

## MUSTANG MASTER...



KIM EKSTROM PHOTO

**Rangely resident Wade Allred and his mustang Windy Bill took top honors at this year's Meeker Mustang Makeover. Look for a full recap of the event next week.**



LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

**A special celebration will be part of this year's Septemberfest celebration as the Town of Rangely celebrates its 75th anniversary this year.**

## Happy 75th Birthday to Rangely!

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RANGELY** | A special celebration will be part of this year's Septemberfest festivities: the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Rangely on Aug. 15, 1946. The vote to incorporate was 101 in favor, to seven against.

Incorporation came during a boom in development and expansion. In 1946, county officials estimated that 6,000 people lived within the area of the Rangely oil field. That year, the Rangely business district added a drive-in theater, telephone, Rangely Power and Light, Trading Post, Ace High Club and many others to its list of existing businesses like Nichols Store.

Rangely's history extends much further back than the town's incorporation, beginning with the mention of the Rangely area by Franciscan priests Atanasio Dominguez and Silvestre Véllez de Escalante in 1776. Their expedition was seeking an overland route from the Catholic mission in Santa Fe, New Mexico to the mission in Monterrey, California.

In 1881, settlers C.P. Hill, along with Mr. Joseph Studer and his family, stopped in the area to camp on their way through from Vernal and Salt Lake City. They reportedly liked the area so much they decided to stay. Hill set up the first store and with family members who came in over the next few years, fixed the first road over Douglas Pass. Hill was also the first postmaster when the first Rangely post office was established in 1885.

By 1888, the government officially opened the area to settlement. The original town site was north of the current town limits in a grove of trees on the river bank and suffered flooding every year.

The arrival of Ms. Carrie E. Blakelee, who later married pioneer C.P. Hill, was the first schoolteacher in Rangely, with 26 students in 1888.

The first oil well in Rangely was drilled in the early 1900s, but the promise of oil prosperity didn't manifest until demand for oil increased dramatically during and immediately after World War II.

*(From the Rangely Times 1996 commemorative 50th edition)*

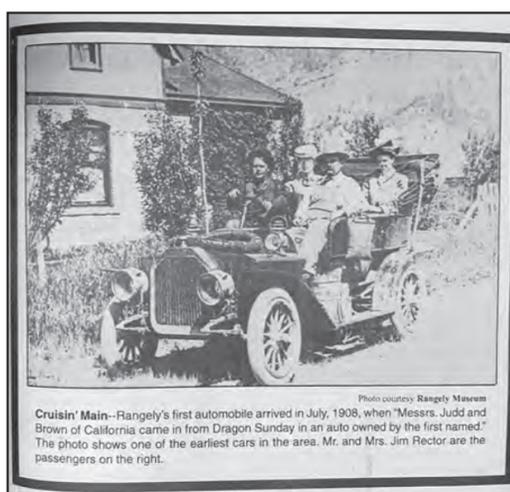


Photo courtesy Rangely Museum  
**Cruisin' Main**—Rangely's first automobile arrived in July, 1908, when "Messrs. Judd and Brown of California" came in from Dragon Sunday in an auto owned by the first named. The photo shows one of the earliest cars in the area. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rector are the passengers on the right.

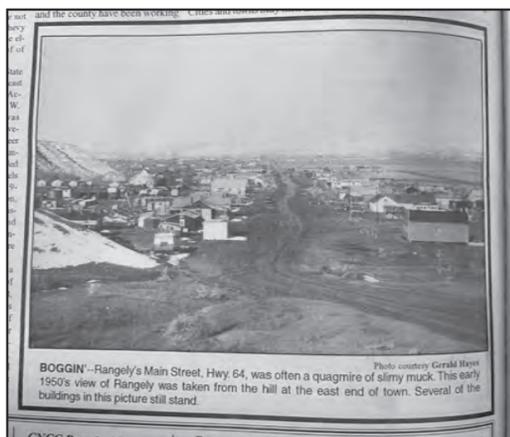


Photo courtesy Gerald Brown  
**BOGGIN**—Rangely's Main Street, Hwy 64, was often a quagmire of slimy muck. This early 1950's view of Rangely was taken from the hill at the east end of town. Several of the buildings in this picture still stand.

RANGELY TIMES ARCHIVE

**Early images of Rangely from the Rangely Times archive.**

## The long haul

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RANGELY** | Thanksgiving dinner preparations were underway last November when Rangely's Wendi Gillard noticed she couldn't smell the homemade cranberry sauce simmering on the stove or the turkey roasting in the oven. Or anything else.

Gillard thought maybe she was just used to the cooking smells from being in the kitchen all day. She headed outside, and halfway back from the barn she was hit with sudden, crushing chest pain.

When she went back in the house, she still couldn't smell anything. The chest pain continued, and she couldn't taste any of the food she'd prepared for the family's Thanksgiving meal.

Gillard, 41, is the compliance officer and quality/risk manager at Rangely District Hospital, and an EMT on the Rangely ambulance crew. Nearly a year into the COVID-19 pandemic, she knew the symptoms.

"I was scared," she said. The next day more symptoms emerged, and Gillard learned others who had been in close contact with her were also sick. Her COVID test came back positive.

As her illness progressed, besides the loss of taste and smell, symptoms included fatigue, headaches, muscle aches and joint pain, and a "tiny" cough.

"My biggest symptom was the chest pain. It waxed and waned, and I ended up going to the ER for an EKG to make sure I wasn't throwing any clots," she said. The EKG came back normal.

Chills and hot flashes, coupled with night sweats and insomnia, added to her discomfort for months. As days and weeks passed by, Gillard struggled with "brain fog" and extreme fatigue, skin rashes, memory loss and trouble finding the right words in conversation.

"I did go to work. I'm the only 'me.' I worked from home and would call in for meetings. I did my desk job, very slowly," Gillard was just released to return to her role as an EMT in the last month.

"I felt like I was walking around with 15 10-pound bowling balls on each side of my body, just carrying them around," she said of the fatigue she experienced.

Just walking up the stairs with a laundry basket was exhausting, and she was physically unable to finish unpacking the house from their recent move to the family's ranch.

The chest pain continued. Gillard described feeling "every part" of her heart being "agitated or angry." Her pulse rate fluctuated from more than 150 beats per minute (while sitting on the couch) to below 40.

Cardiologists ruled out myocarditis and pericarditis, and she started medication that helped ease the continuous chest pain, but in December, she started experiencing shortness of breath. Her lung function had decreased by 25%. That decrease continued over three subsequent visits. She now carries three different inhalers to help her breathing.

Gillard has been traveling to Fruita to a special post-COVID clinic for the last three months. "I just wanted to get my life back," she said. Doctors there told her she was Vitamin D deficient, and said that's common in younger, healthy people who have serious COVID illness.

Doctors also prescribed speech and physical therapy. Anecdotal reports that COVID vaccinations improve long-hauler symptoms prompted Gillard to get vaccinated in April. She noticed some improvement after vaccination. "I could make it up the stairs with the laundry basket," she said.

At the beginning of July, Gillard found herself "teetering on the edge," grieving the life she once knew. The post-COVID clinic prescribed a four-day course of human-grade Ivermectin. The anti-parasitic drug has yet to be fully reviewed for its efficacy in COVID patients and is not cur-

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## Brewery dreams become reality for Borchard brothers

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**RBC** | Crafted in-house with 14 varieties of locally grown hops, the beers on tap at Meeker's newest social destination, "the brewery," is a big hit with locals and visitors alike according to owners Kevin and Kristofer Borchard.

"We've done really well for the first week, [we] sold just over 15 kegs worth of beer in the first week," said Kristofer over his first round of "Two Headed Caddis," one of multiple beer varieties currently available at the brewery. "It's a huge relief," he said, noting how pandemic-related shut downs, supply-chain disruptions and other challenges all pushed back the opening of the brewery. "Pretty much everything that got shipped in was late or broken," reflected Kris, gesturing to the taproom's freshly installed garage door, and other items like fermenters, all affected by supply-chain and other shipping issues. Staffing shortages also pushed back approvals from state and federal licensing authorities.

Despite the challenges, the brothers' long-time dream of

a community-oriented brewery is now a reality, complete with a White River/angler themed taproom featuring art commissioned by local artist Ben Quinn, rods, reels and lures suspended in translucent epoxy countertops, an open view of the brewing equipment and process, a (formerly broken) garage door that opens up to outdoor seating, and friendly community faces on both sides of the counter any given day of the week.

It's not just locals enjoying the destination, according to Kevin Borchard. Be they hunters scouting locations, brewery enthusiasts, bonafide beer connoisseurs or just people passing through, the out-of-town crowd has been frequent. "We've had some people post on Facebook that they were here to check it out from Grand Junction, so I think there are people that will come into Meeker just to check it out," said Kevin, who also expressed surprise and gratitude for the support shown by ranchers and other longtime residents of the community.

Kris reflected on recent conversations with people being introduced to some quality local beers for the first time, "One guy we had said 'all I drink is Coors Lite' and he had the Vishawk and was just like all right, now I found another beer I'll drink,' and he'll plan on coming back just because of that."

Both Kevin and Kristofer attributed the brewery's success thus far to an outpouring of community interest and support, the locally grown hops, and of course their head

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LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

**Kevin and Kristofer Borchard are owners of Smoking River Brewing Co., which officially opened last week.**

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**Saturday: 80s/40s**



**Sunday: 80s/40s**



## Trustees talk water supply

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

**RANGELY I** On Tuesday, Aug. 24, the Rangely Town Board of Trustees met to discuss exciting business that is moving forward in and for Rangely and the county.

With no public input, the meeting moved into supervisor reports with Town Manager Lisa Piering updating from her check-in with the Rio Blanco County Commissioners. She shared that federal funding and grants for investment in solar power with Cogency are moving forward. She advised the trustees to consider this before investing in other fashions of solar power as Cogency offers economic development and hope for residency and programs through CNCC.

Piering also offered brief updates from other meetings.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting had a nice turnout and McKenzie Webber detailed upcoming events and initiatives. It is suggested that she will update the town board monthly. The application for the REDI grant is approved and the total matching is approximately \$5,000 for the town.

At the RDA/RDC meeting, each group discussed initiatives including the trail master plans, fiber, and airport improvements.

Utilities Supervisor Don Reed stated that usage for August was lower than previous Augusts in the last four years. Reed told the board the town's water supply had lowered to about 50 CFS. This typically would have set the wheels in motion for water restrictions but, with the recent weather and rain, supply was restored to approximately 140 CFS which is more sustainable. He shared the need for a preset pond to support the community's water demands. Due to the drought, the town could be caught in a difficult position. This will be further discussed between the departments and the board. Reed also shared that the White River and Douglas Creek Conservancy were planning to host a bus tour for federal and state legislators at the water treatment plant and a tour of the Wolf Creek Reservoir site on Monday, Aug. 30. He plans to urge them to move forward on this project as it is becoming critical to Rangely's needs. Reed also said that the La Mesa water line project broke ground on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

The Town of Rangely received a Moon Lake Electric CoBank award through the Sharing Success Program to make improvements at White River Village. Ducey's Electric contributed the labor for installation of lighting in the hallways. See photo in the Aug. 19 edition of the HT on page 6.

## RBCSO explores jail changes

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RBC I** In an effort to trim its budget in the face of declining revenue, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office is exploring the feasibility of closing operations at the detention center and contracting with Moffat County to house inmates from RBC. The 2021 budget for the detention center was \$1,054,108.

"As revenues continue to decline, how do you justify \$1 million in expenses?" Mazzola said by phone Tuesday.

Last year's attempt by the Rio Blanco County Commissioners to outsource local dispatch services to the Colorado State Patrol dispatch center in Craig was met with strident opposition.

"The public wants local dispatch," Mazzola said. "They've made that clear."

Contracting jail ser-

vices through an intergovernmental agreement would be a "fiscally conservative" option for cutting costs while keeping dispatch services local. Mazzola estimates a possible first year savings of about \$200,000 and between \$400-500K in subsequent years.

The detention center is equipped for 34 inmates, but the daily population is averaging five inmates. When the new justice center was built, the county was averaging 12-13 inmates — too many to safely maintain in the previous jail. The number of inmates has been on the decline for quite awhile, Mazzola said. The department has been supplementing revenue by housing inmates from the U.S. Marshal's office while they await trial, but the number of those inmates has dropped significantly under the Biden administration. Changes in state laws are

also impacting the number of inmates, and increasing the cost of incarcerating them.

Moffat County's jail has room to house RBC inmates, Mazzola said, and offers a more comprehensive health program. Providing health care for inmates is required by state statute and has been problematic for RBC due to staffing and budget constraints.

Law enforcement officers would need to transport individuals to Craig upon arrest for jailable offenses, and transport them back to Meeker for required appearances in court. "If one good thing has come out of the pandemic, it's that most court appearances can now be done virtually," Mazzola said.

The discussion will be brought before the Board of County Commissioners in a future meeting.

### FREE LEGAL CLINIC MEEKER PUBLIC LIBRARY



STILL  
HAPPENING  
VIA PHONE!

Wednesday  
Sept. 8, 2021  
2 to 3 p.m.

A free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney will be featured on the second Wednesday of each month at the Meeker Public Library. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues and civil protection orders.

PLEASE CALL 970.878.5911 TO BE ADDED TO THE SIGN UP SHEET

## COVID: One add'l death, 14 new cases

Special to the HT

**RBC I** As of Tuesday,

Aug. 31, one additional death due to COVID-19 had been reported in

the county, with 14 new reported cases and one new hospital admission.

**Total Cases to Date:** 784

**Meeker Active:** 12

**Rangely Active:** 11

**Current Hospitalized RBC:** 1

**Total Hospitalized:** 63

**School District Meeker:** 3

**School District Rangely:** 0

**Deaths:** 5

**VACCINATION**

Approximately 41.3%

of the eligible population (age 12 and up) has now received at least one dose of vaccine.

**In Meeker:** Fairfield Center (200 Main St.) Walk-In (no appointment needed):

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

■ Pfizer (12 and up): Fridays 2-4 p.m.

Please call 970-878-9520 with any questions or for special accommodations.

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

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

Please call 970-878-9525 with any questions or for special accommodations.

Ask about on-site clinics for businesses and organizations.

Flu shots are now available by appointment. Please check back for drive through clinic dates. All insurance accepted.

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

### AUCTION!

**Annual Fall Consignment Auction Sat., Sept. 18, 9 a.m. 2368 S. 1500 E. (Hwy. 40) in Vernal, Utah**

Equipment of all kinds, Many Vehicles, Semi's, Trailers, Campers, Boats, ATVs, Pipe, Generators, Air Compressors, Tools, Guns, Ammo, Saddles, Tack, Hunting Items, Kitchen Cabinets, Household Furniture, Antiques & Collectibles and much more! Consignments are taken the week of the auction, photos of most items will be posted on our webpage as they are consigned.

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](http://www.zjauction.com)

## PIANO TUNING

**Ed Ranum — 30 years experience**

**Coming to Meeker Week of Sept. 13, 2021**

**Call (970) 225-6109 or (970)222-5991 for appointment**

Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable

### Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable Meeting

**Wednesday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m.**

This meeting will be a **Hybrid Meeting**  
In person at Craig CNCC Room 175  
Online information is on the website  
[Yampawhitegreen.com](http://Yampawhitegreen.com)

If you have Public Comment, please email [yampawhitegreen@gmail.com](mailto:yampawhitegreen@gmail.com).

## Children in grades 3rd-8th tryout for Bugsy Malone JR!

### AUDITION

**Auditions are Friday, Sept 3rd from 9am-12pm at the HS Auditorium**

\$20.00 Audition Fee required at tryouts

If you want to be considered for a part with solos and lines, please prepare a song to sing and a reading of your choice.

If you can't make it to Auditions but would like to be in the play, please text Shana Holliday to make arrangements: 970-987-9299

### REHEARSALS

**Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, Sept 7th.**

Rehearsals will be Tuesday and Thursday 6-8pm, Fridays 9:30am -11:30am

### PERFORMANCE

**Performances will be November 18, 19 and 20th**

Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable

### Yampa-White-Green Basin Water Supply Reserve Fund 2022 Grant Cycle is now open and looking for water projects within Yampa/White/Green River Basins

Application Deadline Sept. 22, 2021

For further information see <http://www.yampawhitegreen.com/grants>

## Attention Rio Blanco County Residents:



We want to know your thoughts about Rio Blanco County Offices transitioning to a **4-day work week**. Under this plan:

- » Public offices such as Public Health, Building Department and Treasurer would extend hours to 10 hour days while closing the office and facilities one day per week.
- » Emergency services such as the Sheriff's Office, Dispatch and Detentions would remain working with 24-hour coverage.
- » Services like Road and Bridge and Child welfare would operate with on-call or emergency based coverage.

Scan the QR code to take the survey, or visit [rbc.us](http://rbc.us).

If you would prefer to take the survey in person, please visit the Rio Blanco County Courthouse (3rd Floor) in Meeker or Department of Human Services in Rangely from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



[www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) | RioBlancoCounty

*Scan to take the survey! »*



# NEWS NOTES

## MACC auditions

**MEEKER** | Meeker Arts and Cultural Council's youth theater will perform Bugsy Malone Jr. this fall. Children in third through eighth grade are welcome to participate. Auditions are set for Friday, Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Meeker High School Auditorium. There is a \$20 audition fee. If you'd like to be considered for a part with solos and lines, please prepare a song and a reading of your choice. Rehearsals will begin Sept. 7 and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Performances set for Nov. 18, 19 and 20 at the MHS auditorium.

## Free legal clinic

**MEEKER** | Need legal advice? Schedule an appointment during the next free legal clinic at the Meeker Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 2-5 p.m. Call 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet. You'll need to provide a reliable phone number so the volunteer attorney can call during scheduled clinic hours.

## Class of '80 reunion

**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School Class of 1980 reunion is set for Saturday, Sept. 4 from around noon to at least 8 p.m. at the Meeker Golf Course. Meat will be provided, please bring a side dish to share.

## Class of '90 reunion

**RANGELY** | The RHS Class of 1990 is having their 31st reunion in Rangely during Septemberfest, Sept. 3-6. Rangely football game on Friday, Rangely Camper Park on Saturday, float decorating at Bell's on Sunday, parade on Monday. For more info, contact Julie Lane Bockelman, 970-270-2296. All classes are encouraged to attend!!!

## Old Timers reminder

**MEEKER** | Just a reminder to all those interested in RBCPA Old Timers picnic at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 4 (Saturday afternoon). Just bring your own sack lunch to City Circle Park (by the fish pond). We will hold this meeting for all members and those who wish to become members. This will be a general business meeting to discuss and vote on certain guidelines now in effect. This general meeting is an open invitation all in the community over 30-years-old. We would really like to keep the Old timers celebration as a highlighted community event, and would appreciate your attendance. If you would like to volunteer for any of the executive positions before the fall meeting, contact Roberta Watt 970-220-2247, or Daryl LeFevre 307-272-0763.

## Library book club

**MEEKER** | The book club will be reading "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande. We will discuss the book on Monday, Sept. 13 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

## LDS conference

**MEEKER** | The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will hold a two day local conference Sept. 11-12. Speakers will include church leaders serving in the Vernal Temple, the Denver South mission area, and local church officials of the Craig Stake. Meetings will be held in the Craig chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1295 W Ninth St. The Sept. 11 session for adults will be from 6-8 p.m. and the Sunday session for all ages will be from 10 a.m.-noon on Sept. 12. Sessions will also be broadcast to LDS chapels in Baggs, Rangely, Steamboat Springs, Meeker and Granby.

# COUNTRY RAISED ...



The Meeker Chamber of Commerce Board and staff joined the new owners of Country Raised, Jeremy and Cherlynn Muxlow, at the grand opening and ribbon cutting. Stop by the store at 610 Main St. Mon-Fri 10-6 and Saturday 10-2. Pictured left to right are Chamber board member Brenda Purkey, Chamber program assistant Emily Mohr, Cherlynn and Jeremy Muxlow and their children, and Chamber Director Stephanie Kobald.

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## PRICES cut to the BONE



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16-18 oz. Don Julio	<b>TORTILLA CHIPS</b>	<b>2 for \$5</b>
5.5 oz.	<b>PRINGLES</b>	<b>\$1.49</b>
12-12 oz. La Croix	<b>SPARKLING WATER</b>	<b>\$4.49</b>
22-28 oz. Bush's Baked or	<b>GRILLIN' BEANS</b>	<b>\$1.79</b>
15 oz. Wish-bone	<b>DRESSING</b>	<b>\$1.99</b>
22-30 oz. Kraft	<b>MAYONNAISE</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
14-18 oz. Sweet Baby Ray's	<b>BBQ SAUCE</b>	<b>\$1.49</b>
24-26 oz. Classico	<b>PASTA SAUCE</b>	<b>\$2.49</b>
2.6-8.7 oz. Hamburger	<b>HELPER</b>	<b>\$1.49</b>
92 oz. Tide Liquid Laundry	<b>DETERGENT</b>	<b>\$12.99</b>
32-51 oz. Downy	<b>FABRIC SOFTENER</b>	<b>\$5.49</b>
48 ct. Puffs	<b>ULTRA SOFT TISSUES</b>	<b>\$1.25</b>

## FROZEN

56 oz. Red Button	<b>ICE CREAM</b>	<b>2 for \$7</b>
4-6 ct. Fat Boy Ice Cream	<b>PRODUCTS</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
25.6-42 oz. Marie Callender's	<b>PIES</b>	<b>\$5.99</b>
6 ct. Pillsbury	<b>TOASTER STRUDEL</b>	<b>\$2.19</b>
6 ct. Creamies	<b>FROZEN BARS</b>	<b>\$2.49</b>

## DAIRY

6 oz. Yoplait	<b>YOGURT</b>	<b>10 for \$6</b>
16.3 oz. Pillsbury Grands	<b>BISCUITS</b>	<b>\$1.79</b>
32 oz. Coffee Mate	<b>CREAMER</b>	<b>\$3.29</b>
7 oz. Caciq	<b>YOGURT DRINK</b>	<b>79¢</b>
64 oz. Silk	<b>ALMOND MILK</b>	<b>\$2.70</b>
32 oz. Cache Valley Shredded	<b>CHEDDAR JACK</b>	<b>\$6.99</b>
16 oz. La Mexicana	<b>SALSA</b>	<b>\$2.49</b>
16 ct. Kraft	<b>AMERICAN CHEESE</b>	<b>\$3.49</b>

## MEAT

Boneless Rump	<b>BEEF ROAST</b>	<b>\$4.49/lb.</b>
Bone-In Boston Butt	<b>PORK ROAST</b>	<b>\$2.19/lb.</b>
16 oz. Oscar Mayer Classic	<b>UNCURED WEINERS</b>	<b>\$1.99</b>
15 oz. Oscar Mayer Classic Uncured	<b>BEEF FRANKS</b>	<b>\$3.49</b>
16 oz. Oscar Mayer	<b>CHEESE DOGS</b>	<b>\$3.49</b>
8 ct. Oscar Mayer Jumbo Angus	<b>BEEF FRANKS</b>	<b>\$3.49</b>
9.43-10.3. Hebrew National	<b>BEEF FRANKS</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>

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Fresh	<b>CAULIFLOWER</b>	<b>99¢/lb.</b>
Colorado	<b>CORN ON THE COB</b>	<b>12 for \$4.99</b>
Fresh	<b>JICAMA</b>	<b>99¢/lb.</b>
6 oz.	<b>RASPBERRIES</b>	<b>\$1.88</b>
Red or Green	<b>BELL PEPPERS</b>	<b>89¢</b>
Red Grape	<b>TOMATOES</b>	<b>2 for \$5</b>
Butternut or Spaghetti	<b>SQUASH</b>	<b>89¢/lb.</b>
Bartlett	<b>PEARS</b>	<b>\$1.49/lb.</b>
16 oz. pkg.	<b>MINI CUCUMBERS</b>	<b>2 for \$5</b>
3 ct. Romaine	<b>LETTUCE HEARTS</b>	<b>2 for \$5</b>
10 lb. bag Russet	<b>POTATOES</b>	<b>2 for \$5</b>
Zucchini or	<b>YELLOW SQUASH</b>	<b>99¢/lb.</b>
Washington	<b>SWEET ONIONS</b>	<b>89¢/lb.</b>



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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Happy \*meteorological\* fall

Someone asked me if I had plans for the fall. It took me a moment to realize they meant "autumn", not the fall of civilization.

~ Unknown

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We've always wondered if meteorologists — the prognosticators of weather so frequently jeered and abused for inaccurate predictions — lived in some kind of alternate universe. It turns out, they aren't even operating on the same seasonal calendar as the rest of us.

On the Gregorian calendar, the change of seasons falls on the 21st or 22nd of March, June, September and December, correlating with astronomical solstices and equinoxes. Meteorologists (and the continent of Australia, apparently) operate on the notion of three-month seasons that start on the first of the month, basically for record-keeping purposes. Instead of autumn being Sept 22-Dec. 21, they count Sept. 1 through Oct. 31. Winter is December through February, spring is March-April-May, etc.

Much like the metric system of measurement, the meteorological calendar seems logical. No wonder we haven't adopted it.

If nothing else, acknowledging meteorological fall gives us a good excuse to haul out our autumn decor a few weeks early.



LOOSE ENDS

Dinosaurs

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
Special to the Herald Times



Dolly Viscardi

**MEEKER I** I spend a lot of time with the dinosaurs. No, I am not an amateur archeologist or paleontologist and taking care of grandchildren involves traveling to museums or excavation sites to see the prehistoric creatures' remains. The bones and fossils still appeal, but the dinosaurs I am referring to are a species of humans. Unfortunately, I am one of them.

The grandchildren now are leading me on daily expeditions into this new land I am occupying. As technology zooms forward, I flounder with mastering the newest timesaving devices, but inevitably botch them up. I have never been particularly adept at mechanics, yet I

have needed to overcome my fear and hesitation.

The editors with whom I work have tried to be understanding and then we are all going well. Trying to meet a weekly deadline becomes impossible while traveling in the land of the dinosaurs. Communications from me can become garbled and then erratic. I depend on

the convenience of my laptop and phone to submit these columns yet long for the old days of typewriters and legal pads.

So if it seems my regular column has disappeared from view, know that the dry spell is temporary. After all, I dwell in the land of the dinosaurs.

CNCC CORNER

New academic year begins

By DR. LISA JONES  
CNCC PRESIDENT

**RBC I** The month of August has been a busy one at CNCC. We welcomed the start of the 2021-22 academic year, saw an enrollment increase, made new college friends, received significant Higher Learning Commission and Department of Education approvals, and welcomed back our faculty and students. In our sight lines are the achievement of our strategic priorities, finalizing preparation for our accreditation visit and reaffirmation, and continuous nurturing of the CNCC experience, which includes a community where every student is known by name, colleagues are like family, classrooms are not limited by walls and opportunities are endless.

We were able to share a bit of that experience in late July and early August as we held CNCC Experience Days on both campuses. Prospective students participated in a large group day session and selected from various afternoon excursions related to programs at the college. For instance: scuba diving (oceanography program); aviation-flight simulation; paleo excursion, equine tours, and demonstrations from cybersecurity, cosmetology and nursing. This was a great experience for potential students and faculty as we geared up for fall semester and gave students a taste for life at CNCC. We look forward to doing more events like these in the future to give more people the opportunity to see what CNCC has to offer.

Just before the start of school the college was joined by Mr. David Hardman, the new vice president for student services. David brings 15 years' experience supervising,

working in or with admissions/enrollment management, student life, diversity awareness and education, athletics, rights and responsibilities and residence life. He also holds an MBA which will prepare him well to support the college's goal for fiscal responsibility and growth. Mr. Hardman has hit the ground running and is working toward efficiencies and enhancements in the student experience, and creation of a data informed strategic enrollment management plan.

Athletic activities are underway. Men and women's soccer and volleyball have already started their seasons and softball pre-season games have started as well. Soccer will be playing five home games between Aug. 28 and Sept. 9. The men's soccer program picked up a win on the season over the weekend and both soccer teams have home games scheduled for Thursday and Saturday so please come out and support them. Volleyball hosted its alumni game last Friday with several familiar faces returning for a friendly game against this year's Spartan volleyball squad. They will play their first official home game on Sept. 30. Rock 'n Bulls, now in its 12th year, was also a success over the weekend. The bulls got the best of most the riders, but CNCC alumnus Beau Southern was able to hold on and took home the grand prize.

Overall, the fall semester is off to a terrific start, and we are excited about what the future holds for CNCC. We appreciate the support of all those in our local communities as you continue to support CNCC, our students and have helped in our outstanding preparation for this fall.

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PROPOSED 2021 BYLAW AMENDMENTS

In the spring of 2021, the Colorado legislature amended the statutes that govern Colorado electric cooperatives. Some of the new legislation required changes to WREA Board policies and administrative procedures. WREA has amended the necessary policies and procedures accordingly. In addition, the legislation requires WREA to amend specific bylaw provisions. All bylaw amendments require WREA member approval. These required amendments include the following:

- 1. Director Petition:** Director Candidate Nomination Petitions are now required to be returned to WREA at least sixty (60) days before the director election; replacing the previous forty-five (45) day requirement.
- 2. Secrecy Sleeve:** The statute no longer requires the returned mailed ballot to be placed in a secrecy sleeve.
- 3. Annual Meeting & Electronic Voting:** The statute now expressly authorizes, but does not require, video/virtual annual meetings and board meetings. In addition, the legislation includes authorization for electronic voting at Annual Meetings. The provision also allows for electronically cast votes to achieve quorum requirements.

In addition to the statutorily required amendments, the WREA Board and staff reviewed the WREA Bylaws in its entirety and the WREA Board recommends the following additional amendments:

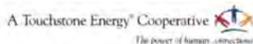
- 1. Annual Meeting:** Strike the requirement that the Annual Meeting be held in September. WREA would still be required to hold an Annual Meeting, but this would allow the board to set the Annual Meeting in a month other than September. For example, the board may determine to hold the required Annual Meeting in July along with the Member Appreciation dinner.
- 2. Annual Meeting:** Strike the required specific date to call for the Director Candidate Petitions and allow the Board to set that candidate petition dates based upon the specific date set for the Annual Meeting.
- 3. Disposition of Property/ Article X:** Current language requires that WREA may not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any substantial portion of its property unless such sale, lease or other disposition is authorized at a meeting of the Members thereof by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the Members of the Cooperative.
  - a. The WREA Board recommends amending this to require only 2/3rds of the voting membership and not 2/3rds of the total membership. WREA has no current plans to transfer substantial portions of its property but if a situation would require such a vote, 2/3rds of the total membership exceeds the total number of votes WREA has ever received in an election. The WREA Board believes that this is an unachievable standard due to historical voter turnout and therefore an unrealistic standard. **Disposition of substantial WREA property would still require member approval but only require 2/3rds of the voting membership. Prior to a member vote, the disposition of property would also require staff and board review with WREA Board approval.**
- 4. Non-Substantive Amendments:** Grammatical, heading and clarifications.

The WREA Board of Directors and staff have reviewed all the proposed bylaw amendments. Based upon this review, the WREA Board approved to recommend the above listed WREA Bylaw Amendments to the membership for approval at the 2021 Annual Meeting election.

Please call WREA's General Counsel (970-878-5041) for questions regarding the proposed bylaw amendments.



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KAYE'S CORNER

# Evacuate! Not so easy

By KAYE SULLIVAN  
Special to the Herald Times



Kaye Sullivan

**MEEKER** I My heart goes out to all affected by Hurricane Ida and as the storm spreads north of New Orleans to more of our country being hit with harsh rain and flooding. New Orleans rebuilt much of its infrastructure after Hurricane Katrina, 16 years ago. Time will tell how well those investments worked. Were lessons learned or are the storms just too intense to battle?

I've been reflecting on discussions I had with a dear friend in Galveston, Texas. She is not in this storm's main path but already endured countless evacuations and Hurricane Ike that wiped out one car, her entire yard, and lower house level.

She was explaining to me some of the difficulties one faces when evacuating. First, you need a destination, hopefully family or friends further north in safer locations. The motels fill up quickly and lodging is more difficult if you have pets and nearly hopeless if you have a wheelchair bound husband.

Next, your entire local population is fleeing the storm, so highways are clogged, gas stations have no gas, groceries no food, and ATMs no cash. It is a desperate trip out of the storm's projected path for thousands of people all at the same time.

Often overlooked is that people need money to travel just like going on a vacation. While this is an emergency, families still need food and shelter. If the government and Red Cross don't set up public evacuation sites, you're on your own and your own dime.

Evacuation means people are leaving their jobs, not getting

paid, and now spending money to survive in the most meager of conditions. Children are missing school. Food is spoiling in the freezer and frig. Bills are not getting paid; mail is not delivered. Every day life is suspended.

Even with all the modern weather prediction data, evacuating every possible storm becomes tiresome and expensive. I finally understood why many folks wait until these storms become intense to leave. They've already boarded up their houses, packed up cars, and spent hours in line for storms that did not materialize or could have been endured at home.

Another argument can be made that folks living in the paths of hurricanes should move. Likewise, those of us living in the west should get out of Dodge before the wildfires come. If you ask me, there aren't many weather safe places to live these days so we can't ask someone else to move when we would not!

Has our country's infrastructure and mitigation of catastrophic weather events helped? In the west, unless we want to spend money cutting down every dead tree or if New Orleans can pay for more levy concrete repair, it is a patchwork situation based on best estimates and funds available.

I vividly remember the news of Hurricane Katrina 16 years ago. Jay and I were hosting our art tent at Breckenridge, Colorado, talking with our neighbor artist reading a newspaper. (Back then, news was not digital so we still relied on the printed press.)

Quietly, it became apparent that devastation was rampant across New Orleans and beyond. We couldn't do much but hope and pray. I'm back to that status as this storm does its damage. My hopes and prayers to all affected.

# OBITUARY

## Doris Jean Welle

Jan. 20, 1928 ~ Aug. 26, 2021

Doris Jean Welle of Meeker, Colorado, passed away Aug. 26, 2021, at the age of 93. Doris is survived by her sons, Richard Welle (Cindy) and Thomas Welle (Jill); grandchildren William "BJ" (Joely), Holli Leiva (Jason), Jacob (Abby), Raymond Welle; great-grandchildren Chase, Cason, Conner, Andrew, Sarah, Trysta, Caitlin and Ainslee; and great-great-grandchildren Ridley and Gracen.



Doris Welle

Doris is preceded in death by her husband William C. Welle; her parents Wallace and Leota Gove; sons William Lee Welle and Timothy F. Welle; and grandson Timothy R. Welle.

Doris was an avid fisherman, spending many hours on the White River at the Welle Guest Ranch that Doris and Bill purchased

in 1968. She was very devoted to her service with the Meeker Methodist Church, especially loving to bake pies to be sold on the Fourth of July. Doris was part of the local sewing group and could always be found visiting the local yard sales in search of "treasures." Doris also worked many years at the Meeker Elementary school lunch program and became known lovingly as "Grandma" to hundreds of children.

Doris knew only friends and her goal was to share her love of the outdoors with everyone she encountered. Her passion for her family and friends will be ever present in the White River Valley.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Meeker United Methodist Church. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Second memorial golf tourney a success

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank so many people for helping to make the second annual Nick Lancaster Memorial Golf Tournament a huge success. This tournament would not have happened without the players, sponsors, volunteers and over the top golf course staff. The following businesses/individuals sponsored holes, teams and/or contests: Utah Gas Corp, Mountain View Adventures — Bob and Cathy Redmon, Joe Reed Team RE/MAX 4000, Urie Rock Company/Urie Trucking, James Kuck, Big D's—Dylan and Mandi Smuts, Ducey's Electric, Bank of the San Juans, Professional Touch, Julie Lane, Prater's Plumbing and Heating, Five Grow—Brian and Marcia Prater, Rangely True Value, Giovanni's Italian Grill, ColoCPA Services, Napa, Pam Powell and Kenny Meis and Jon and Amorette Hawkins. Additional

thanks to the Mullen Investment Group (Mike Mullen) for sponsoring the Hole in One Competition for the second year in a row and donating a match of the proceeds generated from it, and to Beth Schofield for running it. Also thank you Trey and Candra Robie for sponsoring the keg contest two years in a row.

We would also like to thank Kevin and Chelsea Hejl, Cedar Ridges Golf Course, Mike and Debbie Lancaster, Pinyon Tree Liquor, El Agave, Blue Mountain Inn and Suites, Rangely Conoco, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Ryan and Cori Elam, Yardley's Automotive, First String, White River Market, Celesta Mullen and Henry Kiang, Gary Denny, Nate Gill and Rick Hellmuth for donations for the tournament. Big thanks to Crimsen and Jeren Blankenship for cooking the lunch sponsored by the Hawkins. Thanks also to Jeff LeBleu for loaning us

his grill. A huge shout out to Mr. Andy Shaffer for coming to the rescue and repairing the grill on such short notice!

Thanks to Sylvia Dembowski of Get Your Stitch On (for making) and Justyne Peters of Heifer Gang Clothing (for designing) the golf towels and koozies for the tournament — you ladies always come up with the coolest swag. Also, thanks to Gary and Kathy Staley at Sweetbriar for selling merchandise in their store for us.

Not sure where to even start to thank Keenan LeBleu. How about for everything?! You are the bomb!

Most of all we would like to thank Chris Hejl (and his staff, Chandelie Kenney and Ashley Bryant) for all of the things that happen behind the scenes to pull one of these tournaments off. You are a rock star! Last but not least, thanks to the Executive Director of the Rec District, Mr. Tim Webber, for overseeing such an amazing facility and to have the caliber of people that he does working there.

We hope to do it all again next year!

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# 41st annual Septemberfest preview

BY HT STAFF  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** | Rangely's annual Labor Day celebration, Septemberfest, offers a variety of activities and competitions — and a lot of food — for all ages this Saturday through Monday.

Rangely barbecue aficionados can start cooking at midnight on Sept. 3 in preparation for the open barbecue cookoff at Elks Park on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Spend Saturday on the Uintah Railway tour, starting at 8 a.m. Provide your own vehicle, lunch, drinks and snacks, and meet at the True Value Garden Center.

Get a head start on burning off all the goodies you can munch over the weekend by participating in the Fast, Flat and FREE 5K run, starting at 8 a.m. at Elks Park on Saturday. Then visit the Rangely Automotive Museum for an open house and annual bike rally (sponsored by the Rangely Police Department) as well as an open house at the Tank.

The cornhole doubles tournament starts at 11 a.m., and there will be inflatables and fun at the park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as the annual chili cookoff at noon.

Head out to Cedar Ridges Golf Course for the Spartan

ball drop and carnival from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, followed by fireworks at dusk at Kenney Reservoir.

On Sunday, get to the lake for the Jackpot Fishing Derby starting at 7:30 a.m. The beloved ice cream social at the Rangely Outdoor Museum is at 1 p.m., with a \$1 donation appreciated.

Like cribbage? Visit the Rangely Rec Center at 2:30 p.m. for a cribbage tournament.

Wrap up Sunday with dinner and a movie at Elks Park at 6 p.m. Get your tickets in advance for a drawing for two hog halves. Sponsored by New Creation Church of Rangely.

The fireman's pancake breakfast starts bright and early Labor Day Monday from 6:30-8:30 a.m. at the Rangely Fire Station, followed by the 75th Anniversary Parade down Main Street from 9-10 a.m.

Elks Park will host the 25th annual Car Show in the Park, a craft fair, and the annual barbecue (\$2 per person minimum), followed by the duck race from 5-6 p.m. at the Green River bridge and Chris Peterson in concert at 6:30 p.m. back at Elks Park.

Depending on who you ask, the year of origin for the Rangely community event known as Septemberfest varies. Most old timers agree Flossy Eddy and Barbara

Wade organized the first Septemberfest, but it wasn't in September. In 1976 when the celebration began it was actually held around the 4th of July weekend. Eddy and Wade dubbed themselves as the R.A.I.D. (Rangely Area Independence Day) Committee. Local historian Bob Haag and longtime Rangely Town Manager Don Peach recall its origination in the early 1980s.

Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Executive Director and go-to-guy Tim Webber has been involved with ensuring the event takes place for almost two decades. Webber credits Peg and Carl Rector, Jane Miller, June Striegel, the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Rangely for the organization of the celebration prior to his beginning. Today the Rectors (Jeff and Rebecca) are still heavily involved as is Webber and his crew from the recreation and park district.

Festival planning committee member in the early days and longtime Rangely resident Kelvin White reports that everything was centered around a free pit barbecue with all the fixings that town folk would line up for down the street. The celebration has evolved over the years, events and competitions have come and gone, but the barbecue in the park is still a focal point.

# 41st Annual SEPTEMBERFEST

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<p><b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p><b>Uintah Railway Tour</b>, meet at True Value Garden Center @ 8 a.m. <i>This is an all-day adventure. Supply your own vehicle, lunch, drinks, and snacks. Call Rodger Polley with questions, 970-509-0310.</i></p> <p><b>Open BBQ Cookoff</b>, midnight Sept. 3 to 3 p.m. Sept. 4 @ Elks Park <i>Cooking can begin Sept. 3</i></p> <p><b>Fast, Flat and FREE 5K</b>, 8 a.m. @ Elks Park</p> <p><b>Open House @ Rangely Automotive Museum</b>, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p><b>Bike Rally</b>, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. @ Rangely Automotive Museum <i>Sponsored by Rangely Police</i></p> <p><b>Open House @ The TANK</b>, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Cornhole Doubles Tournament</b>, 11 a.m. @ Elks Park <i>SUBJECT TO CHANGE, Round Robin/Bracket Play</i></p> <p><b>Day in the Park</b>, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ Elks Park <i>Free inflatables for all ages</i></p> <p><b>Chili Cook-Off Contest</b>, 12 p.m. @ Elks Park</p> <p><b>Spartan Ball Drop &amp; Carnival</b>, 5 to 9 p.m. @ Cedar Ridges Golf Course <i>Sponsored by the CNCC Athletic Department</i></p> <p><b>FIREWORKS</b>, Dusk @ Kenney Reservoir</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p><b>Jackpot Fishing Derby</b>, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. @ Kenney Reservoir <i>Proceeds benefit Gone Fishing 4-H Sportfishing Club</i></p> <p><b>Open House @ The TANK</b>, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Ice Cream Social</b>, 1 p.m. @ Rangely Outdoor Museum <i>Donation of \$1 per person appreciated. Sponsored by the Rangely Outdoor Museum</i></p> <p><b>Cribbage Tournament</b>, 2:30 p.m. @ Rangely Rec Center</p> <p><b>Dinner and a Movie</b>, 6 p.m. @ Elks Park Main Pavilion <i>Sponsored by New Creation Church. The drawing for two hog halves will be this night. Make sure to get your tickets in advance.</i></p>	<p><b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p><b>Fireman's Pancake Breakfast</b>, 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. @ Rangely Fire Station</p> <p><b>75th Anniversary Parade</b>, 9 to 10 a.m. on Main Street <i>Sponsored by the Town of Rangely</i></p> <p><b>Craft Fair in the Park</b>, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. @ Elks Park</p> <p><b>25th Annual Car Show in the Park</b>, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. @ Elks Park</p> <p><b>Open House @ Rangely Automotive Museum</b>, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p><b>BBQ in the Park</b>, 1 p.m. @ Elks Park <i>DONATION OF \$2 PER PERSON MINIMUM</i></p> <p><b>Duck Race</b>, 5 to 6 p.m. @ Green River Bridge <i>Sponsored by RHS STUCO</i></p> <p><b>Chris Peterson Concert</b>, 6:30 p.m. @ Elks Park</p>
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# AGNC to host sixth annual economic development summit Sept. 9 in Rifle

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Associated Governments of Northwestern Colorado (AGNC) will host its sixth annual Economic Development Summit on Sept. 9, 2021, in Rifle, Colorado at the Ute Theater, 132 E Fourth St. Elected officials, economic development professionals, educators and business owners will be among those in attendance.

Attendees will learn about current regional economic conditions and trends from Dr. Nathan Perry of Colorado Mesa University. Representatives of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) will provide information regarding programs made available through the legislature to assist businesses in a variety of ways. Jerilynn Francis and Margie Joy will provide insights to programs available through the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority to assist with housing and business issues as we recover from the pandemic. Trent Thompson with the Economic Development Administration (EDA) will share the opportunities available through various programs funded through the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), and there will be a panel discussion regarding work being done regarding the use of coal for alternative products. Charles Barr will provide a presentation

on the high-tech agriculture project he is establishing in Garfield County, and Wendell Pryor from Chaffee County will be the lunchtime keynote speaker discussing successes he has been involved with in Chaffee County.

A great deal of excellent information and the potential for connecting with agencies and individuals will be available. The event will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., presentations begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. Registration is \$75 and includes lunch. AGNC is the Enterprise Zone Administrator for the NW Colorado Enterprise Zone as well as the designated Economic Development District for the NW Colorado region.

AGNC Chairman Mike Samson stated, "The AGNC ED Summit has been well received over the previous five years and we hope it will continue to grow and expand. Local leaders, educators and businesses can find ideas and opportunities that can make a difference in their communities by attending this event. The content is informative and well worth attending."

Presenting sponsors for the event are Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority. Registration is open to anyone interested in economic development and diversification for the region. Attendees may register at [www.agnc.org](http://www.agnc.org) or by contacting AGNC at [admin@agnc.org](mailto:admin@agnc.org) or 970-665-1095.

# BREWERY: owners grateful for community support

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brewer, Tyler Frye. "Honestly I couldn't be more happy that we got him. I'm so amazed how it turned out," said Kevin, emphasizing how impressed he has been with Frye's work.

"He on a whim said 'yeah I'll come check you guys out,' we didn't have anything to show him, so he kinda took a big risk on us, [he] had to convince his wife but now she's a doctor up at the hospital, so we got two awesome new members to our town here," said Kevin.

"It's a lot of science, and art, and that's what I like about it," reflected head brewer Tyler Frye who came to the job after being approached by the Borchards last year. "They said hey we've got this nine acre hop farm, we got 14 varieties of hops, and we can give you complete creative control, and I think that was a big one for me" said Frye, noting that an emphasis on community also drew him in "I was really down with that and excited about that because I'm really community oriented," he said.

Touting multiple science degrees, Frye's prior experience also includes stints selling insurance (his most recent job), teaching high school chemistry, and even conducting research on subjects like cancer, vaccines, infectious diseases, regenerative biology and more. That variety of specialized knowledge and associated skillsets, along with a genuine passion for the work are what allow Frye to brew successfully—a process which involves chemistry, engineering, hydraulics, quality control, and the creative itch of an artist. "If you would have told me six months ago I'd be here, with my own beer on tap in Meeker, Colorado, I would have laughed," said Frye, noting that the job got him

where he wanted to be faster than he might have expected. He said in prior brewing work he hadn't been able to fully take the reins, something he now gets to do on a day-to-day basis.

That level of control over the creative process seems to be paying off not just for Frye, but for the brewery and the community, especially those members of the community who love high-quality, locally sourced, locally brewed beer.

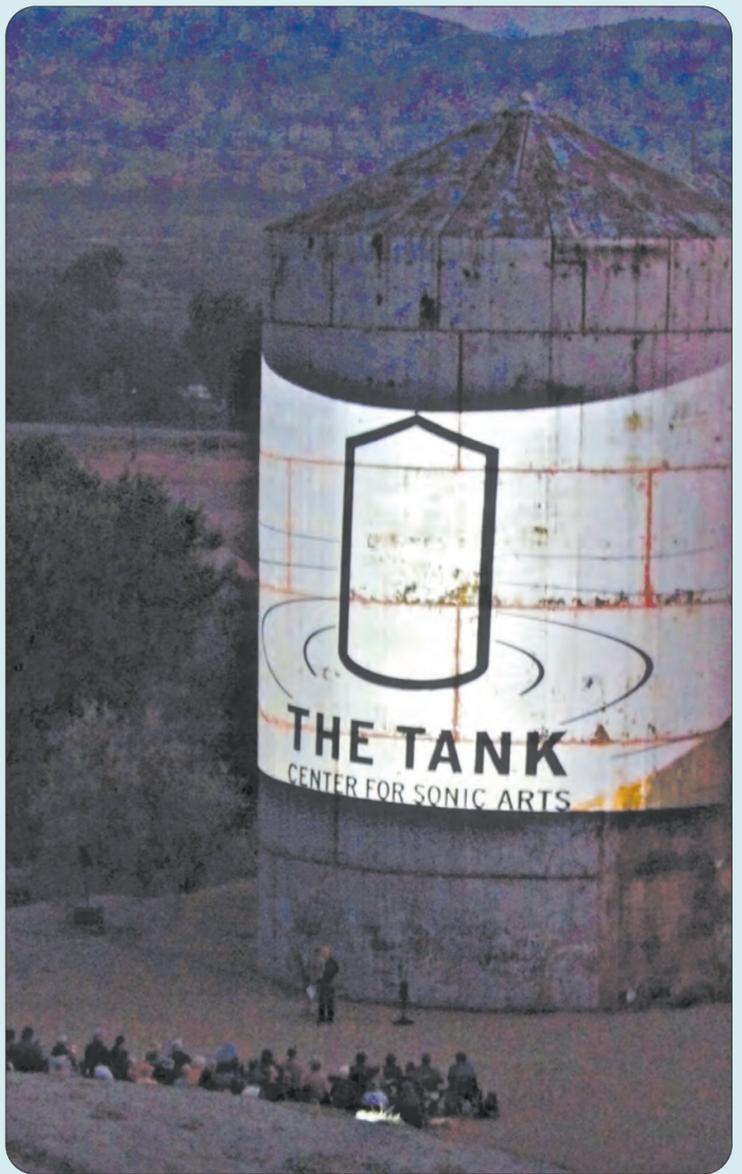
Those who keep coming back into the future can expect new beers to try, including a fresh Pilsner that's been "cooking for a month and a half," two fresh-hopped IPAs, winter ales and more. Social butterflies will also be happy to hear the new business will host and promote regular events, including an "Oktoberfest" with beer and brats next month. "On a grand scale, we want to use this as a hub for bringing more events to town, triathalons, outdoor events, something during the summer to complement Meekerpalooza and things like that," said Kevin.

Kris also said clubs can use the space for meetings, noting how the brewery plans to offer special discounts based on active membership numbers.

Contemplating which beer to get on their second round after a full day's work at Pioneer's Medical Center, both Kris and Kevin Borchard expressed gratitude for all the support the community has shown the brewery so far.

Located on the corner of First and Market in Meeker Colorado, Smoking River Brewery opens at noon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You can also swing by any weekday after 4 p.m., just don't forget to bring your ID, your beer drinkin' hat, a tip or two for the bartenders, and maybe a few friends.

# THE TANK ...



COURTESY PHOTO

On Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, in the high desert of Colorado, guitarist and composer Bill Frisell and filmmaker Bill Morrison projected film images onto the stark landscape and the sides of the seven-story tower known simply as "The Tank." The extraordinary structure was the backdrop for a sold-out audience seated under the stars. A live sound and image performance exploring its history as an embodiment of the American West. Frisell delighted the audience with an original score. It was an unforgettable experience for the select audience.

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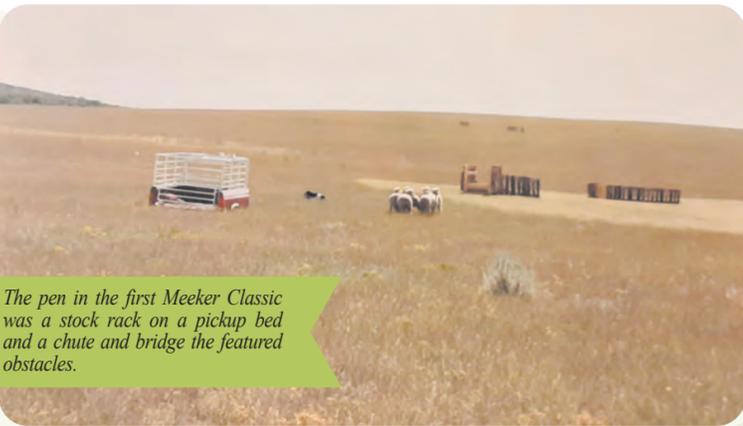
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The pen in the first Meeker Classic was a stock rack on a pickup bed and a chute and bridge the featured obstacles.



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# The Classic is back!

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** Next week as Meeker opens its doors for the 2021 Meeker Classic, much will be the same as it has been for 34 years. It still takes a community to pull the event off – you need open space, good sheep and good dogs.

That first Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trial started off something like this – as written by Keith Chamberlain (Meeker Classic Volunteer):

As the first light of day brightened the sky over the White River Valley, the chilly temperature betokened a change of season. Among folks gathered out at the Seely Ranch a few miles from Meeker there was keen anticipation to match the crispness in the air. In the growing light, handlers could be seen walking among fence panels, pacing off distances, committing fetch and drive lines to memory, toting up the small landmarks that might serve as aids to navigation in their run. Out at the far end of the field, a goodly herd of woolly Columbia ewes were packed tight into holding pens. They pricked up their ears when a chorus of howls and yips erupted from the throats of three score and ten eager Border Collies. The voices swelled to a brief crescendo, then faded away. On this, the first of many such mornings, the actors were gathered, the stage was set and all was in readiness.

Then, with the dazzling new-risen sun chasing the chill, months of preparation came to an end. Judge David McTier assembled the contestants for the morning handlers' meeting. In a rich Scottish brogue he outlined the work to be done and reminded them that he'd be looking for straight lines, smooth corners and a steady pace. Herbert Holmes and his dog Nell came to the handler's post. The dog spied the packet of five sheep moving to the set out post atop a gentle rise 500 yards away and she strained forward, eyes locked on her sheep. Holmes waited for the sheep to settle a bit, then gave Nell the command she so much wanted and she rocketed away in a blur of black and white. It was Thursday, Sept. 17, 1987, and the first Meeker sheepdog trials were underway. Holmes and Nell were about to discover something interesting about the sheep in this neck of the woods.

At the end of her outrun that first morning Nell shimmied into position behind the packet of five and up came their heads. They studied her and she studied them back. When she finally got them moving things went downhill fast. Recounting that historic first Meeker run, Holmes says flatly, "It was terrible, absolutely terrible. Barely movin' the sheep and if they were movin' they were goin' all over the place." Nell and Holmes quickly realized these gals weren't docile farm flock ewes. After a few minutes of chasing them all over the far end of the field, Holmes called out, "That'll do, Nell!" and retired. He would soon regret it.

The sheep stymied dogs and handlers all day, and a lot of scores were miserably low. From the sidelines, the light began to dawn on Holmes. "Now it's a historical fact that the Meeker sheep are hard to deal with but because I didn't know how bad the runs could be there, I walked away before my time had expired, probably with enough points to get to the semifinals. However, I didn't know that at the time." He fared better with his second dog but on the first run of the first day of the first trials ever at Meeker, Herbert Holmes and Nell established a brand new tradition: They got "Meeker-ed."

The Meeker sheep provided by the Seely family set the tradition for years to come.

Since then, many a dog and handler have been "Meeker-ed."

"We set a new standard," a volunteer says proudly of the first trial. "The sheep were a dream come true. All from one flock and as uniform as could be. Tough, tough sheep. If you didn't have enough dog, they'd stand your dog up." Every handler had a fresh packet during qualifying runs, a tradition that continues to the present. "When they're all a fresh draw everybody has the same chance. It was a very, very fair event."

Since that first year in 1987 – hundreds of volunteers, thousands of sheep and too many dogs to count have left their mark of what's become an institution in the sheepdog world. Things have changed a bit, but it's still the tough competition that handlers look forward to each year as they file into Meeker.

Looking back – one can compare the differences between 1987 and 2021:

- Sheep – still tough western range sheep, all from one flock, about 900 of them.
- Dogs – mainly collies. The Meeker Classic is now sanctioned by the United States Border Collie Handler's Association.
- Volunteers and support from the community remain the mainstay of the Meeker Classic.

The course and the location have changed a bit – first up Flag Creek, the Meeker Classic is now held at Ute Park just west of the Meeker City Limits. Owned by the city of Meeker, it's an ideal location for the event. The pen in the first Meeker Classic was a stock rack on a pickup bed and a chute and bridge the featured obstacles.

- Tents – there were tents at the first Meeker Classic and we have them today
- Bleachers and spectators – 1987 and 2021 – yes – just a few more than we had in the beginning.

Yes, it's been a good run and there's so much to be thankful for. Most importantly is the unending support from the community, spectators and handlers. As the 2021 Trial marks its first day, we'll be missing many of our handlers from up north. Covid restrictions have prevented several Canadian handlers from travelling across the border.

None-the-less, 170 border collies will square off against 900 western range ewes for a week of sheepdog trials and so much more. Vendors will share their food and wares, while artwork and photography graces the walls of the Wilber Barn. Demonstrations and educational demos are offered free throughout the week. Premier evening attractions include the Art Reception on Thursday, September 9th and the Jammin' Lamb Fest downtown on Saturday evening. A late addition to the evening festivities is the free Glen Campbell Tribute - Debby Campbell Story-Telling Series Concert on Friday evening.

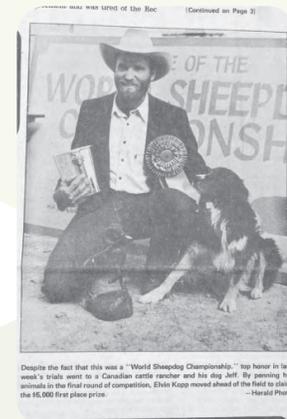
It's a fun-filled family week featuring the virtues of rural communities that beckon to the hearts of so many that visit Meeker each year. At the heart of it all is the Border Collie that remarkable dog that touches our hearts, gains our respect and utter admiration. Take a day and visit the Meeker Classic. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, is a free day with limited amenities. You won't be disappointed. Put so well by the American Sheepdog Society on the border collie: "Here, one can be in touch with something useful and unspoiled, a pastoral art where three of the most admirable canine virtues, namely, intelligence, control, and obedience, are seen at their very best."

For more information call: 970-878-0111 or visit [www.meekersheepdog.com](http://www.meekersheepdog.com)



The Meeker Classic got its start in 1987, and handlers from around the world have been coming to get "Meeker-ed" ever since.

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Despite the fact that this was a "World Sheepdog Championship," top honor in last week's trials went to a Canadian cattle rancher and his dog Jeff. By passing his animals in the final round of competition, Devin Kopp moved ahead of the field to claim the \$5,000 first place prize. — Herald Photo



The course was tough but then so were Colorado's sheep that tested the Border Collies' skills at moving the animals in the right direction. — Herald Photo



## Welcome to Meeker's Sheepdog Championship

### Board Discusses '88 Budget; Shortfall Seen

By Terry Latham  
A group of Tuesday night's school board members met to discuss the proposed school district budget for the coming year. The board is the largest governing body in the district and its budget affects the lives of thousands of students. The board is also responsible for the district's financial health. The board is expected to meet again on September 15th to discuss the proposed budget. The board is expected to make a decision on the budget by September 22nd. The board is expected to make a decision on the budget by September 22nd. The board is expected to make a decision on the budget by September 22nd.



World Sheepdog Championship course director Sandy Sanderson (second from left) talks to the local farmers every in this week's trials. Photo: Herald Times. About the course layout which is being set up. The course is long and difficult and expected to be a challenging test for both man and dog. A total of 70 Border Collies are expected to be competing for the \$10,000 prize money with the winner alone taking home \$5,000.



Course director Sandy Sanderson and Scottish judge David McTier both gave Meeker's World Sheepdog Championship high marks after its conclusion, saying they plan to be back again next year. McTier's air fare from Scotland was picked up by Continental Airlines. — Herald Photo



A commemorative poster from Boulder artist Eliza Love advertises the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials which will be held here in Meeker in September. Ms. Love did the artwork for the four-color poster set at \$45 each. — Herald Photo

## Present day



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# Meekeer Classic Schedule of Events

## September 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**FREE DAY AT THE MEEKER CLASSIC - NO ADMISSION**  
*Limited amenities*

- 7 a.m. Preliminary Runs begin and run all day (43 dogs) – trial site

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 7 a.m. Preliminary Runs begin and run all day (43 dogs)
- 9 a.m. Food & Artisan Vending Festival – trial site
- 9 a.m. Demos & Presentations – trial site
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art & Photography Show – Wilber Barn

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 7 a.m. Preliminary Runs begin and run all day (43 dogs) – trial site
- 9 a.m. Food & Artisan Vending Festival – trial site
- 9 a.m. Demos & Presentations – trial site
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art & Photography Show – Wilber Barn
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 2021 International Art & Photography Contest Reception – Wilber Barn  
*Dedication of Shepherd's Memorial during Reception*

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 7 a.m. Preliminary Runs begin & run all day (41 dogs) – trial site
- 7 to 9 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, Rio Blanco Masons – trial Site
- 9 a.m. Food & Artisan Vending Festival – trial site
- 9 a.m. Educational Exhibits & Demonstrations – trial site
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art & Photography Show – Wilber Barn
- 11 a.m. to noon FREE Sheep Cheese Tasting – Art Barn at Ute Park Blanco Cellars & Little Cheese Shop
- 11:30 a.m. Dog Agility & Flyball Demonstrations Begin – schedule at agility field
- 12 to 5:30 p.m. PEO Quilts In the Country – Fairfield Center, 3rd & Main  
ALL NEW QUILTS!

*Free Shuttles will run every day Wednesday through Sunday from downtown Meeker.*

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 7 a.m. Semi-Final Eliminations – all day (30 dogs - first 16 dogs before lunch)
- 7 to 9 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, Rio Blanco Masons – trial Site
- 7 a.m. Wild 'N Woolly Trail Races – sponsored by ERBM Recreation & Park District  
<https://www.erbmrec.com/wildnwooly>
- 9 a.m. Food & Artisan Vending Festival – trial site
- 9 a.m. Educational Exhibits & Demonstrations – trial site
- 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. PEO Quilts In the Country – Fairfield Center, 3rd & Main  
ALL NEW QUILTS!
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art & Photography Show – Wilber Barn
- 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dog Agility & Flyball Demonstrations Begin – schedule at agility field
- 11 a.m. to noon FREE Sheep Cheese Tasting – Art Barn at Ute Park Blanco Cellars & Little Cheese Shop
- 12 to 1 p.m. Lunch break (approximate time)
- 12:30 p.m. Entertainment by Purina Performance Team – trial site
- 4 to 8 p.m. Jammin' Lamb Festival – Lamb, Music, Cornhole Tournament & Beer Garden, Downtown Meeker – on Main Street at Courthouse Plaza
- 7 p.m. Handler's Challenge – Jackpot Arena Trial, Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds  
Fun watching for all!

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 7 to 9 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, Rio Blanco Masons – trial Site
- 8 a.m. Opening Ceremony
- 8:30 a.m. Final Round (12 dogs - first 6 dogs run before lunch)
- 9 a.m. Food & Artisan Vending Festival – trial site
- 9 a.m. Educational Exhibits & Demonstrations – trial site
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art & Photography Show – Wilber Barn
- 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Dog Agility Demonstrations – schedule at agility field
- 12 to 1 p.m. Lunch break – Woolgrowers Barbeque (approximate time)
- 12:30 p.m. Entertainment by Purina Performance Team
- 1 p.m. Bidding closes on Silent Art Auction
- 1:30 p.m. Final 6 dogs run
- 4 p.m. Awards Ceremony following final run (approximate time only)

### Educational programs and demos!

- Purina "Ask Me" Tent with Cat Urbigkit, Writer/Sheep Industry Expert
- All About Wool - University of Wyoming Wool Judging Team
- Colorado Comfort K-9s
- Demos and exhibits - pottery, spinning, weaving, felting, Navajo traditions, history & care of the cowboy hat, dutch oven cooking, bee keeping, sheep wagons, chuckwagon
- FFA Petting Farm
- Flyball & Agility
- Leatherwork & Saddle Making
- Lou Dean - Colorado/Oklahoma Author book signing
- Nosework Demo by "Sniffer Dogs"
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- FREE - Sheep Cheese Tasting - The Little Cheese Shop
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## Rangely XC competes at Basalt Invitational

*Special to the Herald Times*

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Middle School cross country team made their debut in Basalt on Saturday, Aug. 28. The meet was held at the Crown Mountain Park in El Jebel. The athlete ran a 1.5 course around soccer fields, on single track and through a creek. The race was a combined race of girls and boys running together.

The team was made up of five girls and one boy for this weekend. The team was led by eighth-grader TyLee Fielder who placed seventh overall and came in second in the girls division she ran a 11:43. Matthew Morgan, also an eighth-grader, was next to come in with a time of 13:34 for 14th place. The seventh grade was represented by Samantha Granger and Rachel Elder. They both came in right behind Matthew taking 15th and 16th place respectively. Samantha ran a 14:12 and Rachel a 14:13. Sixth-grader Sydney Webster completed the course in 14:34 and sixth-grader Faith Prieto finished the race in 15:45.

The team will run at the Rangely Fast, Flat and Free race this Saturday at Septemberfest. It will be a longer race than what they are used to but it will be good for them, said Coach Beth Scoggins.

The Rangely High School cross country team headed to Basalt to run at the Crown Mountain Park in El Jebel. The team was excited to return to a course they knew since they ran it last year. The meet was bigger than it has been in the past with

10 full teams and close to 100 athletes in each race. The athletes found themselves running on single track, around soccer fields and through creeks.

The boys team had all eight athletes running this week. The team took seventh overall. Andrew Dorris found himself leading the Panthers, he took ninth place overall with a time of 18:42. Colton Noel, who was ill last week, moved up in the field with a time of 20:49. Anthony Dorris placed third on the team with a time of 21:28. Kevin Wren, James Talbot and Fisher Winder ran together as a pack, coming in with 22:02, 22:05 and 22:07, respectively. Joseph Adams, still new to the sport, came in with a 23:22. Justin Allred, still fighting illness and having wisdom teeth pulled, ran a 27:38.

Coach Scoggins said, "The boys team has a lot of potential, they just need to get there. They have been working hard on the track and it will come with time."

The girls only had three running this weekend. The team was missing one to injury and the other to the Meeker Mustang Makeover. Mary Scoggins, who has been fighting a cold all week, found herself taking ninth place also with a time of 21:32. Hayley Burr, who is a sprinter, took 1:30 off her time from last week with a time of 27:33. Macy Morgan improved by 40 seconds with a time of 32:02, respectively.

The team will be taking this weekend off to add some extra practices in and to be able to enjoy the Septemberfest weekend. The next meet is on Saturday, Sept. 12, for the Joe Vigil Invitational in Alamosa.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS

**Rangely junior high and high school teams competed at the Basalt Invitational last weekend. They will take this weekend off to add some extra practices in and enjoy Septemberfest.**

## Lady Cowboys 3-0 after opening weekend

**BY TIFFANY JEHOREK**

*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER I** The Cowboys opened their season this past weekend taking on Coal Ridge, Telluride, and Dolores and came home 3-0.

Game one of the week-

end against Coal Ridge the scores were 25-14, 23-25, 25-14, 25-21 and the Cowboys took the win. Emma Luce led the team with 30 kills, Tatumn Kennedy led with eight serving aces while both Savvy Mendenahl and Luce had five. Defensively, Aspen Merrifield had 21 digs, Luce had 15, and

Sarah Kracht 10. Kracht handled 38 of the serves in Coal Ridge.

The team traveled to Hotchkiss Saturday for a double header against Dolores and Telluride on neutral territory.

"This weekend was a great opportunity to play some teams for the San Juan League," began head

coach Greg Cravens, "both teams were very good at serving and stressed our serve receive a little bit. Telluride had all the answers against us in the first set. We helped by having too many serve errors and hitting errors. We settled down in the second set and started playing to our expectations for this

time of the year. Telluride had a very good middle who challenged our middle hitters. Dolores had a very good outside hitter that could hit hard anywhere on the court. I was very proud of our defense against Dolores."

Scores against Telluride 16-25, 25-13, 25-18, and 25-11; Cowboys took the last three sets for the win.

Scores against Dolores 25-19, 25-14, and 25-12, the Cowboys won 3-0.

Luce finished the day with 40 kills bringing her total up to 70 so far for the year.

"Aspen and Savvy turned it up and got some kills that I didn't think they could hit," commented Cravens.

Kennedy ended with 65 assists on the day, and "Sarah was a digging machine all day," said Cravens.

Another week with back to back games, Thursday in Delta beginning at 4 and then their home opener against Limon.

"We jump into another fun week with Delta and Limon. Limon is always tough and Delta should end up as one of the top teams in the 3A Western Slope League," wrapped up Cravens.



AMBER GARCIA PHOTOS

**(Left) Aspen Merrifield) and (right) Sarah Kracht. The lady Cowboys played against Coal Ridge, Telluride and Dolores and came home 3-0.**

## Rangely volleyball hosts tournament weekend

*Special to the Herald Times*

**RANGELY I** This past Saturday, the junior varsity Panthers traveled to Parachute to participate in the Grand Valley JV tournament. They came away 3-1, beating Grand Valley 2, Meeker and Basalt but falling to Glenwood. The Panthers took third place overall, which is an excellent start to the season. They played very well overall, running different offense schemes and with all members contributing to the scores. Coach Marybel Cox said she is looking forward to watching them grow as the season progresses.

Rangely High School hosted a varsity volleyball tournament this past Friday and Saturday. Rangely's varsity team went 2-2. They played hard against Plateau Valley but were unable to defeat the Cowboys. They won the first set 25-16 and shut down some key players. The second and third sets were fought hard but with some errors on the Panthers' side they were unable to stop the Cowboys. Another tough game Rangely played was against Rifle who they took to three sets. Rangely defeated Debeque and Lotus.

Congratulations to Emmeree Wagner and Adelynn Halcomb for being players of the week.

Rangely will host North Park on Friday, Sept. 3.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**Rangely hosted a varsity volleyball tournament this past weekend, playing hard against the Plateau Cowboys and the Rifle Bears. They defeated Debeque and Lotus.**



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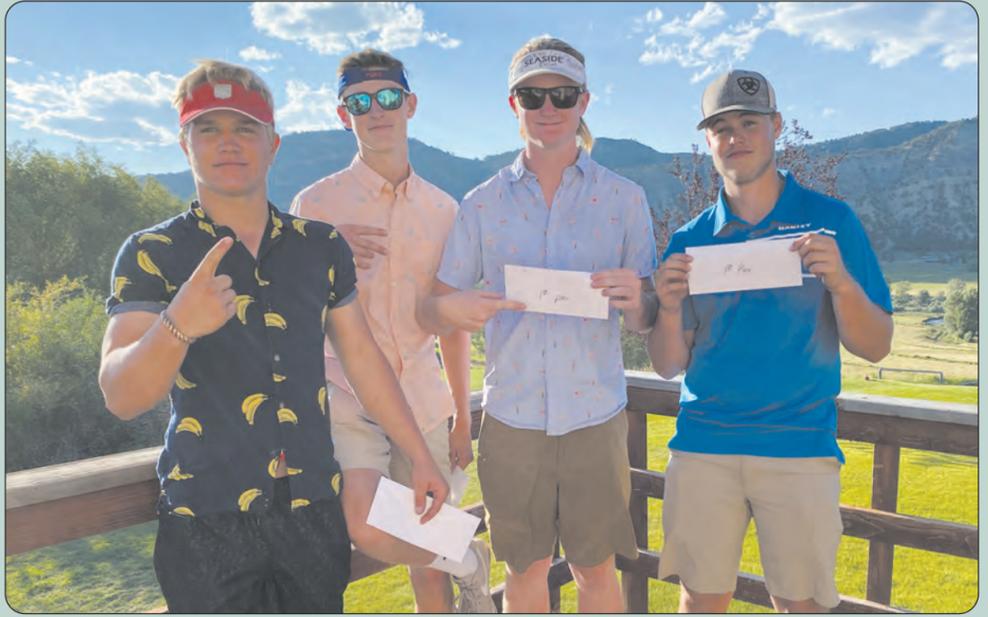




COURTESY PHOTO

(Above) Peter Hanks makes par at a tough par 3 in Gypsum Creek.

## COWBOY KICKOFF ...



COURTESY PHOTO

This year's winning team of the Cowboy Kickoff Classic are four of the Meeker Cowboys very own: Connor Blunt, Ryan Sullivan, John Hampton Hightower, and Peter Hanks. The boys shot a 62 taking home first place. Blunt, Sullivan, and Hightower are all members of the 2021 football team and Hanks is a senior leader on the golf team. The football team opens their season this weekend when they host the Limon Badgers, game to begin at 1 p.m.

## MHS duffers play in Gypsum

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** This week the Cowbosity played in Gypsum at Gypsum Creek Golf Course. The guys had a good week posting one of the lowest team scores of the season at 326. None of the golfers had played this course before.

The team is playing at Bookcliff Country Club on Monday.



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## MHS XC runs in Basalt

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**MEEKER I** Meeker High School cross country competed in the Basalt Invitational last Saturday, Aug. 28, with Brighton Bair the only runner in the girls race. She ran well, finishing 16th out of 84 runners, in a time of 22:29.

The boys race had 92 finishers, and Gabe Richardson, with a time of 20:55 and 34th place, was Meeker's first to the finish line. Gabe Smithers ran a great race for a new personal record of 21:37 and 41st place. Eddie Drussell and Gage Richardson ran together for much of the race, and finished the same way, 54th and 55th, 22:30 and 22:31 respectively. In 64th place, at 23:25, Wyatt Rollins also earned a new PR. Owen Hannemann was Meeker's sixth finisher this week, in 23:52 and 67th place. The boys scored ninth as a team.

## COFFEE WITH COACHES ...



LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

Readers who frequent the sports section might have caught wind of "Coffee With Coaches," a talk show/podcast covering and promoting the sports and activities of Meeker High School. Check out episode one on the HT Facebook page, with future episodes set to stream live every Monday morning at 7 a.m.

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

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

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# DAYS GONE BY

*The Meeker Herald*  
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• It is the proper thinking now to use the word "ignited" instead of "fired" when speaking of the man who lost his job.  
• Link Tagert is taking the initiatory degrees as a counter-hopper in Oldland & Co.'s store, and comes up smiling every time.  
• The sentence "John quickly extemporized five tow bags" contains all the letters of the alphabet.

*The Meeker Herald*  
100 years ago

• The sentence "John quickly extemporized five tow bags" contains all the letters of the alphabet.  
• At this writing it is thought that from the financial standing point, the Fair will about break even; a good showing all things considered. By next week it is hoped

a full financial statement will be ready for publication.  
• Now would be a good time to cut the rank crop of weeds that are growing on a number of vacant lots.  
• The almost daily exclamation is "Wonder if it is ever going to stop raining." Rained heavy all Wednesday night.

*The Meeker Herald*  
50 years ago

• Kathy and Chris Nelson might have thought what a nice big "pussy cat" Grandpa killed, but Ray Nelson had other thoughts about coming face to face with a mountain lion who dropped around for breakfast at the Nelson ranch early Tuesday. The fully grown female lion measuring 6'6" from the nose to the tip of its tail was estimated to weigh about 135 pounds by WCO Clarence Gore of Meeker. Mr. Nelson plans to have the lion hide tanned and made into a rug for a keepsake  
• "A press boner: 'Our paper carried the notice last week that Mr. John Doe is a defective in the police force. This was a typographical error. Mr. Doe is really a detective in the police farce.'"

*The Meeker Herald*  
25 years ago

• The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has ordered Meeker's White Water Spas, Inc., to pay \$2,700 in penalties for a range of federal safety law violations. In addition, the agency levied an additional \$8,400 fine after the spa maker failed to correct the violations.  
• The Meeker Classic Pig Trials now has three entries. Besides John Vincent and his trained pigs from Franktown, Meeker plumber Casey Gilbert will bring an oinker to try his luck. Richard Korthas, of Mack, on his application form the concrete contractor said his pot-

bellied pig, Scooter, will change sheep.  
• Gov. Roy Romer has appointed Meeker Attorney Gerard Viscardi as the Rio Blanco County Court judge.  
• Linda Reider is the new owner of the Whisperin' Pines restaurant. She said she came to Meeker because Meeker today is what Carbondale was like 20 years ago.

*Rangely Times*  
50 years ago

• Superintendent Walter Stahlecker this week announced the teaching assignments for the coming year in the Rangely Public Schools.  
• The next time a patrolman stops you for speeding, try telling him that he was going so fast behind you that you couldn't slow down.  
• Honored Monday at a Chevron dinner were D.A. Caldwell, Arch Coy, R.H. Angus, J.R. McAllister and Lavon Horrocks, retirees. H. Parnell and D.W. Gilbow Sr., retiring; D.B. McLennan and L.R. Hamilton, transferred. Unable to attend were D.P. Brenton, C.H. Dalrymple and B.P. Ridings.

*Rangely Times*  
25 years ago

• Edwin "Ed" Booth, Rangely's new town manager, offered a few thoughts on the status of the town as it celebrates 50 years of success. "Economic development is probably the weakest area the city has," said Booth. Booth feels that it will take the combined effort of the citizens and board of trustees to focus in on what the town needs and wants. Some of the services that Booth feels the town is lacking are basic retail stores, lawyers, a Rangely-based radio station, just to name a few.  
• The contestants for the Miss Rangely contest to be held at Septemberfest, Aug. 31 are Tarrah Lawson, Brystal Robinson, Meredith Byers, Roxie Long and Lindsey Wright.

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17. Type of lemur
18. \*Popular messenger
20. Mosque prayer leader
21. Down Under marsupial
22. Thanksgiving serving
23. \*100 days of snapping, e.g.
26. Military's inactive force
30. Repeated Cuban dance step
31. The Kinks' lead singer, a.k.a. godfather of Britpop
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## ROCK N' BULLS RETURNS ...



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CNCC sponsored its 12th annual Rock N Bulls event on Saturday, Aug. 28 to benefit its athletics program. CNCC alumnus and Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association bull rider Beau Southern was the top rider of the night winning the buckle on a rank Farris Cattle bull. CNCC President Dr. Lisa Jones recognized CNCC Athletic Director Candra Robie for coordinating the successful event online. Dr. Jones also thanked the rodeo team members, the Town of Rangely, local business owners who sponsored the event with resources and time, and Rangely, Meeker and Moffat county neighbors who came out to support the event.

## GILLARD: after COVID-19 infection, complications unpredictable

► Continued from Page 1

rently listed as an official treatment, but Gillard was willing to try anything.

Ivermectin has been a source of controversy in recent months, as some people have self-medicated with the livestock version and overdosed. Gillard emphasizes that she got a prescription for the human formula with the dosage based on weight.

Two days after finishing the treatment course, most of her symptoms abated, so much so that she was able to swim 41 laps at the Meeker Rec Center during the county fair.

After 233 days, she finally had some relief.

In the last month, however, she's begun experiencing tremors in her upper body and hands bad enough that she can't sign

her name, type, or turn the pages of her Bible. She's trying to get an appointment with a neurologist to determine the cause. In some of the long-hauler groups Gillard belongs to on Facebook, she's found others who are experiencing similar neurological symptoms.

"It [COVID] doesn't behave like any other virus we've ever seen. It's not linear. There's no clear start point or end point and it attacks every single human being differently and different organ systems."

She thinks her A-positive blood type may have played a role in the severity of her disease. There has been some anecdotal evidence worldwide that people with blood type A may be more likely to experience long-hauler syndrome.

But it's not black and white. "You really can't predict who will get really sick and who won't." Gillard had none of the comorbidities that would indicate the possibility of serious illness. She's talked to others who've had mild or asymptomatic cases and are now having serious cardiac issues, or other long-hauler symptoms, months later.

"I'm sure there are masses of people who are having crazy things happen after having the disease or having it and not even knowing it," she said.

"It's had a huge impact on my whole family," Gillard said. "You feel like you're crazy, like everybody thinks you're faking. You feel like you're never going to get your life back again."

Even with insurance,

travel time and costs to see specialists, testing, and prescription co-pays have been a drain.

Surprisingly, no one else in the Gillard family fell ill, although they were all together and exposed. No one else in the family showed symptoms. They tested twice, and none of them came back positive.

Five of the couple's nine children, who range in age from 10 to 23, are getting vaccinated.

Her husband, a combat veteran, remains vaccine-hesitant, and is concerned about the potential loss of freedom that may come from actions taken to fight the pandemic. "There are definitely things going on out there that are a concern," Gillard added.

In talking to others about the virus and her experience, Gillard says she tries to explain her personal situation and is



COURTESY PHOTO

Wendi Gillard and her husband, a combat vet. Gillard is dealing with unpredictable side effects from long-haul COVID-19.

concerned about the politicization and emotional charge to everything.

"Take all of the emotion and politics away and look at the whole picture," she said.

"It's definitely something to take seriously on every level. Not just

because you may die from it, because you may just live like this forever."

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Gillard shared her personal experience as a citizen, not speaking on behalf of the hospital.*

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1. Call to order  
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda  
3. Approval of Minutes  
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5. New Business  
A. JVA Engineering Firm, Presentation of Estimates  
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6. Old Business  
A. Plant Manager Report  
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8. Board  
A. Reports  
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C. Approve Current Bills  
9. Adjourn  
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1. Call to Order  
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5. Approval of the Previous Minutes  
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8. Public Hearing  
a. Request from Hope West for Special Even Liquor Permit for Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser at RBC Fairgrounds 4-H building, 700 Sulphur

Creek Rd on September 25, 2021  
9. New Business:  
a. Approval of contract for Bulk Water Building Remodel  
b. Draft budget proposal  
c. Discussion regarding partnering with ERBM for park maintenance costs  
10. Town Manager's Report  
11. Mayor's Remarks  
12. Other Board Business  
13. Adjournment  
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