



Meeker High School senior Gabe Richardson and MHS art instructor Ben Quinn with their Smoking River Brewing Company "Sasquatch" cornhole board designs for the upcoming HopeWest cornhole tournament fundraiser.

COURTESY PHOTO

HopeWest cornhole tournament fundraiser this Saturday, Sept. 25

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I From horseshoes to lawn darts, croquet to badminton, backyard games have long been a part of backyard entertainment. In recent years, "cornhole" has skyrocketed in popularity. This simple backyard game that anyone can play now has professional leagues, big prize money, and devoted fans.

Locally we've seen tournaments at public events like Septemberfest and Meekerpalooza, and HopeWest will host a cornhole tournament this Saturday at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds for its annual fundraiser. But where did cornhole come from?

The origins of the game are a little murky. Some trace its birthplace as far back as 14th century Germany. Other reports give credit to the Blackhawk tribe in Illinois, while others say it was invented by a Kentucky farmer named Jebediah McGillicuddy in the 1800s. An official patent application filed in 1883 for a game apparatus to play "parlor quoits" looks suspiciously like a cornhole board. The game has been a popular pastime at football tailgate parties for years, particularly in the mid-West.

For the uninitiated, the rules of the game (from the American Cornhole Association, playcornhole.org) are fairly simple. Games consist of innings. An inning comes to a close after all contestants have tossed four bags. Points are earned by tossing the bag from a specified distance toward the board and getting the bag through the hole (a bag-in-the-hole or cornhole) or at least landing it on the board (a bag-in-the-count or woody). When one team reaches 21 points, that team is declared the winner.

The HopeWest Meeker Cornhole Tournament starts Saturday at 11 a.m. and is the organization's big fundraiser this year. Team registration (for a team of two) is \$100. Tickets for spectators and the Happy Hour receptions are \$30. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at hopewestco.org/cornhole/. For sponsorship information or questions contact Solveig at 970-878-9383.

There will be appetizers, a live and silent auction, live music, and activities and prizes for kids during the reception from 4-6 p.m. Items to be auctioned include six cornhole board sets created by local artists, and four tickets to the Oct. 3 Broncos game against the Ravens. See ad on PAGE 2 for more event info.

HT studio ready for action

BY LUCAS TURNER
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RBC I After almost an entire year of grant writing (thanks especially to the Town of Meeker for the original grant that allowed us to get this project rolling), planning, testing, building, setup, lighting checks, camera configurations, rearranging, and maybe even a few tears, our podcast and live-streaming studio is ready for action.

Those who follow the HT on Facebook may already



The live-streaming and podcasting studio at the Herald Times building is officially set up and ready to roll.

NIKI TURNER PHOTO

know about the studio and what it can be used for. "We really built this to be a collaborative community space," HT journalist Lucas Turner said. So, if you have an idea for a podcast, want to create a professionally-produced live-stream for your business or event, need photos in front of a green screen, or are just looking to fulfill a childhood dream of being a DJ, this is the space for you.

The first talk show/podcast being recorded in the studio, aside from the HT weekly newscast, is "Cowboy Coffee With Coaches," which covers and promotes Meeker High School sports.

Hosts Bobby Gutierrez, Tiffany Jehorek and Rich Klinzmann record episodes each week, featuring the latest stats and scores from ongoing sports seasons, interviews with coaches, an "athlete of the week" and a preview of upcoming competitions.

If you're a voracious reader of the HT sports page, be sure to check out new episodes of Cowboy Coffee with Coaches on the [Herald Times Facebook page @ht.1885](http://HeraldTimesFacebookpage@ht.1885).

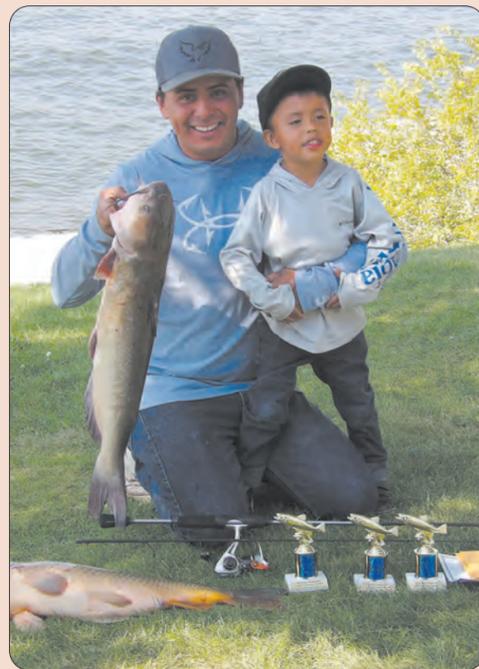
You can also tune in to our weekly newscast, live every Thursday at approximately 6 p.m. on the Rio Blanco Herald Times Facebook page.

For more information about the new live streaming and podcast studio, email lucas@ht1885.com

Happy Autumn!

The autumnal equinox, which was officially yesterday, Sept. 22, is the halfway point between the longest and shortest days of the year.

JACKPOT DERBY ...



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

(Top) Manny and 3-year-old Alexander Rodriguez of Rifle, Colorado, were the big winners at the third annual 4-H Jackpot Fishing Derby held on Septemberfest Sunday in Rangely to benefit 4-H. Young Alexander hauled in a 9.5 lb., 27.5 inch long channel catfish from Kenney Reservoir, good enough to win the longest and heaviest single fish division. The father and son team were also the heaviest stringer division winners weighing in 27 lbs. of fish for the 2021 derby.

(Bottom) Brian Fortunato slayed the small-mouth bass, winning a kayak for his 19 lb. heaviest bass stringer. The Panther Country 4-H Club would like to thank Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, Big D's, Fromang Farms, Giovanni's Italian Grill, 5R Mobile Slaughter and Colorado Parks and Wildlife for being event partners this year.

COVID update: 29 new cases, one hospitalization, one death

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RBC I For the week of Sept. 13-19, 2021, Rio Blanco County Public Health is reporting 29 new COVID-19 cases and one new hospital admission, as well as one death. There have been 876 total cases reported in RBC to date.

Active outbreaks have been reported. Total, six Rio Blanco County residents have died and 68 have been admitted to the hospital (defined as at least an overnight admission, not just an emergency room visit.)

Approximately 42.6% of the eligible population in RBC have received at least one vaccination dose.

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COUNTY BEAT



By **LUCAS TURNER**
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RBC Commissioners Ty Gates and Gary Moyer met Tuesday, Sept. 21, to discuss the following business.

BUDGET

Budget and Finance Director Janae Stanworth updated the board ahead of the fast-approaching 2022 budget season. With the proposed budget set for release on Oct. 12, county staff and elected officials were asked to submit any proposals for new projects to be included in upcoming budget workshop discussions.

Proposed for next year are a CAD upgrade for the Sheriff's Office, capital improvements for IT and communications, facilities, and airports among others. A few projects will carryover from the 2021 budget, including Meeker Airport stormwater work, which was delayed due to problems procuring materials.

Stanworth highlighted that assessed valuations for 2021 dropped by \$66 million, representing about a \$605K decrease in revenue for the county in 2022. The majority of the drop is connected to declining industry/oil and gas activity in the area.

Some county departments may have to

prioritize and identify areas to cut in the coming weeks due to the funding shortage. Discussions about those cuts are likely to take place in budget workshops.

Declining revenues may be offset somewhat by the county's Federal Mineral Lease allocation, which increased to just over \$1 million this year, up from \$599K in 2020. Following a multi-year trend, Oil & Gas Severance payments on the other hand decreased significantly this year to \$34K, down from about \$335K in 2020.

Other items during the budget update included a mention of \$614K American Rescue Plan funds, which have not been allocated for anything specific yet. ARP funds can only be used for certain purposes, one of which might be proposed broadband infrastructure improvements.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STUDY

Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Northwest Regional Manager Dan Hlavac pitched the concept of switching RBC to a different management structure, which would involve hiring a County Administrator. Hlavac noted that all but one other county in the region (Moffat) have county administrators.

He said the model would be "more streamlined," allowing department heads to report to one person, who then reports to the board. The shift would also free up commissioners from more day-to-day administrative work.

Both commissioners in attendance (Gates and Moyer) expressed interest in the idea. Upon approval by the board, DOLA will bring in experts to oversee a 3-6 month study of county operations, and create a job description for the administrator position. DOLA will also assist in recruitment, and contribute a percentage of the administrator's salary for the first 3 years. Commissioners Gates and Moyer both said they'd be ready to get the matter on an agenda and will likely vote to approve the study process soon.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Public Health Director Alice Harvey shared statistics from RBC's improved COVID-19 update dashboard which features local information on case rates, hospitalizations, breakthrough cases and more. The dashboard now includes statistics on where residents who tested positive contracted the virus, such as at work, at home, or otherwise.

As of press time the latest data shows a steep increase in case rates in recent weeks, with the majority of new cases being reported in Rangely. Among reported cases, 10% have required hospitalization.

In the long term, RBC has had 875 total cases, of which 35 are "breakthrough cases"—meaning they were confirmed in people who

were vaccinated. Harvey noted that of the 35 breakthrough cases, only two were hospitalized, one of which was out of caution due to multiple comorbidities.

Harvey emphasized that local vaccine and case data reflects the worldwide data, indicating the vaccines are effective at preventing new cases, and even more effective at preventing severe illness and death. According to the latest statewide data, vaccinated people are 3.5 times less likely to contract COVID, 8.1 times less likely to be hospitalized, and 5.8 times less likely to die from the disease.

Harvey also shared statistics on vaccine safety. Of more than 380 million doses administered in the United States, medical investigations have found:

- two cases of blood clots following mRNA vaccinations (0.000005%)
- 46 confirmed reports of blood clots after Johnson & Johnson vaccinations (0.00001%)
- 854 reports of myocarditis or pericarditis (cardiac inflammation) - (0.0002%)

It is still unclear whether noted cases of myocarditis/pericarditis are caused by vaccinations, though medical researchers say there is some correlative evidence. A study published in early August tracking patients who developed myocarditis/pericarditis after vaccination indicated that patients' symptoms resolved themselves or improved after 2-3 days. As of the latest updates, no one who has developed either syndrome has died.

BLM HQ heading back to Washington, D.C. Western headquarters in Grand Junction will be 'expanded'

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland outlined steps that the Department plans to take to rebuild and strengthen the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) following years of transition and upheaval among the workforce. These changes, which will be done in coordination with Congress, will improve the function of the bureau, help provide clarity for the BLM's more than 7,000 employees across the country, maintain and increase access for stakeholders, and

enable the bureau to better serve the American public and fulfill its mission as the steward of nearly one-fifth of the nation's public lands.

In a meeting with BLM employees, Secretary Haaland announced her intention to restore the BLM national headquarters to Washington, D.C., ensuring the bureau has a presence in the nation's capital. Under this plan, the BLM's current presence in Grand Junction, will expand as the bureau's official Western headquarters. This office will reinforce western perspectives in decision-making and have an important role to

play in the bureau's clean energy, outdoor recreation, conservation, and scientific missions, among other important work as a leadership center in the West.

"The Bureau of Land Management is critical to the nation's efforts to address the climate crisis, expand public access to our public lands, and preserve our nation's shared outdoor heritage. It is imperative that the bureau have the appropriate structure and resources to serve the American public," said Secretary Haaland. "There's no doubt that the BLM should have a leadership presence in Washington, D.C. — like

all the other land management agencies — to ensure that it has access to the policy-, budget-, and decision-making levers to best carry out its mission. In addition, the BLM's robust presence in Colorado and across the West will continue to grow."

"The past several years have been incredibly disruptive to the organization, to our public servants, and to their families. As we move forward, my priority is to revitalize and rebuild the BLM so that it can meet the pressing challenges of our time, and to look out for our employees' well-being," added Secretary Haaland.

The Department

intends to locate the Bureau Director and other key leadership positions in the national headquarters where they can ensure coordination with Congress, other federal agencies, and stakeholders that visit Washington, D.C. Additional senior personnel will operate from the Western headquarters, as part of the more than 95 percent of BLM employees that are already located outside of Washington, D.C.

The Secretary visited Grand Junction in July, and pledged to provide clarity and direction.

The Department plans to take a number of additional steps, in coordination with leaders in

Congress, to ensure that the BLM is best positioned to serve the American public. This includes establishing a new BLM Foundation—as authorized in legislation—to support the bureau's efforts and to help build new partnerships. The BLM will strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Indian Tribes by supporting Tribal Liaisons in each state. The BLM will also seek to improve coordination and capacity to implement clean energy projects.

The previous administration relocated the BLM headquarters to Grand Junction, Colorado, a move that failed to deliver promised jobs across the West and drove hundreds of people out of the agency. Of the 328 positions moved out of Washington, D.C., only 41 of the affected people relocated, with three moving to Grand Junction. This led to a significant loss of institutional memory and talent. The headquarters transition will be conducted with a goal of minimizing further disruption to employees and their families. Outside of the aforementioned core leadership positions, the BLM does not plan to require employees to relocate

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@ RBC Fairgrounds

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NEWS NOTES

MACC art school

MEEKER | Thursday Art School, hosted by the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council, is back! Kids ages 5-14 can attend every other Thursday for fun projects and a snack! Art schools are scheduled for Sept. 30, Oct. 14 and 28, and Nov 4 and 11 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Culture Center at 517 Park Avenue. Cost is \$10 per child. Visit meeker-artsandculture.org for more info.

Community choir

MEEKER | Practice for the Meeker Community Choir's Christmas performance starts Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Meeker High School. All interested in singing are welcome to participate.

Library book club

MEEKER | The Meeker Library book club will be reading "The Blue Zones of Happiness" by Dan Buettner. We will discuss the book on Monday, October 11th at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Suicide prevention and awareness training

MEEKER | Learn about QPR: Question, Persuade and Refer—the three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide—at a free training event Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 4 to 5 p.m. at Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road. Just as people trained in CPR at the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to help. Called 970-756-8500 or 970-878-7417 with questions.

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GO DOG GO ...



Rob Baughman's dog Ranger was invited to sit in a Bentley by the vehicle's owner Todd Coody of Tulsa, Oklahoma, when the Colorado Grand was in town last week. Story and more photos on page 6.

ROB BAUGHMAN PHOTO

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Sooner or later everyone sits down to a banquet of consequences.

~ Robert Louis Stevenson

Hard lessons

By NIKI TURNER
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Why is this such a hard lesson, one we have to learn over and over again throughout our lifetimes? It starts when we're children, learning about touching hot stoves and going too fast downhill on a bike. By adulthood, hopefully we've learned not to touch the hot stove and how to ride a bike without ending up with road rash, but the learning doesn't stop there (or at least it shouldn't stop there). Every decision we make will eventually, as Stevenson wrote, reveal its consequences, for better or worse.

Life comes with enough unexpected plot twists that aren't earned, welcomed or deserved. You'd think that would make us want to avoid the kind of choices that lead to a banquet of yuck, but apparently that's not how humans work. Can we do better? Probably. Will we do better? That remains to be seen.

KAYE'S CORNER

Yellowstone National Park

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER For a week in September, we had the joy of visiting our country's oldest national park, Yellowstone, established in 1872. Prior visits have always been fun but this one included a reunion with my siblings whom I rarely see.

Some visitors feel the famous "Old Faithful" geyser is the best feature of the park. Indeed, it is still lovely and reliable, gushing about every 90 minutes. These days, it is also overrun with tourists, traffic and tour buses.

Other geyser areas have unique and interesting water eruptions too even if you have to be more patient to watch the water flow. Most of the other geysers have a less predictable eruption schedule. And there are pools of multicolored waters.

My favorite is "Morning Glory Pool" that I recall from a childhood visit. It took a three mile hike to see it, but Morning Glory is no longer primarily blue. Instead it is an interesting combination of green, yellow, and blue colors. Still remarkable, just not the color it used to be.

The park offers far more than geysers. Wildlife roam all over including a large bison herd, elk, deer, bears and wolves. The re-introduction of wolves to the park is considered quite successful and helped balance the natural ecosystem.

Yellowstone Falls are spectacular in

a deep canyon and still have lots of water. You who fish would enjoy Yellowstone Lake and the many rivers where brown, brook, rainbow and lake trout are plentiful.

Hiking is also popular with more than 1,000 trails in the park that includes more than two million acres. For the fitter of you, there are also backcountry trails. For us slow pokes, paths around all the geysers and popular visitor sites are available.

You might recall that Yellowstone had a huge wildfire in 1988 that burned 36% of the park. This was back in the days when wildfires were considered natural and left to burn. Those policies got challenged but as we all know, restraining and containing any wildfire is rarely easy.

You will be happy to know the burned area in the park is looking much better and new twenty year growth is evident everywhere. In the end, that huge fire rejuvenated the eco system and wildlife health although many burned tree trunks still tell the story.

Last year, even with Covid, 3.8 million people visited Yellowstone and 2021 visits are expected to be the highest ever. As you may know, many of our national parks are getting loved to death with more tourists than lodging, roads, and eateries can handle. Various strategies have been employed in recent years including shuttle buses to mitigate parking problems and capping daily



Kaye Sullivan

visitor access. It is not an easy challenge to solve. Most national parks have tiny, two lane roads and limited lodging. If you look at the motels, campgrounds, and trails in many parks, they are the same today as many years ago. National parks are all about preservation, not infrastructure growth.

In reading about its establishment, I was intrigued to learn that declaring this a protected spot was highly contested. Locals felt they would lose business opportunities and control of local lands. The whole thought of public lands was novel back then. Likewise, Tetons and Yosemite, for example, faced similar fights to become protected.

Although residents of the United States might have a great reverence for our national parks, that doesn't always include their establishment or continued funding. Many of our parks are desperate to repair and maintain existing buildings, roads, and hiking paths.

I love our national parks and have visited many of them. The folks that manage our parks face many challenges today that are not easily solved. I salute you for hanging in there and protecting our public lands.

My hope is that my grandchildren can enjoy our national parks in healthy conditions as I have.

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

- MODERNA (18+) & PFIZER (12+)

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Call (970) 878-9525 with questions.

MEEKER CLINICS

Fairfield Center Walk-In (200 Main St.)

- MODERNA (18+) Thursdays, 12-5:30 p.m.
- PFIZER (12+) Fridays 2-4 p.m.

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• WHAT ABOUT BOOSTER SHOTS?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to Corner Market crew

Dear Editor:
Thank you to Mac, Norma and the crew at the new Corner Market at the Hwy. 13 and 64 intersection. They provided the walkway mats for the gravel pathway from the parking area into the Meeker Classic 2021 main event area. We all appreciate someone that can make our path smoother.

Thank you,
Wes Eubanks
Meeker

Merz running for school district

Dear Editor:
My name is Tonya Merz and I would like to take a moment and introduce myself as a candidate for the Meeker School Board. Meeker has been my family's home for the last six years. I live here with my husband of 17 years, Chris, and our two boys Garrett (13) and Samuel (9). I grew up on my family's farm along the Northern Front Range and I am a graduate of Colorado State University with a Master of Agriculture. I have 20 years of business experience ranging from shell egg grading to developing and coordinating a national on-boarding program. I know the value of giving back and therefore volunteer within several different community organizations. At the present time our oldest son is an eighth grader at Barone Middle School and I homeschool our youngest son who is in the fourth grade. I have experience within private, charter, public and homeschooling programs.

Of course the natural question asked is "why" I am running as a candidate for the Meeker School Board. In summary my candidacy is based on preserving freedom and personal choice, which are values that I believe Meeker holds dear and I seek to protect. If you look at various towns and counties not far from our doorstep you will see changes that are concerning. Granted these changes may not have made it to Meeker yet, however, it will take the sheepdogs of our community to keep the wolves at bay.

I look forward to more discussion over the next several weeks in person, via the newspaper, and the upcoming candidate forum. In addition, please feel free to email me at tmerz4meeker@gmail.com with specific questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Tonya Merz
Meeker

Thanks from Rangely museum

Dear Editor:
To the Rangely community: Another EPIC Septemberfest 2021! A big thank you to Tim Webber and the Western Rio

Blanco Park and Rec. District crew! This event is always a big win every year. We at the museum have a big thank you list and please know that we can not hold the Ice Cream Social without your help and how much it is appreciated. A big shout out to the Town of Rangely crew who prepared the East End Park, board member Mike Miller who again donated the prize money and helped with crowd control and our safety plan, Jarrod Fiscus for the entertainment, Cheryl Roberson who donated money for the supplies. Julia Davis ran the main building sales and sign-ins, staff member Brenda Hopson and her husband Roland for all the help with set-up and tear down, and Keith and Sara Peterson and their boys along with Lyndsey Blake who ran the greeting and sign-in table, managing the crowd and monitoring our safety plan. Keith Peterson also

graciously agreed to be my MC and did a marvelous job. Bill Hume, of Nichols Store, donated ice and ice cream, Belinda at White River Market donated supplies. Thanks to the judges, who will remain anonymous, for their tasting skill and deciding the winning flavor. René Harden was the first place winner with a flavor called Tropical and also the second place winner with Banana Nut. Chole Noel was the third place winner with Root Beer Float. The Ice Cream Social was well attended again this year. We had approximately 258 people attend and enjoy some ice cream, lemonade, great weather and better company.

Best regards,
Diana Sizemore
Rangely Outdoor
Museum
Director

OPINION

Veteran's voice

By WESLEY EUBANKS

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I believe the greatest threat to our nation is the unwillingness of the current administration to stop the uncontrolled influx of unvaccinated, unvetted people across our southern border who are being transported throughout our nation. FY2020 — 345,880, FY 2021 — 1,472,655. That's an increase of 325.8% It would be illogical to assume that none of these people work for the drug cartels or that none of the thousands of unvaccinated, unvetted evacuees from Afghanistan are Taliban or Al Qaeda. All veterans swore a solemn oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic. That oath has no expiration date.

OPINION

It's time to stop shipping water across the Rockies

By DAVID O. WILLIAMS
Writers on the Range



David Williams

RBC It was 1952 when the cities of Aurora and Colorado Springs first started gobbling up water rights in a remote, high mountain valley on the state's Western Slope. The valley is called Homestake, and now, those same cities want even more of its pure water.

In western Colorado, where only about 20% of Colorado's population lives, all water tries to flow toward the Pacific Ocean. On the east side, where most people live, water flows to the Atlantic. To bring the water from the west side to the east side of the Rockies requires lots of money and lots of pipelines.

But money isn't much of a barrier when your population is exploding: Colorado Springs, with 478,961 residents, and Aurora, with 386,261, need more water. And they aim to get it even if it must cross under the Continental Divide and damage a fragile and ancient wetland called a "fen" in the process.

The new reservoir the two cities plan to build would be five miles downstream from their existing Homestake Reservoir, and called Whitney Reservoir after a creek that flows into Homestake Creek. There's also a Whitney Park within the nearby Holy Cross Wilderness Area, which could lose some 500 acres if the new reservoir goes through.

But protesters are already active, and conservation groups are threatening lawsuits. Meanwhile, the cities have already quietly begun test drilling at four possible dam sites on U.S. Forest Service land along Homestake Creek.

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The Homestake Creek wetlands are pictured above. A potential reservoir planned for Colorado Springs and Aurora could decimate this fragile and ancient ecosystem known as a “fen.”

JOHN FIELDER COURTESY PHOTO

WATER: no more to the Front Range

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Obstacles, however, are popping up. The Forest Service says it won't even consider a reservoir proposal that shrinks a wilderness area, and the cities would have to get that approval from both Congress and the White House.

The U.S. congressman for the district, rising Democratic star Joe Neguse, has also made it clear he doesn't support shrinking a designated wilderness or damaging wetlands. Local leaders are also chiming in: “A Whitney Reservoir would irreparably change and harm our community,” said Mintum Mayor John Wideman and Red Cliff Mayor Duke Gerber, who co-wrote a letter to the Forest Service. Both represent small towns dependent on tourism and outdoor recreation.

State Sen. Kerry Donovan, a Democrat who grew up in the nearby ski town of Vail, also wrote the Forest Service to oppose the dam: “I cannot express how sternly the citizens of my district ... oppose water diversion projects to Front Range communities.”

Another issue, and for some it's the most critical, is the fate of valuable “fen”

wetlands that would be destroyed by a dam and reservoir. “This is one of the finest wetlands we can find on our forest — it's unbelievable,” White River National Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams told Aspen Journalism in 2019. “You can mitigate, but you can't replace 10,000 years of work.”

Nor can you turn the clock back to 1952, when Colorado's population was 1.36 million, compared to 5.7 million today, and the global land and ocean temperature was 1.52 degrees Fahrenheit cooler. Climate change, scientists say, will cause the Colorado River to lose up to 31% of its historical flow by 2052. That prediction was a factor in a recent, first-ever federal water shortage declaration.

“When Colorado Springs and Aurora got their water right, the [Holy Cross] wilderness wasn't there and wetlands at that time were something we were just filling in,” said Jerry Mallett, president of the local conservation group Colorado Headwaters. “Since then (wetlands) have become an extremely valuable resource because of what they can do for groundwater recharge, addressing climate change —

all kinds of things.”

Then there's the issue of Kentucky bluegrass, Colorado's landscaping groundcover of choice. Kentucky gets more than 50 inches of rain a year compared to the Front Range average of 17, so why pump western Colorado's high-elevation water through the Rockies for lawns?

Colorado photographer and conservationist John Fielder, who says he's been just about everywhere within the nearly 123,000-acre Holy Cross Wilderness Area, wants people to just look at his images of the fen wetlands along Homestake Creek, and then ask themselves these questions:

“Is anything more sublime and fertile and life-giving than a 10,000-or-more-year-old fen wetland? You can't “mitigate” the loss of ancient wetlands by creating a manmade wet place somewhere else. No more water to the Front Range.”

David O. Williams is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is a freelance writer and journalist, realvail.com, who lives near Vail, Colorado.

OBITUARY

Donna Mae (Vesely) Stewart

May 29, 1934 ~ Sept. 15, 2021

Donna Mae (Vesely) Stewart, 87, of Rangely, Colorado, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021. She was born on May 29, 1934, to Frank and Mabel Vesely on their homestead in a beautiful valley between Clark, Colorado, and Hahns Peak, Colorado, in a small log cabin. She was the firstborn of four children: Donna, Darrell, Delores and Darwin. She spent her early school years in a one room school in Hahns Peak. During the winter months she often boarded with the teacher as the snow was too deep to travel in. The family later moved to Craig, Colorado, where Donna graduated high school in 1951.

Donna married the love of her life, Alvin Stewart on July 6, 1951, in Billings, Montana. They have six children. Eddie (Sharon), Lynda (Brad), Mike (Tammie), Steven (Grace), Kevin (Jeanine), and Randy (Maxine). They have 18 grandchildren and 30-plus great-grandchildren.

Donna enjoyed sewing, crocheting, reading and embroidery. She also had a lot of fun riding her Honda Odyssey. Donna enjoyed watching the hummingbirds at her feeder. She also loved little horny toads, and would catch one



Donna Stewart

whenever possible. She always turned them loose later.

Donna worked at the Rangely Post Office and was Postmaster

in Dinosaur for a time. She became the office manager when they opened the family welding and machine shop in 1977.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of over 50 years, Alvin, and by her brother Darrell.

Donna was a faithful Christian lady and will spend her eternity in Heaven. It is said that on the timeline of eternity our lives are only a dot and what we do with that dot is what counts. Our wonderful mother and grandmother really made her dot in time count. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Grace Baptist Church (188 South Stanolind Ave., Rangely). A Visitation will be held from 9:45-10:45 a.m. at the church. Interment will be in the Rangely Cemetery. Online condolences may be shared at www.AshleyValleyFuneralHome.com.

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Colorado Grand returns to Meeker

BY TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER In its 33rd year, 32 years of actually running due to COVID, The Colorado Grand returned to Meeker. “Meeker is one of our favorite stops,” commented Heather Greene of Eagle, Colorado.

“I am always the first one to leave in the morning as I need to coordinate lunch and make sure all the arrangements are complete, but not when we come to Meeker, it is always organized and ready to go,” said Eddie O'Brien, community liaison with The Colorado Grand.

This year the Lions Club and HopeWest served lunch on the courthouse lawn.

O'Brien, who drives a cherry red 427 Cobra imported from Tokyo, said “everyone has a story about their cars. My car was owned by a gentleman in Tokyo, but it was illegal to actually drive the car in Japan, so he would load it up on a trailer, drive out of town, run it a bit, load it back up and take it home.” 21 years ago that gentleman was forced to sell his 427 Cobra and O'Brien purchased it and shipped it to the states.

Typically there are 15+ countries represented in the grand, but with COVID, this year most are from England and the United States.

As The Grand tours the state it is escorted by the Colorado State Patrol and Mercedes. Mercedes provides support, mechanics, and even cars if some-

one needs something to drive while theirs is being repaired.

In each location that The Grand visits they donate to local groups and provide a scholarship. This year they will be donating \$7.2 million dollars to Colorado, most of which will go to the Colorado State Patrol Fallen Officers fund. Meeker will be receiving \$14,000 that will go to the Lions Club for their various projects and \$8,500 for a scholarship that will be awarded to a student attending school at an instate college. The information on the scholarship will be announced later in the year by the Lions Club.

Greene talked about how much they appreciated Meeker, and how Meeker was once home to the largest indoor car show in Colorado. A few years ago as the cars traveled to Meeker, winter weather hit, and Sheriff Anthony Mazzola quickly moved the car show to the indoor arena.

“All of our drivers were thrilled and very impressed with how quickly Meeker adapted, and it instantly became a favorite location,” said O'Brien.

When the drivers pulled out of Meeker they were headed to Grand Junction for the evening.

“We won't have a formal event, but word gets out fast that we are in town, and we just love to talk about our cars, and we get quite a crowd,” commented Greene.

The Colorado Grand is the final event in the United States for the fall, and once the drivers are done they will return home.



The Colorado Grand came through town last Thursday, stopping for lunch and delivering more than \$20,000 in donations and scholarship funds.

TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTOS

2021 Rio Blanco County Fair Results: Part 1



Thanks to RBC Extension staff for compiling these results, and great job to everyone who made the Rio Blanco County centennial fair a success, and extra adorable (above.) Look for more results in next week's edition.

KIM EKSTROM PHOTO

Provided by RBC Extension Office

CHAMPION ANIMALS

Beef: Grand Champion - Corbin Lucero
Reserve Champion - Kaden Franklin
Sheep: Grand Champion - Ryann Mergelman
Reserve Champion - Tatum Kennedy
Goat: Grand Champion - Nick Gates
Reserve Champion - Cienna Rogers
Swine: Grand Champion - Ryann Mergelman
Reserve Champion - Kastyn Dembowski
Poultry: Grand Champion - Hayden Garcia
Reserve Champion - Drake Miller
Rabbit: Grand Champion - Hayden Garcia
Reserve Champion - Dawn Arnold

CHAMPION SHOWMANSHIP

Beef: Senior Grand Champion - Corbin Lucero
Senior Reserve Champion - Kastyn Dembowski
Intermediate Grand Champion - Charlie Rogers
Intermediate Reserve Champion - Leah Wood
Junior Grand Champion - Mollee Vroman
Junior Reserve Champion - Brooklyn Griggs
Sheep: Senior Grand Champion - Sierra Gomez
Senior Reserve Champion - Ryann Mergelman
Intermediate Grand Champion - Brayden Raley
Intermediate Reserve Champion - Jasmine Preciado
Junior Grand Champion - Brielle Lucero
Junior Reserve Champion - Mollee Vroman
Goat: Senior Grand Champion - Spencer Gates
Senior Reserve Champion - Tatum Kennedy
Intermediate Grand Champion - Matthew Willey
Intermediate Reserve Champion - Jasmine Preciado
Junior Grand Champion - Cienna Rogers
Junior Reserve Champion - Nick Gates
Swine: Senior Grand Champion - Ryann Mergelman
Senior Reserve Champion - Kastyn Dembowski
Intermediate Grand Champion - Cameron Preciado
Intermediate Reserve Champion - Jasmine Preciado
Junior Grand Champion - Brooklyn Griggs
Junior Reserve Champion - Kinlie Plummer
Poultry: Senior Showmanship Champion - Drake Miller
Senior Showmanship Res. Champion - Anthony Dorris
Intermediate Champion - Jill Ward
Intermediate Reserve Champion - Liam Olson
Junior Champion - Hoyt Garcia
Junior Reserve Champion - Jayci Chintala
Rabbit: Senior Champion - Brighton Bair
Senior Reserve Champion - N/A
Intermediate Champion - Hayden Garcia
Intermediate Reserve Champion - Dawn Arnold
Junior Champion - Jemma Bair
Junior Reserve Champion - Joslin Spieth

OVERALL HERDSMAN AWARD

Beef: Champion Herdsman - Leah Wood
Sheep: Champion Herdsman - Ryann Mergelman
Goat: Champion Herdsman - Tatum Kennedy
Swine: Champion Herdsman - Sierra Gomez
Poultry: Champion Herdsman - Liam Olson
Rabbit: Champion Herdsman - Hayden Garcia

BORN AND RAISED CHAMPIONS

Beef: Grand Champion - Kaden Franklin
Reserve Champion - Kaden Franklin
Sheep: Grand Champion - Ryann Mergelman
Reserve Champion - Jasmine Preciado
Goat: Grand Champion - Nick Gates
Reserve Champion - Cienna Rogers
Swine: Grand Champion - Klayton Carroll
Reserve Champion - Cassidy Sanford
Poultry: Grand Champion - Hayden Garcia
Reserve Champion - Matthew Willey
Rabbit: Grand Champion - Hayden Garcia
Reserve Champion - Dawn Arnold

ULTRASOUND CHAMPIONS

Beef: Grand Champion - Mollee Vroman
Reserve Champion - Brooklyn Griggs
Sheep: Grand Champion - Rachel Elder
Reserve Champion - Teagan Smith
Goat: Grand Champion - Tatum Kennedy
Reserve Champion - Cutler Mergelman
Swine: Grand Champion - Sierra Gomez
Reserve Champion - Klayton Carroll

HORSE SHOW CHAMPIONS

Pee Wee Performance Champion - Milo Brennan
Pee Wee Performance Reserve Champion - Rylan Griffith
Pee Wee Speed Champion - Milo Brennan
Pee Wee Speed Reserve Champion - Hudson Hummel
Novice Performance Champion - Dustin Ward
Novice Performance Reserve Champion - Pearl North Dodd
Novice Speed Champion - Dustin Ward
Novice Speed Reserve Champion - Bryson Griggs
Junior Performance Champion - Hattie Brennan
Junior Performance Reserve Champion - Olivia Olsen
Junior Speed Champion - Olivia Olsen
Junior Speed Reserve Champion - Hattie Brennan
Intermediate Performance Champion - Leah Wood
Intermediate Performance Reserve Champion - Jill Ward
Intermediate Speed Champion - Leah Wood
Intermediate Speed Reserve Champion - Brayden Raley
Senior Performance Champion - Deana Wood
Senior Performance Reserve Champion - N/A
Senior Speed Champion - Deana Wood
Senior Speed Reserve Champion - N/A
Open Performance Champion - Carrie Olsen
Open Performance Reserve Champion - Kendra Ward
Open Speed Champion - Hank Allred
Open Speed Reserve Champion - Carrie Olsen / Brenda Hummel

FASHION REVIEW CHAMPIONS

Over All Junior Champion - Cienna Rogers
Over All Junior Res. Champion - Cambrey Rogers
Over All Intermediate Champion - Brooke Arnold
Over All Intermediate Res. Champion - Jill Ward
ROUND ROBIN Champions
Round Robin Senior Champion - Sierra Gomez
Round Robin Senior Reserve Champion - Nevaeh LeBlanc
Round Robin Int. Champion - Leah Wood
Round Robin Int. Reserve Champion - Matthew Willey
Round Robin Junior Champion - Teagan Smith
Round Robin Junior Reserve Champion - Nick Gates

DOG SHOW CHAMPIONS

Champion Intermediate Showman - Dominik Grabner
Champion Junior Showman - Joslin Spieth
Reserve Champion Junior Showman - Dani Osborn
Overall Hi-Point Obedience Rally Champion - Joslin Spieth
Overall Hi-Point Obedience Rally Res Champion - Dani Osborn

COUNTY SHOOT

Archery Overall Compound Senior Champion - Brighton Bair
Archery Overall Compound Junior Champion - John Bair
.22 Pistol Junior Champion - Jace Vroman
.22 Pistol Junior Reserve Champion - Wesley Hubbard
.22 Air Pistol - Joslin Spieth
.22 Air Rifle - Joslin Spieth
.22 Rifle Junior Champion - Wyatt Rollins
Shotgun Junior Champion - Tristan Rollins
Shotgun Senior Champion - Keihlin Myers

ROCK ROLLING CHAMPIONS

Overall Grand Champion - Eli Bennett
Overall Reserve Champion - Heath Bennett

PET ROCK CHAMPIONS

Overall Grand Champion - Dusty Musser
Overall Reserve Champion - Dish Arnold

CAKE DECORATING CONTEST CHAMPIONS

Overall Grand Champion - Dawn Arnold
Overall Reserve Champion - Charlee Bennett

PREMIER EXHIBITORS

Beef: Charlie Rogers
Sheep: Ryann Mergelman
Swine: Ryann Mergelman
Goat: Spencer Gates & Matthew Willey
Poultry: Hayden Garcia
Rabbit: Hayden Garcia

DAIRY CATTLE

Grand Champion - Matthew Willey
Intermediate Showmanship Champion - Matthew Willey
Intermediate Showmanship Res. Champion - Jill Ward

INDOOR RESULTS

Look for these results next week!

| STATE FAIR 4-H PROJECT RESULTS 2021 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|-------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Exhibitor Name | Hierarchy Path | Entry Description | Ribbons | Placing | Awards |
| Arnold, Dawn | 4-H Exhibits / Cake Decorating / 2605: Cake Decorating Unit 2 Int | Sunflower cake | | | Qualifier |
| Arnold, Dawn | 4-H Exhibits / Heritage Arts / 3205: Fiber Arts (Needle Arts, Weaving, Spun skeins, felted bags, etc.) Int | Decorated and feltdyed ginger bread men | | 5 | |
| Arnold, Suzanne | 4-H Exhibits / Clothing Construction / 2836: Clothing STEAM 3 Cotton or Cotton Blend Int | Letter jacket | White | 3 | |
| Bennett, Charlee | 4-H Exhibits / Cake Decorating / 2601: Cake Decorating Unit 1 Jr | Blue cake with trees and squirrels. | | | Qualifier |
| Grabner, Carson | 4-H Exhibits / Outdoor Adventure / 1201: Hiking Trails Jr | White display board "What to Bring" | | | Qualifier |
| Grabner, Dominik | 4-H Exhibits / Outdoor Adventure / 1202: Hiking Trails Int | "Nature Observations" display board | | | Qualifier |
| Grieser, Jacob | 4-H Exhibits / Leathercraft / 2004: Beginning Leather Carving Jr | Leather project board with wallet, scabbard, and three leather panels showing carving progression. | Yellow | 5 | |
| Hall, Dusty | 4-H Exhibits / Shooting Sports / 1341: 22 Rifle Stand Alone Int | Stand Alone target holder pvc frame with clay targets and paper targets on cardboard backer. | | | Qualifier |
| Kirkpatrick, Taylor | 4-H Exhibits / Shooting Sports / 1302: Archery Int | Board with white background about mounted archery. | | | Qualifier |
| Leischer-Fromang, Cash | 4-H Exhibits / Sportfishing / 1411: Take the Bait Stand Alone Int | Fishing stand alone in galvanized bucket, fishing line recycling station. | Purple | 1 | Champion, Grand Champion |
| Myers, Keihlin | 4-H Exhibits / Shooting Sports / 1309: Shotgun Sr | Display board, white background, how the action of firearms work. | White | 3 | |
| Olson, Luke | 4-H Exhibits / Shooting Sports / 1328: Archery Stand Alone Jr | Quiver made from old leather jacket. | Green | 6 | |
| Osborn, Dani | 4-H Exhibits / Foods and Nutrition / 3007: Cooking 101 Unit 1 Cookies Jr | Chocolate Chip Cookies | Gray | 9 | |
| Osborn, Dani | 4-H Exhibits / Visual Arts / 2501: Painting and Printing Jr | Board with rocks painted and book | Purple | 1 | Champion, Grand Champion |
| Osborn, Dani | 4-H Exhibits / Visual Arts / 2507: Sketch Crossroads Jr | Four different types of painting | | | Qualifier |
| Parish, Bradley | 4-H Exhibits / Outdoor Adventure / 1203: Hiking Trails Sr | Dangers of hiking | | | Qualifier |
| Parish, Bradley | 4-H Exhibits / Veterinary Science / 103: From Airedales to Zebras Sr | White display board about the skeletal structure of a horse, dog and cat with black brad folder. | | | Qualifier |
| Richardson, Cody | 4-H Exhibits / Foods and Nutrition / 3002: Cooking 101 Unit 1 No Bake Bars, Cookies Int | No Bake Cookies, White binder | Pink | 4 | |
| Rogers, Cambrey | 4-H Exhibits / Artistic Clothing / 2901: Upcycle Your Style - Applied Jr | Denim shorts with applied bucking horse on the pocket and t-shirt with Meeker Cowboys and volleyball. | Green | 6 | |
| Rogers, Cambrey | 4-H Exhibits / Clothing Construction / 2806: Beginning Clothing STEAM 1 Simple Bottoms Jr | Blue skirt with bees. | Light Green | 7 | |
| Rogers, Cienna | 4-H Exhibits / Clothing Construction / 2809: Beginning Clothing STEAM 1 Simple Dress Jr | Floral sundress on turquoise background. | Pink | 4 | |
| Spieth, Joslin | 4-H Exhibits / Horseless Horse / 204: Horseless Horse Unit 2 Jr | White display board parts of the saddle "Saddle Up". | | | Qualifier |
| Summers, Ethan | 4-H Exhibits / Sportfishing / 1401: Take the Bait Jr | White display board "Take the Bait" about different types of fishing hooks. | Green | 6 | |
| Trout, Alexandria | 4-H Exhibits / Shooting Sports / 1301: Archery Jr | White display board-how to shoot a compound bow. | Brown | 8 | |
| Ward, Jill | 4-H Exhibits / Entomology / 1102: Let's Learn About Insects Int | Entomology case with green binder. | Purple | 1 | Champion |
| Ward, Jill | 4-H Exhibits / Outdoor Adventure / 1205: Camping Adventures Int | "Leave No Trace" display board with green background and record book. | | | Qualifier |
| Ward, Jill | 4-H Exhibits / Veterinary Science / 102: From Airedales to Zebras Int | Yellow background display board about Bumble Foot | Pink | 4 | |
| Ward, Jill | 4-H Exhibits / Wildlife / 1505: Living Wild in an Ecosystem Int | Display board with red background about venomous snakes with green three ring binder. | Lavender | 1 | Champion, Reserve Grand Champion |
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| Ward, Jill | 4-H Exhibits / Wildlife / 1505: Living Wild in an Ecosystem Int | Display board with red background about venomous snakes with green three ring binder. | Lavender | 2 | Champion, Reserve Grand Champion |
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Look for more results next week!

TROOPER TIPS



FREEPIK PHOTO

Is it winter driving season already?

BY MASTER TROOPER GARY CUTLER
Colorado State Patrol

RBC I I guess it's that time of year to make sure everyone is ready for the impending snow season. This is mostly a list of making sure you haven't taken anything out of your vehicles that you may need when they are traveling this winter. Let's go over the basics. Are your tires in good condition and do they have at least 3/16th inch of tread as required? I know you don't take these out of your vehicle, but do you usually run snow tires during the winter? It's a good time to get ready and make sure the tires are in good condition, and there are no cracks or rubber

missing from them. Now to make sure that if we unfortunately get stuck, do we have what it takes not be in really dangerous trouble. If you have read my articles before you know that I'm a fan of your trusty shovel. I've gotten out of a lot of predicaments using mine. If you have to use the shovel, then you will be wanting water after having shoveled the heavy snow. Have some of it with you along with snacks. You have to keep that strength going. If it looks like the shovel may not be the answer this time, be prepared to stay the night. Blankets and a flashlight will keep you company through the night. If you plan on using the vehicle's heater, make sure the

exhaust pipe is clear and you have a window cracked to allow air flow in the vehicle. Try to stay with your vehicle. This is the safest place since rescuers will be looking for it because you were thinking ahead and told someone your travel plans and route in case something like this happened. Some other items that should be staples in your vehicle are matches, toilet paper, a coat that is warm enough for a stay in the mountains, and a change of clothes in case you get wet. And finally, sometimes it just safer to stay home if it looks like there might be bad weather in the forecast. The ride might be safer next week. As always, safe travels!

Cabin Fire east of Meeker 100% contained

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER The Cabin Fire was a small fire east of Meeker on the Blanco Ranger District. The fire was determined to be the result of a 'holdover,' or lightning strike that smoldered and remained undetected until warm, dry weather increased fuel receptivity. It became visible and was reported on the afternoon of Sept. 14. The fire burned approximately 5.6 acres of dense Gambel oak on a steep hillside adjacent to private property. Crews reported that they had fully contained the fire on Friday, Sept. 17.

PIANO MAN ...



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

Ed Ranum has been traveling to Meeker from Fort Collins to tune and repair pianos for more than 15 years, usually once in the spring and once in the fall. Tuning should be completed annually, but Ranum was also able to fix numerous wonky keys on a 100-year-old upright during his September visit. Tune in to this week's podcast on your favorite listening app or at ht1885.com, or our live newscast on our Facebook page, to hear a snippet of Ranum testing out his work.

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Rangely trustees updated on marketing efforts, outreach

BY KATIE KING
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rangely's Town Board of Trustees met Sept. 14 for a meeting that made major progress official for Rangely and shared important information about upcoming projects. Jeannie Caldwell, marketing/economic development coordinator, was present to showcase her recent work and to seek approval for further development on the horizon. Highlights, compliments and discussion of minor logistics surrounding Septemberfest were shared with several members applauding each other's efforts.

René Harden from the Community Garden asked for help addressing some difficulties with weeds between the fencing and telephone poles. Town Manager Lisa Piering assured assistance and they discussed scheduling a crew to take care of this matter.

Piering shared updates from several board meetings. She shared news from the sixth annual Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado Economic Summit. A few highlights included conversations about separating statistics for Rangely and Meeker. While the two towns share a county government, operations and needs are varied. Piering also shared information regarding an experimental project to utilize "coal slack" as part of the Carbon Engineering Initiative from the University Of Wyoming.

Board members shared concerns about a proposed redistricting map that put Rangely and Boulder in the same congressional district. Rangely and Boulder have vastly different needs and concerns. Since Boulder has the higher population, their voices could drown out the needs of smaller towns.

Trustee Don Davidson shared updates from Business over Breakfast with a presentation from Moon Lake Electric. Moon Lake is looking toward a future that includes more community participation, continuing their low fee structure and reducing power outages. Davidson shared how wildlife impacts outages, sometimes

as simple as a cow rubbing against a pole.

Davidson also shared highlights from the natural resource tour on Aug. 30 with state and federal legislators to evaluate water management resources for Rio Blanco County, including the Wolf Creek Reservoir site. Drought conditions continue to be severe and although Rangely has been able to manage its resources efficiently, the future will require innovative opportunities to maintain the town's needs and the health of its resources. Rainfall in the high mountain desert can be non-existent, intermittent or heavy, and the management of water storage for extended use is critical. Davidson also discussed two proposals to enlarge Lake Avery, forest and water connections, rangeland monitoring and the reintroduction of wolf populations.

The highlight of the meeting was Caldwell's report. She shared her recent work of applying for a grant to cover the cost of building a tourism marketing website for Rangely and sought approval from the board. Caldwell then went on to showcase media that she has been working on with Align Multimedia, a production company out of Rifle, Colorado. Two videos "Why Rangely?" and "We Are Rangely" showcase the beauty and values of Rangely with local residents and business owners sharing their experiences. She shared how these videos will be used by the town and on the website to encourage people to visit and join Rangely in their development. Caldwell also noted that the website cost is a one-time expense and that she will manage it going forward. The grant application was approved by the board.

The second and final reading of Ordinance 695 was heard and approved with a brief discussion on the impact and resources that will be required of the Rangely Police Department. It was noted that RPD's involvement is to support the school district with preventing tobacco use by underage students.

The final item of new business was the approval of a memorandum of understanding between Cogency Power and the Town of Rangely.

2022 Radon Video and Poster Contest now open

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment invites students to participate in the 2022 National Radon Video and Poster contests. Students have the opportunity to creatively educate people about indoor radon risks, win cash prizes, and have their artwork and videos distributed across the state or country. Entries must be received by Nov. 20.

The contests are designed to raise awareness about the importance of radon testing and to inform people of the dangers of radon in their homes. Students may enter the Colorado contest, and the winning poster and video representing Colorado will be entered in the national contest. State winners receive \$300 for first place, \$200 for second, \$100 for third, and teachers of stu-

dents with winning entries each receive \$100.

Students ages 9-14 are eligible to participate in the poster contest. This year, there also is a 30-second video contest that is open to students ages 14-18. Students must either be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense, or home school, or be a member of a sponsoring club, such as a scouting, art, computer, science, or 4-H club. Only one entry per student is allowed. Contest submission forms, topics, and rules are available on CDPHE's website.

CDPHE, in partnership with the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, coordinates the contest each year.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas responsible for hundreds of

Colorado lung cancer deaths each year. The colorless, odorless, tasteless gas can enter homes through cracks in the foundation or other openings and can accumulate unless properly mitigated. Long-term radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. In Colorado, about half the homes have radon levels higher than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recommended action level of 4 picoCuries per liter of indoor air.

More information about radon, discount test kits and radon contractors is available on CDPHE's website or by calling Colorado's Radon Hotline at 1-800-846-3986. For additional contest information, please visit the website or contact Chrystine Kelley at chrys.kelley@state.co.us.

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Possible plans for Town Hall third floor

BY NIKI TURNER
editor@ht1885.com

MEEKER I With Mayor pro tem Travis Day at the helm, the Meeker Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Chris Lockwood requested a "five minute tour" of the third floor of town hall. The board discussed the possibility of the Meeker Chamber moving its offices to that space, with the Colorado Workforce office, and freeing up "the cabin" to serve solely as a visitor center.

Stephanie Kobald, chamber director, and chamber president Marie Hooks, updated the board on work they've been doing. Kobald said there are five grants "in the works right now" and said chamber membership has grown by 19 members in the last year. They've sold \$38,000 in Chamber Bucks so far this year — before the holiday season, and mailed 310 informational packets. Last year they sent out 70 packets.

"Our visitor numbers are up," she said.

Information about OHVs and OHV trails remains the number one information request, and the Chamber is looking at ways to increase education on responsible OHV recreation.

Police Chief Edward Thompson updated the board on the need for a new patrol vehicle. A vehicle was ordered in February but due to shortages, it has not been received. The board agreed to move forward with Thompson's request.

During staff updates, Thompson said there were 490 incidents recorded in the month of August. Asked about the impending closure of the county jail and the plan to transport inmates to Moffat County, Thompson said "it's going to be an issue" because of the time needed for transportation, overtime for staff, wear and tear on vehicles.

"We're trying to make the best of it," he added, noting there will be a meeting next week to discuss issues and potential solutions with the sheriff's department.

The town pays the county for dispatch services, but not for the detention center.

Public Works Superintendent Russell Overton said beaver problems at the town's pump house are clogging the culvert. Water usage is beginning to slow with cooler weather, down to about 30 million gallons a month.

PMC statement on mandates

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

[com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Mandatory-Staff-Vaccination-Guidance.pdf](https://www.theheraldtimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Mandatory-Staff-Vaccination-Guidance.pdf)

MEEKER I Pioneers Medical Center is actively involved in navigating the federal and state (via CDPHE and State Board of Health) COVID-19 vaccine mandates for healthcare workers and facilities. Our administration, infection control, compliance and quality risk departments are engaged in meetings with the CDC, CDPHE, CHA and WHA daily so that we remain current with regulations.

You will find the most recent COVID-19 vaccine guidance for licensed facilities from CDPHE at <https://www.theheraldtimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Mandatory-Staff-Vaccination-Guidance.pdf>

PMC is compliant with the current CDPHE COVID-19 vaccine guidance.

At a state level, the emergency (temporary) rule was adopted by the Board of Health on Aug. 30, 2021. PMC has participated in both CDPHE's Vaccine Requirement Stakeholder Meetings (Sept. 14 and Sept. 20) which were focused on reviewing red-line changes to the draft resolution along with public comment.

PMC has adopted a religious and medical exemption policy that meets CDPHE's current guidance requirement for

employees who decline the COVID-19 vaccine.

Up-to-date information can be found on the state's website: <https://healthfacilitiescommunity.blogspot.com/search/label/COVID-19>

Every licensed healthcare facility in the country is working to navigate federal and their respective state COVID-19 vaccine mandates and PMC is no exception. We will continue monitoring the directives at a federal and state level and follow all applicable state and federal laws.

PMC is happy to discuss any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Panthers fall to Bulldogs in final minutes of game

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers went on another long bus ride last week to take on the 10th ranked Calhan Bulldogs. The Panthers played a strong first half and went into halftime leading 14-0. The team was led by Keihlan Myers who had 14 carries for 144 yards. Timothy Scoggins, Kobe Chism and Zane Varner each had 10 tackles defensively.

"I am proud of the kids. They played with a ton of effort. As we move into our league schedule we are going to have to continue to improve, and find ways to play 48 minutes of football," said head coach Ryan Wilkie.

The team ended up losing 22-14 in the final minutes of the game. This week the Panthers head to Plateau Valley at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25.



After a great performance in the first half, the Rangely Panthers fell to the 10th-ranked Calhan Bulldogs in the final minutes of the game.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS

More games, more wins for Meeker v-ball

BY TIFFANY JEHOEK

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Two more games and two more wins for Meeker Cowboy volleyball. "We had another good weekend," said head coach Greg Cravens.

Friday, in what the Bruins were calling "Meeker Day," both volleyball and football traveled to take on the Bruins, the volleyball defeated Cedaredge 3-1.

"We had a slow start against Cedaredge on Friday night," commented Cravens; "our serve receive game was not up to our expectations at the beginning of the match."

The Bruins took the first set 23-25 but the Cowboys fought back taking the next three 25-22, 25-11, 25-20. Emma Luce led in kills with 22 and both Aspen Merrifield and Nora Gianinetti had four each. Serving Ellie Hossack led with four aces, while Tatum Kennedy had three and Sarah Kracht had two.

Defensively Kracht handled 38 of the serves, Gianinetti led with three blocks, and Luce led with 35 digs.

"I'm very proud of the girls being able to bounce back and finish the match," said

Cravens.

Saturday the annual county rivalry game with the Rangely Panthers took place in Meeker to a packed gym. Meeker winning in three held the Panthers to 52 points.

"A match against Rangely is always going to be a tough match," commented Cravens; "they always play hard and we knew we were going to have to match their intensity".

Serving improved Saturday with a team total of 15 aces, nine of which came from Kennedy. Luce racked up another 24 kills bringing her weekend total to 46 and 203 for the year, leading all Colorado players by 26. Kracht once again handled the majority of the serves and Merrifield led the team in digs with 17.

"We had some moments that we played tentative at times and we will be working on that and be better at blocking going into two important matches this next week against Vail Christian and Hayden," wrapped up Cravens.

This week games are on Friday and Saturday. Friday the team will be in Vail to play Vail Christian with games beginning at 4 p.m. and then Saturday Hayden comes to Meeker with games beginning at 1 p.m.



Meeker volleyball is ranked first in the 2A/1A Western Slope league by MaxPreps.

TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

Lady Panthers continue road games

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I

The Rangely volleyball team traveled to Caprock on Thursday, Sept. 16, and traveled to Meeker on Saturday, Sept. 18.

It was a weekend of highs and lows for the White team. Rangely took on the Caprock Academy Eagles Thursday. The White team beat the Eagles 2-1. The team scored 18 aces as a team and nine kills. Kaitlyn Cox led with five of the teams' aces. On Saturday, the team traveled to Meeker where they had less luck. Though Cox was again strong behind the serve line, scoring 11 aces, the team was not able to pull out a win. The lady Panthers were strong offensively but struggled defensively and fell to the Cowboys 1-2.

The JV team played really well and beat Caprock in two sets. The first set score was 25-15, the girls were able to serve really well and terminate play. The second set was 25-13 and once again the Panthers served the ball well and had many aces that set. On Saturday, Sept. 18, the JV Panthers



The Panthers had a weekend of highs and lows. The varsity team beat the Caprock Eagles but lost to county rivals Meeker.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

traveled to Meeker. They met a tough Cowboy team and lost in three sets. The Panthers fought hard the second set and came from behind to win 25-21. They lost in the third set 15-11. The girls all played really hard and unfortunately just had too many errors to terminate play.

Panther varsity hadn't seen play for 10 days. The first match against Caprock started off slow for the Panthers and they couldn't find a rhythm and struggled behind the service line. They dug deep to overcome, found their serving game and beat the Eagles in three sets. Miley

Chism led the team with five aces, and Aspen Low added in four aces. Low led with seven kills with Chism chipping in four kills. Morgan Ellis did a great job moving the ball to all the hitters. Adelynn Halcomb led with 14 digs.

On Saturday in Meeker, the varsity Panthers came

out ready to go looking solid, but it just wasn't enough to hold off their county rivals dropping in straight sets. Chism led the team in kills with five and Kyras Phelps adding in four kills. Halcomb dug the ball 20 times with Phelps picking up 10 digs.

Cowboys in top 10 after Cedaredge win

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Cedaredge got a double dose of the Cowboys over the weekend, first losing to volleyball then being mercy ruled by the football team with seven minutes left in the third quarter.

“It was a good start to the game,” began Shane Phelan, Meeker Cowboy head coach, “special teams set us up with good field position, the defense set the tone early and the offense got things rolling.”

The Cowboys were on the board within two plays of their first possession and a running clock began with seven minutes left in the third quarter. The JV played the rest of the game and the Bruins were unable to score until the last 17 seconds left in the game.

“A lot of kids contributed this week and made plays for us,” commented Phelan.

Scoring for the Cowboys was Trinden Powell with a 23 yard reception, this was his first touchdown of the year. Liam Deming ran one in after a good reception, Deming also had a great interception that was walked back due to a penalty on the Cowboys.

Kelton Turner scored three rushing

touchdowns, Ryan Sullivan ran one in, and John Hampton Hightower had 4 PAT’s.

Defensively there were a lot of kids that made the stats this week. Elijah leblanc led with eight tackles, Zach Eskelson had six, and Zach Simonsen and Connor Blunt each had five.

The final score of the game was 40-6 and this week the Cowboys have moved up into the top 10 according to MaxPreps.

The Cowboys now turn their attention to Buena Vista for a 1 p.m. kickoff on Saturday. The last two meetings of these teams were both in the post season playoffs.

“Buena Vista is a perennial powerhouse and play off contender,” said Phelan.

Buena Vista is currently ranked fourth and has a 4-0 record.

“Buena Vista has great numbers, good kids, and we are excited for the task at hand,” commented Phelan.

The Demons quarterback is a dual threat QB who throws it as well as he runs it, they have several backs that are dynamic runners and this makes them a well balanced team.

The original schedule called had the game set for Friday evening, however, this game has been changed and is now going to be played Saturday, still in Buena Vista, kickoff at 1 p.m.



(Above) Trinden Powell scored his first touchdown of the year.

TIFFANY JEHOREK PHOTO



(Top left) Liam Deming. (Top right) Kelton Turner. (Bottom left) Zach Eskelson. Bottom right) Hamp Hightower.

TIFFANY JEHOREK PHOTOS

Tough loss for softball

BY TIFFANY JEHOREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I It was a short but tough week for Cowboy softball. The team traveled to Rifle Thursday for a non-league game, losing to a ranked 4A team, 10-0.

“It was a tough loss against Rifle on Thursday night,” began head coach Kendal Bergman, “the defense performed well backing up pitchers Hailey Knowles and Brea Garcia during the game.”

The Rifle pitcher kept the Cowboy hitting lineup pretty quiet but there were solid hits by Wagner Brown and Kastyn Dembowski.

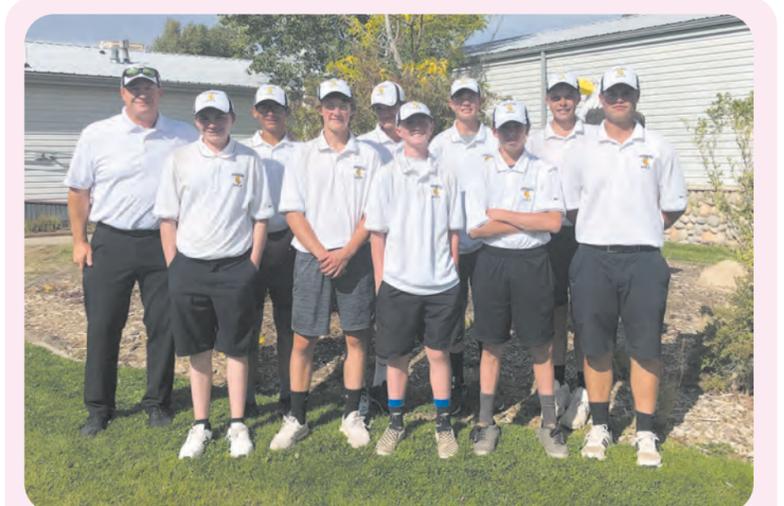
“We look forward to getting a win streak started up again this weekend against Gunnison on Friday and Eagle Valley on Saturday,” said Bergman. “Gunnison is always good competition for us but if we get our bats going like we can then it will be a good game for the Cowboys. We hope to get some redemption against Eagle Valley after losing to them earlier this season in extra innings.”

Friday the team travels to Gunnison for a double header, and Saturday Eagle Valley comes to Meeker for varsity which begins at 1 p.m.



(Above) Hailey Knowles and Brea Garcia (not pictured) both pitched in the Rifle game.

AMBER GARCIA PHOTO



(Left to right) Coach Willy Theos, Nathan Miller, Alex Garcia, Chakwah Brink, Thomas Curry, Sam Hightower, Wil Schwartz, Dayton Ridgeway, Drew Drake and Peter Hanks in Craig and Yampa Valley Golf Course.

COURTESY PHOTO

Duffers looking for way to state

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I On Monday the entire Meeker Cowboy golf team went to Craig after a great practice in Rangely on Friday where golf course manager Chris Hejl allowed them to work on their short game and play their golf-off.

“It really seemed to pay off as we had our lowest team scores of the year,” commented head coach Willy Theos.

In Craig the Meeker varsity player Peter Hanks shot an 80, Wil Schwartz a 99, Dayton Ridgeway a 110, Sam Hightower a 116, and Chakwah Brink a 130.

The JV scores were Drew Drake 133, Thomas Curry 135, Alex Garcia 146, and Nathan Miller at 160.

The next day the varsity played in Steamboat Springs at the Haymaker golf course. Hanks led the scoring with an 82.

“We had a couple kids out but Chakwah, Alex, and Nathan played in the JV Championships at Chipeta Golf Course in Grand Junction,” said Theos.

At Chipeta Brink shot a 90, Miller a 112 and Garcia shot 108.

The team traveled to Cortez a day before regionals for a practice round.

“We were looking forward to going to regionals in Cortez for our practice round and the tournament,” said Theos. “Peter, Wil, Sam, and Drew are representing MHS and they’re excited to get started playing but not necessarily the drive down there. (5+ hour drive) Peter is playing his best golf of the season and he’s hoping to continue the trend, hopefully qualifying for the state tournament,” wrapped up Theos.

The last Meeker Cowboy to qualify for state was Phil Arnold two seasons ago.

SPORTS SCHEDULES

MEEKER

Boys' Golf
State Tournament @ Spring Valley Oct. 4-5

Cross Country
@ Craig Sept. 25 8:45 a.m.
@ Delta Oct. 1 10 a.m.
@ Aspen Oct. 9 9 a.m.
@ Rifle Oct. 13 4 p.m.
Regionals @ Delta Oct. 22 12 p.m.
State @ TBA

Softball
@ Gunnison Sept. 24 2 p.m.
@ HOME v. Cedaredge

Sept 30 4 p.m.
@ Durango Oct. 1 3 p.m.
@ Cortez Oct 2 11 a.m.

Volleyball
@ Vail Christian Sept. 24 4 p.m.
@ HOME v. Hayden Sept 25 1 p.m.
@ HOME v. West Grand Oct. 1 4 p.m.
@ Collbran Oct. 2 1 p.m.

Football
@ Buena Vista Sept. 25 1 p.m.
@ HOME v. Grand Valley Oct. 1 7 p.m.

RANGELY

Volleyball
@ North Fork Sept. 24 3 p.m.
@ Moffat County Sept 25 9 a.m.
@ HOME v. Caprock Sept 30 6 p.m.
@ HOME v. Hayden Oct. 1 4 p.m.

Football
@ Plateau Valley Sept. 25 1 p.m.
@ West Grand Oct. 1 7 p.m.

Cross Country
@ Moffat County Sept. 25 9 a.m.
@ Delta Oct. 1 10 a.m.

MUSTANGS WIN 30-6 ...



The Meeker Mustangs football team (5th and 6th graders) defeated their Parachute rivals 30-6 last Saturday at Starbuck Stadium. (Left) Kaden Ridgeway and (right) Nick Gates.

SAMME PURKEY PHOTOS

COWBOY



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- Asparagus is the oldest known plant that has been used as food.
- If everybody who talks in favor of cooperation would put it into effect to the extent of their power a difference would soon be apparent.
- A serious accident happened to the private state which runs from New Castle to Marvine Lodge on Tuesday last, whereby several passengers were badly injured, but particulars are not obtainable at this writing.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

- The weather prophets are predicting a long, hard winter. We take no stock in these predictions, but will play safe by making preparations to meet the promised hard winter, so will try and have enough wood on hand.
- C.C. and Mrs. Aldrich of Thornburg were city visitors, Saturday.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

- Town delivery of mail through the rural route extension system for people living outside the ¼ mile radius of the Meeker Post Office now appears to be a certainty provided not too many more patrons change their mind from the original petitions signed earlier.
- Today's chuckle: Overheard in the court house: "Monday is a terrible way to spend one-seventh of your life."

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

- Devon Harman and Susan McCoy are tied as the top students of the Meeker High School senior class, with the same grade point average.
- Finishing first overall, John Strate turned in a nice performance with a 17:54.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

- One of these Rangely High School girls will be named 1971 Homecoming Queen this weekend: Connie Wright, senior; Angela Theos, freshman; Wanda Wardell, senior; Sandy White, sophomore; Nancy Hillis, senior; Nakina Wells, junior.
- Wonder what the figures would be if every merchant spent his fair share of his gross revenue on advertising. Some merchants put a small sign in their show window on sale days and expect that to do the job completely. Small wonder that their gross sales continue to drop.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

- The Colorado Grand classic sports car tour roared through Rangely on Sept. 18, stopping to fill up at local gas stations.
- The Rangely Development Agency is finally in a situation where they can sell the single-wide trailer that is situated on 146 S. Sunset. Terms dictate that the house be sold to moderate to low-income families.
- 1996 Homecoming Royalty: Ty Petersburg and Misty Aplanalp.

THE STRIP #73

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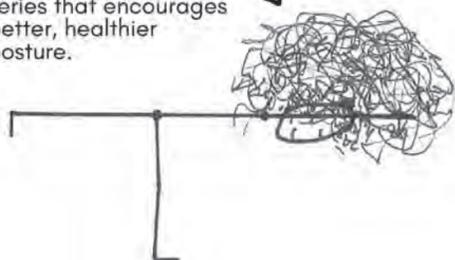
1. Lengthen through the crown of your head, tucking your chin in just a smidgeon to straighten out your cervical spine; stand, sit, or lay flat.
2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.

Part 3: Standing Backbend



From your Standing Backbend you will inhale to straighten, then shifting your weight into your left foot exhale to bend forward lifting your right leg long behind you. As you balance on your left leg be sure to stay soft through your knee rather than locking it out. Press back through your right heel for additional length and keep your breath even and steady. Inhale to straighten, then switch feet and repeat.

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1. Locker room infection?
6. Vow at #41 Across
9. Smoke plus fog
13. Veranda in Honolulu
14. Salmon on a bagel
15. Hindu religious teacher
16. To the left, on a boat
17. Hula dancer's necklace
18. Cheryl Strayed on the Pacific Crest Trail, e.g.
19. *Winningest World Series team
21. *Infield shape
23. Acronym, abbr.
24. Make or break, e.g.
25. Repellent brand
28. Minimal distortion
30. Loathes
35. Make children
37. Low-___ diet
39. Cry of the Alps
40. Swarm like bees
41. Location of #6 Across
43. Tiny piece
44. Lack of intestinal movement
46. Siren's song
47. Buffalo lake
48. Makes sense, 2 words
50. "Aid and ___"
52. "Game, ____, match"
53. Like time with Bill Maher
55. Road, in Rome
57. *Current baseball champions
61. *Won in NLCS or ALCS
65. Mode of communication
66. "___ Now or Never"
68. Styluses
69. * ___ Martin, 5-time World Series champion
70. Bad-mouth
71. Upright in position
72. Let it stand, to proofreader
73. Is, in Paris
74. Rodeo rope

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 2. Spanish appetizer
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 4. Winter cover

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5. Of advanced technology, colloquially
 6. Bad wishes
 7. Buck's partner
 8. Nitrous ____, a.k.a. laughing gas
 9. Sink or this?
 10. Type of shark
 11. Damien's prediction
 12. To put a girdle on
 15. Showing signs of wear and tear
 20. Writer ___ Jong
 22. Retirement plan acronym
 24. Like a Zoom session
 25. Port of old Rome
 26. * ___ of dreams?
 27. Let out of jail
 29. * ___ Classic
 31. *Runner's destination
 32. Frankincense and myrrh, but not gold
 33. Adjust, as laces
 34. Between rain and snow
 36. Outback birds
 38. Prickle on a wire
 42. "Super" Christopher
 45. Definitel/549. p in mpg
 51. Glittery decoration
 54. Digression
 56. Bone hollows
 57. Young female socialites, for short
 58. Fail to mention
 59. Earnhardt of racing fame
 60. Coating of aurum
 61. Attention-getting sound
 62. Pirates' counterpart
 63. *ALCS counterparty
 64. *Nickname of Red Sox manager who won two World Series
 67. "___ the season ..."

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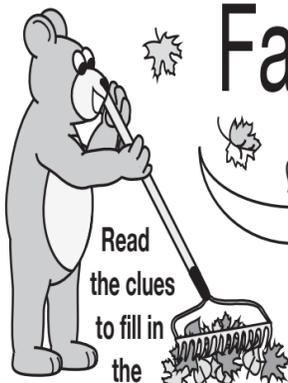
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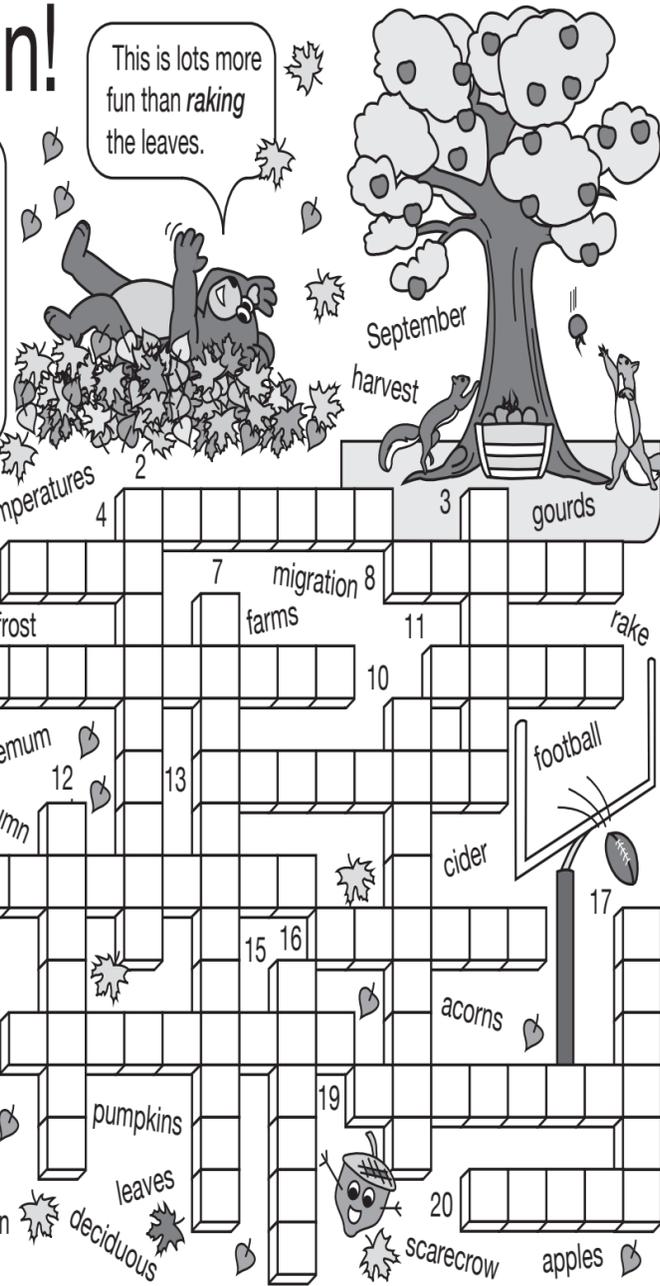
Falling Into Autumn!



Read the clues to fill in the crossword with fall words:

The autumn season is a very colorful and busy time. People take drives or hikes to view the bright fall leaves. We fall to work to get our homes and clothes ready for the winter months ahead. Football games and apple picking fill our free time while hot cider and doughnuts fill our stomachs! What special activities do you do with friends or family?

This is lots more fun than raking the leaves.



- juice made from crushing apples; made for over a thousand years
- ninth month of year; first month of autumn
- fruits with a solid rind or skin; grow on vines
- long-sleeved clothing, often knitted from wool or cotton
- place where people are educated; teaches skills for life
- long stick with comb-like prongs used to gather leaves
- degree and intensity of heat; measured in Fahrenheit or Celsius
- nuts of an oak; tough shells protect a single seed
- flower that belongs to the daisy family, often called a "mum"
- seasonal travel of animals (birds) from one place to another
- deposit of small ice crystals, a major problem for crops
- time of year for gathering crops grown during summer
- orange gourds with fleshy center, used for pies or as decorations
- stuffed person-shaped figure; used to scare birds away from crops
- temperatures start to drop; crops harvested; September to December
- parts of plant connected to a stem; absorb sunlight for photosynthesis
- fruit of trees from the rose family; green, red or yellow skin; crisp, juicy inside
- type of tree that sheds leaves every autumn and regrows them in the spring
- most popular sport in U.S.; played with oval-shaped ball sometimes called a pigskin
- places that grow crops and raise livestock; about 915 million acres of these in U.S.

Falling to Work on This Fall Puzzle!

Have you ever heard of **idioms**? They are words or expressions that have a meaning that's different from what you would think from reading the words. For example, look at the expression, "It's raining cats and dogs"! Do people really mean that cats and dogs are falling from the sky? No, they mean that it is raining heavily.

Read the **idioms** below. **Match them to their meanings. One is done for you.**

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| 1. He is falling down on the job. | A. failing to sell |
| 2. The advertisement is falling flat . | B. not doing the job well |
| 3. The boy is falling behind in his studies. | C. doing everything she can |
| 4. A falling star shot by. | D. meteor |
| 5. They had a falling-out . | E. argument, quarrel |
| 6. She is falling over backwards to help. | F. not keeping up |

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| 1. The inspections are falling through the cracks . | A. not working right |
| 2. The students are falling short in their budget. | B. beginning to believe |
| 3. The new members are falling into line . | C. do not have enough |
| 4. The can opener is falling apart . | D. not being done |
| 5. The teacher is falling for my story. | E. obeying the rules |
| 6. Their family is falling on hard times. | F. has many troubles |

Mum's the Word



Mom loves the color of fall flowers. Her favorite flower is the chrysanthemum.

Chrysanthemum? Is that just a big word for the mums our Mum buys every fall?

Yes. They might look like little balls like the ones below or they could be flat like a daisy. It's a secret that we are buying her some...so "Mum's the word."

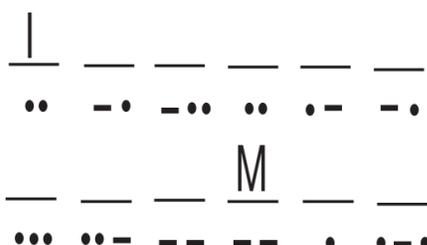
These smell so nice!



Mother Nature lets us know winter is coming. She swirls cool air that nips us. She paints the first frost on the grass and plants. People and animals know the signs and scurry to get things ready. Then a strange thing happens late in the fall or in early winter. We get a break. There is often a period of mild weather! It lasts about a week. Do **you** know what this special time is often called?

Summer in the Fall?

Use the Morse Code Alphabet to fill in the puzzle blanks to find out if you know!



Huh? Is it summer or is it fall?

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ATMOS ENERGY TARIFF CHANGE

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN TARIFFS ON LESS THAN 30-DAYS' NOTICE

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy")
1555 Blake Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

You are hereby notified that Atmos Energy has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado ("PUC"), in compliance with the Public Utilities Law, an application for permission to file certain changes in tariffs, affecting all residential, commercial, interruptible and other consumers in its Colorado divisions to become effective October 1, 2021, if the application is granted by the PUC.

The purpose for this filing is to change rates by revising the Company's existing gas cost adjustment tariff to reflect changes in the rates charged Atmos Energy by its suppliers for natural gas purchases. The present and proposed natural gas rates are as follows:

| Class of Service by Division | Present Rates Total Volumetric | Proposed Rates ¹ Total Volumetric | Percentage Change |
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| North Colorado* | | | |
| Residential | \$0.70527 | \$0.84286 | 20% |
| Small Commercial, Commercial | 0.59327 | 0.73086 | 23% |
| Irrigation | 0.57866 | 0.71625 | 24% |
| Transportation | 0.13817 | 0.13795 | 0% |
| | Average Monthly Bill | Projected Average Monthly Bill | Percentage Change |
| North Colorado* | | | |
| Residential | \$ 55.53 | \$ 64.06 | 15% |
| Small Commercial, Commercial | 253.74 | 305.89 | 21% |
| Irrigation | 237.84 | 283.80 | 19% |
| | Prior Year's Peak Month Bill | Projected Peak Month Bill | Percentage Change |
| North Colorado* | | | |
| Residential | \$ 103.49 | \$ 121.37 | 17% |
| Small Commercial, Commercial | 491.64 | 598.96 | 22% |
| Irrigation | 757.48 | 926.99 | 22% |

*Notification Published in our North Rate Area Newspaper

The proposed and present rates and tariffs are available for examination at the business office of Atmos Energy Corporation located at 1555 Blake Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado, or at the Public Utilities Commission at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202.

Anyone who desires may either file written objection or seek to intervene as a party in this filing. If you only wish to object to the proposed action, you may file a written objection with the Commission. The filing of a written objection by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding on the proposed action. If you wish to participate as a party in this matter, you must file written intervention documents under the Commission's rules.

Anyone who desires to file written objection or written intervention documents to the proposed action shall file them with the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202 at least one day before the proposed effective date.

Members of the public may attend any hearing and may make a statement under oath about the proposed change whether or not a written objection or request to intervene has been filed.

Atmos Energy Corporation has filed a separate gas purchase report in accordance with Rule 4607 of the Commission's Rules Regulating Gas Utilities and Pipeline Operators to begin the initial prudence review evaluation for the gas purchase year ended June 30, 2021.

Atmos Energy Corporation
Colorado-Kansas Division
By: Bart W. Armstrong
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| NEW 58.25 acres east of Pioneers Medical Center. | \$699,000 |
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| 980 9th St. | PENDING |
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