

## BACK AT IT ...



LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

The Meeker Classic is officially underway, and you've got until Sunday to check out the dogs, sheep, vendors, demos and more at Ute Park.

# Proposed congressional redistricting map splits CD3

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**RBC |** Following each 10-year census, congressional districts are redrawn so that each district represents an equal population. Last week, Colorado's independent redistricting commission released a new map with proposed changes to the current congressional districts.

The state currently has seven districts. An eighth district has been proposed on the Front Range to accommodate population growth, with additional changes to the Western Slope that would divide the 3rd District in half just below the Garfield County line, creating a 2nd

District that would include all of Boulder, Broomfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties. It also would include western Larimer County, north and western Garfield County, and parts of Summit County, including Breckenridge. The new 3rd District would encompass Mesa, Eagle and Pitkin counties, as well as the entire San Luis Valley and Pueblo.

The proposed map puts 721,715 people in each district across the state. The proposed District 2 would pit current representatives Lauren Boebert (R-Rifle) against Joe Neguse of (D-Lafayette).

Public hearings were held Thursday, Sept. 9 regarding proposed changes to Congressional District 2 and

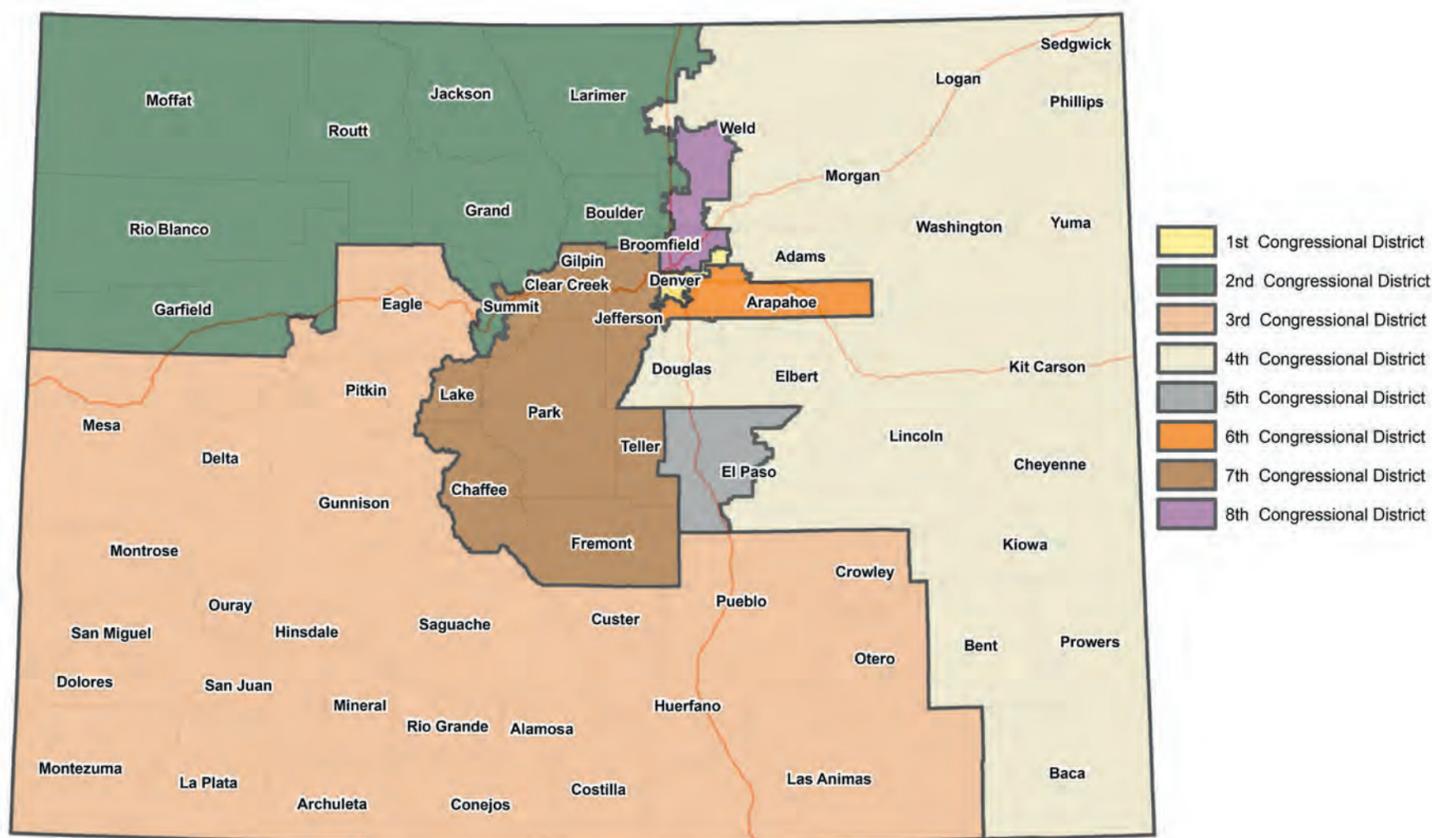
3 in Grand Lake and Eagle, and virtually via Zoom. Written public comment can be submitted online at [https://redistricting.colorado.gov/public\\_comments/new](https://redistricting.colorado.gov/public_comments/new)

Eight of the 12 commissioners have to adopt the current plan or a variation on the plan after the public hearings, or go back to the drawing board to devise a second staff plan on Sept. 15, and if needed, a third staff plan to be released on Sept. 23. The redistricting plan adoption deadline is Sept. 28 with submission to the Colorado Supreme Court for review on Oct. 1.

Legislative maps for the State House and Senate will be released Sept. 13, followed by public hearings Sept. 17 and 18.



### Colorado Congressional Districts (First Staff Plan)



Map prepared by Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions Staff. September 3, 2021.

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# Repeat recall recap: more legal challenges to come

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**RBC** I Five months since David Morlan filed a petition to recall sitting Rio Blanco County Commissioner Gary Moyer, the saga continues. That saga, now in its second iteration, doesn't appear as if it will conclude any time soon.

In early April, the petition to recall Commissioner Moyer kicked off for round one, with proponents collecting/submitted more than 800 signatures in roughly 30 days, passing the required threshold of 737. RBC Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell and staff verified the signatures, and then declared the petition to be sufficient.

Following Campbell's sign off on the petition's sufficiency, Moyer and son-in-law Matt Scott exercised their right to protest the validity of the petition on multiple grounds. Protestor's challenges, including one accusing Campbell of bias, were mostly struck down by the appointed hearing officer, though a few key challenges were granted. The petition was ultimately declared invalid due to "technical errors" in the filing process including failure to provide printer's proof, and failure to sequentially number petition sections as required by state statute. As a result the petition and all signatures it contained were nullified.

Just a few weeks later, the committee to recall Moyer officially announced they would repeat their efforts, this time hoping to avoid filing mistakes/errors. After nearly six weeks of signature gathering, petitioners again submitted over 800 signatures for review. One week later on July 30, 2021 the petition was declared sufficient.

In predictable fashion, patterns established during the first recall attempt have echoed into the second. Matt Scott again filed a protest, listing multiple grounds challenging the validity of the (now second) petition. Scott's protest, filed on Aug. 13, 2021 claims that "petitions circulated for the recall of Gary Moyer once again did not comply with Colorado law."

It explains that in June of this year, while petitioners were already actively gathering signatures, Colorado legislators passed Senate Bill 21-250. The new law, which went into effect on June 21, changed language in state election codes, including some that relate specifically to recall petitions and signatures.

Before SB 21-250 was signed into law, signatures from electors would only be deemed valid if they did not appear on a "previously filed petition for the recall of the same person." After the law went into

effect, language about eligibility requirements for signatures changed, making it so signatures could only be invalidated if they appeared on a previous petition that had been "deemed sufficient," as opposed to just "filed."

The protest further argues that under the old law, many of the signatures on the second petition would be disqualified, further asserting "the bill contains no retroactive provision and as such is presumed to apply prospectively." Because of this, the primary challenge to invalidate the sufficiency of the second recall petition would involve disqualifying approximately 325 signatures that were collected before new law went into effect on June 21, 2021.

Recall proponents' directly countered protestor's interpretation of election codes in their response. They first note that despite signature collection occurring prior to June 21, the petition itself was not submitted for review until June 23, after SB 21-250 went into effect, therefore, the new election code language should be applied, and 325 signatures contested by protestors should not be disqualified.

The response also argued that since the original recall was declared invalid, all signatures it contained, its filing, and its overall efficiency were nullified. This means, according to their legal argument, that even if SB 21-250 was never signed into law, the 325 signatures still would not have been disqualified.

In a very short hearing (less than five minutes) last week, recall participants on all sides met at the RBC courthouse for the second protest hearing. Instead of using testimony, both sides submitted legal arguments to Boots Campbell, who acted as the hearing officer. Some of the primary aspects of these arguments are listed in the preceding paragraphs, but both sides had more to argue. For example, protestors also brought that the new language mandated by SB 21-250 add new requirements for recall processes, noting that Campbell did not follow all the requirements of the new bill.

Prior to the short hearing protestors filed a motion asking Campbell to recuse herself from hearing the case based on accusations of bias in the process. Campbell ruled against the motion, noting that she attempted to find a replacement but was unable to do so. She also refuted claims of bias, which protestors claimed amounted to a violation of Moyer's due process under the constitution.

Following the hearing, Campbell rejected the petition protest filed by Matt Scott, stating in her final decision that

"Since the previous petition for the recall of Commissioner Moyer after the protest hearing held on May 9, 2021 was declared invalid by the Order entered by hearing officer Tim Graves, any signature appearing on the second recall petition should not be disqualified." Campbell's decision also called the distinction between people who signed the petition before June 21, and after as being "without merit."

Despite Campbell's ruling, the process is not quite over. As noted by protestors' counsel during last week's hearing, the

legal challenge will continue, this time with an appeal of the ruling, likely on the basis of Campbell not being impartial in the matter.

For more details on the legal arguments of both sides, you can view original documents referenced in this story at <https://bit.ly/3DPxY2i>

Details of this story have been reported in many previous editions of the HT. You can read more context/history at [theherald-times.com/?s=moyer+recall](https://theherald-times.com/?s=moyer+recall).

## Trustees: budget, vaccine mandate opposition

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The Meeker Board of Trustees approved a liquor permit for the first annual Cornhole Tournament fundraiser for HopeWest on Sept. 25 at the 4-H Building at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. It will be the only fundraising event for HopeWest for the year. Live music, kids' activities, local food vendors will be part of the event, which replaces the HopeWest gala.

Trustees also approved a contract with Regas Halandras for the bulk water building remodel on Third Street.

Trustees reviewed and discussed the draft 2022 budget, opting to reduce line items for proposed Circle Park expenditures in conjunction with the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Parks District, and funding for the recycling program. A more detailed report on the town's budget for 2022 will be included in a later HT. The final budget will be submitted to the public for review in October.

Trustees also approved a letter to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in opposition to the vaccine mandate for healthcare providers and facilities. Mayor Kent Borchard said he had "mixed feelings" about the letter, as he is supportive of vaccinations for all, but has heard concerns that some hospital staffers have threatened to resign if they are required to get vaccines. Rio Blanco County Commissioners are expected to sign a similar letter at their next meeting. In Grand Junction, Rifle, and Glenwood Springs, healthcare workers who oppose the vaccine mandate have organized protests on the streets in the last week.

## Sharp increase in COVID cases

Special to the HT

**RBC** I The county's public health department is reporting "sharp increases" in new COVID cases this week with "multiple outbreaks" particularly in Rangely. Community members are advised to isolate and test if symptomatic and/or if close contact has occurred. Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine, but are still advised to watch for symptoms and take precautions if exposed.

RBC Public Health is reporting 32 active cases in

Rangely and six active cases in Meeker as of Tuesday, with no current hospitalizations. Five deaths have been reported.

Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be available at the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials on Thursday in addition to the regular vaccination clinics in Meeker and Rangely.

■ **Meeker Walk-In Clinic:** Fairfield Center, 200 Main St.

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

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

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■ **Rangely Walk-In Clinic:** Public Health, 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.

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



Don't forget to check out WREA's

## Annual Meeting Video & Annual Report

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Thank you for a great year and for everyone who participated in the 2021 WREA Election!



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## Family Fun at the Classic!

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- All About Wool - University of Wyoming Wool Judging Team
- Colorado Comfort K-9s
- Demos and exhibits
- Learn about pottery, spinning, weaving, felting, Navajo traditions, history & care of the cowboy hat, dutch oven cooking, bee keeping, sheep wagons and more!
- FFA Petting Farm
- Flyball & Agility
- Leatherwork & Saddle Making
- Lou Dean - Colorado/Oklahoma Author book signing
- Nosework Demo by "Sniffer Dogs"
- Scottish Pipe and Drums
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# NEWS NOTES

## 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.

## 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.

## Free concert

**MEEKER** | Debby Campbell, daughter of Glen Campbell, will provide a tribute concert on the courthouse lawn Friday, Sept. 10 beginning at 6 p.m. The River City Band, featuring local musicians Tom Allen, Dave Stewart and Danny Griffith, will open the show. Bring your own chairs. Concert provided by the Meeker Business Cooperative, the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and individual residents. Donations will support local charities: Women Against Breast Cancer, RBC Historical Society and Meeker Emergency Fund.

## Golf fundraiser

**MEEKER** | Civil contracting company IHC Scott completed the Hwy. 13 improvement project between Meeker and Rifle) along with participating vendors and clients are hosting the first annual "Scramble for a Cause" fundraiser Friday, Sept. 17 at the Meeker Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit the Meeker Education Foundation, which supports educational and enrichment opportunities for the Meeker School District. Tee-off is at 8 a.m. Registration and breakfast for participating vendors and construction companies begins at 7 a.m. For sponsors and contact information, visit <https://birdease.com/IHCScottScrambleForACause>.

## Boebert office hours

**MEEKER** | Staff from Rep. Boebert's office will be available in Rangely on Friday, Sept. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Annex building to allow constituents to request assistance with a federal agency, like veterans having trouble with the VA, travelers having difficulties applying for a passport, taxpayers being harassed by the IRS, and senior citizens having issues with Social Security or Medicare. Additionally, constituents are invited to come to the office hours to express their viewpoints on legislative issues and have their voice heard.

## River meeting

**MEEKER** | The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for the White River Integrated Water Initiative will be meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. in Rangely at the Weiss Conference Room on the CNCC Campus. The PAC will hear reports from the diversion and riparian assessment teams and the Public Input and Reach Meetings. Presentations will be made by Linda Masters on rangeland health and by the Colorado State Forest Service on forest health. If he is not called to fight fires, Curtis Keech will also speak on forest health in the White River Basin. Kyle Arnold from the BLM will address rangeland health if he is available (not out fighting fires).

# QUILTS GALORE ...



A quilt show will be held at the Fairfield Center on Friday, Sept. 10, 12-5:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 and funds raised are contributed to educational scholarships. Sponsored by the local P.E.O. chapter.

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24 oz. Food Club	COTTAGE CHEESE	\$1 <sup>69</sup>
8 oz. Noosa	YOGURT	\$1 <sup>79</sup>
5.3 oz. Oikos	YOGURT	5 for \$5
16-2 oz.	GOGURT	\$3 <sup>99</sup>
8 oz. Tillamook	SHREDDED CHEESE	2 for \$5

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Boneless	PORK TENDERLOIN	\$2 <sup>99</sup>
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

9/11

There are no words.

~ CNN Anchor Aaron Brown, Sept. 11, 2001

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The summer before I started high school I took my first trip to New York. The Statue of Liberty was encased in scaffolding that year, but the World Trade Center — the iconic Twin Towers — were open for tourists to visit. For a 14-year-old from rural Colorado, the Top of the World Observatory at the south tower was an unforgettable experience.

Twenty years ago this week, the World Trade Center towers were decimated in an act of terrorism that resulted in thousands of lives lost that day in New York City, in a field in Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

As we remember the horror of that day and the decades of war that followed, we need to remember the root cause of 9/11 wasn't something new, and it wasn't just the result of poor foreign policy in the preceding half century. In 1995 the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was destroyed by a homemade bomb concealed in a rental truck. In 1999 the mass shooting at Columbine High School shook Colorado, and there have been hundreds... no, thousands... of similar events since, at home and around the world, that leave us all saying the same thing Aaron Brown said as he watched the north tower of the WTC collapse on air. We've witnessed enough similar events in the last two decades that we ought to be

able to identify the underlying cause and come up with a plan to address it.

What motivated the actions that brought about 9/11, and the Oklahoma City bombing, and any number of other foreign and domestic acts of terror? Extremism. Fanaticism. Fundamentalism.

These "-isms" can be religious, political, territorial or social. The more you blend the causes (eg religious plus political, or social plus political, or territorial plus religious, etc.), the worse the outcome.

I spent a third of my life on the fringe of religion and politics where conspiracy theories breed like bunnies in the spring, and I can attest that it's a dangerous place. Throw in "algorithms" on social media deliberately designed to make us tribal and territorial, and we've got all the ingredients for terrorism in the name of whatever cause trips our proverbial trigger this week. What a mess.

We can point fingers at the "radicals" who don't look like us all we want, meanwhile we're busily growing our own versions in nearly every facet of society, and setting ourselves up for more "there are no words" events.

When we say "never forget" about 9/11, one of the things we shouldn't forget is that toxic root of extremist fanaticism. It never ends well, for anyone.



LOOSE ENDS

Language lessons

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
Special to the Herald Times



Dolly Viscardi

**MEEKER I** "Language sweetie, language," the woman admonished her young son. I used to hear this same reminder when I was little. My grandmother and mother said these same words to me and my siblings regarding the use of proper English. They never had to tell us to stop using vulgar language, as most of the families of our friends, as well as the general public, were not allowed to swear at all. It simply was not tolerated.

Taking it one step further, my grandmother's religious upbringing (her father was a pastor) led her to scold us for "taking His name in vain."

That included the slang phrase "Geez." The grownups felt free to use bad language in the company of other grownups, as well as in the privacy of their homes when children were not around. But the most foul of the four-letter words seems to have become one of the most commonly accepted words today. Our increasing dependency on social media has brought us almost to the brink of mass miscommunication.

While teenagers have always relied on finding ways to communicate with each other by using slang words that will confuse most adults, they seem to last for only a short time. As the English language has gone through a major transformation with our reliance on social media, the rules in both

writing and speaking proper English have been forgotten.

Verbs take the place of nouns. Adjectives and adverbs often swap places and dangling participles topple the traditional form of sentence construction. One commercial for a well-known pizza proprietor names the entire dining experience as "pizza-ing."

The old-fashioned way to say it is "eating pizza." The advertiser's hope is that the commercial is clever enough to make our collective mouths water. The use of a noun for a verb to garner more attention in the area of tourism has also become a trend. The advertiser of one high end resort replaced the word "fishing" with the word "trouting." Somehow I don't think either change works at all.

Newspaper editors or English teachers in my day would never consider that acceptable. We already use one noun as a verb interchangeably. When someone refers to all their years of schooling they refer to action on the part of both the teachers and students. Likewise if someone tells you they have been schooled, you have not taken an action. Someone else has taught you a lesson. It might pay for all us all to truly listen when we hear "language, sweetie, language."

KAYE'S CORNER

Rainy day

By KAYE SULLIVAN  
Special to the Herald Times



Kaye Sullivan

**MEEKER I** Wasn't it wonderful to have a rainy-day last week? Our very dry ground can use all the water it can get. Not only do our crops and gardens benefit, but rain also helps mitigate dangerous wildfire conditions plus adds much needed water to our rivers and lakes that are running very low in this drought.

Selfishly, I didn't have to drag hoses all over to water yard, flowers and gardens. They all got a very nice soak thanks to a gentle rain.

I just learned that the Meeker High School had some leaking issues, so that's a problem, especially for a brand-new school and recent return of students and teachers. Who would think roof leaks would be an issue in such a dry period! So sorry to learn this.

I miss rainy days. In Indiana where I grew up, we had lots of rain, so I grew up with galoshes, umbrellas, raincoats and a mindset that life goes on even in the rain.

When I first moved to Colorado, I thought on any weekend that was sunny, "I can't clean house," I need to enjoy this sunny day. It took me a while to catch on that Colorado boasts over 300 days of sun every year.

Over time, I started to wonder, "when do the rainy days occur?" When do I clean and bake and read instead of feeling compelled to get out there and enjoy the beautiful outdoors?

Rainy days are like getting a free pass to tackle gentle things in a relaxing way. Go ahead! Bake those muffins you've put off. Clean out your files that you've avoided for way too long. Read a book. Take a nap. Or write.

On our trip to Oregon, we endured one

especially intensely rainy and windy day that buffeted our trailer and kept us inside all day. Outside were mud puddles everywhere. At first, I was resentful that we were losing a sight-seeing day but then we settled in to just accept the weather and make the most of it.

Oregon receives on average over 100 inches of rain a year. That's about 10 times more than Colorado's average. We were camped on the southern coast where it rains even more. At the same time, much of Oregon east of us was suffering from drought conditions and soaring temperatures coming in at 90 and 100 degrees.

On this rainy day, we couldn't get any Wi-fi service as there was some giant outage in the area. What do you do without the internet, no TV, and limited cell service? If you know my husband, you would not be surprised that he drew all day!

In Oregon, I wrote and wrote because rainy days give you time to think and reflect. I wrote HT articles including a prior version of this one, drafted emails to friends and family that I could send if we ever got an internet connection and cleaned up files on my laptop.

Last week when it rained, I finally did a deep dive into updating the archival records of Jay's art. It's not my favorite task, but thankfully I made much needed progress and can start putting that worry behind me. I cleaned house and even baked a bit. See how much you can get done on a rainy day!

Rainy days, thank you for a respite and the protection you give to this land and our lives.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who is Farm Bureau?

Dear Editor:

Who is Colorado Farm Bureau and who is Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau? You might think we are an insurance company. While there is a Colorado Farm Bureau Insurance company, that is just one of many benefits you receive by being a Colorado Farm Bureau Federation member. In fact, if you have "Farm Bureau" insurance, you have paid your membership to the "Federation." So, let's dive deeper into who and what the "Federation" is.

The mission statement of Colorado Farm Bureau Federation (Farm Bureau) is: "To promote, protect and enhance agriculture and rural communities." The purpose is to bring forward solutions which improve agriculture production, economic opportunity, leadership development, and public policy. Farm Bureau is the largest agriculture organization in the state (and nation) and actively engages in issues that impact farming or ranching on the local, state, national and international levels.

The Farm Bureau organizational structure starts at the local (county) level with a board made up of agriculture producers and those interested in supporting the industry. Your Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau Board is: Janice Weinholdt (President), Callie Hendrickson, (Vice Pres.), Kelly Osborn (Secretary), Harold Anderson, Richard Ford, and Dr. Albert Kreuger. Rio Blanco County is a part of the 10th District (region) of the State and Callie Hendrickson represents the nine northwest counties on the Colorado Farm Bureau (CFB) Board. The CFB has representation on the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Board to carry out policies that are initiated at the local level.

Farm Bureau ideals and policies are guided and developed by its members. Farm Bureau is supportive of limited government, individual rights including the right to bear arms, property rights, state's rights, and multiple use of government managed lands and natural resources.

Recent activities that Farm Bureau has been actively engaged in include: (1) Initiative 16, The PAUSE Initiative, (2) forced introduction of wolves into Colorado, (3) Senate Bill 21-087 – Agriculture Workers Rights, (4) Colorado Addiction and Mental Health Program, (5) 2023 Farm Bill, and (6) water and "Waters of the United States."

The PAUSE Initiative (Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation) was proposed by animal rights activists and would have been devastating to food production as well as the pet industry. It would have criminalized traditional animal husbandry practices. Farm Bureau and many other organizations formed the Coloradans for Animal Care Coalition to oppose the initiative. They fought it all the way to the Colorado Supreme Court where it was rejected on a 7 to 0 ruling regarding single-subject rule that is Constitutionally mandated. Note, this issue may reappear in another form prior to the 2022 or 2024 election so stay tuned and continue to help your non-agriculture friends understand animal husbandry practices and what it takes to feed a hungry nation.

Farm Bureau worked tirelessly with other organizations to defeat the ballot initiative that now requires the forced introduction of wolves into Colorado. While the Coloradans Protecting Wildlife Coalition, with Farm Bureau a leading member, was successful in narrowing the gap in support of the initiative by 11 points, it passed by less than 2%. Unfortunately, that leaves the state with the mandate to introduce wolves on the Western Slope. Now that we are beyond the affirmative vote to introduce wolves into our environment, Farm Bureau will monitor and call on members for action as the introduction process moves forward. Our focus now

is to make sure the process is not fast tracked, and that the voices of those being heavily impacted are being heard. We can't reverse the vote since the people have spoken, but we can help make sure compensation for livestock loss is fair and adequate, help advocate for limiting the number of wolves released, have a say in where the releases take place etc. This is the kind of advocacy you have received and can continue to expect from Farm Bureau.

As introduced at the state legislature, the Farm Labor Bill was devastating to food producers and industry. While it carries serious negative impacts to the industry, Farm Bureau and other ag organizations were successful in making a very bad bill "less bad." Farm Bureau staff will continue to work on this issue as it moves through rule making to reduce the negative impacts.

Regardless of your situation in life, where you come from, what county you live in or what your job is, Colorado Farm Bureau is working for you. Anyone can be a member of Farm Bureau if you are involved in agriculture or have an interest in preserving and protecting Colorado's food production. A membership entitles you to all member benefits and producer members are eligible to participate in the voting business of the organization. Membership dues support the activities noted above and many more. Membership discounts on car rentals, hotels, vehicles and other benefits will more than pay for your annual dues.

If you are a current member or interested in learning more about your local Farm Bureau organization, you are invited to our annual meeting and picnic at City Park Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. Please RSVP to Janice at 720-301-4279.

Colorado Farm Bureau is helping to make Colorado a better place to live.

Janice Weinholdt, President  
Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau

Why the jail?

Dear Editor:

There are several factors that went into the decision to house the inmates in Moffat County. Let's start with the most obvious one. Revenues have steadily declined for the county since the State government declared war on the oil and gas industry. Over the last three budget years the Commissioners and the budget director have shown us the County budget and what the income versus the spending is; income is declining and will continue to decline.

The Sheriff's Office has looked at many ways of trimming the budget to help accommodate the declining revenue. When I took office in 2015, I cut several positions in the patrol division that I thought were no longer needed; those being a dedicated traffic deputy for County Road 5 and the investigator position. I also cut a full time position in the jail. I restructured and reassigned positions, using attrition to accomplish the task. Then in 2020 with the declining revenue for the county, we had to eliminate another patrol deputy position.

In 2016, we moved into the newly built Justice Center which included a new jail. The design of the jail dictated a minimal amount of staff needed to operate the jail. We added a full time position to operate the control room during the day. This

helped for a little while, but we soon found that an additional detention deputy position was needed. In order to help supplement the cost of these positions, we signed a contract with the United States Marshal's Office to house pre-trial inmates from the overcrowded jail in Mesa County. Our average daily inmate population prior to the U.S. Marshal's inmates averaged around 12. With the Marshal inmates there were times we had 18 inmates; (referring back to the boom days of the early 2000's and the old jail at times had 30+ inmates)

In 2019, the inmate population started to decline. The average daily population of our inmates decreased and we started to get more US Marshal inmates. By 2020 we were split; holding half US Marshal inmates and half local inmates. Then the world changed when COVID hit and everything changed. Law enforcement gave summons' in lieu of making an arrest, when warranted, to lessen the chance of COVID coming into the jails.

In 2021, we are averaging five inmates per day. As of this day, Sept. 7, we have six inmates with two of those being US Marshal inmates. The US Marshals do not expect our count from them to increase.

The decline in jail arrest numbers are also attributed to legislation. Last year the legislation reclassified all the misdemeanor charges moving a lot of them to petty offenses. This year, as we speak, there is a committee looking at reclassifying all the felony charges, again making more law violations less jailable. Last year the legislation introduced SB-62 and SB-273 both directed at the county jails. If SB-62 would have passed we would have only been allowed to arrest on class 1, 2, and 3 felonies and the other mandatory arrest such as domestic violence. We are expecting another bill this next session to be introduced along those same lines.

I do not see this trend ending any time soon until there is a major change in legislation. With the front range legislators and the A.C.L.U. running the bills through and getting them put into law, this trend will continue!

That brings us back to our local issue of closing the jail and having Moffat County hold our inmates. The jail has a budget of a little over \$1 million dollars. If Moffat County were to hold 10 inmates a day, for 365 days, that would cost us approximately \$220,000 per year. Our Office would still be responsible for the transportation of inmates from Moffat County to Meeker if they have a mandatory in-person court appearance. If anything good came out of COVID, it was that the Courts started using video to facilitate many of the appearances which lessens our need to transport inmates. We will keep four full-time positions from the jail to help with transportation, court security, records and extraditions. That means a loss of five full-time and 2 part-time positions. I take this very seriously and with a heavy heart that there will be any lost positions. I have spoken to Sheriff Hume and he will consider taking the people who lost their positions. With the four positions and the transportation costs, the total cost to the county would be around \$500K

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*Pictured: Kristen Rose (middle) is surrounded by her co-workers at Providence Recovery; a community that has supported her own recovery.*

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# LETTERS: Mustang Makeover thanks, errant Flat Tops shooters, Wool Growers

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to \$600K per year depending on how many inmates Moffat County would actually hold. That is almost half of what it costs to run the jail now.

As a fiscally conservative elected official, I would not be doing my fiduciary responsibility of not looking at the costs of running this office. I cannot justify to the taxpayer spending \$1 million dollars when we could do it for almost half the amount and with literally no change in service to the citizens.

*Sheriff Anthony Mazzola  
Rio Blanco County*

## Mustang Makeover took a village

Dear Editor:

It took the whole Rio Blanco County community to make the third annual Meeker Mustang Makeover event such a big success and continue the progress of building this into a new destination attraction for Rio Blanco County!

Big thanks to our presenting sponsors: White River Electric Association, Basin Electric and Tri-State and the Town of Meeker. Gold Sponsors: The Bank of the San Juans, Utah Oil and Gas, Westlands LLC, Rio Blanco Lodging Board, Rio Blanco County, Cimarron Communications, Rio Blanco Herald Times and Level Head Audio, Rio Blanco Historical Society and the White River Office of the Bureau of Land Management. Silver sponsors included Ducey's Electric, Meeker Lions Club, Rob and Melani Walton Foundation, 4M Ranch, Global Investments, Ranch and Resort Realty, Mantle Ranch, Columbine Ford, Steamboat Veterinary Hospital/ Mike Gotchey DVM, Curicyn, Meeker General Mercantile, Identity Graphics/Heidi Richards, Mountain West Insurance, / EV Ranch. Bronze Sponsors: Tammie and Brock Sanders, Pistol River Leather, Wendll's, Kim Ekstrom Photography, White River Inn and Friends of the Piceance Mustangs.

The Meeker Lions Club stepped up big time to provide outstanding and delicious food and beverage service

at the Western Themed party both the night before, and the day of the event, with the highlights being the tasty Navajo taco and the sold-out mustang margarita (pineapple juice was the secret ingredient!)

Steve Mantle of Mantle Ranch, Wyoming, was the sponsor of the Yearling In-Hand Champion buckle and Steamboat Veterinary Hospital sponsored the runner up buckle; Friends of the Piceance Mustangs sponsored the 3yr Old Under Saddle Champion with Mantle Ranch sponsoring the runner up. Buckles for the 60 and Over Horse Lover Yearling In-Hand were sponsored by Bear Track Basin LLC and Robyn Blackwood. The Best Turnout award was sponsored by Dr. Mike Gotchey. Curicyn provided award baskets brimming with horse health care products as well as goodie bags for our volunteers. Mike Brennan of Pistol River Leather contributed his handmade "Champion" bridle to the grand prize winner, local Wade Allred of Rangely, Colorado.

Huge thanks to our judges, Steve Mantle of Mantle Ranch, Wheatland Wyoming; Bridget Strang of Strang Ranch, Carbondale, Colorado, and Wayne Tachera, Assistant Facility Manager of BLM Wild Horses, Canon City, Colorado. Thanks to Boyd Richardson, Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds Manager for providing the accommodations for our horses and exhibitors and spectators.

Thanks to all our vendors; our star rodeo announcer, Branden Edwards, his assistants, Diane Shipley and Jo Oatman.

The live stream video provided by Level Head Audio and Cimarron Communications, supported by the Rio Blanco Herald Times who also produced and printed our awesome Auction Brochure highlighting this year's terrific trainers and horses, enabled a national audience to tune in from their homes to join in the fun.

It wouldn't have been possible without each of our 20 trainers and their families. These trainers jumped in with both feet, training these wild untouched horses for 120 days, and pulled their entire families with them to give each of these horses a chance at a better life. They came from

all over Colorado and gave it their all. And of course, our buyers were critical. Buyers came from all across the state and locally in Meeker and Rangely to give these horses a new home with their foundational 120 days of training.

Our dedicated horse loving volunteers turned out from Meeker, to Rifle, to Steamboat to Carbondale and beyond. A thank you to each of you for spending your day selling tickets, helping trainers, and moving obstacles, hanging banners and much, much more.

The community turned out to volunteer at the tables, shop at the many vendor booths this year, and cheer on and support the trainers, young and old, as they showed the distance their horses had come from untouched by human hands to ready for their new homes.

The result was an almost doubling of the high sale price of our horses, benefiting the trainer's hard work and giving our all-volunteer effort a start for next year, and most importantly giving these horses a chance at a healthy safe productive life, while educating the public about the West's iconic wild horse, the Mustang.

We thank each and every one of you, and hope you'll join us again next year for another wild and exciting Meeker Mustang Makeover! See you next year!

*Meeker Mustang Makeover Board  
Deirdre Macnab, President;  
Robyn Blackwood, Vice President;  
Melissa Kindall, Secretary/BLM liaison; JH Sheridan, Treasurer;  
Steve Mantle, Mustang Advisor; Mike Gotchey, DVM, Veterinary Advisor;  
Jane Turnburke and John Rodgers;  
Elizabeth Pearce; Kelli Henry; and  
Tonya Merz*

## Please be respectful

Dear Editor:

A note to some people who were up on the Flat Tops this last Saturday... I am the guy that was waving his arms at you when you were up on the ridge shooting aimlessly down at Shadow Lake where I was fishing with my dog.

There were several of you on ATVs and UTVs that pulled up on the edge, disturbing the quiet with

your loud rap music. I kept an eye on you, then several shots rang out. My dog and I sheltered behind a tree when a shot went by very close to us and into the water. The folks that were fishing at the adjacent Blair Lake watched the whole thing unfold as well.

With as many people as there were out and about over Labor Day weekend, there is no justification for shooting anything at all. I believe your actions to be reckless and even more disturbing, the children with you are learning and will pass on your bad behavior.

Those of us who have lived our lives here are happy to share our remarkable place with you, but ask that you please be respectful to the land and the people who live and play here.

*P. Morlan  
Meeker*

## Successful Wool Growers BBQ

Dear Editor:

The Rio Blanco County Wool Growers had yet another successful lamb kabob barbecue at the RBC Fair this year. The barbecue proceeds go to our Supreme Sheep and Goat Awards that we give to our 4-H and FFA youth. Every meal purchased gives us that much more to put into those awards.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, to each and every one who purchased a barbecue meal. We would also like to thank the following for their generous donations of money, supplies and time: Watt's Ranch Market, Master Petroleum, Okagawa Farms, Nichols Store, Cross Six Nubians, White River Ranch, Marc Etchart, Lonnie and Peggy Shults, Mike and Tena Theos, Mike and Mary Whalin.

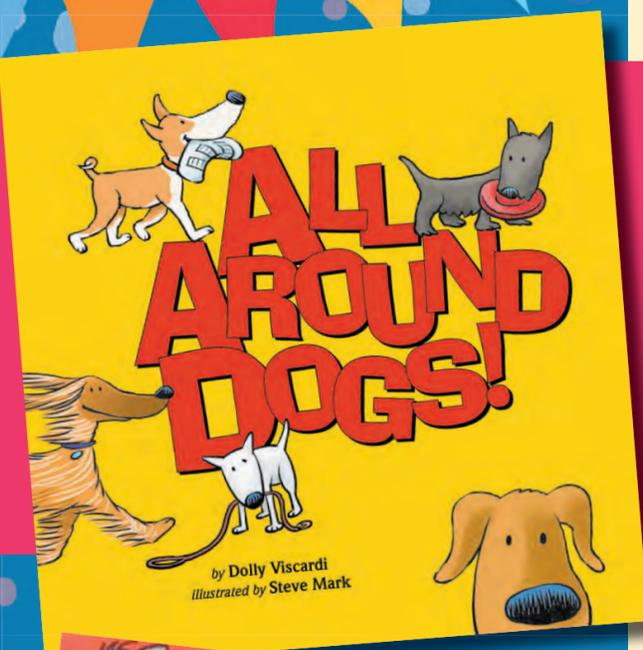
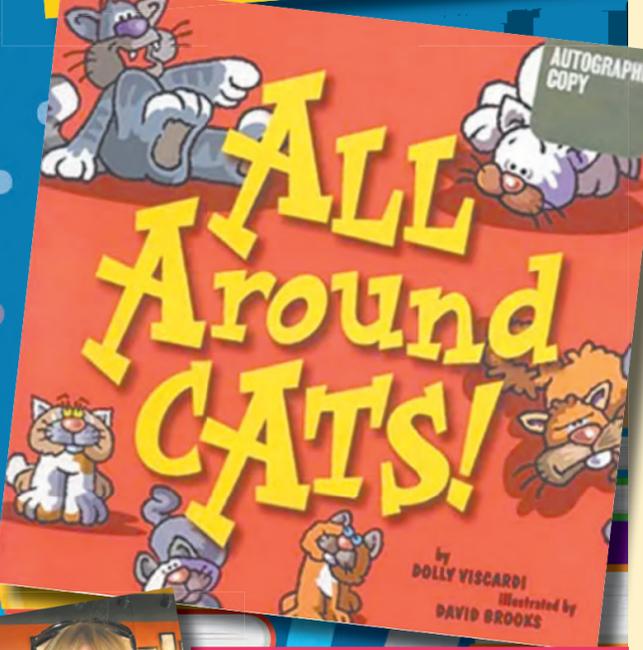
Without all of you, we could not have such a successful fundraising barbecue. We are so lucky and blessed to live in such a great and caring community!

See you at the RBC Fair next year!

*Rio Blanco County Wool Growers  
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Rangely celebrated Septemberfest and its 75th anniversary in style this past weekend, with all sorts of events including a bike rally, open houses at The TANK and Rangely Automotive Museum, a parade, a ball drop, rib cook off, inflatables, numerous events in the park including a rib and chili cookoff and the annual car show, and if all that wasn't enough entertainment, a free concert and fireworks.

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The red truck was the winner of the annual car show.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Sylvia Gibson was the chili cook-off winner (bottom right).

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Ice cream social (center bottom row) homemade ice cream contest winners: Third-root beer float, Chloe Noel; Second-Tropical, René Harden; First-Banana nut, René Harden

KATIE KING PHOTO



# Third Meeker Mustang Makeover event nets \$37K



(Top) The Allred family were a big part of this year's competition, with four participating. Wade Allred took top honors with his mustang Windy Bill. (Middle) Youth competitor Vivian Jade Messano of Montrose and her grand champion yearling in-hand Jake. (Bottom left) Youth competitor Brynn Emlyn and her reserve champion yearling in-hand Hawk. (Bottom right) Hailey Minnick and her yearling Plato.

COURTESY PHOTOS

**PRESS RELEASE**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC |** Sporting a wide grin, Rangely horse trainer Wade Allred received a \$3,000 check, along with a red, white and blue ribbon to put around mustang Windy Bob's neck, a bridle made by saddlemaker Mike Brennan and a basket brimming with Curicyn horse care products as he accepted the champion award at this year's Meeker Mustang Makeover.

The event offered a full day of competition as horses and trainers navigated obstacle courses, performed cow work and kept the audience on the edge of their seat with creative freestyles.

"I knew I had a good chance to win this year because I drew a good horse," champion Wade Allred said. He enjoyed the well-organized community event and said he and the rest of the extended Allred clan had a great time working on a family project as four Allreds competed with their own horses—Wade, his 17 year old daughter Rylee and two nephews, Chance (11) and Clay (14).

Wade named his horse Windy Bill for all the snorting in the early days of training, saying he started with a belligerent attitude. Wade noted the horse quickly "decided to be my buddy and then we could do anything with him from there, including fly fishing on horseback up in the Flat Tops." Wade noted mustangs make great trail riding horses. Bruce and Kate Logan of Oak Creek purchased Windy Bill for \$6,000.

The bidding was fierce for the top-selling horse, Peach, who also found a home with the Logans for \$8,500. Peach was trained by Cosette McLaughlin of Steamboat Springs. Cosette

also trained last year's top selling horse, Finnegan.

Auction proceeds totaled \$37,250 with event auctioneer Kail Mantle of Longhorn Video Auctions. The average sale price for the 3-year-old's with 120 days of training was \$5,100, and the average for the junior yearling division (trained by kids under 18) was \$980. The two yearlings in the senior division sold for a combined amount of \$3,275.

Half of the proceeds from the sale of each horse go back to their trainers. Trainers also received a total of \$12,000 in prize money and each junior trainer in the yearling contest received a \$500 scholarship from sponsors.

This year's winning junior trainer was 15-year-old Vivian Jade Messano from Montrose with her yearling Jake. He sold for \$1,925 and showed a firm foundation. Second in the juniors was Brynn Emlyn, age 12, from Snowmass with her horse Hawk. Her freestyle was a family affair with three kids in troll costumes running noisy leaf blowers and other equipment to show the calmness of the horse.

Brynn found out about the Makeover from a friend at her ranch in Snowmass. She's always loved mustangs and started riding one when she was two. When she picked up Hawk, she said, "the journey began." There are a lot of hawks flying in the valley where she lives. Brynn said her dad, Ricky, is her inspiration.

Ricky said Brynn grew up on a Crow Indian reservation in Wyola, Montana, where she started riding mustangs. They have always used mustangs. "Once you get a mustang to trust, respect and latch on, it's an intimate deal, those mustangs look after your kids. They are affordable, have great health and

are careful with their feet, have great endurance, they are bred to survive." He added, "Our mustangs have always looked after our kids, and my kids are still riding high from the event."

The town saw increased business at area hotels and campgrounds with the Blue Spruce reporting a sold-out number of rooms and sponsor White River Inn reporting significant increased business. The stands stayed full throughout event day, with the Lions Club selling out of their inaugural Meeker Mustang Margarita.

Judges for the event were Meeker native and professional mustang trainer Steve Mantle of Mantle Ranch, Wheatland Wyoming; Bridget Strang of Strang Ranch, Carbondale, and Wayne Tachera, Assistant Facility Manager of the BLM Wild Horses at Canon City.

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.

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. The Meeker Mustang Makeover is an all volunteer local community based event, with its success hinging on our many community sponsors and the partnership with the local White River Bureau of Land Management office and under the umbrella of the Rio Blanco Historical Society. The event was live streamed by the *Herald Times*.

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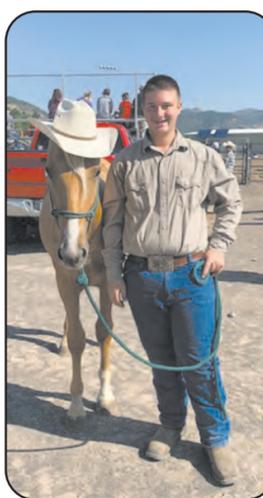
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Thank you trainers, buyers and volunteers!

See you next year!



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(Top) Kari Rippy of Larkspur with her reserve grand champion 3-year-old under saddle Shelby. This was Kari's first buckle ever. Welcome to the addiction. (Center) the Meeker Mustang Makeover board. (Bottom left) Garrett Merz and yearling Sonny. (Bottom right) Gayle Rogers and Sparky perform their freestyle in the 60 and over horse lover yearling in-hand division.

OBITUARIES

## Kenneth 'Kenny' William Hillis

Dec. 29, 1961 ~ Aug. 28, 2021

Longtime Rangely resident Kenneth "Kenny" William Hillis, 59, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021.

Kenny was the son of Jack and Peggy Hillis. He was born Dec. 29, 1961, in Rangely, Colorado. Kenny graduated from Rangely High School. He attended Lamar Junior College for two years. He married his best friend and the love of his life, Georgia Lockett Stephen, on Dec. 27, 1997. Home base was Mack, Colorado, since

2003.

Both he and Georgia spent many years on the road working on many different pipelines. Work that he loved and knew well. His career began at Striegel Pipeline as an equipment operator, moving on as a mechanic on heavy equipment and finishing out his career as utility inspector.

Kenny was a very kind soul, loving husband, son, brother and stepfather. He



Kenny Hillis

loved being grandpa to Teagan, Charlee Rose, Adam, Hannah and Austin. In addition he was an amazing uncle to his nieces and nephews Erin, Keenan, Stephanie, Erik, Brook and Zach.

He enjoyed hunting, his puppies and spending time with family.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents.

Kenny is survived by his wife Georgia; sisters Patsy (Jon) Drindak of Fruita, Colorado; Nancy (Jim) MacIntosh of Festival, Arizona; Susan (Jerry) Anderson of Marble, Colorado; nieces Erin (Jon) McEvers, Evergreen, Colorado; Stephanie (Ty) Petersburg of Evergreen, Colorado; Brook (Don) Wilson of Loma, Colorado; nephews Keenan (Ashley) Anderson of Fruita, Colorado; Erik (Stephanie) Ebbesen of Loma, Colorado; Zach (Cera) MacIntosh of

Grand Junction, Colorado; stepson Shane (Heather) Stephen of Lubbock, Texas; stepdaughter Jami McLennan (Jeff Perham) of Fruita, Colorado; great-nieces Addison, Quinn, Boden, Lucas, Harper and Owen; grandchildren Teagan, Charlee Rose, Adam, Hannah and Austin.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at the Rangely Cemetery on Sept. 11, 2021, followed by a Celebration of Life at the Camper Park.

MEMORIAL

## James Patrick 'Pat' Sheridan

A memorial service for Pat Sheridan will be held on his birthday, Sept. 14, 2021, at Highland Cemetery at 11 a.m. followed by a gathering at the City Park pavilion on Water Street for snacks and visiting.

## Harold Dalvis 'Dal' Kendall

Oct. 8, 1936 ~ Aug. 9, 2021

Harold Dalvis Kendall (Dal) passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on Aug. 9, 2021. He was born on Oct. 8, 1936, to Harold Ralph and Mary Mirl Karren Kendall.

As a youth his father worked in the gilsonite mines and the family lived in the Bonanza Camp. He attended grades 1-8 in the two-room elementary school, where he would bring in horned toads or lizards to torment the girls in class. Dal was very good at memorizing so he usually got the main part in the school plays. He moved to Vernal, Utah, as a teenager to live with his grandparents Hugh and Mary Karren and attended Uintah High School and graduated in 1955. He dearly loved the time he spent with his grandparents and he was a help to them with the dairy cows and farming chores. Dal had a great love for all animals. While living with his grandparents he kept a wide variety of animals and cared for them. He surprised his grandma with snakes under the bed and with baby skunks warming in the oven.

After high school Dal went to work in the gilsonite mines. On Dec. 27, 1957, after a lengthy engagement of three days he married Marlene Gurr. This marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on Aug. 13, 1963. Together they have four children — Pam, Daleen, Ellen and Greg. In 1961 Dal went



Dal Kendall

to work for Moon Lake Electric as a lineman. It was Moon Lake that brought the family from Vernal to Rangely in 1970. Another job Dal did in the 1970s was as a partner in the Frontier Electric Company. He finished his work career back at Moon Lake Electric.

After retiring Dal and Marlene were able to serve a mission to Martin's Cove Wyoming for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. While serving there Dal helped rebuild the fort that had been there in the 1800s. They made many good friends while serving. Other service they did for the church included the addiction recovery program, the cannery and serving as temple workers in the Vernal, Utah, temple. Other church assignments included executive secretary and ward clerk for many years.

Dal's hobbies included gardening, woodworking, Dutch oven cooking, camping, hunting, fishing, and going for rides to look for wildlife such as deer, elk, fox and bear. For many years he had hunting dogs for birds or raccoons. He loved his family and spending time with them. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Lula Kendall, granddaughter Leslie Hazelbush and great-grandson Jordan Dee Cochrane. Dal is survived by his wife Marlene, daughter Pam (Mark) Berrett, daughter Daleen (Bob) Hazelbush, daughter Mari Ellen (Bret) Byers and son Greg (Susan) Kendall, sister Betty (Ervin) Smuin and brother Darris (Sherry) Kendall, 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. A graveside service will be held for immediate family only. Funeral services were held privately.



Butch Grinstead

granddaughter Allyson Grinstead, extended family and friends.

Butch is survived by his son Buddy Grinstead and his wife Tammy Grinstead, son Mike Grinstead and his wife Carol Grinstead, grandchildren Dusty Munger, Jason Munger, Jasmine Grinstead, Cody Grinstead, Brad Grinstead and Kelsey Grinstead.

## Lester 'Butch' Grinstead

May 8, 1943 ~ Sept. 1, 2021

Butch is a Colorado native and is the only child of Lester A. Grinstead Sr. and Amy Grinstead of Boulder, Colorado.

Butch is preceded in death by his parents Lester and Amy Grinstead, his wife Peggy Nadine Grinstead, daughter Laurie Munger, granddaughter Allyson Grinstead, extended family and friends.

Butch is survived by his son Buddy Grinstead and his wife Tammy Grinstead, son Mike Grinstead and his wife Carol Grinstead, grandchildren Dusty Munger, Jason Munger, Jasmine Grinstead, Cody Grinstead, Brad Grinstead and Kelsey Grinstead.

Great-grandchildren Opal Munger, Isabella Munger Lucille Munger, Catherine Munger, Benjamin Munger Eli Davenport and Brianna Lynn Davenport.

Butch married Peggy Nadine Flowers on Oct. 13, 1960. They moved to Meeker, Colorado, in 1979. Butch loved the great outdoors enjoying camping, fishing, wildlife viewing and hunting camp. Butch had three lifelong friends of 70-plus years: Jay Meiers, Jack Buchanan and Corky Bradfield.

Butch passed in the morning hours on Sept. 1, 2021, at the VA Hospital in Aurora, Colorado, with family members at his side.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at 1 p.m., at the Town Park in Meeker, Colorado.

His sense of humor and friendship will be deeply missed.... "there's your sign."

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make a donation to the kidney foundation.

## Larry Bernier, Jr.

Sept. 3, 2021

Larry Bernier Jr., 61, of Cherry Valley, Illinois, and previously of Meeker, Colorado, passed away on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021. Larry lived his life on his own terms. He was kind, generous, and thoughtful.

He would give you the shirt off his back if he happened to be wearing



Larry Bernier

one at the time. He is survived by his mother, siblings, and family who were so glad to have him as part of their lives. Private services were held. He is truly now a "free bird." Should you desire, contributions may be sent to the charity of your choice in memory of Larry.

FUNERAL SALUTE

## Gary C. Hicken

On Sept. 10, 2021, at 10 a.m., a naval funeral salute for Gary C. Hicken will be held at his property, 195 Mesa Dr., in Meeker.

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# Dept. of Ag accepting drought funding applications

PRESS RELEASE  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** Over the past several years, many farmers and ranchers have been affected by multi-year effects of a changing climate, including the 2018 drought and the 2019 freeze. After several years of unusual weather patterns, a warm spring, dry summer, and critically hot autumn further contributed to the 2020 record-breaking wildfire season. So far in 2021, Colorado has experienced a long lasting and severe drought in most parts of the state.

These hardships have caused deep economic and

ecological costs to agriculture in Colorado and Colorado Department of Agriculture is launching a program that aims to mitigate some of those losses and prepare farmers and ag producers for the future of a changing climate.

CDA is now accepting applications for a competitive grant program to assist with projects that help Colorado anticipate, prepare for, mitigate, adapt to, or respond to any event, trend, or climatological disturbance related to drought or climate.

Resulting from Senate Bill 21-234, this funding is intended to support drought and climate resilience efforts for agricultural producers.

CDA will award approximately \$1.5 million in grants for drought-related projects. Projects that can demonstrate long-term and widespread benefits will be the most competitive. Funding can also be used to match investments in new projects.

The purpose of the competitive grant program is to respond to Colorado's prolonged drought conditions caused by absent monsoon seasons, record-high temperatures, and extreme evaporative demands from wind, low humidity and high temperatures.

Applications must be submitted through an online application before Thursday, Sept. 30 by 5 p.m.

During your application process, you will be asked to answer the following questions. Please be prepared to add the answers to these questions to the google form, as there is no ability to save an application once you begin.

Describe how the area/region associated with the project has been impacted by drought.

Provide a brief narrative description of your project (what do you want funding to do, and why?)

Provide a description of the expected impacts. Is there evidence (studies, reports, maps, etc.) to support your proposal?

You may email additional supporting documents to: [agstimulus@state.co.us](mailto:agstimulus@state.co.us)

Does the project involve multiple stakeholders/partners? Please describe.

More information about applying can be found at [ag.colorado.gov/stimulus](http://ag.colorado.gov/stimulus). You can also contact [agstimulus@state.co.us](mailto:agstimulus@state.co.us) if you have any questions.

## COVID VACCINE CLINICS

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to the general public (ages 12+) in Rio Blanco County.

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## Cowboys fall to Limon Badgers 43-6

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Meeker Cowboy football took to the field Saturday for a very hard match right out of the gates against the three time defending state champions Limon Badgers.

"Limon was a good team and we didn't play well enough," commented head coach Shane Phelan, "we will need to regroup and get better day by day."

At the half the score was 36-0 the Badgers, with a final score of 43-6.

Kelton Turner led the team in tackles followed by Zach Eskelson, and Zach Simonsen. The offense had 51 yards rushing and 35 yards passing between the two quarterbacks Connor Blunt and Ryan Sullivan.

"This happens in sports," began Phelan, "I have got to coach better and we have to

go back to work. This was our first game of the year and it does not make a season. The coaches and I have watched film and lots of ideas on things to correct and I am excited to begin practice this week."

In this coming week the Cowboys will take on Roaring Fork in Carbondale, Friday, kickoff at 7 p.m. Last year was Roaring Fork's first year with a returning varsity football team. Roaring Fork is 0-2 on the season losing to Ignaco 50-20 in week one and Peyton 32-0 last week and sits third in the Western Slope League. Last year they opted to play in the spring season and were 0-6 on the year, getting beat by Grand Valley twice, the first time 37-0 and the second 44-0.

"Roaring Fork is a bigger school, and should have some good quality kids," commented Phelan, "they are just beginning their varsity and I am sure there will be lots of enthusiasm to get going again."



TIFFANY JEHOREK PHOTO  
Kelton Turner led the team in tackles followed by Zach Eskelson and Zach Simonsen.

## Panthers fall to Dove Creek in first game

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Starting out the 2021 season Rangely was hoping for a different outcome. After losing in the playoffs last year to Dove Creek, the team faced them again to start the season with a similar result. Dove Creek won handily 54-6, taking advantage of three Panther turnovers.

Rangely started out with

a couple of long drives that didn't result in points, while Dove Creek scored eight in the first and 16 in the second quarter to take a 24-6 lead into the half.

"We played a decent first half against a really good football team, but we turned the ball over and struggled to create any opportunities for ourselves. It's definitely a game we need to put behind us, and come back and get better if

we want to accomplish our goals for the season," said head coach Ryan Wilkie. "We really struggled to deal with their speed and physicality, and they beat us every way possible. Obviously this one hurts, but it's game one and we expect to compete and reach our potential. There is a lot of football left to play."

Rangely will travel to Caliche this Friday for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Turnovers cost the Panthers a game against Dove Creek.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS

## BMS cross country runs at West Grand

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Barone Middle School cross country team had its first meet of the season on Saturday at West Grand (Kremmling). It was a great course to start their season with trails and several puddles. Most of the runners chose to go through the largest of puddles which was waist-deep.

All runners had set a goal for a time to beat, and each of them met their goal. Sam Smithers and Brad Nielsen ran most of the race together, pushing each other until the

very end. Smithers finished third with a time of 18:17.9 and Nielsen finished right behind him in fourth place with a time of 18:22.0. Cameron Hanberg finished in seventh place with a time of 21:41.

The girls also had a great race with Dawn Arnold having to sprint at the end to hold her fourth place position with a time of 18:52.8. Skylar Grimes completed the girls' team with a ninth place finish in 21:07.0.

"I am so very proud of all of the runners and look forward to our meet Saturday in Craig," said head coach Kris Casey.



## Close games for Meeker Cowboys softball team

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** It was a big week full of close games this weekend for Meeker softball. The team, traveling to Eagle Valley Tuesday, lost by just one point, 14-15 in eight innings.

Hailey Knowles and Reagan Hafey (Craig Junior) combined for the pitching outing during the long extra inning nail biter of a game.

"There was impressive hitting by the entire lineup," commented head coach Kendal Bergman, "we were able to show off our speed with a number of stolen bases by Kastyn Dembowski (Rangely sophomore), Knowles, Vivian Brown, Ryann Mergelman (Rangely sophomore), and Hafey."

Nearly everyone in the lineup scored during the game with the majority of the team reaching base with a solid hit. The performances up to bat include the Cowboys first home run of the season by Mergelman, Athena Lyon hit a triple and two doubles, Knowles brought home three runs, Dembowski recording multiple hits, and Macy Ridgeway and Dylan Herndon both reached base with solid hits.

The defense helped keep Eagle Valley within reach with Dembowski throwing out a runner at home plate, a double play with Mergelman and Hafey and "MyKayla Wille putting down a great tag to catch a runner coming into 3rd base," commented Bergman.

"A heart wrenching game that's for sure," said Bergman, "but the girls showed so much heart and fight!"

In Eagle Valley the JV took the field first, with only 15 girls on the team, there is a lot of overlap between varsity

and JV.

"Wille and Lyon were a dynamic duo with MyKayla pitching the majority of the game and Athena giving a great performance behind the plate," commented Bergman. "Along with a solid defense, it was a solid team effort up to bat with multiple players getting multiple hits and getting on base nearly every at bat."

Saturday, the eighth ranked Limon Badgers came to Meeker for a double header that began at 9 a.m. and didn't end until over six hours later.

"It was such outstanding efforts across the board from the Meeker Cowboy softball players," commented Bergman.

Brea Garcia pitched the first game against Limon with tons of ground ball outs and kept the hitters off balance, Hafey and Knowles helped finish out the game and had good outings.

"Offensively Brea pitched great games," began Bergman, "Defensively Vivian Brown worked hard behind the plate, Kastyn had great catches out in center field during both games but had a diving catch for the third out in the first game in the fourth inning, Mergelman had a few sell out plays at shortstop getting dirty and making great plays, MyKayla brought her A game yet again and was such a defensive powerhouse at third base during both games."

Meeker lost the game 25-19 against a very skilled Badger team.

In the second game, "Hailey pitched amazing; always getting ahead of batters and keeping the ball low," said Bergman, "when the ball got hit, our defense stepped up and made some great plays for outs".

At catcher, Mergelman was a wall throwing to all the bases to keep the runners close during the entire game. Every single player in the hitting lineup either got a base hit or put down as a bunt.

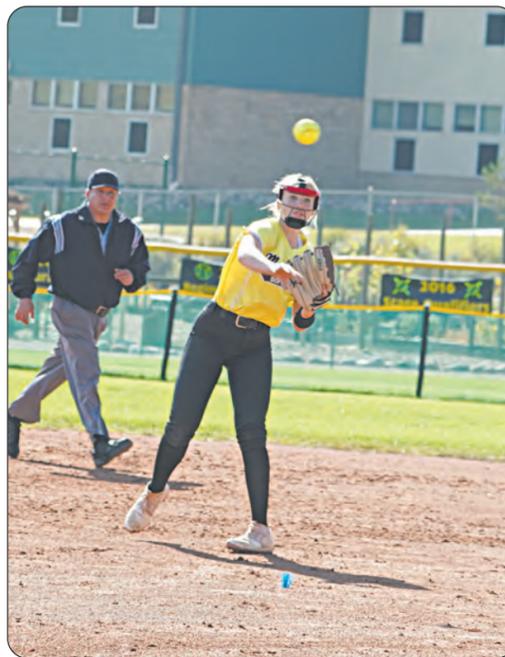
"Very impressive at bats across the board," commented Bergman; "MyKayla had so many clutch at bats and scored numerous runs, Reagan had another stellar game up to bat and getting on base nearly every time with some RBIs, Dylan Herndon hit a double to start the second inning, which was her first extra base hit of the season, Vivian kept the defense working with solid hits during the game and to keep the innings alive for us, Ryann also had clutch hits with runners in scoring position to keep the game within reach, and Kastyn kept the good swings going and making solid contact throughout the games".

In the field, Brown didn't let anything drop in left field during the second game, Hafey knocked down everything at short, and MyKayla took care of the ball very well at third and knocked down everything as well.

"Macy Ridgeway played very well at first base both games and made some tough plays for outs. She also found her rhythm at the plate and had clutch hits to score some runs when it counted," wrapped up Bergman.

The second game against Limon also went into eight innings, the Badgers just skated past the Cowboys 7-8.

This week the team gets four solid days of practice before they hit the road to Delta for a double header followed by another double header in Aspen on Saturday. Games on Friday begin at 3 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.



TIFFANY JEHOREK PHOTO  
(Above) Ryann Mergelman, Rangely sophomore.

## Boys cross country fourth at West Grand Invitational

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** MHS cross country traveled to Kremmling for the West Grand Invitational on Saturday. It was overcast and cool for the start of the girls race, in which Brighton Bair had a great race, finishing in fourth place, at a time of 24:41. Callie Stout ran the challenging, muddy course in 38:36 for 33rd place.

The sun was just starting to shine for the boys race, and the Cowboy squad ran well, to a fourth place team score. Gabe Richardson was the first Cowboy to the finish line, running 22:43 for 10th place. Eddie Drussell and Gabe Smithers were not far behind, in 16th and 17th places, and 23:14 and 23:16 respectively. Gage Richardson was our fourth teammate in, at 24:26 for 23rd place, and Wyatt Rollins took 28th place, in a time of 25:17.

"Kremmling had received quite a bit of rain on Friday, which made for some interesting spots on their trails. The temperatures were great for racing, and everyone still ran well, with some of them enjoying the puddles more than others."



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Junior varsity beat North Park in two sets, while varsity fell short, unable to get into any rhythm.

## Panther volleyball: JV wins, varsity loses

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely junior varsity volleyball team got things going last Friday, coming out ready to play and beat North Park in two sets. Great serving and net play led the Panthers for the win. The JV team is starting to find their stride and working together.

The varsity team followed JV but fell short. The lady Panthers struggled behind the service line to get into any rhythm. Aspen Low led the team with eight kills, with Kyrah Phelps and Miley Chism chipping in six apiece. Adelynn Halcomb led with 42 digs on the match.

Head coach Marybel Cox congratulated Lexi LeBleu and Ashlynn Ducey for being players of the week.



TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

No. 13 Emma Luce had 34 kills against Delta and 26 against the Limon Badgers for an all-season total of 130.

## Team effort nets win for lady Cowboys

BY TIFFANY JEHOUREK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Meeker volleyball hit the road for their toughest match of the season in Delta.

“What a fun weekend for the volleyball team,” commented head coach Greg Cravens, “We went to Delta Thursday night and played a five set thriller.”

Scores were 25-13, 14-25, 21-25, 25-22, and 15-9.

Emma Luce led the attack with 34 kills and Aspen Merrifield had seven, with most of the assists coming from Tatum Kennedy who had 44 for the game. Serving Luce led with four aces and Ellie Hossack had three.

At the net Ainsley Selle had the most blocks, while defensively Luce had 24 digs, just four more than libero Sarah Kracht who had 20. In the serve receive Kracht handled 51 of the serves.

“Delta is a good team that serves very well and challenged our serve receive all night long. It was a real team effort to get the win,” said Cravens.

Friday Cowboy volleyball was the first team to host the Limon Badgers as they came here for softball and football as well. The Cowboys won in three sets holding the Badgers to 38 points, 25-9, 25-13, and 25-16.

“The display the girls put on Friday was something I knew they had in them but I wasn’t sure when they were going to show it,” commented Cravens. “They played well in all parts of the game. We passed well. We served better than we have all season. We set all the right hitters and the hitters were scoring points. It was a very enjoyable match to watch.”

Luce added another 26 kills to her all season number bringing her to 130 total, Merrifield had six kills,



TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

Nora Gianinetti and Aspen Merrifield high five.

Kennedy set a solo game, and Hossack once again led in serving aces.

At the net Nora Gianinetti had three blocks and once again Kracht defensively controlled the serves, with 20 serve receives, and had 15 digs.

“To top off the great week, we got to watch the softball team and football teams which doesn’t happen for us a lot of weekends.”

The team now looks to Soroco for a Saturday game beginning at 1 p.m.

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Monday was Labor Day and it was duly observed in Meeker by the local branch of the Ancient Order of Sons of Rest, who always celebrate this day in a becoming manner.

Wednesday night's rain storm caused another rise in Sulphur creek, and swept out the flume which carries the town ditch water across the former.

*The Meeker Herald*  
100 years ago

Judge Gordon's new residence, on the corner of Garfield and Sixth street, is now well underway. Emert Van Cleave is the master mechanic in charge.

Another old landmark is disappearing this week. It is the old Bergh blacksmith shop, which has been abandoned for many years. Situated at the northeast corner of Sixth and Market streets, the old frame building was used by the Hugus Company for over 20 years as an excess machinery warehouse. Thus the old landmarks disappear and make room for the onward march of improvement.

*The Meeker Herald*  
50 years ago

Several Rio Blanco County youth competed and won honors at the Garfield County Junior Rodeo in Rifle last weekend, with Kirk Norell of Meeker winning the All-Around Cowboy award.

The long-awaited hanging of the "Valley Curtain" north of Rifle has been delayed another three weeks, was the latest word received last week. Artist Christo said about two weeks ago he hoped to have the curtain up by Labor Day.

*The Meeker Herald*  
25 years ago

Kathy Knox and her dog, Bob, posted a score of 119 to win the 1996 Meeker Classic Sheepdog

Championship.

I want to tell everyone that all the hard work and expense that has been put into the restoration of the old Garrison Building in Meeker is paying off. The building is now slowly being lowered onto a new treated lumber foundation. The "Garrison" was built of cottonwood logs in 1880 to house cavalry officers for the military camp.

*Rangely Times*  
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The Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep relocated in the Little Hills research station on Piceance Creek are responding well to a new drug for lung worms. The animals were formerly in Glenwood Canyon.

It was estimated by the Ken R. White Co. that the resident population of Rangely would increase to about 6,000 persons by 1985 and the Master Plan adopted allowed for additional open space, education facilities, and other social services for the predicted population.

*Rangely Times*  
25 years ago

The Sept. 10 meeting of the Rangely Board of Trustees started out as a sounding board for the pros and cons of wild horse management in Rio Blanco County. All of the Trustees were in attendance, listening as citizens gave voice to their feelings about the controversial issue.

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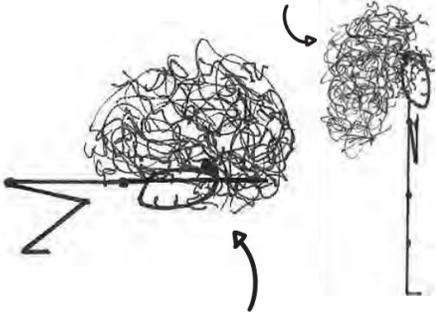
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- Old World duck
- The \_\_\_\_, an English rock band from the '80s
- Goodbye to amiga
- Marching insect
- Classroom attendee
- \*Patrick's fiance on "Schitt's Creek"
- Dig, so to speak
- King of the gods in Wagner's "Das Rheingold"
- Barber shop sound
- Civil Rights icon
- Ancient city in Africa
- \*Javen's companion on "Temptation Island" or Lamb Chops' puppeteer
- \*Marge Simpson's husband
- Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence
- Kind of gin
- Follow as a consequence
- Bald Eagle to Americans, e.g.
- Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway
- Capital of the Republic of Macedonia
- Fraternity letter
- Trial's partner
- Like a doily
- Paella pot
- Big cat sound
- Blyton or Bagnold
- Like a bloody horror movie
- Romantic painter Francisco
- December 24 and 31, e.g.
- \*Jim's co-worker and wife on "The Office"
- Type of poem

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## Fun with Grandma and Grandpa

Hi! We are Penny and Ben. We are twins. Last weekend we went to visit our grandparents. They live in another state so we got to stay with them for a whole week. Grandma gave us lots of hugs. We baked desserts, rode bikes, played video games and camped one night in the backyard.

Grandpa helped us build and paint bookcases. He took us on a walk every morning to a little store. He bought his newspaper, then he let us choose a treat to keep for later.

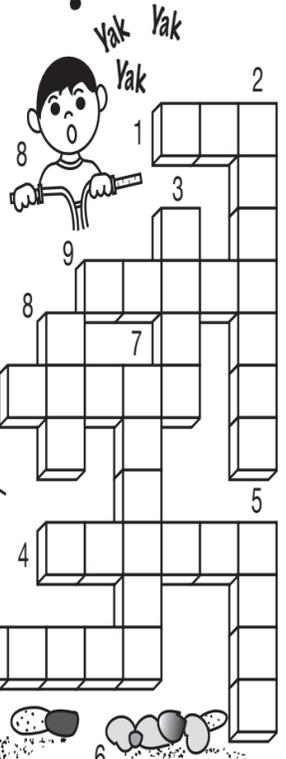
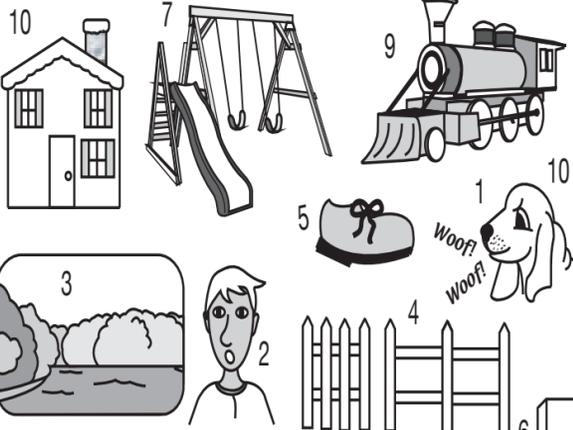
We want to tell you a story about our longest walk:

One warm morning we went for our walk with Grandpa. A 1 barked at us! 2 talked to a grown-up. The 3 shimmered from the hot breezes. 4 surrounded the lake to keep kids safe. My 5 kicked up some sand. We threw stones over the fence. The little 6 splashed into the water. 7 dangled in the park across the lake.

A 8, chattering as he rode his bike, followed us. A whistling 9 roared by on its tracks. Then Grandpa pointed out where our father lived after he was born. It was a small 10 sitting in a grassy yard.

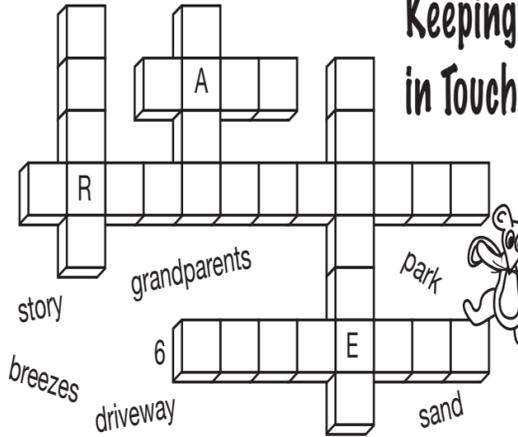
When we got home, Grandpa taught us how to throw hula hoops along the driveway in just the right way so they would return to us. Hooray for walking and talking with Grandpa!

Read the story about Penny and Ben. Some of the **nouns** are missing from their story. Remember that a **noun** names a person, place or thing. Use the number clues in the story with the picture clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

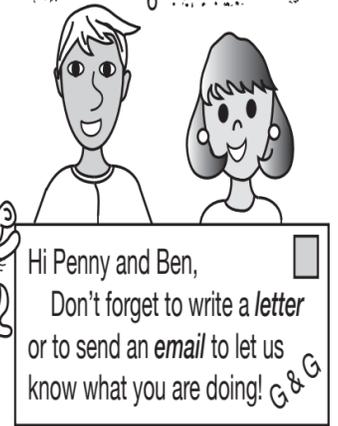


Fill in the puzzle below with

more nouns from the story:



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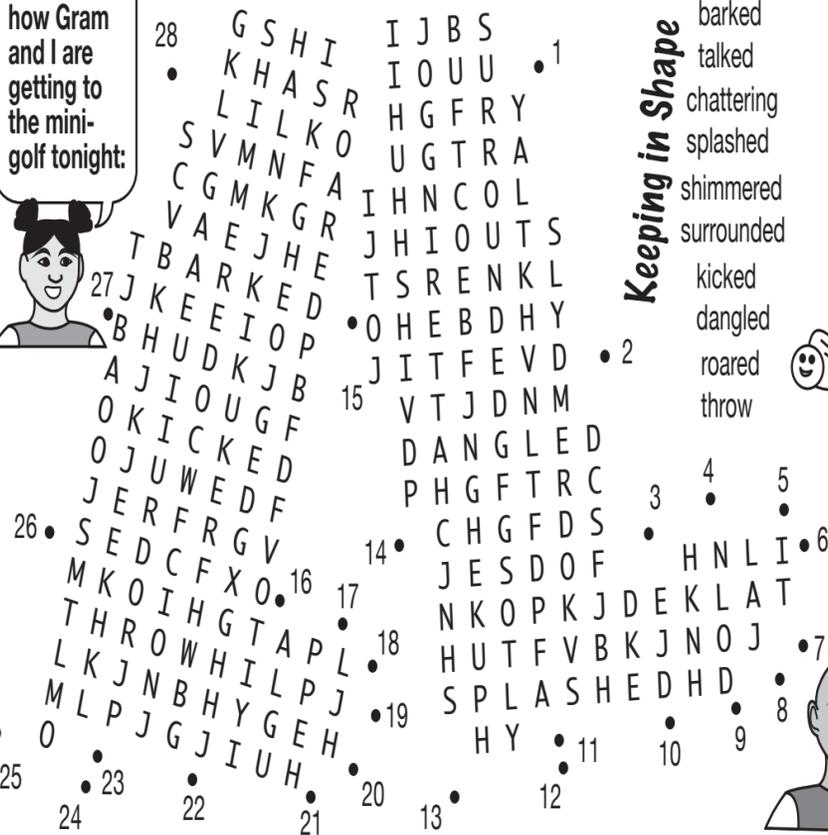


Hi Penny and Ben, Don't forget to write a **letter** or to send an **email** to let us know what you are doing! G & G

Follow the dots to see how Gram and I are getting to the mini-golf tonight:



Penny and Ben's story has lots of action. The words that show **action** are called **verbs**. Can you find and circle these verbs?



### Keeping in Shape

- barked
- talked
- chattering
- splashed
- shimmered
- surrounded
- kicked
- dangled
- roared
- throw

Sometimes when we write a story we want to use different words that mean the same thing or almost the same thing. These words are called **synonyms**. Can you match each word to another that means the same?

### Nouns

(words that name a person, place or thing)

- 1. game
- 2. monster
- 3. detective
- 4. clown
- 5. squirt gun

Grandma and I like to play word games!



I enjoy reading stories that Meg writes in her emails to me.

### Verbs (action words)

- 1. play
- 2. frighten
- 3. follow
- 4. laugh
- 5. squirt
- A. track
- B. compete
- C. scare
- D. spray
- E. chuckle

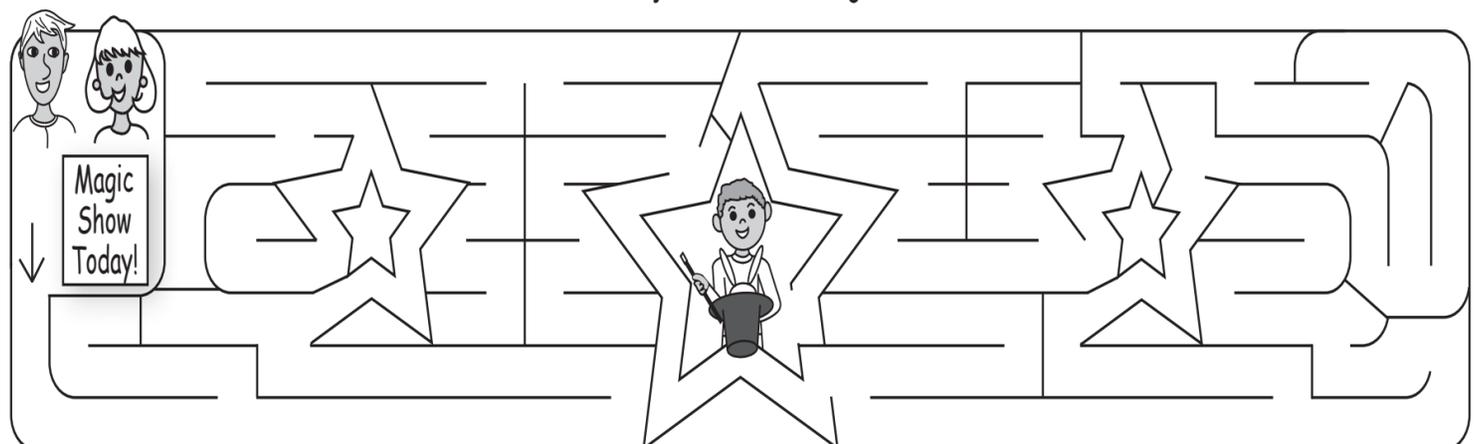
Let's see... fishing, playing catch...



Grandpa and I like action. We are going to race go-carts.

## A Little Family Magic

Ben has been learning and practicing magic skills all summer. Grandma and Grandpa are going to his afternoon show. Can you lead them through the maze to the star where Ben is the star of the show?





**ORDINANCE 696 - ATTENDANCE REQ'S FOR TOWN OF RANGELY**

**• BID REQUEST •**

**Ordinance 696 (2021)**  
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTIONS, WITHIN TITLE 2 REQUIRING AT LEAST 80 % PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS AT ALL REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS  
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rangely ("Council") determined to schedule a public hearing to obtain public input about requiring minimum in-person attendance for the mayor and members of the board of trustees; and  
WHEREAS, public hearings were held on July 13, 2021, and August 10, 2021 by the Council at the Rangely Town Hall with public notice thereof having been given in the Rio Blanco Herald Times newspaper on July 8th, 2021 and August 5th, 2021; and  
WHEREAS, while the board of trustees understands the time constraints and sacrifices made by the mayor and trustees in order to serve as mayor and/or trustee, the reality is also that without in-person presence at regular and special board meetings, citizens' opportunities to have input to the council in open sessions is curtailed, Town staff are limited in being able to fully understand the policy guidance of the board when not all members are present in person, and the burden of decision-making can unfairly fall on those physically attending meetings; and  
WHEREAS, the effective operation of the board depends on the regular in-person attendance of the mayor and each board member; and  
WHEREAS, effective September 10, 2021, attendance of the mayor and members of the Town board of trustees at regular and special meetings will be regulated by these provisions of the Rangely Municipal Code; and  
WHEREAS, the Council has duly considered the input given at such hearings by the public; and  
WHEREAS, these ordinance additions are based on the testimony received, the advice of Town staff and the experience of members of the Council.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO:  
1. For most efficient and fair process of governance by the Board, and for the reasons stated above, and thus for the general health, welfare and safety of the citizens, the Town staff and members of the board of trustees, the BOARD FINDS AND DETERMINES that the members of the board of trustees, including the mayor, in order to govern effectively, must meet certain specified in-person (not via telephone or other virtual means) attendance minimums, as set forth below.  
2. A new section 2.08.035, titled "Mayoral Attendance Requirements" is hereby adopted, to read:  
A. Each calendar year and each twelve consecutive months, the mayor is required to attend in-person no less than eighty percent (80%) of all regular and special meetings, and if the mayor is not in attendance in person for more than two consecutive regular or special meetings, the mayor shall be deemed to be in violation of this ordinance.  
B. Pursuant to C.R.S. 31-4-307, by a majority vote of all members of the board of trustees, a mayor may be removed from office, including for violation of the preceding subsection 2.08.035 A.  
C. The Town Clerk shall notify all members of the board, including the mayor, when her or his records show a violation ofRMC 2.08.035 A.  
D. Upon receipt of such a notice from the Town Clerk, the mayor or any member of the board of trustees shall schedule for the next available regular meeting the question of whether or not the mayor shall be removed from his/her office for violation ofRMC 2.08.035 A .  
E. The said notice from the Town Clerk shall be deemed to be the 'charge' referred to in C.R.S. 31-4-307.  
F. The board shall not vote to remove a mayor until the mayor has had an opportunity to be heard on the question.  
G. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this section, the board of trustees may authorize absences of the mayor, in the board's discretion, that would otherwise constitute violation(s) of this ordinance.  
3. A new section 2.08.025, titled "Trustee Attendance Requirements" is hereby adopted, to read:  
A. Each calendar year and each twelve consecutive months, each member of the board of trustees is required to attend in person no less than eighty percent (80%) of all regular and special meetings, and a trustee who is not in attendance in person at more than two consecutive regular or special meetings is deemed to be in violation of this ordinance.  
B. Pursuant to C.R.S. 31-4-307, by a majority vote of all members of the board of trustees, a board member may be removed from office, including for violation of the preceding subsection 2.08.025 A.  
C. The Town Clerk shall notify all members of the board, including the mayor, when her or his records show a violation ofRMC 2.08.025 A.  
D. Upon receipt of such a notice from the Town Clerk, the mayor or any member of the board of trustees shall schedule for the next available regular meeting the question of whether or not the subject board member shall be removed from his/her office for violation ofRMC 2.08.025 A .  
E. The said notice from the Town Clerk shall be deemed to be the 'charge' referred to in C.R.S. 31-4-307.  
F. The board shall not vote to remove a board member until the subject board member has had an opportunity to be heard on the question.  
G. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this section, the board of trustees may authorize absences of any board member, in the board's discretion, that would otherwise constitute violation(s) of this ordinance.  
4. The following provisions are also hereby adopted:  
A. If any part of this ordinance is invalidated for any reason, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.  
B. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after publication following final passage.  
-End of text of Ordinance-  
The said Board of Trustees, also known as the Town Council, hereby deems it appropriate to publish the title of this ordinance which summarizes the ordinance and hereby gives notice that the entire text is available for public inspection and acquisition in the office of the Town Clerk.  
INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED ON FIRST READING AT ITS REGULAR MEETING THIS 13th DAY OF JULY 2021 BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO.  
/s/ Andy Shaffer  
Andy Shaffer, Mayor  
Attest:  
/s/ Marybel Cox  
Marybel Cox, Town Clerk  
INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AFTER PUBLIC HEARING AT ITS REGULAR MEETING THIS 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2021, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO.  
/s/ Andy Shaffer  
Andy Shaffer, Mayor  
Attest:  
/s/ Marybel Cox  
Marybel Cox, Town Clerk  
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**  
Sealed BIDS for construction of the Town of Rangely Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, New Headworks, will be received by the Town of Rangely at Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado, 81648, until 3:00 pm, Monday, October 4, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.  
The project generally consists of construction of a new headworks building rated for 1.0 MGD max. daily flow, installation of a pre-purchased Huber primary treatment package plant, new influent and effluent wet wells and piping, site work and grading, electrical equipment installation, HVAC equipment installation, and all associated process piping, wiring and controls. The Town reserves the right to modify quantities or not award.  
Time is of the essence, so Contractor 's estimated start and completion dates will be considered along with bid price. A Bid Bond will be required. Performance and Payment Bonds equal to 100% of the bid amount will be required upon contract award. Successful bidder must have at least 10 years of experience providing general contractor services for municipal wastewater treatment projects, and provide General Liability insurance of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, Umbrella Liability insurance of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$1,000,000 aggregate, and Workers Compensation of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000. Please provide a partial portfolio with sealed bid, demonstrating requisite experience.  
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A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 11:00am, Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at the Town of Rangely Town Hall located at 209 E. Main Street (Hwy 64) in Rangely, Colorado. All questions pertaining to the project shall be directed to Jocelyn Mullen, PE through email at jmullen@rangelyco.gov no later than September 28, 2021 at 3pm.  
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