projects making sure that they use all of their town funds appropriately and come under budget when possible. There are a couple of opportunities for GOCO grants that they will apply for and the CDOT grant that the town was awarded can be

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Meeker Recreation Center

UPDATE

Check out the NEW and EXPANDED Meeker Recreation Center and Pool hours!

Approved by the ERBM Board of Directors, these hours will be the regular operation hours for fall, winter, and spring.

CENTER HOURS

Monday-Friday.....5:00am-7:30pm
Saturday-Sunday.....10:30am-6:00pm

POOL HOURS

Adult Swim (13 & Older)	Open Swim (All Ages)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday-Thursday 5:00am-9:30am • Friday 5:00am-8:00am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday-Thursday 9:30am-1:30pm (CLOSED 1:30pm-4:00pm) • Friday 4:00pm-6:00pm • Saturday-Sunday 8:00am-6:00pm • Saturday-Sunday 11:00am-5:00pm

Check our website, Facebook, or with Guest Services for up to date information on pool hours as an extended closure to accommodate roof repairs is expected.

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BIRTH ...

Trish Russell and Brenda Nay of Meeker would like to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Delaney Raine Nay. She was born on July 31, 2020, at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs at 6:01 p.m. Delaney weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. Delaney's proud parents are Bri Russell and Jarrod Nay of Meeker. Her big sister Ava and McKinley and big brother Cash love their new baby sister. Delaney's other grandparents are Pat and Susan Nay of McCammon, Idaho.

COURTESY PHOTO



NEARLY 103 ...

Happy birthday to former Meeker school teacher Ethel Stone Starbuck, who will turn 103 on Monday, Aug. 31. She's pictured here with daughter Paula Starbuck Armstrong. Also pictured are Jim Cook, Marge Rogers, Johnnie Barton and wife Ginny. The Walbridge Wing in Meeker is hosting a drive-by birthday celebration for Starbuck Friday, Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. Drive by the hospital entrance and wish Mrs. Starbuck a happy 103rd.

COURTESY PHOTO

NEWS BRIEFS

Circle Park closed for construction

MEEKER | The Circle Park Pond and associated park infrastructure amenity improvement project is under construction. The Fifth Street bridge and all of Circle Park will be closed to public access for the duration of the project. ERBM looks forward to finalizing these exciting new amenity improvements and reopening the new and improved park in 2021. Please observe all construction notices on site and stay tuned for additional project updates as we move forward. Project updates can be found at www.erbmrec.com/park-projects

Tiny Time at admin gym starts Sept. 3

MEEKER | Tiny Time (sports-related activities) for 2-3 year olds begins Thursday, Sept. 3 through Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Admin Gym. A parent/caregiver must accompany the tot. Registration fee is \$14 with an Aug. 28 registration deadline. 970-878-3403.

K-8th softball sports clinic Sept. 4

MEEKER | Softball Sports Clinic will take place for K-8th grade youth on Friday, Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to Noon at the softball field at Paintbrush Park. No fee.

First Aid/CPR/AED classes Sept. 5

MEEKER | First Aid/CPR/AED class will be taught on Saturday, Sept. 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MRC MP Room. Registration fee is \$35 with a Sept. 3 registration deadline. 970-878-3403.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

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By **NIKI TURNER**
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week?"
Sounds like an impossible scenario, doesn't it? It's the reality of many in need of mental health treatment.

Last week we learned that we have received another national press award for our coverage of the Daniel Pierce shooting in Rangely last year. We are the recipients of the first place award for investigative journalism in the National Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

I've been humbled and honored by the recognition that story has received, but it has had a much more personal impact on my life than I expected: a new awareness of the deficiencies in our mental health care system.

Imagine thinking you're having a heart attack, calling 911 and getting an answering service, then spending five minutes listening to hold music before you get to talk to a person. We'd be appalled, horrified, traumatized, and even less likely to reach out for help the next time we had a crisis situation. Now imagine going to the emergency room with a suspected broken limb and being sent home because, "there are too many people here, can we make you an appointment next

I applaud the people working in the mental health care field. Like our teachers, our nurses, and so many of our other caregivers, they're working with limited resources, little support for what they do, and too many needs to be met. Simply put, we don't have enough providers, clinics, hospitals or money invested in mental health care. And really, we all need it, just the same way we all need health care for our physical bodies.

According to Johns Hopkins, "An estimated 26% of Americans ages 18 and older — about 1 in 4 adults — suffers from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year."

Many times, those mental disorders are accompanied by substance abuse, which brings with it a whole new set of problems.

Far too many end in suicide. Mental illness puts a strain on law enforcement, social workers, and the social support network overall.

For generations we've denied, ignored, shamed and tried to hide the reality of mental illness. Nellie the Newshound is named after Nellie Bly, one of the first female journalists in the United States. In the late 1800s, Bly faked insanity to get admitted to a "women's lunatic asylum" rumored to be mistreating its patients. Her two-part series in Joseph Pulitzer's "The New York World" prompted lasting reforms at the asylum in the way patients were cared for. It's also widely considered the beginning of what we now know as investigative journalism.

More than 130 years later, we're still having to report on a crisis in our country's mental health care system, while far too many of our friends and family and neighbors succumb to treatable disorders. In my opinion, that means we haven't made nearly enough progress in this area. We can't stop talking about it, and we can't stop advocating for change.

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LOOSE ENDS

Rascals in. Rascals out.

By **DOLLY VISCARDI**
Special to the HT



Dolly Viscardi

MEEKER | Rascals in. Rascals out.

More than 125 years ago, those two phrases were this paper's editor's words of choice to describe the political machinations that move below most of our country's surface. That continues to happen today. Everyone's perspective differs depending on their own agendas and allegiances. The rift between this country's political party system only widens as the divisiveness grows. Year in, year out, communities split into sides over local issues. Residents of Meeker disagree over such issues as attracting a state correctional facility, as well as instituting a four day school week. The earliest efforts in both examples were based on the best of intentions. Those who joined committees collaborated and worked together for the shared purpose of improving either the local economy or the school district. That worked for a while, until as the saying goes, it didn't. Residents fought and both

community members a n d committee members felt that their efforts were not appreciated. It created tensions that built up steadily and eventually divided the community. It guaranteed that whatever the result, someone would not be happy. The original good intentions of community members disappeared and many individuals whose own interests and agendas were perceived as all important.

The political hot potato that provoked the editor's so many years ago was the issue of the Northern Utes returning to hunt. The fact that the U.S. government specified this would be their right was of no matter to a few who were entering the political arena and wanted area residents to think things were much more dire. Copious warnings of the

possible murder and mayhem worked their magic, and one individual's agenda was satisfied. Taking advantage of the fear factor is essential for those who are determined to wield power.

I like the view espoused by the *Herald Times* editor in her column, "We don't have to, we get to" in the Aug. 13 edition. I do not think I have to, I get to. I grew up in a family who made sure I, as well as all my siblings, learned the importance of acting on that opportunity that is a part of democracy. While the election in November guarantees that each registered voter can exercise that right, participating in conversations with others with differing views is essential. When people are afraid to express their opinions because of fear mongering, reasoned arguments and solid political discourse no longer precede any election. Think about what has happened for years, where it appears that "rascals" being voted into office are only one of the same ilk.

Rascals in, rascals out.

TROOPER TIPS

Always know where you're going

By **MASTER TROOPER GARY CUTLER**
Colorado State Patrol

RBC | Our vehicles today seem to have everything we can possibly want in them. We can connect to the internet, talk on our phones through the vehicle's system, and of course use our GPS. Doesn't seem as if there is anything else we could possibly need for a road trip. But should we give absolute faith in those

devices?

Being given information on road information through your GPS navigation system has helped drivers in finding your way around the globe. But what happens when your intended route is altered or completely closed due to some unforeseen problem such as road construction, rock slides, fires, or other items that may arise. Well one thing is your GPS can give you alternate routes. That's good, isn't it?

Recently I saw a story about where navigation systems have taken travelers considered by GPS to be a good alternate route to get around a closed road, but wasn't really the case. Travelers found themselves being mired on roads unfit for two-wheel drive vehicles. Sometimes the road looks as if it is more fit for an Armored Personnel Carrier than the family car. Unfortunately, these stories have been around ever since GPS first came into existence and will probably still be around for a long time to come.

I caution travelers not to have blind faith in GPS when

given alternate routes. Do your research first, just as you would anything else you are unfamiliar with. If the road starts off as a dirt road, this may be the first indicator that GPS may not have your best interest in mind.

This also a good time again to talk about being prepared when you travel. Even though you may not think you would ever need a shovel to visit grandma, the video I saw of drivers going through rivers seems to show otherwise. I'm not saying every trip will require a shovel, but it's nice to know you have items to help out when necessary.

So along with a shovel, keep blankets, food, water, flares, and anything else you think may come up on a trip. Also, before you go on an alternate route that you may be unfamiliar with, check that gas gauge and make sure you are topped off with fuel.

So, remember, as Mulchor Lim stated: "Difficult roads can lead to beautiful destinations." Just make sure you're prepared when someone, or a GPS sends you on that journey.

As always, safe travels!

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GUEST COLUMN

A Paycheck Protection Program 'surprise'? Let's hope not.

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Did you get a PPP loan for your business? The Treasury Dept. has a plan to get some of that money back, and it will cost businesses.

As if things weren't hard enough for Colorado's small businesses, news comes that the Trump administration plans to claw back a chunk of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds legitimate businesses have used as a lifeline to keep their employees on the payroll.

When Congress passed PPP, the legislation made it clear that these loans would ultimately be forgiven if businesses used them for approved purposes, mostly payroll. And, the law ensured — in writing — that any forgiven amounts would not be taxable, meaning that businesses could use all those funds to keep folks employed.

More than 80 Rio Blanco County businesses, including this one, signed up in good faith, secure in the knowledge that if they used those funds as Congress intended, they would be forgiven and not taxed.

PPP loans under \$150,000 distributed in Rio Blanco County total \$849,603.58 for Rangely businesses, representing more than 120 jobs. Meeker businesses received loans under \$150,000 totaling \$1,627,491.54 that represent more than 260 jobs. Both hospitals received loans between \$1-2 million (392 jobs). Only one other business in Meeker received a loan for between \$350,000 and \$1 million, claiming 27 jobs. Two additional Rangely businesses received loans between \$350,000 and \$1 million (54 jobs), and three more Rangely businesses received PPP funds between \$150,000 and \$350,000 (81 jobs).

President Trump's Treasury Secretary, Steve Mnuchin, has other ideas. According to the Treasury Department, forgiven funds may not be taxable, but the payroll businesses paid with those funds can no longer be considered a business expense. Now, we don't know Mr. Mnuchin personally, but our guess is that, as Treasury Secretary, he probably knows something about math: disallowing businesses from claiming that payroll as

an expense is the same thing as taxing the forgiven loan.

Which means that Colorado's small businesses are going to get hit with a huge surprise tax bill, but most won't know it until — wait for it — after the November election! Surprise!

Some members of the U.S. Senate weren't amused by this little "Lucy with the football" tomfoolery. Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and John Cornyn (R-Texas) have led a fight in the Senate to tell the Treasury Department that they meant what they said: the forgiven loans should not be taxable, including through the back door. Other senators are worried about the "optics" of standing up for small businesses, if you can imagine.

Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo) has signed on as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 3612 (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3612>). Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo) has not weighed in publicly, but it's not too late. The U.S. Treasury cannot be allowed to override Congress' promise to our small business community.

What's your emergency?

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Emergency alerts can save lives, but in order to get them, citizens need to be sure they are registered with the county's Swift911 alert system.

The fully-customizable program gives participants the opportunity to divulge as few or as many details as they're comfortable sharing, and will give dispatchers a broader range of information to share with residents—from road closures to weather alerts—in real-time.

According to Mike Cook,

Communications Supervisor for the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, the app allows his team to upload localized maps, create contact groups (schools or hospitals, for example), and send automatic messages. Alerts can be generated in "a minute or less compared to three to five minutes," he said. "That's a big deal for us."

App users can select which alerts they want to receive. Some alerts, like the recent air quality warnings, are issued from national agencies.

Households with residents

who may have problems communicating with first responders due to disabilities or mental health problems will also benefit from the new system, providing greater protection for them through greater knowledge of the situation by first responders.

"Home Alone" monitoring is also an option with the new system, providing daily check-ins at no charge for individuals who live alone and may be at risk of a fall or other problem.

The information provided is confidential, and all voluntary.

How to sign up for Rio Blanco County Alerts:

■ **Visit** <https://www.rbc.us/298/Rio-Blanco-Alerts-Reverse-911> and Click "register now" in the Swift911 Portal, or text Swift911 to 99538 and you'll receive a link to download the free app and complete the registration.

■ **Answer** as many or as few of the questions as you choose.

■ **Download** the free app for your mobile device if you haven't already done so.

■ **Don't assume** that your phone number is automatically included. If your landline is unlisted, you have changed your number or address in the last year, or use a cell phone as your primary home phone, you should register.

■ **Register** your business, as well as your home.

Scan the Zapcode with the free Zappar app to register.



The 5 P's of Pre-Evac Prep

No matter where you live, making pre-evacuation preparations is a good idea in the event a fire or other emergency situation requires you to leave your house in a hurry. Start by making a list of things you would need or want to take with you and where those things are located. Then put together a "go bag" for each family member to have on hand in case of emergency evacuation.

- PEOPLE & PETS**
Make sure all family members are on the same page, and have a plan for getting pets to safety.
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(medicines, medical equipment, eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.)
- PAPERS**
important documents in hard copy or electronic copies saved on thumb drives; insurance documents, birth certificates, social security cards, licenses, etc.
- PERSONAL NEEDS**
emergency kit (see link below), clothes, cash, phones and chargers, food, water, toiletries, first aid, etc.
- PRICELESS ITEMS**
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CONSERVATION CORNER

Wildfire and Watershed Management Planning

A century ago, how many trees would you have found in an acre of Ponderosa Pine forest in Colorado? The answer is 20 to 50 trees. Colorado's forests were historically more open and diverse than they are now. Today, the average tree density in our Ponderosa Pine Forests ranges from 300 to 900 trees! What changed? Fire suppression.

According to Weston Toll, Watershed Program Specialist for the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), the US Forest Service had a policy of putting all fires out until the late 1980s. Colorado Cattlemen's Ag Water NetWORK recently hosted a webinar featuring a presentation from Weston on wildfire and watershed management. Ponderosa pine forests thrive on low to moderate intensity fires every 5 - 25 years. Conversely, Lodgepole Pine forests require higher intensity fires to regenerate. The wildfires currently burning emphasize the need for more aggressive forest management.

Colorado's forested watersheds supply water to 80 percent of Colorado's population. Post-fire impacts on water supplies can include debris flows, clogged irrigation and municipal water infrastructure, degraded water quality and fish kills. The costs of wildfire, including firefighting and property damage ranges from \$600 per acre in remote areas to \$37,000 per acre where more structures are present.

In contrast, fire mitigation work typically costs \$1,500 to \$2,500 per acre. Forest thinning and low intensity, controlled burning keeps ground fuels in check and create a more diverse and healthy forest. Source water protection and wildfire risk mitigation are important parts of watershed management planning. The White River Integrated Water Initiative offers an opportunity to integrate wildfire protection elements that represent community needs. Access the full presentation and highlights at www.agwaternet.org, as well as CCA's new video on wildfire and watershed planning.

Phil Brink is consulting coordinator of CCA's Ag Water NetWORK.



TOWN: continued

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used in 2021.

Jasper Whiston has offered his clergy services and will be sworn in at a later date as the Rangely Police Department Chaplain.

NEW BUSINESS

The board approved liquor license renewals for Giovanni's Italian Grill and El Agave Mexican Restaurant.

■ Approved the special event liquor permit to Rangely BPOE for the Rockin' Bulls event on Sept. 5.

■ Geer moved and Garner seconded the motion to approve the July 2020 financial summary.

■ Town trustees reluctantly accepted the resignation of Tyson Hacking as a trustee for the Town of Rangely. Hacking and his family will be relocating to another state for his employer. Mayor Shaffer and the other trustees thanked Hacking for his dedicated service. This opens a seat on the Town Board of Trustees. Individuals interested in serving will need to submit their letter of interest to the Town Manager by Sept. 30.

■ Approved an AARP grant application and AGNC grant application to be applied to way finding signage, if received.

■ Approved a CDOT grant application. If the funds are received they'll be used to level and widen concrete areas and sidewalks around the town hall,

through Ducey's Electric parking lot and east to the old car wash.

■ Approved a \$1,000 donation to help produce the 11th annual CNCC Rockin' Bulls event on Sept. 5.

■ The Dinosaur Colorado Welcome Center has added two electric vehicle charging stations to their parking area.

■ CNCC head volleyball coach Ashley Bryant invited residents to attend the CNCC Kickball Tournament Aug. 29. Along with the kickball CNCC will offer additional fun events for kids. The Chopper Dropper event will not take place during Septemberfest this year but is expected to be rescheduled for a later date.

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Reasons For Church Attendance (3)

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

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



■ Dr. J.D. Watson

THERE is a fourth reason for not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is: your own personal edification. This reason, in fact, is critical. Returning to Ephesians 4:11-12, our Lord gave the office gifts not only "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry," but also "for the edifying of the body of Christ." The Greek *oikodomē*, and other forms, is a compound comprised of *oikos*, "house or dwelling," and *dōma*, "to build." While the entire body of Christ is obviously in view here, individuals comprise that body, so each is vital to the structure, which in turn can obviously be applied to the Local Church. No single building material is isolated from the rest in building a literal house; none is meant to stand alone. Likewise, it is vital that every believer be present for God's preparation of them and their subsequent use in the spiritual building.

I read of a pastor who visited a man who wasn't attending church very faithfully. It was a cold winter day, so they warmed themselves by a fire as they talked. "My friend, I don't see you at church on the Lord's Day," the pastor said. "You seem to come only when it's convenient, or only when you feel like you need to come. You miss so very often. I wish you'd come all the time." The man didn't seem to be getting the message, so the pastor said, "Let me show you something." He then took the tongs from beside the fireplace, pulled open the screen, and began to separate all the coals so that none of them were touching each other. In a matter of moments, the blazing coals had all died out. "My friend," he said, "that is what's happening in your life. As soon as you isolate

yourself, the fire goes out."

Pastor and commentator Lloyd J. Ogilvie puts it still another way: "We Christians are like short-lived radioactive isotopes; we have a very short half-life. Get us away from the worship of God with other saints and our radioactivity dissipates quickly and we lose our effective radiance."

Fifth, to encourage your pastor. There are few things that discourage and grieve a pastor more than seeing Christians who are sporadic in their attendance. Scripture calls him a shepherd, and like a literal shepherd he wonders where in the world his sheep are when they are absent from the fold. He is concerned because those sheep need nourishment but have wandered from the rich pasture where the food is waiting. He is concerned because there are predators just waiting for such a moment to pick off a wandering sheep that is oblivious to the danger. The biblical pastor spends the majority of his time in the Word so he can feed those sheep. So when they don't care to show up to hear what God has laid on his heart, it grieves his spirit. Ponder it this way: what hostess would not be upset if she spent the whole day preparing a meal but the invited guests didn't bother to show up?

Scriptures for Study: How do the following verses encourage you: Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17?

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: "continu[ing] steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

OBITUARIES

Nathan Hugh Caldwell

May 10, 1983 ~ May 25, 2020

He left behind three beautiful children: Rowen, 10, Alina, 8 and Wesley, 5; his parents Leonard and Diana Caldwell, sister Alissa Caldwell, nephew Graysin, 8, grandmother Sheila Caldwell, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Nathan graduated from Meeker High School in 2001 and then went to Westwood aviation school in Denver and went on to work for PenAir aviation as an airplane mechanic in King Salmon, Alaska, for three years. From there he

moved to Arizona to work for Papillon Helicopters as a helicopter mechanic, and the last 10 years for Maverick Helicopters in the Grand Canyon.

Please join us in the celebration of the life of Nathan on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, from 1-4 p.m. at 566 Eighth St. in Meeker, Colorado, 81641. Food will be provided.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Nathan's children's college fund. Contact Diana Caldwell at 970-379-3941.



Nathan Caldwell

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Caryn Levy Magid, a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Caryn was born in New York City to the late Marion Hofheimer Levy and M William (Bill) Levy of Rye, New York. She moved to Scarsdale in 1945 where she graduated from Scarsdale High School. She attended Bennington College, graduating in 1965, and studied journalism at the University of California, Berkeley.

Caryn married the love of her life James I. Magid on June 26, 1966, in the garden of her parents' house. She was the loving mother of three children, Catherine (Michael) Diefenbach, Marianne Magid (Ian) Jones and son Jamie Magid. Caryn was the grandmother of seven lovely grandchildren: Franziska and Alexander Diefenbach; Elias, Quinn and Owen Jones; and James and Charlotte Magid. She is also survived by her brother

Caryn Levy Magid

March 9, 1943 ~ Aug. 23, 2020



Caryn Magid

Connecticut, and Meeker, Colorado. Caryn was a member of The Lotos Club of New York City, Century Country Club of Purchase, New York, and Aspetuck Valley Country Club of Weston, Connecticut.

Caryn was a tireless advocate for education, health, science, and the environment through more than 50 years of volunteer service. She was a dedicated volunteer in the New York City public schools through Learning Leaders, where she volunteered as a college counselor for public high school students, served on

William (Bill) Levy and his family.

She was a resident of New York City, Weston,

the Board of Directors for over a decade, and led the organization for more than five years as Chairman of the Board. She served for more than 30 years as a dedicated board member of the Center for Hearing and Communication. She was a Docent at the American Museum of Natural History and a member of the Planetarium Committee. Her interest in the environment was exemplified by her dedication to the Black Rock Forest, Cornwall, New York, as a member of the Board of Directors.

Her love and kindness have been a shining example to her family and friends. She will live on forever in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to The Center for Hearing and Communication: Development Department, 50 Broadway, Sixth Floor, New York, New York, 10004. <https://ssl.charityweb.net/chcheating/>



Audrey Squires

Audrey A. (McGruder) Squires

March 31, 1932 ~ May 11, 2020

Audrey (McGruder) Squires was born and raised on Yellow Creek, then moved and resided in Rifle. She still has lots of family in the Meeker area.

There will be a celebration of life in loving memory of Audrey on Sept. 5, 2020, from 12-4 p.m. at Davidson Park, 715 Fir Ave. (off E. 7th St.) in Rifle, Colorado. We will be gathering at this luncheon venue to share some of our favorite memories, our stories, to laugh and remember a wonderful person who is greatly missed. Please bring a memory or two to add to the pages of a memory book for the family.

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



Nevaeh Kracht

Nevaeh Aleecia-Ann Kracht

Sept. 2, 2003 ~ Aug. 15, 2020

Nevaeh Kracht, formerly of Meeker, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at her home in Silt, Colorado.

Services will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to The Children's Heart Foundation in care of Grant Mortuary.

SPILL: 21st spill this year, 51 spills in 2019

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area that was dug out.

"They'll clear it, we'll cover it back up and no one will ever know it was there," he said.

The two tanks that were turned over for the cleanup process were both relocated from another nearby well site "about four months ago" according to Hayes.

The property, originally the site of two wells that are now plugged, is being used by Rio Mesa Resources as a private storage site. Other items stored on the site include some old pump jacks, and at least four other similarly sized tanks, which Hayes said are all empty.

Most of the area is fenced, but there appears to be several hundred feet of fence missing on the location's southwest side, near the cleft of some water drainage that connects to the White River, about half a mile to the north.

Rio Blanco County's building department

requires special use permits for storage facilities that include any kind of building/structure. Oil and gas storage areas like this one that don't have buildings on them are managed by the county's natural resources department.

RBC Natural Resources Department Head Lannie Massey said oil and gas storage facilities are required to be designated, but added, "Most of the old storage facilities we have in the county are pretty old, even before I was even working here." This means they may not be registered with the state or county in any specific way.

Massey confirmed that oil and gas operators and residents cannot store hazardous waste just anywhere, noting that sites containing that kind of waste are subject to additional regulations, usually from the state.

"Any kind of hazards like chemicals they use in down-hole use in oil and gas, pipeline corrosion inhibitors or different things like that

are chemicals and they have to be stored differently, and they have to be locked and isolated, [and have] spill control devices in case anything ruptures so it doesn't get on the ground," Massey said.

He did not mention oil specifically, but Rio Blanco County defines hazardous waste as "any material which is explosive, flammable, poisonous, corrosive, reactive, radioactive or active in any combination."

Under Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Rule 906.b.(3) operators are required to submit a spill/release form "as soon as practicable but not later than 72 hours after discovery of the spill/release." As of this week, nothing has yet been filed with the COGCC.

According to COGCC's online information system this would be the 21st reported spill/release in Rio Blanco County so far this year. In 2019, operators submitted 51 spill/release reports.

Meeker mosquito control discussed

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Members of the White River Alliance spoke to the Meeker Board of Trustees on Tuesday, Aug. 18 regarding changes in mosquito control from the use of permethrin to alternative options. White River Alliance president Shawn Welder "There's a growing number of communities and counties that are banning the use of this product [permethrin] because it is a health hazard, it doesn't kill mosquitoes effectively, and it doesn't help the river."

One of the arguments against the use of permethrin is potential impacts on the health of the river and the suspicion that permethrin is partly to blame for the ongoing algae bloom.

"The river is not what it was," Welder said. He shared images of river locations that have been exposed to permethrin practice and locations that have not, demonstrating the difference in river health.

Permethrin kills aquatic and terrestrial insects, including those that eat algae. It only kills what it comes in contact with. It doesn't affect larvae. An alternative pesticide management is BTI, a bacteria that affects larvae.

"If the town would consider using a larvicide, it would be a really good example for the rest of the community," Welder said.

The town has discussed switching to an alternative pesticide management system for several years.

COUNTY BEAT

By NIKI TURNER
editor@ht1885.com

RBC In work sessions Tuesday, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners heard from Facilities Director Eric Jaquez regarding improvements at the RBC Fairgrounds. Jaquez said the Fair Board would rather purchase additional hog panels with the budgeted \$29,000 instead of completing the covered stalls.

The board also held a work session about asbestos-containing materials entering the landfill. The county's Public Relations Coordinator, Makala Barton, said, "The county's goal for both the building department and the landfill is to provide proper education and management of asbestos to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community. In addition, proper asbestos management will ensure the landfill is able to realize its maximum life expectancy.

Anyone planning to remodel or demolish a property should contact the building department to obtain a demo permit. When the demo permit is submitted, the building department can then give information regarding asbestos regulations depending on individual needs.

The Demolition Permit and other asbestos information is available online at www.rbc.us under both the Landfill page as well as the building department page under 'Demolition Permit.'

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Public Health Director Alice Harvey said there has been one new case of COVID-19 in the county in the last week. All other cases are now recovered.

CNCC and both school districts

have been working closely with public health on their plans for preventing a COVID-19 outbreak. "We are all very confident we will be able to remain open," Harvey said.

She also said Western Slope communities are working together to get a courier plane to take COVID-19 tests to the state lab in Denver from Grand Junction. Waiting for test results is down to two or three days once the tests get to the state.

A full-time public health nurse has been hired Rangely to start Sept. 9.

Harvey also said they're looking to purchase rapid test machines to provide an independent solution for testing. Public Health is also planning "shot clinics" for standard immunizations and influenza vaccines this fall.

REGULAR MEETING:

■ Approved an event plan for Septemberfest festivities in Rangely.

■ Approved a Rio Blanco County Economic Development funding request for the CNCC Rockin' Bulls event in the amount of \$1,000.

■ Approved a contract with Ducey's Electric for a lighting conversion project at the White River Museum for \$11,882.

■ Approved a task order (contract modification) with HDR Engineering, Inc. for a minor bridge load rating project. The current task order involves getting inspections and CDOT ratings on a number of local bridges.

■ Approved a modified grant/agreement from White River National Forest related to the eradication of noxious weeds and invasive plants.

Yampa-White-Green
Basin Roundtable

The Seven Colorado River basin states are working on a "Contingency Plan" to avoid unacceptable consequences of continuing drought.

As uncertainty increases on the amount of snow/rain the Colorado Basins will get in the future, and as levels of Lake Powell and Lake Mead drop. The Upper and Lower Basins are working on ways to avoid the loss of power generation at these reservoirs.

The Upper Basin contingency plan consist of:

- Extended operations—release additional water from upstream reservoirs
- Systems augmentation—cloud seeding and removal of non-native vegetation
- Demand management—Additional conservation of water users

The Lower Basin has the requirement of reduce water use as the levels of Lake Mead fall.

The YWG Basin Roundtable is representing the water users of the basin in the development of this State Program. For information on the Upper Basin Contingency plan please visit:

yampawhitegreen.com

Meet One of Your Local YWG BRT Members: Brian Hodge

Brian moved to Routt County in 2010 to accept a job with Trout Unlimited, a non-profit, coldwater conservation organization. For the past eight years, he and his family have resided west of Steamboat Springs. Brian applied to be on the Basin Roundtable because he was interested in finding balanced solutions to local water-related issues. He was appointed as the Environmental Representative in November of 2018.

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sounds of meeker

Part 5: Daily sounds

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

MEEKER I Summer time means I am outside every day working in the yard where I hear the sounds of Meeker — the carillon, the fire department siren, air traffic, and lots of vehicles speeding up our dead end street, just to turn around like they couldn't read the sign alerting them they were going nowhere.

We have a standing joke with our neighbors that we will assess a fine to everyone who speeds the last block of the street and extra cost to those who turn around on our grass.

As a Meeker newcomer, I have long been curious about the routine of some sounds. Why does the siren sound at noon every day? Where do those bell tower hymns come from? And, why are those planes flying so low? Wrapping up this series is today's article about common daily sounds heard around town.

Saws, hammers, generators — we are a busy community when it comes to do-it-yourself repair and home projects. This summer of home sheltering seems to have given us extra time to work even harder on these jobs, to which the sounds attest.

Yard maintenance is also sound intensive. Every day I hear mowers, weed trimmers, leaf blowers and folks working to make their yard beautiful. With another tough drought underway

this summer, water sprinklers start early and continue late into the cooler hours.

Then there's dogs barking, everywhere, especially on the path up China Wall. Don't even start to think you could escape notice from our canine friends. Humans are under surveillance all the time.

Much to my surprise, although Meeker is not the countryside, apparently, we welcome animals of all kinds. I hear horses neighing, cattle stomping, chickens cackling, and sometimes one species hollering out to its friends or enemies.

You can hear the ATVs roaring up and down the streets all over town. Some are piloted by old timers, some by children, and others by a mix of ages. I often wonder how many of them are obeying the speed limits because you sure can hear them coming and going.

Along Market Street/ Highway 13, the trucks race along on their way somewhere else in a hurry. This summer it feels like they have lots of pent up frustration from the construction slowdown between Meeker and Rifle. Most don't seem to be stopping to enjoy our sweet little town.

The UPS and Fed Ex trucks don't waste any time making their endless stops, running here, there, and everywhere to deliver packages. I am grateful for their efficiency, because how would we survive without their service,

especially this summer?

I have noticed an increased sound of many recreational vehicles, motorhomes and camping trailers this summer. These are the tourists we're not sure if we want or don't want during this COVID summer. Help our economy but don't infect us please as you travel through "safe" Meeker.

Idling vehicles in front of the post office, grocery, or while folks chat in the middle of the street is a new sound to me. Coming from the big city where thefts of such situations were common and concerns about clean air prohibited this practice, I remain amazed that people leave their vehicles running and unattended.

Oops! Did I forget it is trash day? No worries, because the "beep! beep!" truck backup alerts give us plenty of time to get our trash barrel out on the street.

Commercial construction trucks, Meeker's street sealing project and the huge school construction project remind us that business continues despite COVID concerns and folks are out there working hard to complete these jobs.

Thank you for reading this "Sounds of Meeker" series that concludes with this article. I am grateful to everyone who contributed to these stories and my education. Every topic could have led to more research, more interviews, and more articles, but it's a wrap for now.



Kaye Sullivan, a guest contributor to the HT, is a Meeker resident who has enjoyed writing her entire life including being editor of her Indiana high school newspaper. She, and husband, Jay, write and publish a monthly newsletter about his art activities plus have published many articles, educational materials, and blogs. "Putting words on paper helps me process my thoughts and feelings plus it is a way to give back to this community."

'RUSSIAN MENACE' ...



Local White River Alliance members organized last Friday east of town to help area landowners get rid of the "Russian menace" - the water greedy invasive known as Russian Olive. Volunteers used chainsaws and applied chemical herbicide led by board president Shawn Welder. Volunteers: Martha Cole, James Amick, Lois Williams, John Wix, Vance Herring, WRA President Shawn Welder, John and Mary Taylor, Deirdre Macnab

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The 10-15 minute video presentation will remain on the website for members to watch at their convenience.

- The names of all members who return ballots will be entered into a **drawing for boxes of meat purchased from the Rio Blanco County Fair livestock sale.** Winners will be notified after the virtual annual meeting.
- All WREA members are invited to pick up their **membership gift** – a camp chair with the WREA 75th anniversary logo – at **Meeker Town Park** (5th and Water Street) on **Thursday, Sept. 10, 4 to 6 p.m.** or **Monday Sept. 14, 4 to 6 p.m.** One chair per membership.


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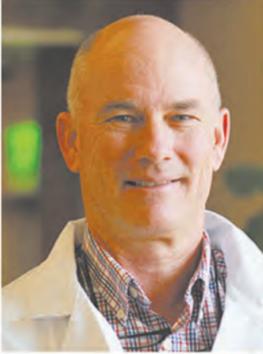
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From Wild to Mild: Mustang trainers to compete in Meeker

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Ten-year-old Leah Wood, in the shadow of the White River National Forest, has spent her summer riding and packing her new mustang "Geronimo" along steep cliffs and high mountains in anticipation of competing in the 2020 Meeker Mustang Makeover that will take place on Sept. 11 at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds in Meeker, Colorado.

Leah and her 15-year-old sister Deana Wood of Rio Blanco County were the grand prizewinners, with assistance from their father Joe Wood in the inaugural Makeover last year. "I just want my horse Geronimo to be versatile and good to ride," Leah said. With a family in the outfitting business, Geronimo has already been packed out to the Flattops wilderness by Leah, leading three mules and horses behind her.

Meanwhile Samantha Rock and Dana Casey are working hard in the foothills of Denver on their two horses Sasha and Stoney, with lots of water play and roping. With \$12,000 in prize and scholarship money at

HOW TO WATCH:
View this year's event [via livestream on the Meeker Mustang Makeover Facebook page @meekermustangmakeover](#) OR on the MMM website, www.meekermustangmakeover.org

HOW TO BID:
Sign up in advance at LongHornVideoAuctions.com

stake, 15 hopeful trainers will be traveling to Meeker to compete with the goal of seeing these now trained mustang head off to a forever home and a long useful life.

The increasingly dry and fragile range in the West has seen a rapid overpopulation as wild horse herds typically double in size every four to five years. With more than 50,000 horses waiting in holding pens, events like these are critical to provide a useful and healthy life for these animals.

Due to COVID-19, this year's event will be streamed virtually so mustang and horse lovers across the world can tune in to watch and bid on the mustangs, which trainers of all ages have had 100 days to gentle. The horses, gathered in Wyoming and Colorado, were completely unaccustomed to the human touch. The Meeker

Mustang Makeover is unique in that the event encourages trainers to expose their horse to as many people, animals and stimuli as possible to help the horse adapt successfully to their new homes and future lives. A desensitized horse is less likely to cause harm to themselves and their humans.

You can watch the Live Stream action online thanks to the *Rio Blanco Herald Times* and Level Head Audio starting at 10 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2020, when contestants try to maneuver through an obstacle course and move a cow. The Freestyle and Finals start at 4 p.m., with awards followed by the 7 p.m. live and online auction for the horses. Longhorn Video Auctions, who ran the Mustang Auction last year at Cheyenne Frontier Days, is managing the live and online auction. Interested buyers need to sign up in advance at LongHornVideoAuctions.com (Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approval required).

Stay safe and watch and bid with livestreaming from home. In person attendance is discouraged and following COVID state guidelines for healthy and safety is requested.

The Meeker Mustang Makeover is an independent volunteer-run event, and is unaffiliated with any other Mustang training events.

MMM contestant Leah Wood relaxes atop her mustang Geronimo. Trainers have just a few weeks left before the event kicks off, virtually this year, on Sept. 11.

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SOPHIA GOEDERT PHOTO

Meeker High School students returned to classes in the newly completed part of the building Monday, Aug. 24

First meeting of 2020-2021 school year for MSD board of directors

By **SOPHIA GOEDERT**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker School Board had its first meeting of the school year Monday. Many topics were on the agenda regarding COVID-19 related items.

One of the main topics discussed was the new tobacco tax that will be on the ballot in November. This tax will hopefully bring more funding to rural area schools with the rise of tax. The board intends to vote on whether they want to put Meeker's name behind the tax next month.

A couple of weeks ago the District put out an announcement that they would be offering the option for students to attend online school if they did not feel safe coming back to school due to COVID concerns. Around 40 kids have switched to online learning for various reasons. The most common reasons were health concerns in

the family, not being able to fully social distance within the schools, parents not wanting to make their children wear masks all day, as well as the possibility of inconsistent learning if the schools have to move online. The district did have a couple students come back to in-person learning after their first day at home.

There's a chance the school will lose funding for students that chose to go online. The full effect won't be seen right away but, "It's expected that we could see a \$10,000 drop," Superintendent Chris Selle said.

This year's first day looked a little different than past years for the schools Monday. With more parents dropping off this year due to limited bus routes, it got a little congested at the schools. But overall all the principals had good news to share about the first day. The new and improved high school was a big hit among students and in

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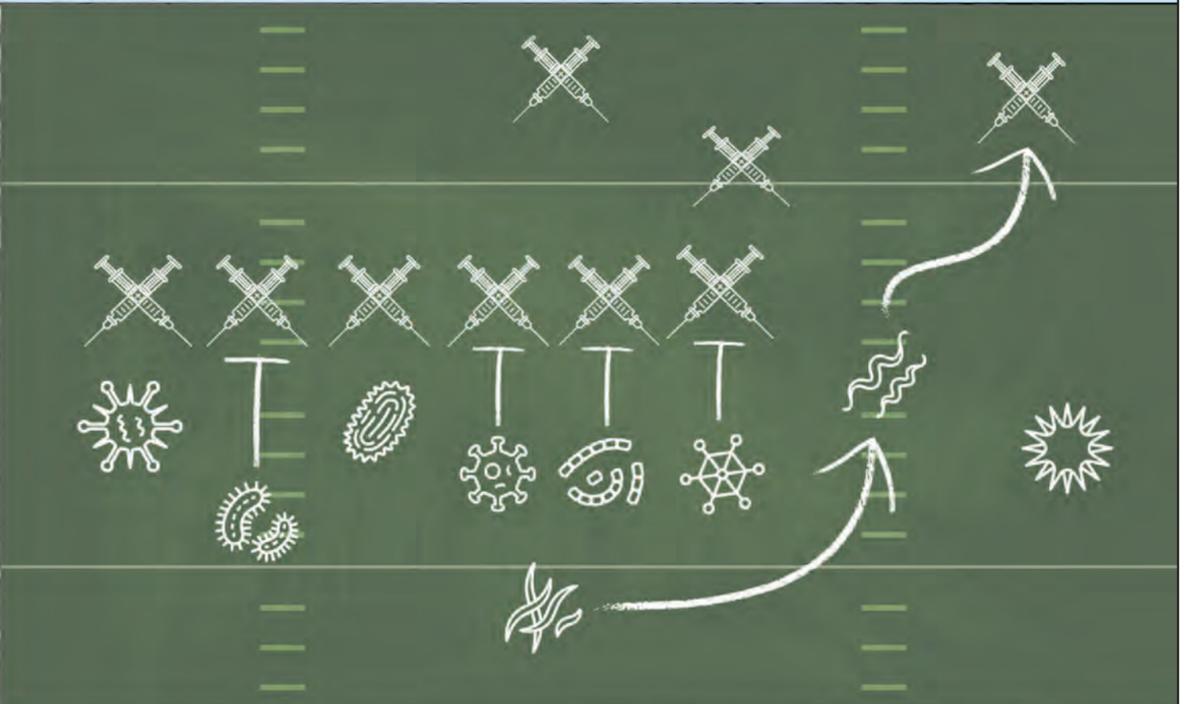
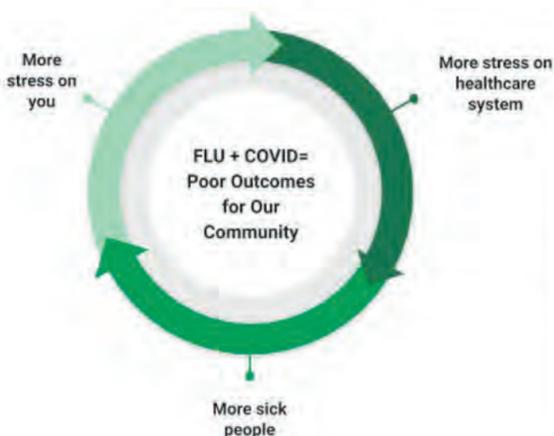
September the community should hopefully be able to get a tour. While there are some adjustments to be made, all things considered, the first day went very well.

In other business, two long-time bus drivers retired this year. Vaughn Moody, who drove for 23 years and Brian Conrado who drove for 13 years, have ended their time with the district. Also the 2020 seniors created a video of a mock drunk driving accident. It is currently in the works and will be sent out to the district.

The best offense is a good defense!

An effective COVID-19 vaccine is unlikely until 2021. Even though seasonal influenza vaccines have variable year-to-year effectiveness, they can significantly reduce mortality and serious disease.

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2020 SUMMER RODEO RESULTS

That's a wrap on the 2020 Meeker Summer Rodeo Series season. Last Thursday some of the top cowboys and cowgirls in the series competed in the finals. Over 30 bull riders showed up to compete for cash that had stacked up over the past couple weeks when no one was able to stay the eight seconds. (Above) Caleb Rubio, 19, from Elmo, Utah, took the bull riding prize money home from the Meeker Summer Rodeo Series finale last week. Rubio was the only bull rider to ride the full eight seconds.

There are two sets of results this week, the weekly winners and overall winners.
August 20 Weekly Winners:
Barrels - Hayden Kraft
Junior Barrels - Deana Wood
Number 11 roping - Cody Edinger and Kash Atwood
Open breakaway - Jd Slagowski
Dally Ribbon Roping - Cody Edinger and Wyatt Copen
Ladies breakaway - Katie Jo Knez
Number 8 roping - Sheridan Harvey and Kash Atwood
Mix pairs roping - Raelynn Toon and JD Slagowski
Open team roping - Cody Edinger and Clay Adams
Bull riding - Caleb Rubio

Season Winners are:
Open breakaway - Marley Hammer
Ladies breakaway - Paula Cooper
Barrels - Maranda Hammer
Junior Barrels - Cylee Dunsmore
Bull riding - Ty Pint
Dally ribbon roping - Joe Wood and Leah Wood
Mixed pair roping - Raelynn Toon and Lenny Klinglesmith
Open pair roping - Joe Wood and Mitch Walls
Number 8 roping - Sheridan Harvey and Kash Atwood
Number 11 roping - Joe Wood and Kash Atwood
The 2021 season is scheduled to begin next June.

Not all winners are pictured. Download the free Zappar app and scan the code to see photos of this year's winning teams in action (reading digitally? Click on the code to view.)
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Ribbon Pull—Leah & Joe Wood



Open Breakaway—Marley Hammer



Ladies Breakaway—Paula Cooper



Number 11 Roping—Kash Atwood & Joe Wood



Number 8 Roping—Kash Atwood & Sheridan Harvey



Junior Barrels—Cylee Dunsmore



(Front) Andrew Dorris and (back) Alex Black.



Mary Scoggins

Panther harriers ran a mock meet in Meeker last weekend and will return for the Meeker Invitational Friday, Aug. 28 for their first official competition of the season.

Panthers continue to prep for season

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers cross country team isn't wasting any time as they prepare for the upcoming season. In just their second week of practice, the young Panthers began testing themselves with a 1,600-meter time trial on Tuesday night and then got their first taste of competition at a mock meet in Meeker on Saturday.

In their time trials, the team saw everyone push themselves as they raced the clock for four laps around the track. Mary Scoggins recorded the fastest time for the girls and Andrew Dorris ran the fastest boys' time of the night. Coach Scoggins was pleased with each runner's efforts during the time trial, but was even more impressed with how the team competed while in Meeker.

Scoggins and Dorris once again led their teams, with

Scoggins winning the girls' race by more than two minutes and Dorris finishing the boys' race in second.

"Mary and Andrew had a great week, running fast on Tuesday and then competing on a tough, hilly course on Saturday," coach Scoggins said. "I was also very excited with the results of all our new members. Despite very little, or even zero running experience, we had some great finishes."

Dixie Rhea, Annika Cantrell and Adelynn Halcomb all suited up in their first cross country races ever on the girls team, as Timothy Scoggins led a hard hitting crew of Rangely football players in their first race, too. The Panthers cross country team will split up this weekend as they race in their first official meet of the season, sending some runners to compete in a fast, competitive Basalt meet while the rest of the squad will get another chance at racing in Meeker.

MEEKER CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE:

- Aug. 28, Meeker Golf Course, 8:30 a.m.
- Sept. 5, West Grand
- Sept. 11, Delta at Confluence Park
- Sept. 18-19, Rangely
- Sept. 25-26, Craig
- Oct. 9, Regionals, location TBA
- Oct. 17, State, Colorado Springs

MEEKER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE:

- Aug. 29 @ HOME v. Cedaredge, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (V/DH)
- Sept. 1 in Eagle Valley, 4 and 6 p.m. (V/JV)
- Sept. 11 @ HOME v. Delta, 3 and 5 p.m. (V/DH)
- Sept. 12 @ HOME v. Aspen, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (V/DH)
- Sept. 15 @ HOME v. Basalt, 4 and 6 p.m. (V/DH) 11)
- Oct. 3 @ HOME v. Cortez 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (V/DH)

Schedules are provided by school officials and may contain errors or omissions and be subject to changes without notice.

Schedules for other sports will be published as they are received.



Three more tourneys for Cowboy linksmen

By TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I MHS Cowboy golf has three additional tournaments under their belts. The teams, which are chosen by a golf-off, have five members traveling the courses of western Colorado.

"We have seen good improvement from Montrose," commented head coach Willy Theos. "I'm seeing some great shots and some good holes but we're still having trouble putting entire rounds together."

Black Canyon Invitational, Montrose, Aug. 14: Peter Hanks-92, Braydon Garcia-101, John Hampton Hightower-107, Jace Mobley-110, Jake Blazon-113
Battlement Mesa Invitational, Parachute, Aug. 20: Peter Hanks-92, John Hampton Hightower-97, Braydon Garcia-98, Ryan Sullivan-117, Jake Blazon-137. Placed 9th as a team

Rifle Creek Invitational, Rifle, Aug. 25: "Rifle's back nine is very tricky, steep and intimidating. The guys did their best not to let it derail their scores," Theos said.

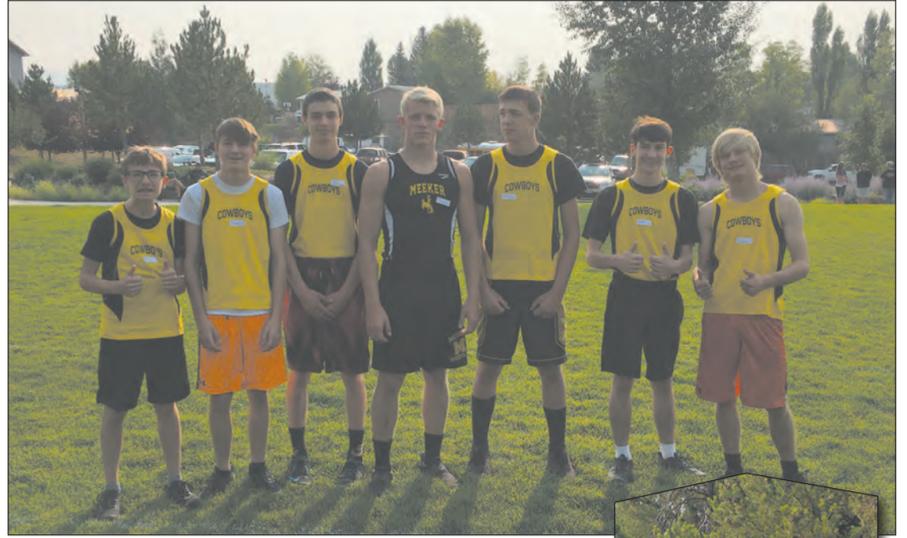
Ryan Phelan-93, John Hampton Hightower-98, Ryan Sullivan-100, Jake Blazon-122, Chakwah Brink-139
The Cowboys finished 11th as a team.

The Cowboys will play this Monday at the Grand Junction Bookcliff course.



John Hampton Hightower (above) tees off during the team's tournament in Rifle. Another tournament is scheduled for Monday in Grand Junction. Scan the Zapcode with the free Zappar app to view more photos.

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Seven Cowboys ran in the boys early season cross country season scrimmage. Colby Clatterbaugh (top center) was the first to cross the finish line for the Cowboys, taking third place overall. Four lady Cowboys ran for Meeker, with Nora Gianinetti (right) the first to cross the finish line for sixth place. The team will host their invitational meet this Friday at the Meeker Golf Course beginning at 8:30 a.m.



Cowboy cross country hosts scrimmage

By TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker hosted Rangely and Soroco in an early season scrimmage on Saturday, Aug. 22. The races started and finished on the field at Sanderson Hills Park, with two laps of approximately 1.5 miles on the lower trails. Twenty-one boys started, seven of whom were Cowboys.

Colby Clatterbaugh was Meeker's first to finish, and third overall, at 25:09. Gabe Richardson was not far behind, with a fifth place finish at 25:22. Ethan Drake and Buzz Clatterbaugh finished

in 25:48 and 27:14, for seventh and eighth places, respectively. The Cowboys had 10th and 11th places in Gage Richardson and Ashdon Seibert, finishing in 28:03 and 28:34. Gabe Smithers was Meeker's seventh racer to the finish, in 33:36, and 18th place.

The girls race had 16 competitors. Nora Gianinetti, in 34:26 and sixth place, was the first of four Meeker runners to the finish line. Ainsley Selle had seventh place at 35:08, and Aiyana McCook finished in 37:06 for eighth place. Gwyn Hooks, in tenth place, ran the course in 39:09.

"It was fun to finally host a cross country competition on the

local trails! Though not enough space for a large meet, I think it went well with the limited number of runners," said returning coach Marty Casey. "We have a few new faces to the team this year, as we are one of the few fall sports allowed to compete, and I am pleased with the hard work, as well as the results, that we have. I have witnessed some great progress in those who are new to distance running, and am excited to see how well we can do this year!"

MHS will host its official invitational on Friday at the Meeker Golf Course, with the first race set to begin at 8:30 a.m.

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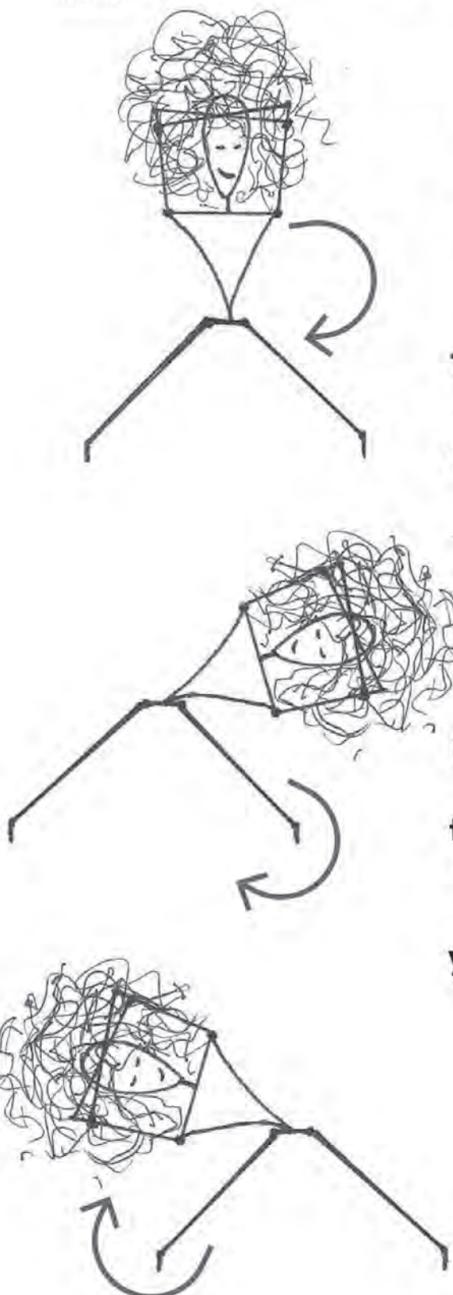
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This Pose/Movement is called Sunflower Circles and will be the first in a series to strengthen your trunk (core, hips, glutes, and thighs).

To begin, step your legs out wide with your toes pointing forward. Bring your arms overhead with your right hand to your left elbow and left hand to right elbow. Take a full inhale, then with your exhale start to circle your torso over to one side, continue the circle down passing your gaze through your legs, and finally with your next inhale you will circle your torso back up to the starting position.

Try 3-5 circles in one direction before switching directions.

COWBOY CLASSIC ...



TIFFANY JEHOREK PHOTOS

Although Cowboy football will not be playing until February, the Cowboy Kickoff Classic took place on schedule last Friday at the Meeker Golf Course. Ten teams competed for the top two spots to help support Cowboy football in their largest fundraiser of the year. This year the top spot went to the team of (top) Mike Bullen, Cory Bullen, Bill deVergie and Sam Etheridge (not pictured) with a score of 62, and second place went to (bottom) Darby Finley, Mindy Finley, Andy Coryell and Jim Abshire. Football practice is scheduled to begin Feb. 22, 2021 with the first games set for the week of March 6, 2021.



Hailey Knowles



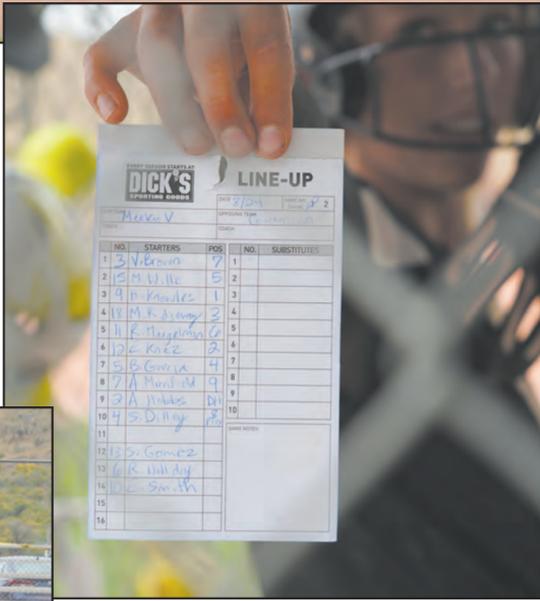
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MORE FAIR ...



Rebecca Elder (top left) and daughter Rachel (top right) participated in the RBC Fair horse show this year. (Bottom) Rachel says goodbye to her 4-H sheep after the livestock show. Full fair results and official photos were not available by press time.

Cowboys softball ended the first week of play with a 2-3 record after losses to the Rifle Bears (game one) and Palisade (games two and three), but the team finished strong with two wins on their home field against Gunnison. Another home game double header is scheduled for this Saturday against the Cedaredge Bruins beginning at 11 a.m. at Paintbrush Park.

Softball loses three, wins two

By TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Softball wrapped up week one with two wins at home with a double header against Gunnison.

The season itself is only 16 games long and five have already been played.

Game one against the Rifle Bears the Cowboys lost 18-0 to a historically strong and competitive team. In games two and three they took on Palisade, two more losses for the season, 17-0 and 15-1.

The first day of school the varsity played Gunnison winning both 12-10 in game one and 18-3

in game two, ending the first week of play with a 2-3 record.

“Leading at the plate this week were Juniors Mykayla Wille, Hailey Knowles and Emma Knez with three hits each,” commented head coach Brianna Williams.

On the mound Knowles pitched “steady and strong through game one and Brealyn Garcia had an excellent performance in game two against Gunnison,” said Williams.

This Saturday the Cedaredge Bruins will travel to Meeker to meet the Cowboys in another double header, games will begin 11 a.m. at Paintbrush Park.

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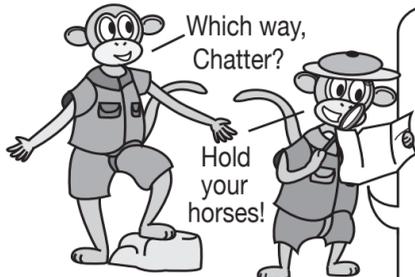
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- combing sandy beaches with this tool, searching for hidden metal items
- treasures hidden on _____ ships in ocean
- a _____ hunt will have you looking everywhere for objects on a list
- make a rubber stamp; follow clues to find a special box; upon discovery stamp log book
- precious stones of many colors

Mining

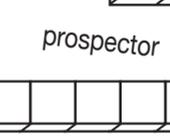
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- concentration of minerals with the right conditions to make gems
- thin mesh that lets water pass through, but catches stones
- tool that allows you to dig up dirt, move it
- person who searches for mineral deposits
- small chunk of a precious substance
- area of Earth rich in minerals

Treasure Hunt!

Digging, Diving, Discovering

Treasure hunting is exciting! It can be a formal process, as when archaeologists carefully dig for historical items. It can be life-changing – as it was for people who rushed across the country to California in the 1800s to search for gold and stake their claims. It may involve people hunting for something of value – or just to have some fun!



- search for treasure
- shiny yellow metal, very valuable; made into coins or jewelry
- plunders and hides treasure
- reason for a hunt; chest filled with gold, gems
- scientists plan _____ digs where they search for a different kind of treasure... clues to our past!
- treasure hunters look for these on maps, in research or in diaries or journals

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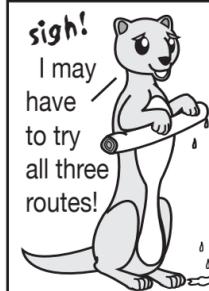
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California and Klondike Gold Rushes!

Two of the world's most famous gold rushes were the "California gold rush" in the late 1840s and the "Klondike gold rush" in northwest Canada in the late 1890s. Three hundred thousand people traveled to "gold country," many by sea. To get to the Klondike region, people traveled through ice and snow. Only 30,000 of the 100,000 who tried to make the trip were able to finish it. Places for prospectors to gather and buy or sell supplies sprang up so quickly that they were called *boom towns*. Some of the boom towns of California became cities that still thrive today, but the boomtowns of the Klondike gold rush were short-lived, since gold was found in places that were easier and safer to reach.

Read each clue. Circle the letter "C" if you think it was part of the California gold rush, and "K" if you think it happened during the Klondike gold rush.

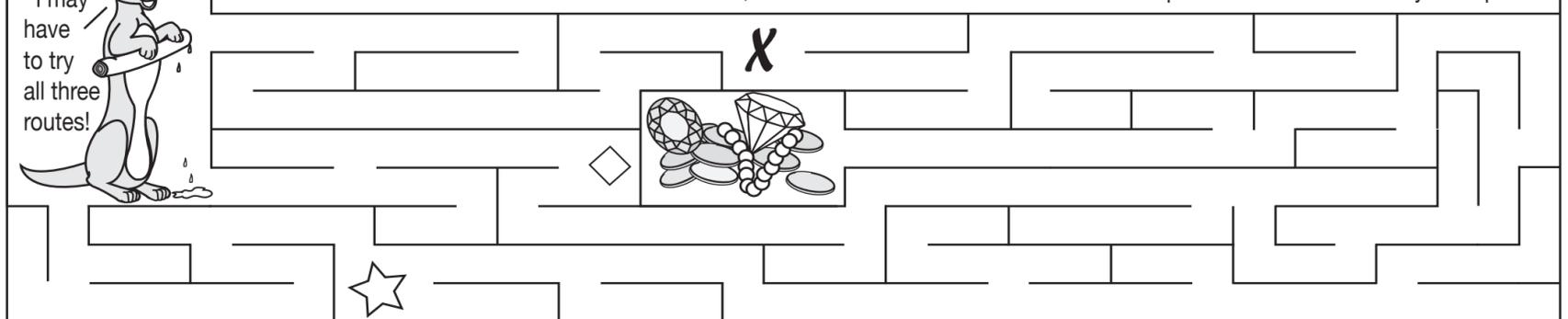
- Gold seekers were known as 49ers. C K
- Only 30% of prospectors who started their journey finished it! C K
- Many prospectors came by boat from other countries. C K
- The ground was often frozen, making mining very difficult. C K
- Upon arriving, many prospectors made shelters out of wood from the ships that had carried them there. C K
- Gold was found in a city called Nome, Alaska and people left their homes to try to find gold there. C K



sigh!
I may have to try all three routes!

Path to the Treasure

Little Meerkat dropped his treasure map into a stream and part of it got smeared. He can't remember if the "X", the star or the diamond marks the correct path to the treasure! Can you help him?



Mining for gems takes a lot of time and care. Did you know that rubies and topaz may form in gas bubbles inside of volcanic rocks?

Gems!

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Area Agency on Aging offering COVID grants

By PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) received emergency funds through the COVID-19 CARES Act to help in the delivery of services to older adults in Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt Counties during COVID-19. The AAA has \$100,000 available with grant awards being capped at a maximum of \$15,000. An organization may apply for funding if the AAA is not already funding the organization for a particular service(s). After a review of existing services, needs, and available resources, the Area Agency on Aging will make awards in the areas of: congregate nutrition

programs, home delivered meal programs, material aid—food, transportation services or outreach to combat social isolation.

To request the necessary Request for Application, definitions of services, and Colorado Department of Human Services Volume X program regulations, please contact the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Colorado at 970-248-2717.

The amount allocated is subject to change pending availability of funds due to Federal or State budget developments. Applications can be submitted at the mailing address: Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Colorado, Attn: Heather Jones, PO Box 20,000, Grand Junction, CO 81502 or via email at

Heather.Jones@mesacounty.us. Applications will be made available until Monday, Sept. 7, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Applications will be reviewed and notifications made to programs tentatively by Sept. 21, 2020. A Notice of Grant Awards (NOGA) will be issued with an operating period of Oct. 15, 2020, through Sept. 30, 2021, or for a period that funds are available.

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DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

■ An editor who has been dealing with the average mankind, draws the following conclusion: "A few complimentary notices will often puff a man up like a balloon, and often swell his head so big that everybody can notice that he is overconscious of this own popularity, but say one word contrary to his own inflated ideas and he will at once come to the conclusion that the

editor is a d__ fool, just what the other said when the editor was puffing him."

■ An editor died and slowly wended his way to hell. The devil saw him and said, "For many years thou hast borne the blame for the errors thy printers made in thy paper. Thy printers have deviled thee on Saturday even for wages when thou hadst not a red to thy name. Men have taken thy paper without paying a cent, verily, and curse thee for not issuing a better one. All these things

thou hast borne in silence. There will be a continual dunning of delinquent subscribers (for hell is full of them) and discord will be created in my kingdom. Begone! Heaven is your home.

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

■ After a convention they tear down the decorations but the platform is kept until after the election.
■ Every time a new oil

company is formed the value of the dollar decreases.

■ No city in the nation is removed from starvation more than two weeks.

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

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

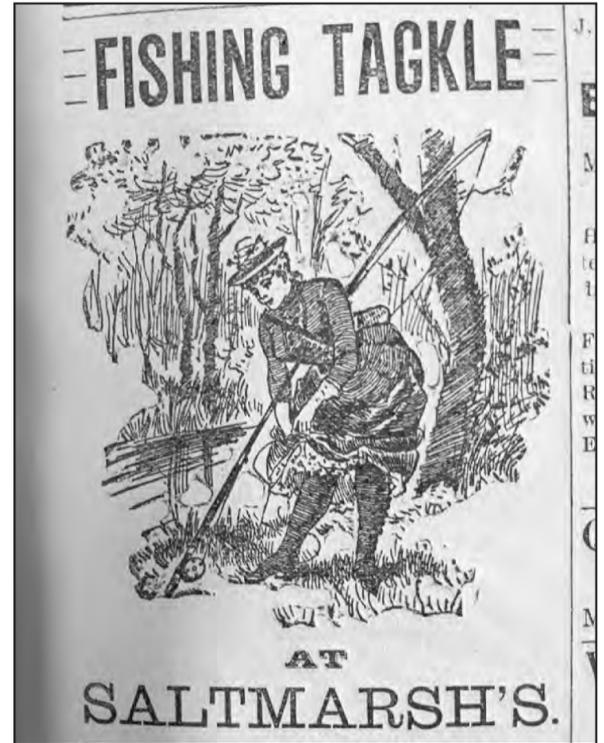
■ Grand Champion Steer, owned by David Morlan, was purchased by Jim Wilson, for the First National Bank of the Meeker for 85¢ per pound.

■ The 1970 assessed valuation of Rio Blanco County is down \$5-½ million, according to figures released by County Assessor Dale Frisby this week. The big drop came almost primarily from the assessed value of oil and gas and is due primarily to the declining oil production in the Rangely oil fields.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

■ The pickup truck in which four Meeker young men were riding Aug. 26 was heavily damaged when it flipped over on RBC 8 upriver from Meeker. Although two of the youths were riding in the bed, nobody was killed or maimed. Someone was looking out for them that day.

■ Emma Vaughn, daughter of Boone and Barbara Vaughn of Piceance Creek, entered a conservation contest with her poster. It placed first in Meeker and went on to place first in



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From the Meeker Herald, 125 years ago.

Rangely Times 25 years ago

state. Emma's poster was based on the effect grazing can have in preventing forest fires.

Rangely Times 50 years ago

■ Be sure to attend the annual Elks barbecue Sunday at city park.

■ A man seldom makes the same mistake twice. Generally, it's three times or more.

■ The west side of the Family Video Store at 117 W. Main St. underwent a transformation this week thanks to Dawna Wardell and the Eagle Scouts with a new mural.

■ Mark your calendars, because it's almost time for the Rangely Days Picnic in Grand Junction. The picnic, to be held Sept. 9 at Lincoln Park, will start

HERE'S YOUR SIGN ...



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

Work continues on a Dollar General on Rangely's Main Street. The store is still on schedule to open in October.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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Units 1 and 13 of White River Self Storage, 219 E. Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, will be sold at auction if full payment is not received by September 26th, 2020.
Published: August 27, September 3, 10 and 17, 2020
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT Pool Boilers Replacement

Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District
101 Ute Road
Meeker, Colorado 81641

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District ("District") is announcing completion of the following construction project:

Pool Boilers Replacement Project
Replacement of three pool boilers and accompanying equipment and piping
Meeker Recreation Center
101 Ute Rd
Meeker, Colorado 81641

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 38-26-107, the General Contractor, TRANE USA, and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, vendors and manufacturers who have provided any materials or labor in connection with this construction project, are hereby notified that the District has established August 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. as the date of Final Settlement on this construction project. Information regarding the Final Settlement may be obtained from the District's administrative offices, located at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641. The General Contractor or any contractor, subcontractor, supplier, vendor and manufacturer who provided any materials or labor in connection with this construction project and who claims to have not been paid for all or any portion of such materials or labor, shall submit a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim to the District on or before the date and time established for Final Settlement. All claims shall be submitted in writing to:

Sean VonRoenn, Executive Director
ERBM Recreation & Park District
101 Ute Road
Meeker, Colorado 81641

EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT, a Colorado special district and political subdivision of the State of Colorado
Published: August 20 and 27, 2020
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The Meeker Sanitation District is seeking applicants to fill an opening on the Board of Directors. Applicants must be registered to vote in Colorado and a resident of, or own property in the Meeker Sanitation District to qualify. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member for the Meeker Sanitation District, please contact the Office at 265 8th Street, or call 878-5192. You may also write for information to PO Box 417, Meeker, CO 81641 or send an e-mail to gail@meekersanitation.org.
Published: August 13, 20, 27 and September 3, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Thelma Jean Dick, Deceased, Rio Blanco County District Court Case Number 2020PR30008. All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before December 25, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.
Herman Levi Roach, Personal Representative
c/o Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.
P.O. Box 916
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
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TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020
7:00 P.M. Board Meeting
Town Hall
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approval of the Agenda
Approval of the Previous Minutes
Approval of Monthly Disbursements
Public Participation
This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees 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. New Business:
a. Award bid for the Animal Shelter Remodel.
b. Approval of the Amendment to the David Smith Ranches Permit Agreement.
c. Consideration of an assignment of a Professional Services Contract for recycling services.
d. Consideration of the proposal by SWCA Environmental Consultants for White River Enhancement Conceptual Planning Services.
9. Mayor's Remarks
10. Town Manager's Report
11. Other Board Business
12. Adjournment
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Vacant Board Seat

RANGELY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT currently has an opening on its Board of Directors. We are a five-member Board, that meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Firehall. Anyone interested in serving on this Board, please send a letter of interest to Rangely Rural Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 220, Rangely, CO 81648.
Published: August 27, September 3 and 10, 2020
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WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Directors
Virtual Annual Meeting at www.wrea.org
September 9, 2020



Please join us for White River Electric Association's (WREA) first ever **Virtual Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm at www.wrea.org**. With the health and wellbeing of our membership in mind, the WREA Board of Directors determined to move from an in-person Annual Meeting to our first ever Virtual Annual Meeting due to the COVID virus. This year's online meeting presentation will be 10-15 minutes in length and include a condensed version of our normal agenda. **The video presentation will be available beginning at 1:00 on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at www.wrea.org.**

As allowed by our bylaws and Colorado cooperative law, the election will consist solely of mail-in or hand delivered ballots. The appointed election clerks and judges will oversee the counting of ballots and election results on September 9, 2020. Results will be posted on the front door of the WREA office, at www.wrea.org and on the WREA Facebook page.

The names of all members who returned ballots will be entered in a drawing for boxes of meat purchased from the Rio Blanco County Fair livestock sale and winners will be notified following the virtual annual meeting. **All WREA members are invited to pick up their membership gift- a camp chair with the WREA 75th anniversary logo - at Meeker Town Park (5th and Water Street) on Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 4-6 pm or on Monday, September 14, 2020 from 4-6 pm. Pick up details will also be available on the WREA website.** Member participation in the annual meeting is critical to our success. We hope that you participate by mailing in your ballot for the election of two Town of Meeker directors and join us for the online presentation by simply going to www.wrea.org to find the 2020 Annual Meeting link.

The following members have been nominated for election by petition:

Town of Meeker District for a Three-Year Term

Hal W. Pearce - Incumbent
Brett W. Dearman
Bryce R. Ducey

Pursuant to Colorado law and White River Electric's By-Laws, only WREA members are eligible to vote. If a membership is held jointly, only one member may vote per membership. **Please review your membership prior to voting to ensure that your membership is listed correctly.**

Voting Instructions:

You may vote by returning your ballot by mail or hand delivery to WREA. Please find the enclosed yellow ballot and two (2) envelopes for your use. The enclosed ballot has the candidates listed who have been nominated by petition. Please vote for **two** Town of Meeker District Directors. Please place your marked yellow ballot in the first envelope provided to conceal the marking on the ballot. **Then, place the first envelope into the second prepaid mailing envelope, which must be signed where indicated.** Please mail or hand deliver **the signed** envelope to White River Electric by noon on **September 9, 2020. Ballot envelopes that are not signed by the voting member or that do not include both envelopes will be void and the ballot will not be counted.**

Please call WREA at 970-878-5041 if you have any questions about the WREA Annual Meeting or election of Directors.

WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
(S E A L)

Dated: July 29, 2020

Richard L. Parr, Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Meeker Sanitation District
Accounts Payable
July 2020
Total Payroll, \$17,127.40
Quickbooks Payroll Svc. Direct Deposit Fee, \$30.00
Federal Tax Withholding, \$2,109.00
Social Security Withholding, \$3,033.55
Medicare Withholding, \$709.32
PERA Retirement, \$5,708.04
U.S. Postal Service: Postage, \$306.20
CEBT: Health, Dental, Vision, Life Ins., \$11,079.91
AFLAC: Employee Accident Ins., \$41.22
Bank of San Juan: NSF Bank Charge, \$4.00
Intuit: Payroll Subscription, \$650.00
Atmos Energy: Natural Gas Svc., \$184.39
B. A. Lawrence, LLC: Blower Svc., \$1,085.00
Boycy Supply: Misc. Supplies, \$206.36
Century Link: Telephone Svc., \$352.93
Cimarron Telecom: Broadband, \$155.00
Colorado Analytica Labs: Testing, \$132.00
Colorado Dept. of Public Health: Annual Permit, \$4,538.00
Converge One, Inc: Cloud Backup Svc., \$189.25
Eagle River Waste Svc.: Trash Svc., \$306.00
First Bankcard Visa: Adobe, Office Supplies, Shipping Charges, \$426.32
Meeker Auto Parts: Vehicle Maint., \$4.29
Meeker Sanitation District: Misc., Supplies, \$61.24
Office Depot: Office Supplies, \$171.83
Rio Blanco County Fleet Dept.: Fuel, \$145.39
Rio Blanco Herald Time: Publish Accts. Payable, Board Ad, \$19.87
Samuelson's Hardware: Misc. Supplies, \$14.98
Town of Meeker: Water Svc., \$30.20
Union Telephone: Cell Phone Svc., \$216.46
USA Bluebook: Lab Equipment, \$744.78
Utility Notification Center: Line Locates, \$9.60
Valley Hardware: Misc. Supplies, \$32.98
WREA: Electric Svc., \$6,540.55
Total Accounts Payable: \$56,416.06
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Denise Wade,
Deceased
Case No. 20PR30007
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the undersigned or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before December 27, 2020, or said claims may be forever barred.
Samantha Wade,
Personal Representative
c/o Charles F. Reams
Reams & Reams
222 N. 7th Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Published: August 27, September 3 and 10, 2020
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DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Post Office Box 1150
455 Main Street
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Plaintiff: ANDREW L. JESSOP and AMANDA M. JESSOP
v.
Defendants: E.P. WILBER also known as EDDIE P. WILBER; R.O. FAIRFAX; LEONA CLUBINE; RITA CLARK; M.A. FREDERICKS; ELMER W. MCGRUDER also known as ELMER WILBER MCGRUDER; LURA H. MCGRUDER; EARL W. MCGRUDER; CARL T. MCGRUDER; STELLA C. BLUMHAGEN also known as STELLA C. BLUMHAGER; WREN F. MCGRUDER; PERRY C. MCGRUDER; LILLIE O. ROSS; AUDREY A. SQUIRES; ELMER M. MCGRUDER also known as ELMER MERLE MCGRUDER; CARRIE L. BINA; CONNIE F. ROSS; HOPE R. MARSH also known as HOPE TOMLINSON; CARRIE M. HESSEL; GLENDA M. LEHMAN; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
CASE NO. 2020 CV 30008
Attorneys for Plaintiffs:
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Kelianna Chamberlain, Reg. No. 48094
HOSKIN FARINA & KAMPF
Professional Corporation
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NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT
RIO BLANCO COUNTY 2020 PAVEMENT MARKING PAINT PROJECT
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1) Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims.
2) All such claims shall be filed with Clint Chappell, R & B Coordinator, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before September 4, 2020.
3) Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim.
Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 19th day of August, 2020.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BY **JEFF RECTOR, CHAIRMAN**
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County Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Court Address: 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, CO, 81648
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: Adult: Alexis Misty Dewitt FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO: Alexis Misting Pickering
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public Notice is given on August 6, 2020 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court. The petition requests that Alexis Misty Dewitt be changed to Alexis Misting Pickering.
By: \$Karen S. Wilczek
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published: August 20, 27 and Sept. 3, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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THEME: 1980s LYRICS

- ACROSS**
- Lascaux and Mammoth, e.g.
 - At the stern
 - Eyeball rudely
 - Inuit boat
 - And not
 - Sing like Sinatra
 - Manicurist's file
 - Old-fashioned "before"
 - "If you ____, I won't cry. I won't waste one single day"
 - "Steve walks warily down the street with the brim pulled way ____"
 - "She's just a girl who claims I am ____"
 - "Play it, ____," from "Casablanca"
 - Boris Godunov, e.g.
 - "All right stop collaborate and listen, ____ is back..."
 - Between Phi and Kappa
 - Restriction limiting use of lights during air raid
 - J.D. Power awards competitors
 - "Oh, back on the chain ____"
 - Ann Patchett's novel "Bel ____"
 - Slightly
 - Algorithmic language
 - French "place"
 - Kind of potato masher
 - Brickowski's brick
 - Cleopatra's necklace
 - Canine's coat
 - Sol or fa

- DOWN**
- Whispered from a prompting booth
 - Shells and such
 - "Meeting you with a ____ to a kill"
 - Brings home the bacon
 - First U.S. space station
 - Again
 - "Hello, is it me you're looking ____?"
 - Weight of refuse and chaff, pl.
 - Black and white cookie
 - One from Goa
 - "And I'm never gonna make it like you do, making ____ out of nothing at all"
 - Compass reading
 - One of religious orders

- Last letter of Greek alphabet
- Experienced
- Sine over cosine
- "I long to see the sunlight in your hair and tell you time and time again how much ____"
- Northwoods dwelling?
- The Goldbergs sibling
- "Cause I'm your ____ cool one, and I'm built to please"
- Scotch ingredient
- Kitchen tear-jerker
- Wombs
- "Ooh, what's the matter with the crowd I'm seeing? Don't you know that they're out of ____?"
- Petals holder
- "Wake me up before you ____"
- It creates instant millionaires
- Count on, two words
- One from Laos
- Emissaries
- Poison ivy or Poison oak
- Religious doctrine
- Venus de ____
- Greek Hs
- Not that
- Pilot's stunt
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- Catcher's gear
- Geological time periods
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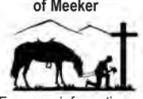
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Range Cowboy Church of Meeker



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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: newedenpcs@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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To whom it may concern: Effective Sept. 1 prices at the Rangely Cemetery District are: Lots - \$150. Opening and closing cost for cremation-\$225. Opening and closing cost for casket - \$450. Thank you, Rangely Cemetery District Board Members

AUCTION

AUCTION: Annual Fall Consignment Auction Saturday September 26th, at 9 a.m. 2368 S. 1500 E. (Hwy. 40) in Vernal Utah.
Equipment of all kinds, Many Vehicles, Semi's, Trailers, Campers, Snowmobiles, Boats, ATV's, Pipe, Generators, Air Compressors, Hires, Tools, Guns, Ammo, Saddles, Tack, Hunting Items, Furniture, and much, much more. For More Information or to consign to this auction, please call ZJ Auction Service Inc. at 435-828-7424 or go to www.zjauction.com

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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

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.

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.

SAFEHOUSE
If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.
878-3131

AUCTION

Liquidation Machine Shop Auction Saturday, September 5th, 10 a.m. 2118 Airport Road #B Rifle, Colorado
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Estate Auction
Saturday August 29th, 10:00 a.m. 1001 Sage Brush Court, Craig, Colorado
Winchester & Colt guns, bull dozer, tractor w/ loader, flatbed and enclosed trailers, animal hides, horns, Navajo rug, 12'x16' shed, lots of ammo - reloading items, etc. etc., 300+ Rebar, hand and power tools of all kinds, fuel tanks on stands, knives, spurs, cement forms, lumber, bullet making items, bear trap, fencing, cooler, 3 pt. attachments, 2 hours trailer camper, Jeep, traps, 4 wheeler, and more. Estate of Erwin Gore. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Services. 970-260-5577. See web cpauction.com "Call us about a sale for you" 8/20-8/27

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■ RN-Home Health
■ Certified Nursing Assistant-Home Health
■ EVS Technician
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Meeker, Colo., 81641
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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1



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
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Case Aide
- Caseworker
- Motor Vehicle Clerk, Rangely
- Relief Cook
- Relief Radino Driver, Rangely
- Relief Landfill Clerk
- Treasury Clerk

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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1



Employment Opportunities

Barone Middle School

- Co-Head Coach Volleyball
- Co-Head Coach Boys' Basketball

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HOMES: MEEKER

108 acres, log home, 3 BDR/1.75BA, cistem, barn, shop, set up for horses/cows, 4 miles west of town. Call for info. 970-756-0718. 8/20-9/17

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KMZ medium-size upright freezer. Good condition, just don't have room - \$100.
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Meeker Cemetery District is looking for a Full-Time, Full-Benefitted, 40 hours/week, Grounds Manager. \$25-\$30/hour DOE. Applications available at 265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO 81641. Resume and references mandatory. Submission deadline Monday, September 7th. 8/20-9/3

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RENTALS: MEEKER

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD apartments, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$625 per month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 321-2777.

RENTALS: MEEKER

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NEW 1157 Rd. 57-Riverfront, Meadows and Home	\$2,290,000	1368 Juniper Rd.	PENDING	870 4th St	PENDING
2204 Rd. 7-618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit	\$1,760,000	1036 Lance Cir.	PENDING	117 6th St	PENDING
40± Unencumbered Acres-1,449' Riverfront	NOW \$1,650,000	887 Cleveland St.	SOLD	851 2nd St	SOLD
Elk Creek Ranch Lot-Exclusive Fishing & Amenities	\$1,600,000	45304 Hwy. 13	PENDING	109 Market St - 1/2 Acre, Corner Lot, Highly Visible	\$175,000
Elk Mountain Inn-21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000	29± Acres Up Rd. 8 - Valley Views, Building Area, Fishing	\$299,000	1106 Mark Cir.-Ranch Style 3BD/2BA, 1 Car Garage & Carport	\$169,000
1986 Rd. 41-640 Acres, Hunting & Grazing	\$879,000	Top of 6th St. - 8.5± Acres, Room to Build Your Dream Home	\$299,000	1105 & 1107 Market St. - Corner Lot, Commercial Opportunity	REDUCED \$129,000
223 8th St. - Wyatt's Sports Center and Attached Residence	\$775,000	950 Cleveland St. - 3BD/3BA, Large Workshop	\$267,000	629 10th St.	SOLD
658± Acres, Rd. 143-North of RB Lake, Hunt Unit 11	\$660,000	1113 Mark Cir.	PENDING	460 S. Cross L	SOLD
319± Acres, Rd. 77-Colorow Cabin, Well, Grazing Permit	\$640,000	555 8th St.	PENDING	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home	\$59,000
431 E. Market St.-22± Acres, Shop, Office, Living Quarters	\$549,000	435 Cleveland St.	PENDING	Ridge Estates Subdivision - 20 Rural Residential Lots	Starting at \$45,000
455 8th St	PENDING	NEW 7.46 Acres, E. Market St. - Highway Frontage, Great Traffic	\$249,000	2 Vacant Lots, Andrea Cir. - Great Views	\$29,000 each
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Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. - Business & Real Estate. Turnkey & Profitable. \$695,000!

RESIDENTIAL
NEW HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION!
1150 Bissell Circle-3BD/2BA, 1898 sq. ft. home with 2 car garage on a corner lot. Beautiful view of the White River Valley! \$350,000.
540 5th St. Fixer-upper on two lots, built in 1903 within two blocks of downtown Meeker. Beautiful trees. \$90,000. SOLD!

RURAL RESIDENTIAL
1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranch cabin, turnkey. \$157,000.

RANCHES
NEW! Ranch with lots of irrigation water, meadows, gravel, pond and White River frontage west of Meeker. Call for details!
NEW! 10,225 steel shop building with 14' OH Doors on 25.185 acres west of Meeker. Could be a part of great shop house. Has well water. Call for details...
Ranch for sale on Strawberry Creek - Adjoins BLM, some alfalfa and oat fields, home workshop, new large metal building, barn and arena. Great location and outstanding views! Realtor owned. Call for details!

COMMERCIAL
NEW! 680 Water St., Meeker - 19 Unit Apartment Complex that is approved for condominiums. 4 Lots with storage units, common areas and park with access to the White River. \$1,200,000.
975 Market St. - Commercial Property located on prime corner location on Highway 13. \$200,000.
Commercial Building on Highway 13 going through Meeker with 4 lots. Very nice building, fenced-in area in back, small garage. Realtor owned. \$395,000.

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*NEW! 6500 CR 7 - 4 BR, 2 BA home on 2 Acres, 8 miles NW. \$305,000
*395 6th St. - Residential/Commercial corner lot near post office. 2 story, 4 BR, 2 BA, beautiful hard wood floors, basement. Previously used as offices, retail and residential. Great location. \$225,000 SALE PENDING!
*2101 Meath Dr.- 35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$89,900.
*1751 Bright Water Lane- 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistem. Borders BLM. 14 miles west off of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000. SOLD!
*5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. \$75,000. SALE PENDING!

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1947 CR 12

FOR SALE IN MEEKER
CR 15 Ranch - A rarely available 390±ac property with 2 Wells-3BD/2BA/1,412 SF, log home...\$825,500
Bear Mountain Inn-Income producing Bed&Breakfast w/Apartment Unit+Beautiful Yard▼\$600,000
410 Cleveland St - 2BD/1.75BA/1,732 SF home with nice views, privacy, storage+lg. garden▼\$270,000
1346 Sage Ridge Rd - 3BD/2BA, 1,460 Custom log home, large 0.35ac lot, picturesque views▼\$270,000
10 E Market St - Residential/Hwy.Commercial property with Water/Ice vending machine...\$258,000
1947 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA Log cabin with vaulted ceiling and fishing access on the White River...\$250,000
1959 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA Log cabin offering a rustic charm, fishing, BLM-Forest access nearby...\$250,000
112 Main St - Investment property, proven earning potential, 3BD/2BA home with a cottage...\$207,000
1042 Park Ave - Classic 2 story 3BD/1BA/2,340 SF home w/ rustic barn, 3 Lg. lots+fruit trees...\$195,000
440 Cross L - A spectacular 4±ac building lot with 360° views, utilities nearby and irrigation...\$85,000
1085 Pinyon St. SALE PENDING
1085 Main St. SALE PENDING
600+610 Garfield St. SALE PENDING
738 5th St. SALE PENDING
880 Cleveland St. SALE PENDING
6321 CR 7. SOLD
1134 Michael Cir. SOLD

FOR SALE IN RANGELY
NEW 1511 La Mesa Cir - This charming 1,628± sq.ft. Home includes 3BD/2BA, has both living room and family room, beautiful finishes throughout, large fenced-in back yard with mature trees, plus an oversized two-car garage with built-in shelving...▼\$230,000
102 W Rangely Ave - Gorgeous well kept single level 3BD/2BA home with a great floor plan, spacious rooms, vaulted ceilings, recessed lighting, walkout dining and a large easy keep yard. Enjoy central A/C in the summers...\$220,000
2534 E. Main St - A spectacular 4BD/2BA home located on 15±ac w/irrigation water, roller sprinklers & livestock barn...\$480,000

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1511 La Mesa Cir.

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◆ 225 Garfield St. — Sparkling 3 BD, 2 full bath home, LOTS of upgrades! \$183,000 SALE PENDING!
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