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Joining more than 30,000 others, Meeker firefighter Steve Waller participated in Tunnel to Towers 5K in New York City, a fundraising event in honor of Stephen Siller, a NYC firefighter who lost his life on 9/11 in the North Tower. Waller is pictured here in his Meeker fire gear at the 9/11 Memorial.

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## Meeker represented at 9/11 5K

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**MEEKER** I On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, New York City firefighter Stephen Siller, 34, had just finished a shift and was on his way to play golf with his brothers when news that a plane had crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center came over the scanner. Siller returned to get his gear and return to duty. Upon finding the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel (now the Hugh L. Carrey Tunnel) closed to traffic for security, Siller strapped on 60 pounds of gear and made his way through the tunnel and to the North Tower on foot. He would lose his life that day while saving others.

The youngest of seven children, Siller lost both his parents before he reached his teens. His siblings raised him. At 34, Siller was married, a father of five, and a dedicated New York firefighter assigned to Brooklyn's Squad 1. After his death, his family established the Tunnel to Towers Foundation in his honor. In the last 20 years the foundation has raised more than \$250 million in support of first responders, veterans and their families through multiple events and programs, including an annual Tunnel to Towers 5K run that follows the same route Siller took from Brooklyn to the World Trade Center on 9/11.

Steve Waller, who moved to Meeker 3-½ years ago and works at Natural Soda, grew up in Wisconsin. He wanted to join the military, but his dad, who was the fire chief, encouraged him to join the fire

department instead. He's been a firefighter since 1997, joining the Meeker volunteer fire department last year.

"I spent most of my childhood in a firehouse," Waller said.

This year, Waller represented Meeker's first responders in the Tunnel to Towers 5K, joining more than 30,000 participants for the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

"It was on my bucket list," Waller said. He trained for a few months prior, then made the trip to New York for the race, which he ran in his Meeker fire gear. According to Waller, about 50% of the participants were first responders, including U.S. Marshalls, SWAT teams, and firefighters from London. Waller said he would like to do the race again, maybe with a local team.

To donate to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation through Waller's page, visit <https://dogood.t2t.org/fundraiser/3323517>.



Meeker firefighter Steve Waller (right), in New York City for the Tunnel to Towers 5K fundraiser.

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## 125th anniversary of the thwarted bank robbery

*Editor's Note: This document was typed verbatim as the author originally published it in the Meeker Herald, Saturday, Oct. 17, 1896. All misspellings and grammatical errors were left in intentionally to preserve the historical integrity of the article.*

JUST RETRIBUTION

A Gang of Three Highway-men  
 Try to Rob the Bank of Meeker

And are Now Sleeping Beneath  
 the Sod as a Consequence to  
 Their Daring.

But Fortunately, Ill-Starred Deed

Meeker Citizens Meet the  
 Crises Bravely and Make Short

Work of the Robber Band-Only  
 Two Citizens Badly Hurt-The  
 Bandits Unidentified

Tuesday, October 13, 1896, will stand as a red letter day in Meeker's history. On that day three bank robbers and would-be murderers were sent to their final account. The work of the hold-ups showed evidence of amateurishness in many particulars but the lightning-like promptness by which they were disposed of showed that the citizens of this town know how to act and shoot.

It was close to the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon of the day above mentioned when two men entered the Hugas building by the main entrance, unobserved. One turned to the left and approached the cashier's window of the bank, which is partitioned off in the usual bank fashion and separate from the large store room; the other proceeded down the right aisle toward the center of the room, and simultaneously with the entrance of the two in front, a third (Jones, the leader) entered by the rear side door and approached near the center of the room unnoticed. At the time the two men entered from the front, Joe Rooney, clerk at the Meeker Hotel was making a deposit and the robber (Harris) quietly waited until he got through; as he stepped to one side the hold-up stepped up to the window and poking his gun through the brass railing fired close to the head of David Smith, the assistant cashier, who was busy making his entry, and ordered the latter to throw up his hands. Mr. Smith was slow in obeying the order and another bullet whistled past his head. These two shots aroused Mr. Moulton, the local manager of the Hugas company, who, with Mr. Booth and other clerks, were busily engaged waiting on customers, and they looked up to find that they were covered by heavy revolvers. While this scene was being instantly enacted, near the center of

the store-room the robber in front (who had kept his eye on Joe Rooney all the time) moved round to the bank office door and tried to force it open. Failing in this, he turned to Mr. Rooney and marched him down to the center of the room, where the other two robbers had already corralled everybody with hands up.

The leader of the gang then stepped up to Mr. Moulton, saying: "Here, Mr. Cashier, we want you!" and leading the latter to the bank office door ordered it opened which was done. The chief was followed to the office by Harris. The former said to Mr. Moulton: "Where's your money?" "There it is, replied the cashier," nodding in the direction of the cash drawer, which stood open. "Help yourself." Harris produced an old sugar sack and dumped contents of the cash drawer into it, his partner having Messrs. Moulton and Smith looking down the barrel of a "navy" while the job was being done. The robbers then ordered the cashier and assistant out of the office and had them join the "bunch" of employees and customers previously rounded up and which was "close herded" by Smith, "The Kid," while operations were in progress in the bank office.

The next thing on the program was to secure all the rifles and ammunition in the store, which being attended to by the leader of the robber band, he then filled the magazines of three rifles—one for each of the bandits in addition to the heavy revolvers they carried. He next broke and rendered useless the remaining rifles found in the store. All this consumed about five minutes' time, but these five minutes were fateful one for the robbers bold. Taken in connection with the two shots fired at the beginning of the affair, they sealed the fate of the hold-ups.

These two shots attracted the attention of Tom Shervin of the Meeker Hotel, who ran down to the Hugas corner and seeing what was up gave the alarm. C. J. Duffy, who was passing at the time, "caught on" and running up street, spread the alarm. Phil Barnhart also gave the alarm down street, and in less than three minutes' time every avenue of escape was guarded and a dozen unerring marksmen were awaiting the appearance of the robbers while the others were hastening to the scene of action.

After securing the rifles and ammunition, the next scene in the day's tragic affair was the filing out through the side door of the robbers with their prisoners. First came the leader pushing Joe Rooney ahead of him as a shield; then the other robbers with Messrs. Moulton, Smith, Booth, W. P. Herrick, Victor Dikeman and one or two customers who were in the store when the bandits made their appearance. They had no sooner reached the street than Jones spying W. H. Clark near the corner of the Hugas grain warehouse, raised his rifle and fired at him, hitting Mr. Clark

in the right breast about two inches to the right of the nipple. After this shot was fired the robbers marched the boys down the street about twenty-five or thirty feet to where their horses were hitched to the rear wheels of one of the Hugas wagons. Here Jones and Harris started to untie the horses while "The Kid" kept watch over the crowd on whom he had his Winchester leveled, but, as Mr. Moulton said afterwards, they were getting tired holding their hands in the air and somebody broke and ran. Then all ran for cover, and "The Kid" opened fire shooting promiscuously at the people on the run and hitting Victor Dikeman in the right arm, inflicting a very painful but not dangerous wound. Mr. Booth's left was cut by a passing bullet and Mr. Herrick had a finger cut in the same way.

The scattering of the bank and store people was the signal for Meeker's citizens to get in their work, and in less time than it takes to tell it, Jones, the leader of the bandits, and Smith, "The Kid," were on the ground, the former with a bullet hole through the left lung and the latter shot through the heart. In all five bullets penetrated the body of "The Kid" and he died instantly. Jones was game to the last and he emptied his revolver while lying on the ground before expiring.

Harris seeing his pals drop, ran in the direction of the river, but he hadn't reached the Miller house corner before a bullet in the right lung and another through the left leg brought him to the ground. He lingered for nearly an hour before giving up the ghost.

Thus was justice meted out to three bold bandits who struck the wrong town in which to ply their villainous calling.

So began and ended the first attempt to rob a bank in this part of the state. The affair makes a very creditable showing for the citizens of Meeker. The promptness in responding to the call, the cool display of judgement and bravery exhibited under trying conditions establishes for the men of Meeker a reputation to be proud of, and will give this town a creditable name throughout the length and breadth of the land.

County Attorney Ryan and the HERALD representative tried to get a statement from Harris before he died, but he was sinking fast and all that could be gotten out of him in almost inaudible tones was the name of the gang, viz: Charles Jones, the leader; Billy Smith, or "The Kid," as he called him, and the dying man, George Harris. The names are all supposed to be fictitious, although some of our citizens claim to have known the dead desperado under the name of Harris, and that he worked for the Lily Park Cattle company at one time. Some also thought that the leader was the notorious Tom McCarty of Delta

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## RBC COVID-19 update

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I Total Cases to Date: 921

Meeker Active: 19  
 Rangely Active: 17  
 Current Hospitalized RBC: 2  
 Total Hospitalized: 71  
 School District Meeker: 5  
 School District Rangely: 5  
 Deaths: 6  
 Approximate percentage of eligible population vaccinated with at least one dose: 43.6%

The COVID-19 vaccine is available to the general public (ages 12+) in Rio Blanco County at no charge. Walk-in clinics are available on Thursdays from 12 to 5:30 p.m., no appointment necessary.

Clinics in Rangely are at Public Health, 101 E. Main Street across from the library, and Clinics in Meeker are at the Fairfield Center, 200 Main Street. For questions, call 970-878-9520 or 970-878-9525.

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Saturday: 50s/30s



Sunday: 50s/30s



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# Recap: Rangely School District board of education monthly meeting

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

**RBC** | Rangely School District's Board of Education held its monthly meeting Sept. 21, 2021, at the EEC building. All members were in attendance including Carlene Cantrell, principal of Parkview Elementary; Crandal Mergelman, principal of Rangely Jr/Sr High School; and school board candidate Ron Granger.

Superintendent Matt Scoggins offered staff recognition for Grace Kenney, Anna Byerly, Erin Geer, Colleen Zufelt, Dorthy McCarty, Teresa Staley, Kaitlyn Ducey, Kristen Thayne, Stephanie Overton, and Natosha Clatterbaugh for their teamwork and efforts to include a new student that requires additional support. "One of my favorite things about public schools is that we accept everyone," Scoggins said. He also offered recognition for IT Manager Jesse McCann for his efforts to manage the 3D printer repair, including offering his own materials. Scoggins shared ideas for how the 3D printer will be used for lessons and in collaborative projects.

The board completed the first reading of new policies on staff sick leave which updates specific policies to include public emergency and bank days to support staff in the event of personal emergencies.

Cantrell highlighted the enjoyment of field trips being allowed again. Second and third graders attended the sheepdog trials in Meeker in September. Fourth and fifth graders took trips for fossil hunting. Fifth grade band practice is back on and there is much excitement for instruments and music to be back in the building. Parent-teacher conferences were held and the PTO provided dinner for staff members. Due to a rise in Covid cases, the annual Night At Hogwarts will be postponed from Oct. 29,

2021, to March 4, 2022.

Principal Crandal Mergelman shared updates on curriculums highlighting the math curricula Carnegie is running in all classrooms. A representative from Carnegie, was in the school on Sept. 20 to model and observe as part of the training included with the purchase. Mary Lansing is assisting in exploring English and social studies curriculum needs. Athletics are going strong. Rangely will be the host school for regional cross country in October. Junior high fall sports wrapped on Oct. 2 and junior high basketball practice started Oct. 4. Board member Casey Ducey questioned the school's awareness and plans to address a challenge originating on TikTok to vandalize school property. Mergelman addressed his awareness and plans to curb and address this type of behavior. The school is prepared to hold students accountable.

The majority of the meeting discussed minute details of the upcoming election for the issuance of a bond to support the award of the BEST grant funding. Specific items included the total replacement cost of district buildings vs. the total cost of renovations per the master plan created by Wildan Performance Engineering; acknowledgment of the possible unavailability of BEST grant funding in the future and renovations to schools not being funded by the state. The board thanked Scoggins for crunching the numbers regarding the issue. Scoggins informed the board of open positions including a special education teacher, a need for a new hire for the gifted and talented program and said Kindergarten teacher Danielle Dahl has submitted her resignation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 19, 2021, at 6:15 p.m.

## STAFF RECOGNITION ...



Rangely School District Superintendent Matt Scoggins acknowledged Colleen Zufelt, Dorthy McCarty, Anna Byerly, Teresa Staley, Kaitlyn Ducey and Grace Kenney for their team efforts towards inclusion at the Sept. 21, 2021, school board meeting.

KATIE KING PHOTO

## ERBM approves \$1M pool HVAC repair, \$250K for pond project

By **HT STAFF**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | ERBM's board of directors met Sept. 21 and reviewed the preliminary 2022 budget, which shows a 10% reduction in budgeted wages, and 7% decrease in the personnel budget overall. Operations is slated for an 8% decrease.

Those cuts will help balance a 10% decrease in district tax revenue, down from just over \$3 million in 2020, to about \$2.8 million in 2021, to just over \$2.5 million budgeted for 2022.

Board member Travis Mobley congratulated ERBM staff on successful efforts to shave down the 2022 personnel and operations budget.

The board then moved into scheduled and non-schedule capital improvement project discussions.

Scheduled capital improvement projects (CIP) are slated to cost \$1.4 million in 2022 and include a debris strainer replacement project, a second soffit repair, and a decision to replace fitness room treadmills as they break instead of all at once for \$50,000.

The board also approved a natatorium HVAC replacement for approximately \$1 million. The current unit is undersized and is creating humidity buildup and tempera-

ture problems that are damaging the building.

The non-scheduled project on the agenda is a continuation of the Circle Park Pond project. The board discussed possible grants and construction timeline questions, as well as the use of CTF funds to pay for the work. The board also discussed the Town of Meeker board setting aside \$250,000 for the project. This amount has been included in the town's draft budget, but has not been formally approved.

Board member Dan Chinn continued to hold a position against spending any more on the pond. "I think it's totally irresponsible spending these funds given the climate that we're in ... I think it's a big mistake."

The board approved going forward with \$250,000 budgeted for continued work at Circle Park and along the river corridor, contingent on no overruns and receipt of additional grant money as well as the \$250K from the Town of Meeker. The board took a vote for the record, with directors Kent Walter, Rob Baughman, Mobley, and John Strate voting for, and director Chinn voting against.

The district's preliminary budget showed a \$2,042,000 fund reduction prior to the board discussing non-scheduled CIP.

A budget hearing will take place Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center.

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MEEKER COWBOYS  
HOMECOMING BBQ

Burgers, Beans, Coleslaw  
& Drinks: \$7/plate

Friday, Oct. 8

BBQ—11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Parade—1 p.m., followed by Pep Rally

Courthouse Lawn

Proceeds benefit  
MHS Athletics Programs

FRIDAY GAMES

VOLLEYBALL: Meeker Cowboys  
vs North Fork Miners, 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Meeker Cowboys vs  
North Fork Miners, 7 p.m.

Meeker  
School District RE-1

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

Please attend to learn more about this year's candidates for the Meeker School District Board of Education!

Wednesday, October 13  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Meeker High School Auditorium

All community members are welcome to attend in person.

A video streaming option is currently under development. Details for this option will be shared via social media prior to the event.



Thank you Freeman E. Fairfield Charitable Trust Committee for their substantial donation to Pioneers Medical Center and the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation.

Their award will significantly support the hospital's purchase of a new CT Scanner & the Foundation's Meals on Wheels program for our community.

We are truly grateful for their commitment to enhancing quality outcomes!



# NEWS NOTES

## 4-H happenings

**RBC** | National 4-H Week is Oct. 3-8. Thank you to our leaders who volunteer their time and the members who dedicated themselves. You make our program great! The 4-H Open House for Meeker will be Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m., New Exhibit Hall, RBC Fairgrounds. Free popcorn and balloons! Come see what 4-H is all about! Hogwarts will be Oct. 30, 5-9 p.m., green 4-H Building, food and games. Free STEM activities for the kids in the old and new exhibit halls.

## Job walk Oct. 9

**MEEKER** | Job Walk 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 in the 500 block of Downtown Craig. Need a job? Need a worker? Apply or advertise a job at the Job Walk. On Oct. 9, the Craig Downtown Business Association will celebrate the workers who installed new sidewalks. In the afternoon, job seekers and aspiring professionals are invited to stroll the 500 block of Yampa Avenue in downtown Craig to apply for work, network with peers and hone those job seeker skills. Look for gold flyers announcing a Job Walk location. This event is the result of a partnership between CNCC, Craig Downtown Business Association, Craig Workforce Center, and Craig Chamber of Commerce to bring all Craig employers and job seekers together. If your business is interested in participating, fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/z9xD-1MZwgVYUiiqj6>.

## 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.

## Division of Water Resources meetings

**RBC** | Please join the Division of Water Resources (DWR) for public meetings in Rangely on Oct. 11 at CNCC from 6-8 p.m. or Oct. 12 at the Meeker Fire Hall from 6-8 p.m. as the DWR presents information and gather input on the upcoming Measurement Rules rulemaking. The purpose of the rulemaking is to develop consistent, stakeholder-driven standards for the implementation of DWR's statutory authority for requiring measurement devices for water diversion and storage. For updates and other information on our Measurement Rules rulemaking see: [dwr.colorado.gov](http://dwr.colorado.gov).

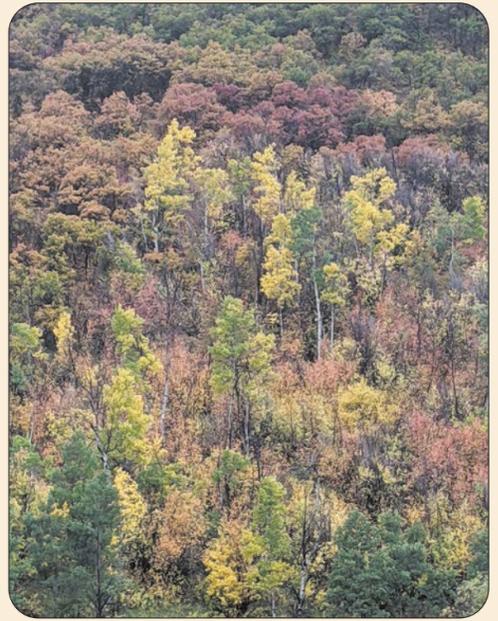
## Suicide prevention and awareness training

**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.

## Candy donations for Wing parade

**MEEKER** | The Walbridge Wing is seeking donations of candy for the outdoor costume parade in the Wing courtyard on Oct. 30 from 2-3 p.m. Candy donations can be dropped off at the Wing between now and Oct. 30. Weather permitting, come and join us.

# ANNIVERSARIES ...



The cool, damp weather on the anniversary of the Meeker Incident and the Milk Creek Battle may well have mirrored the weather from the time, based on historical accounts. Photos are from Sept. 29, 2021, 142 years after the events.

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- 23.5-24 oz. Prego **PASTA SAUCE** ..... 2 for \$4
- 4-4.5 oz. Knorr **PASTA SIDES** ..... 4 for \$5
- 9 oz. Herdez **TACO SAUCE** ..... \$2<sup>99</sup>
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- 4.6-5 oz. Betty Crocker **BOXED POTATOES** ..... \$1<sup>49</sup>
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- 16 oz. Food Club **JUMBO BISCUITS** ..... 2 for \$3
- 5.3 oz. Chobani **FLIPS** ..... \$1<sup>19</sup>
- 32 oz. Food Club Shredded or Block **CHEESE** ..... \$5<sup>99</sup>
- 8 oz. Food Club Cream **CHEESE CUPS** ..... 2 for \$3

### PRODUCE

- Large Gala or **GRANNY APPLES** ..... \$1<sup>29</sup>/lb.
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- Bunch **CILANTRO** ..... 2 for \$1
- Red Grape **TOMATOES** ..... 2 for \$4
- 24 oz. Hampton **ROASTED PEANUTS** ..... \$2<sup>99</sup>
- 6 oz. **KIWI BERRIES** ..... \$3<sup>49</sup>
- Crisp **CELERY** ..... 2 for \$3
- Red Cluster **TOMATOES** ..... \$1<sup>49</sup>
- Zucchini or Yellow **SQUASH** ..... 99¢/lb.
- Festive Carver **PUMPKINS** ..... 29¢/lb.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

# How's your (mental) health?

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**W**orld Mental Health Day is Sunday, Oct. 10 this year. It's a reminder that mental health is just as much part of a healthy, productive life as taking care of our heart, lungs, liver, bones and skin. It's also an aspect of a healthy lifestyle we tend to ignore.

Physical conditions that cause pain, or lumps, or weakness, or some other kind of discomfort, are hard to dismiss, and usually (eventually) land us at the doctor's office for a diagnosis and treatment. Mental conditions — anxiety, depression, OCD, PTSD, substance abuse disorders, eating disorders, delusions, etc. — those tend to be easier to hide, even from ourselves. After all, no one wants to be considered “crazy” or “nuts” or “insane” in our success-driven, superficial culture. Most of us grew up in a society that took great pride in “pulling yourself up by your bootstraps” and “controlling yourself.” Asking for help is contrary to the spirit of independence and self-reliance we were taught to honor, particularly if what you need help with has been downplayed as an emotional weakness or a character flaw. Add to that a dearth of

resources and care, the cost of treatment, and the stigma attached, and it's no wonder we have a mental health crisis in this country.

It's estimated half of all Americans will meet the criteria for a DSM-IV disorder at some point in life.

Here's the thing: if you don't take care of your mental health, your mental health will take care of you, and not in a good way. You wouldn't (hopefully) look at a malignant tumor on your body and try to 1) self-medicate it, 2) ignore it and hope it goes away, or 3) pretend you're fine. We do those things with our mental health all the time, and the outcome is just as dangerous, not just for yourself but for everyone around you.

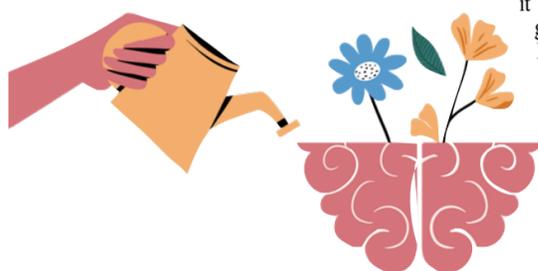
Think about our social woes, from addiction to homelessness to domestic violence and more. How many of those crisis situations are caused, overtly or covertly, by mental illness?

World Mental Health Day is a good reminder to schedule a checkup, the same way you'd go in for a cancer screening. If anything seems “off,” don't ignore

it or try to treat it yourself, get some professional help.

Find a therapist. Look for a support group. Thanks to the magic of the internet, you can even get mental health help online.

Everyone can benefit from mental health care, even when you're not in a crisis situation.



## Together We Can Help Our Neighbors with Substance Use Disorder

The substance use problem in our community isn't about “them.” It's about us. Societal and biological issues are the root causes. Only together can we start to solve it.

Together we can educate one another about the facts of substance use disorder. Together we can eliminate stigma. Together we can help our neighbors get treatment and recover.

Read about Susan Stout's story of substance use and recovery at [solvingSUDtogether.org](http://solvingSUDtogether.org).

All of us are the solution. Together we can.

[solvingSUDtogether.org](http://solvingSUDtogether.org)

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*Susan hopes sharing her story will help change negative perceptions associated with SUD. She is surrounded by a loving and supportive family.*

KAYE'S CORNER

# Elk bugling

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

**MEEKER** I Recently while in Yellowstone, we had the awesome experience of watching bull elk fight for their harem. Safely seated on our deck across the valley and river, we could follow the show with binoculars and spotting scopes.

Although we have many times listened to the elk bugle and watched them spar, every opportunity to witness the true story of how these magnificent animals prepare for the season ahead has been special.

During this recent event, the largest bull had to fight off two competing bulls. It was almost comical that he often couldn't decide whether to herd the cows or take on his competitors. The females split in two groups making roundup even harder. He would have benefited from a good sheepdog.

The bull raced around and the cows ran, then everyone rested and then it started all over again, up and down the hill. Finally, the cows started walking away on their

own, as if to say, “We're done with this for today.” The chief bull followed, despite only corraling about half of the available women.

By then, it was nearly dark and we couldn't see if the “vanquished elk” gave up. But we had a good hour of entertainment. These critters did not return across the valley for the rest of our Yellowstone visit but we were happy for one fun show.

Equally exciting was a recent trip up-river to Trappers Lake with our New York City visitors. We could see about 100 elk and hear the bulls' boasting noises. Our friends had never heard bugling and were astonished at their squeaky, insistent calls.

Some of the herd cooled off in the river, most munched on grass, and periodically the elk chased the cows. This event was more tame, but because we needed to return to Meeker before sunset, we don't know if interactions got crazy later.

One time when my parents were visiting



**Kaye Sullivan**

from Indiana, we watched a giant elk herd march across Horseshoe Park in Rocky Mountain National Park. A huge bull with outstanding antlers led the parade followed by about 100 cows and bulls, emerging one by one. Western entertainment doesn't get much better than this.

When we lived near Genesee Park just west of Denver, elk would often commandeer the neighborhood. Our German shepherd wanted to defend our property, but Jay wouldn't let him outside lest he get kicked by the much larger animals.

One time two bulls were intensely sparring right across from our house. Crash, bang they fought like crazed competitors. We observed from the indoors and marveled at the determination of these males to win dominion.

The sparring can be very intense and can cause the males' antlers to be broken. I wonder how many other species fight and work so hard to acquire a mate and thus a family? Mature bulls have the advantage of experience and weight over their younger, inexperienced competitors. But at some point, they age, become slower, less agile, and the younger guys take over. So the story of life goes.

Presumably as long as elk have inhabited the earth, similar behaviors of the rut, bugling, and sparring in the fall have continued to establish an elk family unit and continuation of their species. I say, good luck and we can't wait to see your babies next year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Veteran's views

Dear Editor:

The folks in Washington, D.C., say that possession of military-style high-capacity rifles must be strictly controlled or banned to make us all safer. This is the legislation they intend to use: H.R.127 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/127/text>

*The Attorney General, through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, shall establish a system for licensing the possession of firearms or ammunition in the United States, and for the registration with the Bureau of each firearm present in the United States.*

2019 Homicides by weapon: rifle—364, knives—1,476, hands/feet—600, blunt objects—397. <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/tables/expanded-homicide-data-table-8.xls>

Wesley Eubanks  
Meeker

Shopping at home is the best

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank Identity Graphics in Meeker for designing and making my re-election signs. Carly Thomson was great to work with. We are so very lucky to have a business like this in our county. Shopping at home is the best!

Thank you,  
Rena Nielsen  
Meeker

Safety more important than closing county jail

Dear Editor:

The safety of the citizens of Meeker, Rangely, Rio Blanco County and law enforcement outweighs the benefits of closing the jail. Citizens and property will not be as protected when just a summons is issued on aailable offense, and the offender remains on the street.

When offenders are arrested and transported to Craig, Colorado, from Meeker and Rangely this will take the officer off the streets for long period of time. Most of the time there is only one officer on duty.

Rangely P.D. and Deputies will have to transport the prisoner 93 miles one way to Moffat Jail for a total of 186 miles, or 3½ hours on good roads. Highway 40 can be treacherous during a snowstorm with elk and deer on the highway.

Meeker P.D. and Deputies will transport 48 miles for a total of 96 miles or two hours on good roads. These times may be extended by how

busy Moffat Jail will be booking their prisoners. During large events or when making more than one arrest there will be more officers off the street doing transports to Craig.

The money saved from closing the jail will not be as much as people are led to believe. When part of the jail staff is transferred into other areas, new vehicles purchased, cost of prisoner transports to Craig and the money paid to Moffat County to hold prisoners there is not the savings to justify closing the jail.

The financial burden has now become that of the Towns of Meeker and Rangely. This decision will cost more in overtime for officers transporting and officers called out to cover the transporting officer's shift. Fuel and vehicle maintenance costs will go up.

In a previous article to the paper the Sheriff says law enforcement is summonsing more so there are less inmates in the jail. Officers and Deputies are told the jail will not accept some prisoners due to Covid. So are number of inmates low because of Covid or a reason to show low inmate days to justify closing the jail.

Then there are those Detention Deputies who will lose their jobs, who have been dedicated and looking forward to a long career in our community. The local Meeker and Rangely stores who provide food and other services to the jail will take a hit. The burden put on the families of inmates for the travel time for visitation and medications to inmates.

Tens of millions of dollars was spent to build a new Criminal Justice Center. This cost was not justified to the public as needing new court rooms, D.A. offices or new offices for the Sheriff and personnel. It was sold to the Rio Blanco County taxpayers as we need a new jail, which was and is still needed.

Colorado Statute 30-10-511 Sheriff custodian of the jail — listed as one of the main duties of a Sheriff. If a Sheriff gives up a major duty should he/she also give up proportionately from their \$109,615 salary?

Rio Blanco County needs the jail. Where are the priorities for the community, employees and law enforcement? It is always nice to say you saved money, but what are the real costs?

Phil Stubblefield  
Rio Blanco County Sheriff (RET),  
Meeker Police Chief (RET), Rangely  
Lieutenant  
30 of 42 years law enforcement in  
Rio Blanco County

GUEST COLUMN

# Journalism sustainability

By GREGORY L. MOORE AND TIM REGAN-PORTER  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** No matter what issue you care about most — public education, the environment, affordable housing, economic opportunities — Colorado news outlets like this one connect you to the news you need to think globally and act locally.

Yet the financial collapse of reliable local news is a statewide and even a national crisis — and too few Coloradans recognize the serious threat to our communities.

Between 2004 and 2019, in small towns and suburbs across the state, Colorado has lost 33 newspapers — about one out of every five — including the Rocky Mountain News in 2009. Nationwide, some 1,800 communities have lost newspapers over the past two decades, leaving “news deserts” across the country — especially devastating in rural areas and communities of color.

Too often, the local news vacuums are being filled by social media, partisan hyperbole, and harmful disinformation. Without good, accurate local information, Colorado families cannot make good decisions for themselves — and communities cannot solve their own problems.

Rebuilding local news and a healthier public square will require a massive effort that must include a significant increase in philanthropic support, which is why the Colorado Media Project has helped to raise millions of dollars from private foundations since 2018 to help stimulate innovation in the local news ecosystem. Individual readers and civic-minded businesses are stepping up too, increasing donations, memberships and sponsorships for local news nationwide.

But philanthropy alone is not enough. Community news organizations are vital, local businesses that also need and deserve some (smart) public support — and Sen. Michael Bennett is in a unique position to make it happen.

Public support, you might ask? How on Earth can newsrooms take money from the government? Isn't

that like the muckrakers taking money from the muckmakers?

Fortunately, there is a shrewd way to help save local news businesses without the government gaining influence over journalists or their coverage. It's called the Local Journalism Sustainability Act. This clever, bipartisan bill would provide more help for local news than at any time in about a century — and it's done in a very First-Amendment-friendly way.

It helps small media outlets as well as larger players, nonprofits as well as commercial models, digital and print, communities of color and rural areas. The key provisions are:

A tax credit of up to \$250 for consumers to buy local newspaper subscriptions or make donations to nonprofit local news organizations.

A refundable payroll tax credit of up to \$25,000 to incentivize local news organizations for keeping local journalists on the payroll.

A tax credit of up to \$5,000 for small businesses to use to advertise with local news publishers.

Because these are tax credits, there's no government involvement in picking winners or losers — it's more akin to the Postal Service subsidy implemented by the Founding Fathers. This stands to be particularly good for smaller local news businesses and those covering communities of color. They do not have to hire an expensive lobbyist in Washington; if they do local reporting, they would qualify automatically.

The refundable tax credit for small businesses to advertise has two beneficiaries: the newsroom and the small business, which basically gets free marketing money. Local businesses from Aurora to Aspen would essentially get almost \$5,000 to advertise their services, as long as they do so through local media.

The payroll tax credit goes right at a core problem facing journalism today — that the current business models aren't enough to support labor-intensive investigative or accountability reporting. This tax credit could change the dynamics within newsrooms by making

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the hiring or retaining of journalists relatively more appealing. Because it's a payroll-tax break — rather than an income-tax break — this is also available for nonprofit organizations.

The House Ways & Means Committee included a portion of the Local Journalism Sustainability Act — the payroll-tax credit — in its budget reconciliation bill. Now it's up to the Senate Finance Committee — on which Sen. Bennet is an influential member — to decide whether it survives in the Senate.

It is supported by groups representing more than 3,000 medium and small newsrooms around the country, and many of their countless supporters. We hope Sen. Bennet can help pass this vital bill.

This bill is not just a stop-gap, but rather would help create a stronger and more inclusive local news system in the future.

Gregory Moore is former editor of the Denver Post and a member of the Colorado Media Project's Local Advisory Committee and Public Policy Working Group.

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**CONSERVATION CORNER**

**State Water Measurement Rules in the Making**

The State Water Engineer, Kevin Rein, and his staff will be here in Rio Blanco County to answer your questions and hear your input about the rulemaking process and the development of the actual rules. “The purpose of the rulemaking is to develop consistent, stakeholder-driven standards for the implementation of DWR’s statutory authority for requiring measurement devices for water diversion and storage and reporting of records.”

The White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts encourage all water right holders to attend the input sessions. While there is never a good time, the Districts worked with Mr. Rein to set the dates before rifle seasons begin and to hold a meeting in each end of the County to give you the best opportunities to attend. With two evenings, you can attend the one closest to you but if for some reason that date doesn't work, you are certainly encouraged attend the other location.

- October 11, CNCC, 500 Kennedy Drive, Rangely, from 6:00 - 8:00pm
- October 12, Meeker Fire Hall, 240 7th Street, Meeker, from 6:00 - 8:00pm

This is your opportunity to help guide what the final rules will look like. Mr. Rein says, “We will literally be creating the Rules as we go based on questions, comments, and information from the people that are attending.”

The meetings will be similar and will cover the same material. For updates and other information on the Measurement Rules rulemaking see: [dwr.colorado.gov](http://dwr.colorado.gov) or scan the QR code. A virtual meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

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# Q & A: board of education candidates

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The HT reached out to all the candidates running for both Meeker and Rangely School District boards via email last week.

We asked the same questions of each candidate, including:

■ *How long have you lived in the school district and what is your personal experience with the district (eg. currently have kids enrolled, had kids previously enrolled, you attended school in this district yourself, etc.)?*

■ *What education, work experience, and other board service do you have that qualifies you for this position?*

■ *What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing the local school district at this time and what are your ideas for addressing it?*

■ *How would you define your philosophy on public education?*

■ *What are your personal reasons for seeking a seat on this board?*

Here are the responses we received in alphabetical order by last name, starting with Rangely School District candidates.

## RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICT (RSD): BRAD CASTO

No response received.

## RSD: CORY CHRISTIAN

■ I have lived in Rangely most of my life. I was raised here and attended grades pre-k through 12. After leaving for a few years, I felt the pull to return to Rangely to raise my family here. I am a father of four and two

of my children are currently attending school in the RE-4 School District at Parkview and Rangely High School.



**Cory Christian**

■ While I've not yet served on a board of any kind, I did serve four years as a United States Marine, spending time deployed to Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. Serving in the Marine Corps taught me valuable lessons in leadership and serving others. I've also worked in leadership and mid-management positions during my years of employment. I am also the type of person who is willing to stand up for what I believe, despite what is popular/or what might go against what the majority is voting.

■ The most pressing issue facing the RE-4 school district, in my opinion, is the lack of local control over how our schools should operate within our unique rural area. Accountability for students, staff and parents is key when looking at improving our educational system and raising our children to be contributing members of society.

■ My philosophy regarding public education is pretty defined: It is not government's job to dictate what we teach our children. It is up to us as parents and community members to ensure that we are not only providing quality education

to our children, but that we are instilling core American values, integrity and creating the future leadership of this great nation.

■ My personal reasons for seeking a seat on this board are, 1. I feel that I can offer my time and opinions to better shape the educational outcomes for all of our children, 2. I am a long-time citizen of Rangely and I understand our unique population and values, 3. I love this community, I love these kids, I love this country, and these kids are the future of this country!

## RSD: JASON COX (INCUMBENT)

Missed deadline due to daughter's medical care.

## RSD: JAMES DILLON

■ My family has lived in the school district for about 20 years. I myself graduated from Rangely High School and have two daughters currently enrolled — one in preschool and one in first grade.



**James Dillon**

■ I currently serve as the CFO of Rangely Hospital District, and I sit on the boards for Giant Step Preschool and Child Care Center, the Rangely Food Bank, and the Rangely Cemetery District. I have some experience in grant writing and I am trying to help my community in whatever ways I can.

■ While I don't have an insider's perspective I think that some of the primary

issues we face, e.g., critical race theory (or critical theory of any sort) and mask/vaccine mandates, are being imposed from outside our community. I would advocate for keeping local control of schools. I also am concerned about the widespread use of smartphones and the impact it is having on kids. As I understand it there are rules about smartphone use but there are issues with them being enforced.

■ I believe the main objectives of education are to prepare children for work, and to shape them into good citizens. In many ways I feel the public school system in general is failing badly at both of those duties and I would like to keep this from happening in Rangely.

■ I want the school district to be one I would be proud to send my children to and I think that that is going to take a lot of work on Rangely's part to keep it that way.

## RSD: CASEY DUCEY (INCUMBENT)

■ I have lived in Rangely for 42 years. I currently have a freshman in high school and a fifth grader. I am also a graduate of Rangely High School.

■ I have served on the Board of Education for the last four years.

■ Passing of the bond for building improvements that will be on the upcoming November ballot. Educating the public about the issues the bond will address by using videos, Facebook, and the schools.

■ After what we've been through the past 18 months I feel like we learned the importance of in-person learning. It's beneficial for

## WHAT WE ASKED:

■ *How long have you lived in the school district and what is your personal experience with the district (eg. currently have kids enrolled, had kids previously enrolled, you attended school in this district yourself, etc.)?*

■ *What education, work experience, and other board service do you have that qualifies you for this position?*

■ *What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing the local school district at this time and what are your ideas for addressing it?*

■ *How would you define your philosophy on public education?*

■ *What are your personal reasons for seeking a seat on this board?*

students' mental health, social environment, and the community. Public education is a contributing factor in preparing our youth to become successful members of society.

■ To continue to be a voice for the community, students and teachers.

## RSD: RON GRANGER

■ We have lived in the school district for five years. My daughter Samantha is a seventh grader, and my wife Alisa has worked for the district in the past as a substitute teacher and a para. I have also worked with the school in partnerships with the college when I was the president at CNCC.

■ I spent 40 years in education including 12 years of teaching and coaching at high schools in Missouri and Wyoming. I have also taught and have been an admin-



**Casey Ducey**

istrator at the college level in Utah, Missouri, Wyoming and as President at Colorado Northwestern Community College. I have written and received grants for education and have worked on school finance for much of my career. I have also established connections with many of the other school districts in the state, many



**Ron Granger**

colleges and universities in several states and with State and Federal leaders who are instrumental in establishing curriculum and determining finance. I have my Master's Degree in educational administration from Missouri State University.

■ We have a few issues that need to be addressed. School finance and filling open positions are two that need immediate attention. With my contacts at the State and Federal level, I

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## OBITUARIES

### Relda Mae Coulter

Dec. 14, 1941 ~ Sept. 28, 2021

Relda Mae Coulter was born Dec. 14, 1941, in Redding, California, to Thomas O. and Shirley V. (Doolittle) Stotts. Most of her childhood years were spent in the Glenwood-Rifle area. She was introduced to Gary Coulter by her sister, Sherian Linderman, and they were married on Nov.



**Relda Coulter**

23, 1963. They raised four children: Jeri, Alan, Lanny and Samantha. Gary and Relda made their life in Meeker, Colorado, and established Coulter Aviation which they operated together for more than 50 years. They enjoyed wintering in Arizona and spending time in the summers at Lake Powell. After Gary died in 2013, Relda continued to winter in Arizona, was an avid golfer, and enjoyed traveling with her sister-in-law, LaWana Dickey. Her travels took her to all 50 states. She enjoyed attending church and weekly lunches with her friends. She was a fabulous cook, excellent gardener and loved keeping her yard in tip-top shape as well as decorating her home for the holidays. Her most treasured time was spent with her family

and her companion, Larry Ebert. She attended grandchildren's sporting events, loved playing games with the grandkids, playing cards with friends and hosting family dinners.

Relda was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sister. She is survived by her children, Jeri Allen of Grand Junction, Colorado; Alan (Cheryl) Coulter of Moses Lake, Washington; Lanny (Danette) Coulter of Meeker, Colorado; and Samantha (Mike) Lopez of Meeker, Colorado. Grandchildren include: Zack (April) Allen, Brenda Allen, Meghan Rudd, Brianne (Pavel) Borisov, Heather (RJ) Harris, Sarah Coulter, Shelby, Austin and Landin Lopez, and adopted grandchildren Luke (Maddie) Renninger.

Great-grandchildren include: Mason and Gavin Allen, Xadya Allen, Paxton and Keaton Rudd, Jersey Cox, Maksim and Aleksander Borisov, Willow and Ruger Renninger. She is also survived by her faithful canine companion, Buddy, and multiple dear friends and relatives.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held the summer of 2022. Memorial donations can be made to the Coulter Family Legacy Scholarship Fund, lovingly called "Mema's College Fund," through Grant Mortuary.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Marje Dorrell

Marje Dorrell passed away Sept. 28, 2021, at her assisted care facility in Fairbanks, Alaska, where she had been living for several years. Per her request, there will be no service, and her remains will be cremated and scattered privately by the family.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Doris Fern Walters

April 2, 1929 ~ Oct. 1, 2021

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to HopeWest or Meeker United Methodist Church.

## OBITUARY POLICY:

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

# Deer and elk hunters: keep an eye on your mailbox for chronic wasting disease mandatory testing letter

## PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Parks and Wildlife has selected specific deer and elk hunts for mandatory chronic wasting disease testing in 2021 to inform how and where to fight the spread of CWD.

Beginning in early October, CPW will be sending letters to Colorado rifle season hunters who have been selected for mandatory CWD testing. CPW will require mandatory submission of CWD test samples (heads) from all elk and deer harvested during rifle seasons from specific hunts to better evaluate the infection levels of CWD in herds. There will be no charge for mandatory testing. Find the hunt codes selected for mandatory testing of deer on pages 22-32 and elk on pages 41-52 of the 2021 Colorado Big Game Brochure.

## CWD TESTING LOCATIONS

A complete list of CWD testing submission sites along with hours and locations can be found here: [CWD Testing and Submission Information](#). CPW is continuing the use of temporary CWD submission sites to assist those who are hunting in remote locations.

## WHERE HAS CWD BEEN FOUND?

The results of mandatory testing are yielding new insights into varying infection levels in deer herds throughout Colorado. As of May 2021, CWD has been detected in 40 of 54 deer herds, 16 of 43 elk herds, and two of nine moose herds. The estimated proportion of sampled animals that are infected (or disease "prevalence") appears to be rising in many Colorado herds. Click here to read the 2020 Chronic Wasting Disease Annual Report.

## TESTING IN 2020

■ 32 deer herds were included in mandatory testing

■ Over 7,500 samples tested statewide (includes all species)

■ CWD disease prevalence exceeds the 5% in 22 deer herds

■ Nine herds have disease prevalence between 5-10%, six herds have disease prevalence between 10-20%, and seven herds have disease prevalence that exceeds 20%.

When disease prevalence is 20%, it means one out of five adult males are infected

■ Data collected from mandatory testing shows disease prevalence is 2-3 times higher in male deer than female deer

## WHAT IS CPW DOING TO ADDRESS CWD?

CPW is working to ensure long-term health of deer, elk and moose herds. Over time, this means minimizing the number of animals that get infected and die from this disease. To date, management actions have been prescribed for 27 deer herds that intend to reduce infection levels to below 5%. More information about our plan to manage CWD is available in the Colorado Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan, <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Hunting/BigGame/CWD/PDF/ColoradoChronicWastingDiseaseResponsePlan.pdf>

## WHAT ARE THE HEALTH RISKS TO HUMANS?

CWD is a prion disease that affects Colorado's deer, elk and moose. The disease course generally lasts 2-3 years and is always fatal. Although there has been no evidence that CWD has yet been transmitted to humans, the Center for Disease Control, along with CPW, recommend that hunters not eat the meat of a CWD-infected animal.

More information about CWD is available on CPW's website: <https://cpw.state.co.us/cwd>

More information on prion diseases is available on CDPHE's website: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/animal-related-diseases/prion-diseases>

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believe I can advocate effectively for rural schools, especially for Rangely, on getting the money necessary to make us better and provide our teachers with all the tools necessary to help the students learn. With my contacts at many of the universities, I believe I can help make our district one that graduating college students put on their list of places to apply for a position. Along with that, I know we can market our school, town and area better to possible future employees. My experience with marketing over the last several years would be a plus in this area.

■ My philosophy on public education is that every student should have the best possible opportunity to get a quality education. This means the learning environment needs to be one without disruptions or distractions, and our teachers need all the tools necessary to make the learning environment the best possible for all our students.

■ Since moving to Rangely, the people in this town have always been willing to step up and help us and the college. I retired at the end of the July so now I have the time to give back to this community. With my experience in education and finance, being a member of the school board is a very good fit. Also, because I have a daughter going to school here, I want Rangely School District to not just be a good school but to be one of the best schools in the state and in the surrounding states. I believe my training and experience will be an asset to our school and to this board.

## RSD: JERRY LEBLEU

■ I have lived in the school district for over 50 years, I currently have one child enrolled in the district and one graduated from the district, I am a graduate of Rangely High School, I've worked for the school district in bus maintenance and driving activity buses, I have been a baseball coach for last five years.

■ I have been self-employed for 31 years as an auto tech so I've dealt with all kinds of personalities, I think I'm pretty good at solving problems and love the challenges.

■ I think financing is always a big issue with education so being fiscally responsible and getting the most out of our dollar.

■ The well-being of our students: are we teaching the right curriculum for the right ages? I think students should be taught hard work, respect authority and be well disciplined in and out of the class room.

■ I am running for the school board because I think I could make a difference in decision making and I'm up for the challenge! I love being around kids of all ages and I would love to see them get the best education as possible.

## RSD: CASEY MORAN

■ I moved to Rangely after marrying my husband, Daniel, in 2008. I have lived here for 12 years. We have three boys. Our youngest, Mark, has been enrolled in school here since preschool. He is now in fourth grade. Our middle child, Dylan, has been enrolled from preschool through last school year (sixth grade). He is being homeschooled for seventh grade. Our oldest, Sam, attended school from Kindergarten

to about second grade here in Rangely. I have volunteered and been employed as a para and substitute teacher with our district for seven years.

■ In my seven years working in our school district I have gained much insight into our educational practices. I have experience working with administration, teachers and children directly. I have taught kindergarten, various classes as a substitute, and I have taught in an online capacity during the pandemic. I believe that I have a lot to offer our board. I feel that because I have built relationships with the administration and staff in our district, I can weigh in on discussions and help come up with solutions. As a mom of three boys and a wife, I have learned the value of compromising and I would use this skill as a board member. I also have an occupational certificate in Early Childhood Teaching from CNCC and have completed several other courses through CNCC. I am currently homeschooling my seventh grader and gaining more insight into the component of teaching.

■ Some of the most pressing issues are behavioral and learning expectations, a lack of academic programs offered and teacher/staff support. We have also seen politics become more and more prevalent within our schools and our children's curriculum. We need to get back to educating our children so that they can go out in the world and be successful. Some ideas for addressing these issues would be to review the district policies and discipline plan and adhere more strictly to them. I also would suggest more training and/or communication with staff to see where support is needed and to determine what changes can be made. In addition, we should hire more support positions to help ease the workload of other staff. The hiring process should be selective and offer more incentives to want to work in our district. Maybe that looks like offering a more competitive wage or offering financial assistance for teachers that are working in our district and going to school to get their teaching degree.

■ I am all for public education that is constitutional and built on teamwork, compromise, communication and safety in the public school environment. The environment within a school needs to be safe and conducive to learning and growth for each student. Public education provides many benefits for students, parents and families. It should also provide a relationship between staff, students, families and the rest of the community that is built up in trust and communication.

■ I care about my children's education and their learning environment as well as all students in our community. I also care about the environment that our teachers and administrators work in and how expectations are met and enforced. If I am voted onto the Rangely School District board I will use my experience and knowledge to help make decisions that will have a positive impact in our school district. This will also provide an opportunity for me to grow and learn so I can better serve our community.

## MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSD): HANNA BORCHARD

■ I attended most of elementary school in Meeker and part of middle school. Although my family and I lived elsewhere for many years, I returned to Meeker most summers

and moved back over three years ago. Currently, my children attend Kindergarten, third and fifth grades in the Meeker School District.

■ I am a licensed attorney practicing law in Meeker. I work with the Department of Human Services in child welfare cases, and serve private clients in estate planning, probate and real estate matters. I am a small business owner, having assisted with the financial side of operating a hop yard for the past four years and recently opened Smoking River Brewing Company. I currently serve as chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee at my local church, which oversaw a transition in pastors this year. I have attended public schools and private schools, including overseas and in a foreign language for over two years. I read, research and ask questions on a daily basis to better understand every situation, which carries over to the role of Board member. I also understand the value of healthy discussion and how to interact with others that may not always share my opinion, as I have found I can always learn something new. I am well acquainted with many students and teachers who attend Meeker schools. I have volunteered in my children's classrooms and in rec programs such as youth basketball and taught swimming lessons to elementary school students. I was director of Vacation Bible School at my church this past summer. Overall, I feel that my strength as a future Board member is my strong analytical background, ability to communicate effectively, and a passion for the success of children and youth in our community.

■ Like most schools across Colorado, I believe one of the most pressing issues is managing the budget to achieve a balance in serving the needs of all students, recruiting and retaining quality teachers and staff, and preparing our students for success beyond the classroom. We are fortunate to have a beautiful new High School and overall great facilities. I would like to see an emphasis on technology, computer and science education in the middle and high schools, along with a continuing goal of graduating well-rounded individuals prepared for their next steps in life. As part of teacher recruitment and retention, I would love to see what role the Board might have in assisting the community with more child care options in Meeker, and increasing teacher and staff salaries when possible.

■ I believe public education can and should meet the needs of the vast majority of children and youth in our communities. The role of our schools is to invest in children and build the foundation for students to become successful members of our community and beyond. Whether a student is bound for college, trade school or joining the workforce, there is value in shared experiences and lessons in the classroom. I believe that with the right supports in place, students can have flexibility within the school system to get their needs met.

■ As a parent of three elementary-aged children and local business owner, I am heavily invested in the future of our district. My roots in Meeker are already deep, as I am fourth generation on my mother's side and still own with

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Hanna Borchard



Casey Moran



Jerry LeBleu

## COVID VACCINE

"I don't need the vaccine because I already had COVID."

# Myth

You should be vaccinated **regardless** of whether you've had COVID-19. Research has not yet shown how long you are protected by natural antibodies after recovering from COVID-19. Studies do show that you get better protection from being fully vaccinated, however. One study has shown that unvaccinated people are twice as likely to contract COVID-19 than fully vaccinated people.

Consult your doctor with any questions about how long to wait to get vaccinated after you recover from COVID-19.



### Please share your questions and concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine!

Scan the QR code to complete a short survey and you'll be entered to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card!

*If you'd rather not provide contact information, you are welcome to remain anonymous.*



Scan the code or visit:  
<https://forms.gle/eg8xgJKEq6y1wGPJ6>

The COVID-19 vaccine is available to the general public (ages 12+) in Rio Blanco County at no charge. Walk-in clinics are available on Thursdays, no appointment necessary.

#### RANGELY CLINIC

Thursdays, 12–5:30 p.m.

MODERNA (18+) & PFIZER (12+)

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

Questions: (970) 878-9525

#### MEEKER CLINIC

Thursdays, 12–5:30 p.m.

MODERNA (18+) & PFIZER (12+)

Fairfield Center  
Walk-In  
(200 Main St)

Questions: (970) 878-9525

#### • WHAT ABOUT BOOSTER SHOTS?

Third doses of mRNA vaccine are currently recommended for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals. Please contact your doctor to see if you fall into this category. COVID boosters will be available at RBC Public Health's flu shot clinics for qualifying individuals per current guidelines at time of event.



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my family the Villa Ranch her grandparents homesteaded on Strawberry Creek. After having lived in other states and countries, I am thrilled to be able to return to the community I love and raise my children here. I want to see Meeker schools continue to grow and thrive, and I believe I can contribute in a constructive way.

I am excited about the momentum I feel in the Meeker School District and support our current superintendent. I would welcome the opportunity to partner with the administration, fellow Board members, and the public. It is my duty and that of the larger community to ensure we are all living up to the goal of promoting excellence in all we do, as we support our young people and the future. Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

## MSD: BILL DEVERGIE (INCUMBENT)

■ Our family has lived in the Meeker School District for 21 years. My wife Kathy and I raised two daughters who both attended and graduated from Meeker High School several years ago. Kathy is currently a school teacher in Meeker Elementary School and education is a very important part of both our lives.

■ I have a bachelor degree in biology from the University of Colorado and a master's degree in wildlife biology from Colorado State University. I have worked for Colorado Parks and Wildlife for over 30 years and I have been in a supervisory role for the past 19 years. I am currently and have been a member of the Meeker Board of Education for the past 12 years. I am running for reelection for my fourth term and I hope I can bring a historical experience to the Board. I sit on the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) Outfitter's Advisory Board and have been on this Board for 15 years.

■ Finances are always the most pressing and challenging issue facing the School Board. With the changes in Colorado school financing, the reduction in the local assessed values and overall inflation, there never seems to be enough money to do all the school district would like to offer our youth. We need to continue to work hard to find grants from various entities (DOLA, BEST, GOCO, third party, others) to help fill the voids wherever possible. We are so fortunate in this community to have the Freeman F. Fairfield Trust and the Meeker Education Foundation to help provide funding for so many projects and teacher support opportunities within the school district annually. We also need to reach out to our state representatives and continue to ask for their support in improving the state's finance package for rural schools.

■ Public education is the backbone and future of our country. Giving our youth the opportunity to get a great start in life is critical to all of their development and success in their lives as well as the success of this community. We are fortunate to have a very skilled and dedicated staff in this school district who go above and beyond the basics to provide our young people with the best education possible. This hard work is shown with the recognition of the Meeker School District as a school identifies as "Accredited with Distinction" for the past several years. This is a testament to the success of our local education process. We are also blessed with great support from the entire community and we just have good kids.

■ I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve on the Meeker Board of Education for the past 12 years. I feel I bring a



**Bill deVergie**

little different perspective to the Board as a long time state employee and a supervisor for many years. It is important to have a diverse board. I also believe strongly in the importance of educating our youth and want to continue to try to help in a small way by serving as a board member.

## MSD: SABRINA FICHTER

■ I have lived in the district just shy of two years! I currently have a second grader enrolled in the elementary school. I also have a seventh grader that is currently being homeschooled temporarily to provide him with extra focus and support on his needs that we felt were not being met, but is participating in sports within the district.

■ I believe I have developed many qualities and experiences that have prepared me for my role on the school board. I have my Associate's Degree in accounting and I have over 15 years of experience in the accounting field! Currently, I serve as the bookkeeper for my church community in Meeker. I also believe that the five years of budget experience I gained from working at the Sheriff's Department back in Iowa has given me vital experience for this position!

■ I believe as part of the school board, we work for the constituents and every person or parent within the Meeker community should be a vital part of our children's education! I don't believe it's the board's position to strong arm or force any medical decision on any student! Lastly, I firmly believe that as a school district employee, they should be required to follow any child's IEP or 504 plans without parents having to fight! Our district is legally required to do so and that's what should be done. After all, we want to help every child succeed, right?

■ I would love to change the order that board meetings follow. I would push for public input or comments to occur after the board discussion on the agenda before voting is completed! I believe as a district, we should be more welcoming to public comments and make ourselves available to truly hear & listen to the community! There are only a small number of positions on the board, but I believe every community member has different qualifications and strengths that would benefit us as a district! As a board member, I would strongly take into consideration and encourage cooperation with parents to make the best decision for the children of the district. I would like to see a plan implemented where teachers must provide principals with documentation that IEP/504 plans are being followed and that it would be the responsibility of the principal & teachers to meet regularly with the parents to ensure that child's success!

■ I believe public education should prepare our children for the real world. No child should be left behind on any subject and upon graduation our children should be equipped with the tools they need to enter adult life. It shouldn't be based on political views of the government or teachers. I believe the curriculum is very important and should not include any hidden agendas or common core!

■ Since we moved here, I felt called to give back to our community in some way. As I prayed about it, I realized it needed to be where I was the most passionate, my children and their future! I want to be a voice for the community and to stand up for what is the best for our children! We are raising the next generation and I do not take that assignment lightly! I will always stand up and advocate for what I believe is right for children!

## MSD: ANN FRANKLIN

■ I was born and raised in Meeker on my family's ranch on Strawberry Creek. With the exception of spending one year of high school in New Zealand as an exchange student, I went all of the way through the Meeker School District starting with Mrs. Tucker's kindergarten. I loved playing sports and participated in FFA. My husband, Bailey, and I have three children. Over the past three years, we have had a child in every school in the district.

I was the Elementary School librarian for three years (2016-2019). That experience taught me so much about what it is like to be a teacher and the multi-faceted challenges that go along with that. I have volunteered every year in my children's classrooms and was a substitute teacher for several years when we first moved back to Meeker in 2004.

■ Over the last three years, I have been serving on the Meeker Regional Library Board. I have a B.S. in rangeland ecology and Master of Agriculture from Colorado State University. I served on the county land use board and the northwest CO sage grouse working group when I was an extension agent and natural resources specialist in Moffat County. I have had to manage a budget in just about every job that I have ever held. I currently operate my own natural resources consulting business. I have had the good fortune to be able to start a non-profit called the Meeker International Ecology Program that has already assisted six local high school students with fundraising for a trip to the Galapagos Islands this past July. We raised over \$45,000. I plan to continue with this program and hope to engage many more

students in expanding their world view. This will require continued community involvement, fundraising and development of partnerships. This type of commitment to our community is what drives me to run for the school board.

■ I feel our greatest challenge is going to be fiscal resources, accountability, and management. My ideas for addressing this challenge are transparency, communication, building partnerships, and seeing opportunities where others might only see challenges and conflict. I have demonstrated this already by facilitating the creation of a partnership between the Meeker Regional Library District and the Meeker School District to fund the Elementary School librarian position.

Future pandemics and how to educate our children through challenging times could also be a major issue that we will all be facing sometime again. I believe that our school district has shown great leadership through the Covid pandemic and I see that continuing into the future. Being proactive instead of reactive and learning from past experiences will be very important.

■ Public education is just that — public. Meaning that we will provide a non-partisan education to all of our children in this community through a safe and supportive environment that provides them with as much opportunity as possible to achieve their goals and lead a fulfilling life. Politics and religion have no place in a public school setting. I do fully support saying the pledge of allegiance every morning, which we already do, and also love the singing of the national anthem before many of the school events.

■ I see value in working with others, collaborating, forming partnerships, and seizing opportunities. I love giving back to this community and feel like I am a strong communicator and enjoy talking with people from all walks of life. Traveling to many different regions of the world has helped me realize what a very special community we have here in Meeker. The school board is a pivotal part of this community in helping provide the catalyst for our teachers to empower our children to enter in to an ever-changing world. I would like to help continue to support and expand the unique passion that our community shows toward educating all of our children well into the future.

## MSD: SARAH GRIMES

■ My family has considered Meeker our home since 2006. Our daughter (Skylar, 12) was born while residing in Meeker. We moved to Oregon for a brief time in 2010, returning to Meeker in 2012, two months after our son (Rylan, 9) was born. Our children have attended Meeker Public Schools from Pre-K on. While our children have been attending Meeker Public School, I have been a parent volunteer in various classrooms.

■ I graduated from Bowling Green State University with an associate's degree in Liberal Arts. I started working for Horizons Specialized Services in 2014 as a case manager for children and families in our Early Intervention, Family Support, and Adult Services Programs. I started serving on the Preschool Council in 2014 for the Meeker and Rangely School Districts. In 2016 I became a board member for Connections 4 Kids based out of Moffat County serving children and families in all of Rio Blanco County. In 2017 I started serving on the Executive Committee for the Connections 4 Kids Board. 2015 was my first year serving on the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Board, and I started serving on the Executive Committee in 2019. I became a member of the District Advisory Committee (DAC) in 2018. I am currently still serving on all of the above listed boards, councils and committees.

■ I believe that the budget will be an ongoing issue for public schools and I feel it is necessary to continue to be fiscally responsible and transparent. Although I do not know all the ins and outs of the current budget, I look forward to researching and reaching out to other rural school districts to learn about additional resources that have been successfully utilized within their schools that we may not be aware of.

■ I believe that public education is a system that welcomes every child within the community regardless of academic performance, income level or disability to provide an opportunity to achieve academic success and is the foundation for our children to acquire many life skills. One advantage of public education is allowing students who qualify to benefit from additional services that help strengthen their ability to develop age appropriately. I feel that public education is an important part of building a diverse and robust community.

■ In my role as a Case Manager for Horizons Specialized Services, I have spent the last seven years advocating for children and families with developmental delays and disabilities. I hope to serve on the Meeker School Board



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to further advocate for all children, families, and residents of the Meeker School District. With my previous work, committee, council and board experience, I would bring knowledge, resources and new ideas in my role as a school board member.

## MSD: TONYA MERZ

■ I have lived in the Meeker School District with my husband Chris and two boys Garrett (13) and Samuel (9) for six years. During that time I have volunteered at the elementary school, taken an active role in school programs my children were involved in, and make it a point to stay informed on activities happening within the local school district. We have homeschooled for four years during our time here as well. Prior to moving to Meeker I was heavily involved in classroom volunteering and the PTO for our local charter school. I follow the state and federal policies currently in place and upcoming changes being proposed. I believe education

# DAYS GONE BY

*The Meeker Herald*  
125 years ago

- People who act without thinking generally think when others begin to act.
- Another week of ideal fall weather.

*The Meeker Herald*  
100 years ago

- Keep sweet is no advice for a grapefruit.
- There is every indication that Meeker is in the market for a building boom next spring.

boom next spring.

*The Meeker Herald*  
50 years ago

- Overwhelming approval for Colorado television introduced into the Meeker area last week, prompted County Commissioners to give the "go ahead" in setting up permanent equipment, giving the Meeker area two Colorado stations.
- The Glenwood Springs chamber of commerce through the efforts of

Jerry Brown, Garfield county planning director and others have prepared several thousand feet of movie film depicting the feasibility of the Glenwood Canyon Route for Interstate highway 70 between Glenwood Springs and Gypsum through the canyon viewing natural river glade.

*The Meeker Herald*  
25 years ago

- The mountain bike and pedestrian trail proposed for BLM north of Meeker has

wide support, even among Sanderson Hill residents who would live closest to the trail.

- The Meeker High School Class of 1996 has posted the best scores of this decade on the SAT, but are still somewhat below national average, and substantially below state average

*Rangely Times*  
50 years ago

- Twenty local wounded Vietnam veterans recently

were invited by a Montana couple to ride, fish, shoot and hike on an 85 acre ranch near Bozeman.

- Mrs. Virginia Bock of Rangely was honored at the ninth annual Glenwood Springs Art Festival last weekend at an award banquet for her oil paintings "Floral in Crimson" and "Golden Autumn"

*Rangely Times*  
25 years ago

- Concerned citizens met in Vernal, Utah about

the Dinosaur Diamond designed as a tour route based on a dinosaur theme with rock art and outdoor recreation.

- A sharp, deafening blast of turbid implications, otherwise known as wild horses, rang across the bluffs and valleys 25 miles south of Rangely last week. Wild horse enthusiasts based in Grand Junction blew the whistle on Bureau of Land Management wild horse gathering operations, citing alleged cruelty to animals.

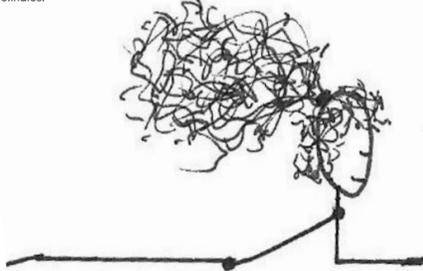
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## THWARTED ROBBERY: continued

► Continued from Page 1

and Telluride bank fame, but those qualified to judge say not.

Jones was about 45 years of age; 5 ft. 8 in.; dark hair, bald on both temples; bluish-grey eyes, sunk deep; small round head; about three week's growth of sandy-dark beard; right leg about 1 inch shorter than other; weight 155 or 60 pounds; wore blue goggles and a black sweater pulled up about his chin as disguise.

Harris, aged about 35; 5 ft. 9 or 10; weight about 180; light reddish hair; short, light sandy moustache; man of fine physique. His last utterance was, "Oh, Mother!"

Smith-Aged about 21; large smooth face; thick neck; hair, dark shade; 5 ft. 7 or 8; weight, about 150 or 55.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was in brief, that the deceased came to their death by gun-shot wounds inflicted by the citizens in defense of life and property, and that the killing was justifiable.

Undertaker Niblock put the dead bandits under the sod Wednesday afternoon, and already the exciting episode in our local history is thought no more of than if it was and every day occurrence.

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  9. Floor cleaner or haircut, pl.
  13. No such thing as a free one?
  14. Middle-earth dweller
  15. Like Halloween night
  16. Binary digits code
  17. Biathlon glider
  18. Take without asking
  19. \*Hockey's \_\_\_ Cup
  21. \*Start of play
  23. End of White House URL
  24. 1,000 grams
  25. Spot for a massage
  28. Chemistry Nobelist Otto

30. \*The oldest U.S.-based team in NHL
35. Bar bills
37. Denials
39. Thin Mints group, e.g.
40. Just one of British Isles
41. Low landform
43. Not in favor of
44. Slap landing
46. Dutch cheese
47. Property right
48. Kismet-related
50. "All for one, one for all" sword
52. Shed tears
53. Old in Scottish
55. Time period
57. \*Sandler as hockey player
61. \*\*"The Great One"
65. Radio show host: "Hello, you're \_\_\_"
66. Sea in Spain
68. Witchy woman
69. Pore in a leaf
70. \*1980 Olympic "Miracle" winner
71. Ringworm
72. Gardner's gear
73. Dashboard acronym
74. Same as sakis

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9. Dole out
10. Black and white treat
11. "La Vie en rose" singer
12. Ego's domain
15. Bodyguard, e.g.
20. \*14-year NHL player, coached Whalers to playoffs, Jack
22. Priest's vestment
24. Worked the dough
25. \*Hockey club
26. Ottoman title
27. More competent
29. \*Great Gordie
31. Europe/Asia mountain divide
32. Not Doric nor Corinthian
33. Post-it user
34. Like a sea urchin
36. Give an impression
38. \* \_\_\_ shot
42. Arabian chieftain
45. "Hats off," in New Zealand (2 words)
49. Mixed breed puppy
51. Builds
54. Madagascar primate
56. Skylit lobbies
57. "Geel!"
58. Keen on
59. Cambodia's neighbor
60. Marcel Marceau, e.g.
61. 1/1000 of #24 across
62. Fall asleep, with 'out'
63. Between femur and tibia
64. Confirmations
67. Nile viper

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## MHS volleyball poised to win league champs

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Well over half way through the season Meeker Cowboy volleyball remains undefeated and are poised to win the Western Slope League Championship. "Another successful weekend, with wins over Plateau Valley and West Grand," began head coach Greg Cravens. "We were working on serve and serve receive a lot these last few weeks. Our passing is showing improvement with both Sarah and Emma passing over a 2.0 this weekend."

The Cowboy 11-0 record has them sitting in the second position in the most recent MaxPreps rankings, just below Sedgwick County who is 13-1 and has suffered one loss from a Nebraska team. The Cowboys opened their weekend with the 9-2

West Grand Mustangs, a game that was discussed to be one of the toughest trials for the season. Meeker took the first two sets 25-18 and 25-17 and came from behind in set three to win 25-18.

Saturday, on the road in Colbran, they took on the 11-4 Plateau Valley Cowboys. Plateau Valley was expected to challenge Meeker, but the girls came up once again 3-0, winning 25-22, 25-12, and 25-20.

To date the Cowboys have played 39 sets, only losing six, and have only played one game to five sets.

It is Meeker High School homecoming week and the volleyball team is hosting North Fork on Friday in both volleyball and football, and De Beque on Saturday for volleyball. Games begin at 3 pm on Friday and Saturday. "Homecoming is always



a fun time for the girls and stressful time for coaches," wrapped up Cravens. "We hope to be focused for our

match against North Fork and DeBeque. North Fork has been improving all year and should be a good test for us."

TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO  
**Savvy Mendenhall and Ainsley Selle at the net.**

## Meeker Cowboys softball heading to regionals

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Cowboys began the week preparing for six games in three days, beginning on Thursday with Cedaredge at home. he Meeker Cowboys softball team

"We finally had some home games and put on a great performance for the crowd coming away with two wins against a strong opponent," said head coach Kendal Bergman.

In game one the Cowboys won the game with a strong offense. Brea Garcia pitched a complete game for the win with Ryan Mergelman behind the plate.

The tough and clean defense never let up throughout the entire game. Reagan Hafey hit a solo homerun over the fence in the fifth inning. Kastyn Dembowski had a line drive double and also Athena Lyon with another double of her own. The final score was 15-8 to the Cowboys.

"Once again, the entire lineup was strong at the plate and great defensive plays by the entire team for the second game," commented Bergman.

In game two Hailey Knowles pitched a complete game, only allowing two runs. Defensively Mykayla Wille snagged a line drive in the 5-6 hole, Dembowski caught one at the fence in center, and Lyon was solid behind the plate. Meeker's bats were alive once again with hits throughout the entire lineup. Wille stayed strong at the plate with a line drive double to center, followed by a double RBI by Hafey, Vivian Brown had a hard hit up the middle, and Dylan Herndon had a runner moving bunt and a hard single up the middle. The Cowboys



COURTESY PHOTO

**Softball is headed to regionals.**

won 14-2.

"The girls did an amazing job in these two games and made the home crowd and coaches proud," said Bergman.

The Cowboys hit the road for a four game series in Durango and Cortez. The Cowboys couldn't hold off Durango in two very close games. Losing game one 7-8 and game two 4-3.

"We went into the Cortez games knowing we needed to win to have a chance at the league championship," commented Bergman. "The girls fought hard in both games after already playing four games in the two previous days."

Knowles pitched game one and had help from her defense and hitting lineup. Mergelman was a wall behind the plate and defensive plays by Dembowski in center field, Herndon

in right field, and Macy Ridgeway at first base.

The Cowboys also executed under pressure successfully getting outs in pickles on two different occasions.

"Very impressive patience at the plate and aggressive swings on strikes with multiple extra base hits by numerous players to score runs," said Bergman.

Extra base hits by Brown, who had a double to right field, Knowles' triple to right field, Wille's triple that started off the game scoring two runners, and Mergelman's hard hit up the middle for a single and the Cowboys scored ten going into the last two innings.

Meeker was able to keep the lead in the last two innings to come away with a first game win of 11 to 8.

The series ended 1-1 and in game two the Cowboys had to fight back to

gain back the lead but the Cowboys ended up losing by one run in the last inning.

"The girls never gave up and fought hard the entire time," said Bergman.

Cortez scored four runs in the first inning but the Cowboy offense fought back with Wille hitting a triple down the first base line and a single by Hafey to score two runs to cut their lead in half. "Brea Garcia, the fierce competitor she is, kept getting better and better throughout the innings, allowing less and less runs," commented Bergman, "this allowed the offense to come back swinging."

Offensively there was a lot of contribution from the entire team, the Cowboys stepped up and moved runners and stayed patient to get on base with walks. Brown, Dembowski, Macy Ridgeway, Knowles and Hafey all had hits and aggressive base running that allowed the Cowboys to score more runs to catch up to Cortez but lost the game 10-11.

"Both infield and outfield had great plays and great hustle that took away quite a few hits by Cortez. It was a tough loss, by one run, at the end of the second game but I couldn't be more proud of the girls," wrapped up Bergman. "They showed so much heart and fight that will help us finish out our season on a high note and take us into the postseason."

Tuesday's game with Basalt was canceled. No makeup games will happen, no other opponents could be found. With the forfeit the Cowboys are looking strong as league champs.

## Cowboys dominate Grand Valley Cardinals 33-7

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** In just the second home game of the Meeker Cowboy football season, the team dominated the Grand Valley Cardinals 33-7.

"The kids had great effort level the entire game," said head coach Shane Phelan. "We won the turnover battle and the combination of effort and winning turnovers is a recipe for winning."

Meeker was on top first with a score from Kelton Turner and extra point by John Hampton Hightower.

The Cowboys had three unanswered touchdowns going into the half and led the Cardinals 21-0.

In the second half Meeker was once again on the board before the Cardinals. A missed PAT left the score at 27-0, after a three and out possession by the Cardinals, Hightower

kicked a 38 yard field goal to make the lead 30 points.

In the fourth quarter another field goal by Hightower brought the score up to 33-0, and the varsity took the bench and the younger guys got some time in the game.

Late in the fourth the Cardinals scored and kicked in a PAT and the final score of the game was 33-7.

The Cowboys intercepted four times by Connor Blunt, Trinden Powell, Liam Deming, and Jacob Simonsen.

"Anytime you can get the ball extra times it makes for a good game," commented Phelan. "Our boys are trending up in their progress and really doing some good things."

This week's leading tacklers are Zach Simonsen with 11, Elijah Leblanc with eight, and Liam Deming with six.

On the ground Turner ran for 200 yards in 20 carries, averaging 10 yards per carry and he scored four

touchdowns. Threw the air blunt completed 71.4% of his passes to Casey Brink, Powell, and Porter Hossack. In all the Cowboys rushed for 247 yards and had 96 in the air.

This weekend the Cowboys get their first chance to take on the newly created North Fork, the former Hotchkiss and Paonia. North Fork is ranked six in the composite rankings and is Meeker's opponent for a league championship.

"Neither of us has lost in the league yet," said Phelan, "this game has future league championship ramifications and it is really important for both teams."

North Fork was beaten by Buena Vista last weekend 28-21, and they scored all of their points in the second half of the game. They have a strong returning offensive and defensive line that is full of returning seniors, one of which is the 10th ranked tackler in the state, number 50 Carter Neff, who plays defensive



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

**(Above) Zagar Brown. Kickoff for this Friday's homecoming game is set for 7 p.m.**

end and center.

"They have an outstanding defense and the Buena Vista game was the first time they have given up so many points all season," commented Phelan. "Their defense will test us and they have a lot of experience being upperclassmen."

"We are really excited to get to play at home again in front of our homecoming crowd, and it is another great opportunity to face a top ten opponent," wrapped up Phelan.

Kickoff for the Cowboys and Miners is 7 p.m. Friday at Starbuck Stadium.

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# Lady Panthers rack up wins, prep for homecoming

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The lady Panthers of all levels came away with two wins last weekend. Starting Thursday against the Caprock Eagles, the White team won 2-0, junior varsity won 2-0 and varsity won 3-0. Then, Friday against the Hayden Tigers, JV won 2-0 and varsity came out on top in a hard fought 3-2 victory.

The White team Panthers played well on Thursday. The sets were 25-14 and 25-12. Kaitlyn Cox once again had a phenomenal serving game, going on a 14-point run to finish out the second set. These young women played an all around strong match with several players contributing to the offense.

JV had similar results in both their matches this weekend. On Thursday, the Panthers hosted the Caprock Eagles. The JV team was able to defeat the Eagles in two sets, 25-8 and 25-18 respectively. Miah Wren led with five kills and Kaitlyn Cox with six assists. Lexi LeBleu had three aces in the second set and four digs. Angelia Peck and Kristiana Terry had five digs each.

Friday against Hayden they pulled ahead early in both sets, winning decidedly 25-12

and 25-11. LeBleu led the offense with seven kills. Wren, Mackenzie Manchester, Cox and Emma Winder also contributed with a few kills a piece. Wren and Terry led the defense side with 10 digs and six digs respectively.

For varsity, the lady Panthers really showed what they were capable of. Thursday's victory against Caprock was a solid win. Cheered on by the student body they played hard and the effort was reflected in the score. Leading stats included Adelynn Halcomb with five aces and 17 digs, Kyrrah Phelps with five kills and eight digs, Miley Chism with nine kills, and blocking up front: Aspen Low with nine solo blocks and Annika Cantrell with four.

Hayden Friday night was a little more difficult. Both teams played extremely well. Several sets went into extra points. Fans in attendance were treated to an adrenaline pumping intense match with many ups and downs. The Panthers pulled it out in the end winning the deciding fifth set 15-13. Once again leading serving and defense were Halcomb and Phelps. Halcomb scored three aces and had 36 digs. Phelps scored four aces with 14 digs. Low was very strong in the middle front racking up 13 kills and 11 solo



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**The lady Panthers are looking forward to their homecoming matches this weekend. They will play Soroco Friday at 4 p.m. and Manila Saturday starting at 1 p.m.**

blocks in the match. Freshman Miley Chism was also strong with eight kills to her name.

The lady Panthers look forward to Homecoming weekend with matches Friday starting at 4 p.m. versus Soroco and Saturday starting at 1 p.m. versus Manila. Come and support your lady Panthers!

## Rangely runs in Delta

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Middle School harriers had the opportunity to run in Delta this weekend. The course is known to be flat and fast and was a 3K, which is 1.8 miles. The runners were all able to have personal best.

The girls started on the line first. TyLee Fielder led the girls with a time of 13:36, taking 15th out of 66 runners. Rachel Elder and Taya Wren ran together again and had times of 14:40 and 14:42 respectively; they were able to take 26 and 27th place. Sammie Granger took 4th on the team with a time of 15:29 and took 35th place overall.

Next on the line were the boys. Rangely only had two boys running, Jay Nickson and Matthew Morgan both eighth graders. Jay was able to run a 13:18 respectively. Matthew was close behind with a time of 14:54.

"It was a great race for all the kids. I am super proud of all of them and how they went out and ran. They all have some great potential in running," said head coach Beth Scoggins.

The runners have one more race before the end of the season. They will run in Aspen on Saturday, Oct. 9. It will be one of the most challenging races of the year.

### HIGH SCHOOL

After a challenging course last week the Rangely Panthers were excited to get on a fast and flat course for the high school cross country team. The Panthers ran in Delta at Confluence park. The course takes the runner along the river before they head into a wooded area and then around the lake. The



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**Panther cross country is working hard to prepare for state. Middle and high school harriers will run in Aspen next, one of the hardest courses on the Western Slope.**

most challenging part of the course was all the teams: there were 22 teams represented. The boys race had 131 runners while the girls had 113 runners.

The girls were the first to race. Mary Scoggins led the girls with a time of 20:24, finishing 15th. "It was a good race for Mary, she went out hard and was able to hold on with a good finish," said Coach Scoggins. Next in line was Hayley Burr, she was

able to get another personal best with a time of 26:04, she took 30 seconds off her time from last week. Macy Morgan keeps getting stronger every week with a new personal best of 28:07. Rylee Allred was able to race this week after dealing with some injuries. She finished with a time of 30:18, which was a decent time since she has missed out on so much training.

All the boys had great races. As a team they were able to place ninth out of 16 total teams. Andrew Dorris found himself with a new personal record and placed 20th overall. His time was a 17:29 respectively, it was nearly a 45-second PR. Colton Noel was second on the team and also had a personal best with a time of 19:02. Kevin Wren found himself taking third on the team with a time of 19:48 which is another personal best. Coming in fourth for the team was Fisher Winder, who also had a personal record of 20:40. Anthony Dorris found himself just nine seconds behind Fisher with a time of 20:49. The last boy to cross the line for the Panthers was Justin Allred with a time of 22:43.

"I am super impressed with how the team is coming together. The boys are working hard in practice and it is paying off," said coach Scoggins. "They are doing a good job of working together and keeping each other in sight during the race."

Next week they will be running in Aspen on Saturday, which will be one of the hardest courses on the Western Slope. It has one big hill, then lots of rolling hills throughout the course, it is a good course to prepare for state.

## PANTHERS WIN 38-0



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**The Rangely Panthers went on the road to complete a four-game road trip and left West Grand with a 38-0 win. The Panther defense gave up 39 total yards, while the Panther offense rushed for 221. Zane Varner led the team rushing with 148 yards on 25 carries. Conditions deteriorated in the second quarter as rain and wind hampered both offenses for the rest of the game. Keihlin Myers threw for 78 yards with a passer rating of 97.6, while West Grand was unable to complete a pass. "Anytime you can leave here with a win, it's a great thing for our program," said head coach Ryan Wilkie. Rangely will be at home this Friday for a homecoming match-up against Gilpin County.**

## Fall sports season closes for BMS teams

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** This weekend the middle school fall sports' season ended with a flurry of activity in Meeker. On Friday, the seventh and eighth grade volleyball B-teams traveled to Rangely for the end of the season tournament (see photo below). On Saturday the rest of the middle school sports teams had their final competitions in Meeker.

Saturday began with the cross country team running a two-mile course consisting of mixed terrain around the middle school and rec center with a finish on the track shortly before kick-off against the Rangely Panthers. Craig, West Grand and Soroco traveled to run the XC course and it proved to be a great day to run. Both boys and girls ran their race together and there were many close finishes and impressive times for all Meeker runners.

Sam Smithers was Meeker's top runner this week, finishing third in the boys division with a time of 16:04. Brad Nielson finished sixth with a time of 16:26. Completing the boys team was Cameron Hanberg in 16th place with a time of 19:13.

The girls also ran incredibly well.

Dawn Arnold placed second in the girl's division with a time of 16:13. Skylar Grimes was sixth in 18:18.

"I am so very proud of the team, each set goals for this last race and everyone of them surpassed their expectations. Everyone of them also took minutes off their times from the start of the season," said head coach Kris Casey.

Once XC had finished their race, top runners' places were announced, and team scores determined, the eighth grade boys football team kicked off their game with Rangely. The eighth grade boys played a great game and claimed victory for their last game of the season. The seventh grade boys then went up against the Rifle Bears, in a hard fought game, they also finished on top for their final play of the year.

While the boys were playing football the seventh and eighth grade girls were also competing on the volleyball court. Nine seventh and eighth grade teams from the surrounding areas traveled for an intense day of volleyball. The Meeker eighth grade team competed against Rangely in the championship game. Again Meeker finished on top for a great end to their season.

## New PRs at Delta Pantherfest for MHS cross country team

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker High School cross country team participated in Delta's Pantherfest meet this past Friday. Known for being a fast course, this year did not disappoint, with nearly all of our team posting their best time this season, and quite a few with new personal records.

Brighton Bair was one of those, finishing the girls varsity race in 27th place with a new PR of 21:10. This was more than one minute faster than on this same course last year. The boys varsity race had Eddie Drussell as Meeker's first to the finish line with a PR of 19:35 for 59th place, more than 1:30 better than his previous best time. Gabe Richardson was two places behind Drussell, with a season-best of 19:43. Gabe Smithers was close behind, a new PR of 19:55, and 64th place. A new PR of 20:50 for Wyatt Rollins at 85th and Gage Richardson finished in 103rd place at 21:42. The boys placed 14th in team scoring.

Callie Stout was Meeker's only JV runner, and finished the girls race with another PR this week of 28:25, fully 3:21 better than her previous best. She finished in 37th place in her race.

"We had some great racing among really good competition in Delta, and just what we need at this point in the season," said head coach Marty Casey.

**Meeker cross country came away with nearly all of the runners posting their best time of the season, and quite a few with new personal records.**

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# Q&A: MSD candidate responses, continued

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is highly important and should have a place for parents to participate and give feedback.

■ I hold a Bachelor of Science in agricultural business with a minor in economics from Colorado State University. Shortly after graduation I took a position with the USDA and became our program's first female assistant to the Federal State Supervisor in the country. After our oldest was born I was accepted into the Colorado Ranching Legacy Program and completed a Master of Agriculture with Colorado State. I have 15 years of business, supervisory, and auditing experience. I was also appointed to a team which was tasked with creating an on boarding system for our federal agency which I implemented and administered nationally after I was hired as the Ambassador Coordinator. I stepped away from my career to homeschool our boys. Currently I participate in several local programs and hold the treasurer position for a local non-profit.



**Tonya Merz**

■ I see the pressure that school districts are receiving from the state regarding private health matters along with other social and cultural matters as something that Meeker needs to preemptively take a position on. It is of the utmost importance to me that the school district preserves our town's values of liberty and personal choice.

■ A public school's purpose is to provide an education in fundamental academics — reading, writing, and arithmetic. A public school should teach children how to think independently, showing children how to learn and how to pursue knowledge. There should be a clear line between education vs. teaching agendas and opinions in a public school system. Values should be left to parents and families to teach. I believe parents should have a voice within the school and be welcomed with their thoughts and ideas. I believe that parents should have personal choice to make decisions that are best for their families. These choices should not be dictated by the schools, state or federal governments.

■ Currently I am seeking a position on our community's school board because I care about our community and wish to preserve the place my family has come to call home. I care about both my children's and my neighbor's children's future. I care about the future citizens of this country. We need voices on the school board which are not passive but not harsh. We need voices on the school board which are bold but also thoughtful and eloquent. We absolutely have the ability to preserve a piece of America. I pray others across our country will stand to do the same.

## MSD: RACHEL RUST

■ I moved here in February 2020 and married my husband, Steven, who was born and raised in Meeker. We have a blended family of six children, three of which are currently attending school in the District at the elementary and middle schools.

■ Above all, I am a parent that advocates for all children. I grew up on the Western Slope and was involved in 4-H leadership and served as an advisor in Garfield County after graduation. I was a foster parent for several years and completed the requirements to participate in the foster care program in Mesa County. I have continued my education through New Skills Academy online, receiving a certificate in mental wellbeing in children and child psychology. I have been involved with Rifle Mothers of Preschoolers for seven years and currently serve on the steering committee as the fundraising coordinator for Rifle Mothers of Preschoolers. MOPS is an international organization supporting healthy families.



**Rachel Rust**

■ I feel the most pressing issue facing the local school district at this time is encouraging parents to be involved in their child's education. Parents need to be heard and have a voice. I would like to see more focus on the students who need extra help with learning, with EIP/405 plans being implemented and follow through of the plan. A parent should not have to engage a child advocate to get the needs of the student met.

■ My philosophy on public education is to recognize a community coming together to train up our next generation. I would like to be confident public education will give a child the opportunities and skills to go out in the world after graduation with basic skills in everyday life. I believe students should be encouraged to find an avenue they are passionate about whether pursuing college, trade school or the workforce.

■ The future of our community is in the classroom. I believe we need parent involvement, as our children spend the majority of their time in school. I believe the school board should represent the best interest of the families in the community attending the local schools, working hand in hand with parents. I would like to see parents welcome at meetings, having their voices heard and encouraged to share input. The school board is elected to serve our families and students to provide a healthy atmosphere for all students to grow and prosper. I believe it would be an honor to serve in creating the best available to raise our children.

## MSD: JANA SANDERS

No response received.

## MSD: HEATHER SAULS

■ My husband (Brian Holmes) and I have lived in Meeker for 15 years. Both of my kids have grown up in the Meeker School District, starting with preschool. Currently, my daughter (Iris) is in sixth grade and my son (Oliver) is in 10th grade.

■ I have a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida and a Master of Science degree from the University of Montana. From this science-based education, I've developed strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills. While I admit that there will be a lot to learn as a new school board member, I'm a quick learner. I've worked as a planner for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) since 2010. Through my job, I have extensive experience with evaluating potential policy changes, so I know how to pay attention to details while also not losing sight of big picture goals. On an almost daily basis, I facilitate discussions between people with different (and often strongly held) opinions. A big part of my job is finding common ground by addressing different people's concerns while ensuring that the solution remains consistent with existing organizational goals, laws, regulations, and policies. I believe that I have a reputation for being honest, fair, and approachable.

■ I'm concerned that potential staffing shortages is an emerging issue for Meeker School District. We've all seen how some local businesses have struggled to recruit and retain quality employees. Across the country, there are news articles about schools having difficulty filling support posi-

tions such as bus drivers, administrative staff, substitute teachers, custodians, and cafeteria workers. According to a recent article in the Craig Daily Press (9/28/21), Moffat County recently had 39 openings in their district and cancelled classes for three days to address staff burnout. Within the Meeker School District, we've recently struggled to recruit coaches and substitute teachers. I believe the first step is recognizing an emerging problem and proactively working with the community and school administration to develop a plan to address it before it negatively impacts school operations. A short-term solution is to make sure the community is aware of these staffing needs within the schools in order to encourage people to apply for these positions. A long-term solution is to make sure that the Meeker School District remains an "employer of choice" by offering competitive wages. As other local employers raise wages to attract and retain employees, the District will ultimately have to re-evaluate its own pay scales. The District will also likely have to consider "salary compression" where raising the pay of the lowest salaries (e.g., those that only require a high school diploma) results in less of a difference (or compression) when compared to positions that require higher education and professional licenses. This will likely require either making difficult budget decisions and/or seeking additional funding.

■ While it may sound corny, I don't think it is an overstatement to assert that public education is the key to ensuring that the "American Dream" is within reach of everyone. On my dad's side of my family, I was only the third person to graduate from high school and I was the first person to go to college. I've seen first-hand how a high-quality public education positively affects your opportunities in life. As such, I believe that public schools should welcome students from all backgrounds and strive to be a neutral place of learning. While I certainly support teaching civics, I don't believe that partisan politics have any place in our public schools. Likewise, while I also support learning about various religions as part of a social studies curriculum, I don't believe that we should promote any single religion within our schools. We should also anticipate that our children will be expected to use new technologies and address novel challenges over the course of their lives; we should ensure they are well prepared for the future by helping them develop strong critical thinking skills.

■ My reasons for seeking a seat on the board are to 1) ensure that the board represents parents of current students and 2) to give back to the community through volunteer service. Our current seven-member school board has only one member with children currently enrolled in school. I acknowledge that it is important to have the perspective of parents whose children have graduated and can speak to whether Meeker School District adequately prepared their children for life after high school. However, I think it is equally important for the board to have strong representation by parents whose children are currently enrolled in Meeker schools. In regard to community service, it takes a lot of volunteers (e.g., coaches and referees, youth program leaders, community fundraisers, etc) to make this town such a great place to raise children. I wanted to give back to the community by offering my time and talents on the school board.

## MSD: NICK SMITH

■ My name is Nick Smith. I am the fourth generation of my last name that has attended and graduated from this district. Starting with my great-grandad in 1918, to my grandpa in 1948, to my dad in 1975, to me in 2008. In my time in this district, I was involved in many extracurricular activities such as football, wrestling, basketball, baseball, track and FFA. I am married and we currently have a daughter that attends the second grade at Meeker Elementary.

■ I graduated college with an Associates degree in applied science. I have worked in the youth and adult corrections department for most of my career since college. Currently, I manage and run a contract that involves three different government agencies, I know I have a lot to learn but I don't step back from hard topics, and I am willing to explore both sides of the coin. The main thing that qualifies me for this board is the drive and willingness that it will take to make it be here for future generations.

■ The biggest issue facing this district is community involvement. My goal if elected is to help strengthen all aspects of the community to get more participation by holding open forums and making sure that everyone is aware of what is going on.

■ That every student is deserving of a well-balanced, healthy, and safe learning environment.

■ To help ensure that Meeker School District RE-1 upholds its standards to the students that we serve.

## MSD: ANTHONY THEOS

■ I am a Meeker native and attended Meeker School District Pre-K through 12th grade. My wife Dani is also a Meeker native attending school here, and our two boys are both at Meeker Elementary School. Thomas is in fourth grade, and Ari is in Kindergarten.

■ After graduating high school in 1997, I attended Mesa State College (now Colorado Mesa University). I received a bachelor's in business management, and then returned to Meeker to help run and operate our family's ranch. I have served as president of the Colorado Wool Growers Association, president of the Colorado Sheep and Wool Authority, and a Rio Blanco County Fair Board Member. Currently, I am vice-chair of the American Sheep Industry Wool Council, and I am a board member of the Yellow Jacket Water Conservation District.

■ One of the most pressing issues that we keep facing are the Covid restrictions and how the state manages urban city areas compared to our rural area. I believe Meeker School District has done a great job handling the situation thus far, and common sense has been used to address the pandemic for our district. Moving forward, I will remain firm in my belief that kids learn best in-person in the classroom, and that we remain united as a board as this pandemic continues.

■ The educators in our district have done an excellent job of preparing our children for the next step in their lives whatever that may be. The responsibility also lies with what the student and their parents put into their schoolwork as well. The public education system in Meeker has given the necessary tools to young adults to succeed in the path of their choosing. As a board member I hope to continue the preparation that is needed to make our students bring their



**Heather Sauls**

## WHAT WE ASKED:

■ How long have you lived in the school district and what is your personal experience with the district (eg. currently have kids enrolled, had kids previously enrolled, you attended school in this district yourself, etc.)?

■ What education, work experience, and other board service do you have that qualifies you for this position?

■ What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing the local school district at this time and what are your ideas for addressing it?

■ How would you define your philosophy on public education?

■ What are your personal reasons for seeking a seat on this board?

full potential to the future.

■ I believe I would be a strong asset to the board. As a product of the Meeker School District, and now having kids attend school here, I get a unique opportunity to talk directly with educators and fellow parents about ideas, concerns, what is being done right, and which direction we should go in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

## MSD: LAURIE WHITEMAN-KENDALL (INCUMBENT)

■ I grew up in Meeker and, along with my two brothers, was the third generation to graduate from MHS (1989). After about 20 years, I returned to Meeker to raise my kids. I am about to graduate my third child from MHS with my fourth not far behind. I currently have two sons, a senior and a sophomore, attending Meeker High School. They attended all three Meeker schools and my two adult daughters both attended and graduated from MHS.

■ My secondary education is in business administration and accounting. I began my work experience in governmental property appraisal and county finance. However, much of my work experience has been in education in one form or another. I have taught second, seventh and eighth grades in two private schools for a total of four years. I have been a substitute teacher for the past 10-plus years in the Meeker School District and the Roaring Fork School District. I have worked as financial secretary and student secretary in the Basalt Elementary and Middle Schools, as well as secretary at Meeker High School. For the past six years I have worked in accounting. These experiences have given me a view not only from the classroom, but from the administration side as well. My knowledge in accounting gives me an understanding of the fiscal and financial aspect of the district and state funding. My experience in the government agencies gives me an understanding of the tax allocation to special district as well as some of the legislature that is still valid to this time.

■ I feel the most pressing issue facing our local schools (and all public education) is refocusing our attention to our initial district and educational goals and student learning after dealing with the effects of Covid on public education, our communities and the multitude of work that it created for our administrators and staff to keep our children safe, in school and learning as best as possible. The best way to do this, as a board member, is to support, encourage and enable our administrators and staff to do just that.

■ Having been involved in private education and public education, I appreciate that public education allows our children to grow in the diversities of our world. I believe that public education needs to provide our children with a well-rounded "head, heart, hand" education of student learning and testing along with an ability to care for others, provide community service and learn a work ethic to help them succeed. I also believe we have a responsibility to provide an education with views from all aspects without pushing any agendas or beliefs directly on our students.

■ As an incumbent, I decided to run four years ago and to re-run currently to be part of something I am passionate about. I also hope to bring knowledge and experiences I have gained in the last 20-plus years. I strive to support and serve our district, our kids, their education, the administrators, the staff, and our community, without bringing an agenda to the table. I am proud to be part of the Meeker School District and what it has stood for and still stands for.



**Laurie Whiteman-Kendall**



**Nick Smith**

# HEAR MORE FROM THE CANDIDATES:



## MEEKER FORUM:

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13, 7-9 P.M.  
@ MEEKER HIGH SCHOOL  
& STREAMING ON FACEBOOK**

**HOSTED BY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
LIVE-STREAM BY THE HERALD TIMES**

## RANGELY FORUM:

**THURSDAY, OCT. 14, 6-7 P.M.  
@ JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

**HOSTED BY RANGELY COMMUNITY  
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**



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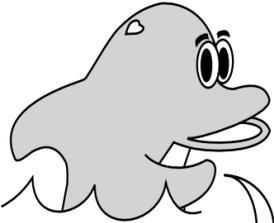


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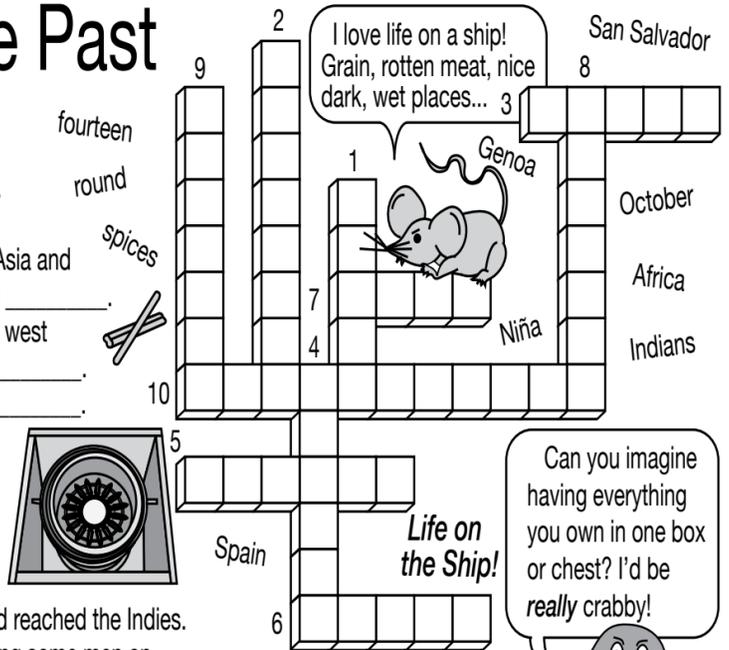
## Explorers of the Past



A thousand years ago, Europeans began setting out in ships with visions of adventure and treasure. The lands they found in their travels, and the native people they met, were forever changed. In 1492, Christopher Columbus launched his historic voyage. **Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle about him.**

### Christopher Columbus:

- was born in \_\_\_\_\_, Italy.
- started to sail at the age of \_\_\_\_\_.
- believed earth was \_\_\_\_\_.
- wanted to go to the Indies (Southeast Asia and India) to find gold, precious stones and \_\_\_\_\_.
- thought he could reach there by sailing west instead of having to sail east around \_\_\_\_\_.
- was supported by Queen Isabella of \_\_\_\_\_.
- sailed three ships westward: \_\_\_\_\_, Pinta and Santa María.
- landed on \_\_\_\_\_ 12, 1492 and claimed the land for Spain.
- called the people already living there \_\_\_\_\_ because he thought he had reached the Indies.
- sailed back to Spain on the Niña leaving some men on \_\_\_\_\_.



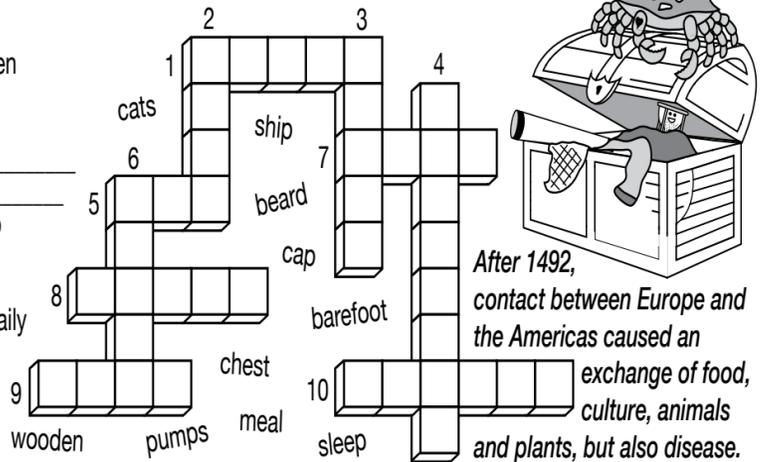
Among the crew of Christopher Columbus' ships were **grumets** or **cabin boys**. The cabin boys did many small chores and received about one half the pay of the seamen. One of their jobs was to keep track of the time by turning half-hour glasses every 30 minutes.



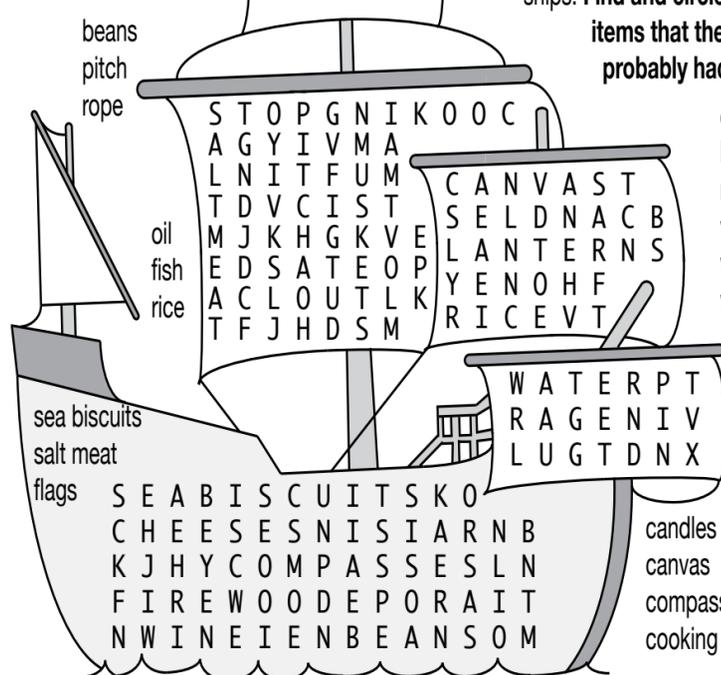
**Read these clues to find out more about the life of the boys.**

### A Cabin Boy:

- had to \_\_\_\_\_ in spaces between the gear below or on the deck
- would swim next to his \_\_\_\_\_
- kept water out of the bilge using \_\_\_\_\_
- often did not wear shoes, went \_\_\_\_\_
- used a red wool \_\_\_\_\_ to keep his head warm
- had only a small sea \_\_\_\_\_
- was lucky to have one hot \_\_\_\_\_ daily
- let his hair and \_\_\_\_\_ grow during the voyage
- kept \_\_\_\_\_ to kill rats
- used a \_\_\_\_\_ bowl for food



## Food and Supplies



There are few records about the food and supplies explorers like Columbus stored on their ships. **Find and circle these items that they probably had:**

- cheese
- honey
- raisins
- vinegar
- water
- wine

- muskets
- firewood
- lanterns

- candles
- canvas
- compasses
- cooking pots



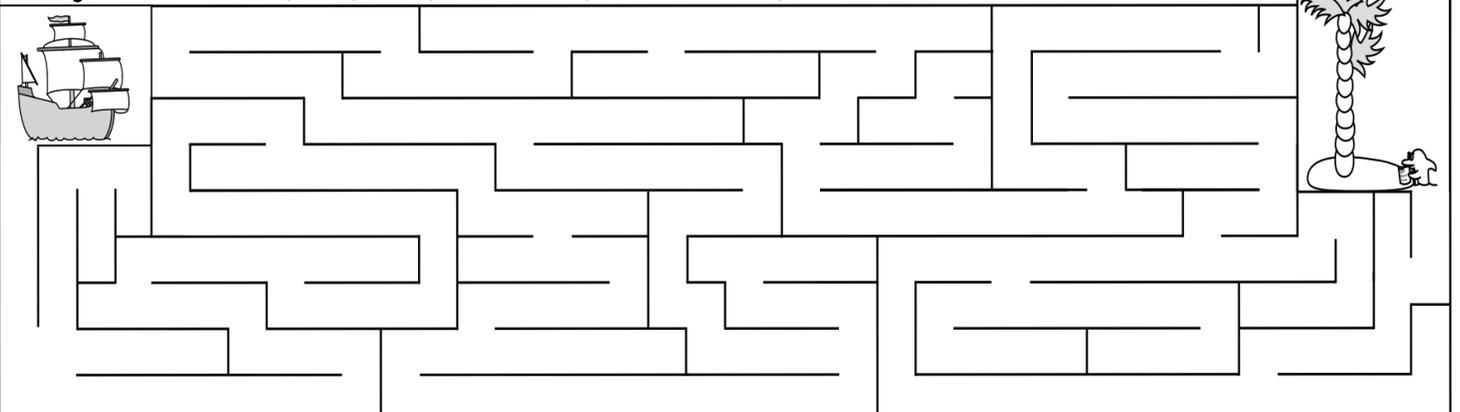
## Famous European Explorers!

Pop Quiz! Let's see if you know these four famous explorers. **Match each name to the correct description:**

- Marco Polo
- Ferdinand Magellan
- Juan Ponce de León
- Leif Erikson

- his voyage was the first to sail around the world; he was killed in battle before the voyage was completed; only 18 out of the 237 men who set out on five ships made it all the way
- is thought to be the first European to have landed on North America
- this merchant was one of the first westerners to tell about visits to China
- founded the first European settlement in Puerto Rico (native people were already living there); is well-known for his voyage to Florida, where legend holds that he searched for the "Fountain of Youth"

**Sailing to Discover** Can you help this explorer and his ship's crew find their way "across the ocean" to land on the unknown island?



MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

AGENDAS

PUBLIC NOTICE

TREE & BUSH TRIMMING
Town of Meeker Municipal Code 18.1.137 created a clear operation area for all Town maintenance equipment along all streets within the Town. All trees, tree branches and other obstructions within this operation area or which are causing visual obstruction at intersections must be removed to permit the safe operation of Town equipment and promote the safe movement of vehicular traffic.

Drive, Rangely, Colorado 81648 , where the same is open for public inspection.
The budget hearing for the proposed 2021 budget amendment has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on December 9 th, 2021 at Rangely District Hospital, 225 Eagle Crest Drive, Rangely, Colorado 81648 at which time the 2021 budget amendment will be considered by the Board of Directors for adoption. Any interested elector of the Rangely Hospital District may inspect the 2021 budget amendment and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the 2021 budget amendment.

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND PERSONS HOLDING INTEREST

Whiting Petroleum Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (WOGC), having acquired by merger with Equity Oil Company all of the operational rights and obligations for certain oil/gas well locations, is presently engaged in the reclamation of abandoned and/or dormant well facilities in the Rangely, CO area, within the following described parcel of land, to wit:
US Patent Number 672456 : (Rangely #7 placer mining claim) comprising Lots 1 and 2 and the East half of the Northwest quarter of Section 31 in Township 2 North of Range 102 West of the 6 th P.M.; U.S. Patent Number 899208 : (Rangely #10) comprising the East half of the Northeast quarter and the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 25 in Township 2 North of Range 103 West of the 6 th P.M.; being part of Parcel #1385-361-00-003.

BLANCO County, State of Colorado:
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a regular election of the RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT shall be held on Tuesday, Nov 2, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The election is being conducted as a mail ballot election. Mail ballots will be mailed to eligible electors between October 11 th and October 15 th (between 22 and 15 days prior to the election date). At said election, the electors of the District shall vote for three (3) Directors to serve the following terms of office on the Board of Directors of the District:
Jennifer Barker - 4 year term
Davin Boydstun - 4 year term
Lisa Piering - 4 year term
Rodger Polley - 4 year term
Rodger Polley dropped out of the election on 9/16/21\*\*
Per CRS 1-4-1001 Any votes cast for candidate will be deemed invalid and will not be counted.
The address for the return of mail ballots by mail is: Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder offices at 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO and 209 E. Main St., Suite 101, Rangely, CO and for the return of mail ballots by drop-off is at Rio Blanco County Clerk & Recorder office, Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, CO and the Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. 24 hour Drop Boxes are furnished at both locations. The office is open between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election (November 2, 2021).
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Anson Excavating & Pipe Inc, Sewer project, \$ 51,980.77
Bid D's Pumping Inc, Hauled water, \$ 3,230.00
Urie Rook Company, Road base, \$ 35,904.87
Split Mountain Farm Inc, Playground chips, \$ 3,850.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$ 170,305.71

TOWN OF DINOSAUR
DISBURSEMENTS FOR AUGUST 2021
Gross Salaries \$ 26,364.98
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$ 2,960.78
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$ 902.00
IRS, FWT/Med, \$ 2,738.60
FPPA & D&D, Contributions, \$ 3,066.72
Centurylink, Phone bill and new system, \$ 485.12
Moon Lake Electric, Town Electricity, Town House & School, \$ 2,148.12
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$ 92.00
Caselle Inc, Support, \$ 340.00
City of Grand Junction, Wastewater tests, \$ 67.50
CHP, Insurance, \$ 7,154.72
Comdata, Gas, \$ 1,646.28
WestWater Engineering, Professional services, \$ 22,757.66
Bankcard Services, Window shield, XM, Training, Zoom, cooler parts, \$ 3,409.13
Rio Blanco Herald Times, Public Hearing, \$ 6.72
COLOCPA Services, Audit, \$ 5,200.00
Pinnacol, Workers Comp, \$ 676.00
Walmart, Bleach, Clorox wipes, \$ 239.48
Column, Public Hearing, \$ 25.74
Williams Equipment, Jet truck, \$ 9,225.00
Akronpc.net LLC, IT service, \$ 960.00
Northwest Diesel Sales & Service, Fixed jet truck, \$ 3,193.30
Mountain States Company, Fixed pump #3, \$ 9,210.00
USA Blue Book, Hydrant meter, \$ 851.96
Vernal Winnelson, Pipe, coupling Well 4, \$ 251.27
CO Dept of Local Affairs, Water loan, \$ 7,823.65
Basin Rental, Sod cutter, tiller rental, \$ 275.00
UNCC, Locates, \$ 5.28
Sands Law Office, Code codification, \$ 6,250.00
SGS, Water samples, \$ 402.40
Miracle, Parts for swings, \$ 1,000.45
Sav on Propane, Propane, \$ 693.56
Rocky Mountain Weed Manage, Sprayed Weeds, \$ 1,428.25
Rangely Hardware, Sprinkler parts, concrete, ant killer, keys, hose, \$ 453.30
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$ 122,304.97
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a. Annual Superintendent Goals
b. Educational Programming Goals ( Policy ADA
4. FY22 Budget
a. Updated information
b. CEBT Dividend
5. Extracurricular Activity Cancellation Protocol
6. Community guidance regarding public comment at BOE meetings
7. Items introduced by board members
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
555 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 599
MEEKER, COLORADO 81641
This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicnhMpB47zL\_NjN0Fg
To provide public input please call (970) 878-9432

Tentative Agenda October 12, 2021
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to the October 12, 2021 Agenda
C. Move to approve the October 12, 2021 Agenda including any changes
2. CONSENT AGENDA for October 12, 2021
Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.

3. BUSINESS
A. Discussion of the open connection line for public participation in BOCC Meetings.
B. Move to approve/deny Notice of Final Contractor Settlement with GMCO Corp. for the Rio Blanco County 2021 Dust Control Project in an amount not to exceed \$9,440.13.
C. Move to approve/deny Notice of Final Contractor Settlement with Stripe-A-Lot for the Rio Blanco County 2021 Pavement Marking Paint Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,055.72.
D. Move to approve/deny Acknowledgement Letter to CDPHE for COVID Immunization Round 4.
E. Move to approve/deny a Liquor License renewal for Elk Creek Ranch Restaurant, LLC.
4. BID AWARDS
5. MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS
6. RESOLUTIONS
7. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Road and Bridge Report – Scott Marsh
B. Public Comment
C. County Commissioners Updates
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
Adjourn
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 19, 2021 in the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO.. Please check the County's website for information at http://rbc.us/18/6/Board-of-County-Commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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Keely Ellis, Trustee
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting
a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021, Town Council Meeting
6. Petitions and Public Input
7. Changes to the Agenda
8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm
First reading of Ordinance 697-2021 an Ordinance repealing Title 15, 15.40 entitled Floodplain Management, Section 261, Entitled Standards for Floodplains and Floodways, of the Rangely Municipal Code of the Town of Rangely, Colorado and replacing it with Title 15, 15.42 Titled Floodplain Management and Standards.
Committee/Board Meetings
RBC Commissioner Reports
Council Reports
12. Supervisor Reports – See Attached a. Chief TiRynn Hamblin
13. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
14. Old Business
15. New Business
a. Discussion and action to approve the September Check Register
b. Discussion and action to approve the Special Event Permit for Rangely BPOE for the CML District Meeting 10/13/2021
c. Discussion and action to approve the Draft 2022 Budget as presented.
Informational Items
a. CML District Meeting 10/13/21 @ 4pm
b. Oktoberfest 10/16/21
c. RBC Covid Update
Board Vacancies
a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy
b. Community Garden Board Vacancies
18. Scheduled Announcements
a. Community Outreach meeting is cancelled for Oct 4th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.
b. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 14th, 2021 at 6:00 pm
c. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 11th, 2021 at 5:00 pm
d. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 11th, 2021 at 7:00 pm
e. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 18th, 2021 at 7:00 pm
f. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 19th, 2021 at 12:00 noon
g. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for Oct 19th, 2021 at 6:15 pm
h. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 19th, 2021 at 11:00 am
i. RDA/RDC Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 21st, 2021 at 7:30 am
j. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 21st, 2021 at 12:00 noon
k. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for Oct 28th, 2021 at 6:00 pm
l. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 27th, 2021 at 6:00 pm
m. Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for the January 2022 at 9:30 am
19. Adjournment
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Notice of Rangely Town Council Work Session
RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting of Tuesday October 12, 2021
\*\*\*\*\*6:00 pm\*\*\*\*\*
Rangely Town Hall Conference Room
Budget Discussions
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 2.08.020 of the Meeker Town Code, that at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 a meeting will be held at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO. This meeting is a workshop session with the Meeker Planning Commission and the Steering Committee to continue review of the draft Land Use Code update.
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EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT D/B/A PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER
PUBLIC NOTICE
October 26, 2021
A meeting of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 12:00 PM in the PMC Board Room located at 100 PMC Drive, Meeker, CO 81641.
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TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR JULY 2021

Gross Salaries, \$ 25,754.26
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$ 2,822.03
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$ 900.00
IRS, FWT/Med, \$ 2,730.86
FPPA & D&D, Contributions, \$ 3,066.72
Centurylink, Phone bill and new system, \$ 487.39
Moon Lake Electric, Town Electricity, Town House & School, \$ 1,924.64
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$ 1,392.00
Caselle Inc, Support, \$ 6,312.50
City of Grand Junction, Wastewater tests, \$ 67.50
CHP, Insurance, \$ 8,634.28
Comdata, Gas, \$ 1,809.12
WestWater Engineering, Professional services, \$ 12,790.10
Bankcard Services, Window shield, XM, Training, Zoom, cooler parts, \$ 1,369.66
NAPA Auto Parts, Mower parts, belt for cooler, rags, fuses, \$ 383.44
Rangely Hardware, Sprinkler parts, cooler parts, padlock, well parts, \$ 233.14
Pinnacol, Workers Comp, \$ 676.00
Walmart, Bleach, trash bags, tissue, \$ 222.16
T. Long, Mileage, \$ 168.54
R. Wilczek, Mileage, \$ 201.36
M. Becker, Notary set, \$ 74.80
US Tractor & Harvest Inc, Boots for tractor, \$ 14.34
Professional Touch, Lub & oil, \$ 90.94
UNCC, Locates, \$ 1.32
Mike After Hours, Gas bill picked up wire, \$ 180.00
Akronpc.net LLC, IT service, \$ 1,120.00
Micro Plastics Inc, Name plate, \$ 25.47
Ducey's Electric Inc, Troubleshoot Well, \$ 107.50
TKS Backflow & Hydrant, Backflow testing, \$ 400.00
Motorola Solutions, Subscription, \$ 1,380.00

AGENDAS

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Work Session and Special Board Meeting
555 Garfield Street
Meeker, CO 81641
October 11, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
Community members wishing to observe the board meeting/work session may do so by using the following Google Meet link: https://meet.google.com/vba-fezj-jko
Special Board Meeting:
1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Smith will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)
Action Items:
1. Approval: Personnel Hires
a. Elementary School Paraprofessional - TBD
b. Classified and certified substitutes - Leah Morgan, Elizabeth Ahearn
c. Middle School Boys Basketball Coaches - Amy Chinn (co-head coach), Jim Hanks (co-head coach), Kris Casey (volunteer assistant), Claudia Mosher (volunteer assistant)
d. Middle School Girls Basketball Coaches - Tom Knowles (co-head coach), Paultette Hanks (co-head coach), Claudia Mosher (volunteer assistant)
2. Approval: Meeker School District 2021-2022 Unified Improvement Plan
Other BOE Information:
Executive Session (if needed):
Special Meeting Adjournment:
Work Session:
1. Construction project updates
a. Stadium Restrooms
b. BMS Security Upgrades
c. Overall construction budget
d. Emergency BEST Grant for BMS air quality improvements
e. HEPA filtration systems grant
2. COVID-19 Update/Discussion - Current Protocols
3. Goals

Budget Work Session 6 pm 2022 Budget
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ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE OF COORDINATED ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF MOFFAT

In accordance with the provisions of C.R.S. 1-5-205, C.R.S. 1-5-205(1.3), and C.R.S. 1-5-205(1.4) notice is hereby given that the November 2, 2021 Coordinated Election will be held by mail ballot with the following designated drop-off location for mail ballots:

Moffat County Clerk & Recorder's Office
221 West Victory Way Suite 200
Craig, CO 81625
There is also a 24-hour drop box located at the east entrance of the Courthouse

Mail ballots will be mailed to all active registered voters. Application for a ballot to be mailed to an address other than the elector's address of record may be made from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office – 221 West Victory Way #200, Craig CO 81625. Monday, October 25, 2021 is the last day to apply for a replacement ballot to be mailed. Application for a replacement mail ballot or a mail ballot for an inactive voter may be made during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day at 221 West Victory Way #200, Craig, CO 81625. Forms are available on the Election page of the county website at moffatcounty.colorado.gov or by calling (970) 824-9120. Persons wishing to surrender their mail ballot to vote on ADA accessible voting equipment may do so at the Moffat County Clerk's Election Office, 221 West Victory Way #200, Craig, CO 81625.

Registering to vote after October 25th: If you are not registered to vote in Colorado, and are a citizen of the United States, will have attained the age of 18 years and reside in Colorado for at least 22 days by November 5, 2019 (Election Day) you can register to vote until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you want to receive a mail ballot packet, you must do so before October 25, 2021; otherwise you will need to visit the Voter Service and Polling Center to vote in person. You can register to vote or update your existing voter registration at govotecolorado.gov.

Ballots must be received by the Moffat County Clerk & Recorder's office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day in order for the ballot to be counted. Ballots received after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted. Postmarks do not count as received. Sample ballots are available on the County website at moffatcounty.colorado.gov.

You must be a registered eligible elector of the district in order to vote for candidates and issues certified by the district.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Moffat County, this 7th day of October, 2021.

Tammy Raschke
Moffat County Clerk & Recorder
221 West Victory Way #200
Craig, CO 81625 970.824.9116



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Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Publish: No later than October 13, 2021

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 6, COLORADO TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN WATER DIVISION 6

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of September 2021.

2021CW3039 Concerning the Application of Richard Parr for Finding of Reasonable Diligence and to Make Absolute in Cottonwood Creek of Sawmill Creek tributary to Little Beaver Creek of Coal Creek of the White River in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Applicant: Richard Parr and Arrie Parr, P.O. Box 761, Meeker, CO 81641, c/o Edward B. Olszewski, Esq., Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C., P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, (970) 928-9100. Names of structures: Dean's Reservoir and Emily Spring Describe Conditional Water Rights: Dean's Reservoir. Date of Original Decree: September 7, 2015 Case No.: 2013CW3037 Court: District Court, Water Division No. 6 Legal description: NE¼SE¼ of Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 92 West of the 6th P.M., 844 feet West of the East line, 1,964 feet North of the South line. Source: Cottonwood Creek of Sawmill Creek tributary to Little Beaver Creek of Coal Creek of the White River. Date of appropriation: September 12, 2002. Date water applied to beneficial use: December 1, 2012 for livestock watering, wildlife, firefighting, recreation and irrigation of 3 acres. Amount: 13 acre-feet, 1.32 acre-feet of which is absolute for livestock watering, wildlife, firefighting, recreational and irrigation (3 acres) uses; conditional for irrigation of 17 additional acres and domestic. Use or Proposed Use: Irrigation of 20 acres, domestic for up to three single-family dwellings, livestock watering for up to 50 head of cattle, wildlife, firefighting, and recreational uses. Emily Spring. Date of Original Decree: September 7, 2015 Case No.: 2013CW3037 Court: District Court, Water Division No. 6 Legal description: NE¼SE¼ of Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 92 West of the 6th P.M., 1,790 feet East of the West line, 574 feet South of the North line. Source: Natural spring from a rock formation, tributary to Cottonwood Creek of Sawmill Creek of Little Beaver Creek of Coal Creek of the White River. Date of appropriation: September 12, 2002. Date water applied to beneficial use: September 12, 2002. Amount claimed: 0.05 cfs. Use or Proposed Use: Absolute for livestock watering and wildlife, conditional for pond filling, domestic uses for up to three single-family dwellings, firefighting and irrigation. The Application contains a detailed outline of what has been done toward placing water to beneficial use, including expenditures. Applicant's activities and expenditures establish that Applicant has been reasonably diligent in the development of the conditional water rights referenced herein. Applicant reserves the right to amend the Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence as necessary. Landowner Notification: All structures are located on lands owned by the Applicant. Claim to Make Water Right Absolute: 0.05 cfs of the Emily Spring should be made absolute for pond filling uses by reason of construction of a ditch to deliver water from the spring to Dean's Reservoir and actual diversion and delivery of water from the spring to the reservoir. WHEREFORE, the Applicant prays for a decree of this Court, finding the Applicant has exercised reasonable diligence toward the development of the aforementioned water rights and any such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate. (5 pages, 1 map).

2021CW3040 (98CW307, 06CW208, 14CW3026) IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE AND TO MAKE CONDITIONAL RIGHTS ABSOLUTE. 1. Name and address of Applicant: Marvine Ranch, LLC, 24768 County Road 8, Meeker, Colorado 81641, (970) 878-3595. All correspondence and pleadings should be sent to the undersigned co-counsel for the Applicant: Lee H. Johnson and Mason H. Brown, Carlson, Hammond & Paddock, LLC, 1900 Grant Street, Suite 1200, Denver, Colorado 80203; K.C. Groves and Elizabeth P. Woodward, Ireland, Stapleton, Pryor & Pascoe, P.C., 717 17th Street, Suite 2800, Denver, CO 80202. 2. Names of Structures: Ball Lake Reservoir Second Enlargement (the "Subject Water Right"). 3. Description of conditional water rights: A. Date of Original Decree: October 2, 2000. Case No. 98CW307, Water Court, Division No. 5, State of Colorado. Subsequent diligence rulings, September 20, 2008. Case No. 06CW208, Water Court, Division No. 5, State of Colorado and August 30, 2015 (and corrected on September 28, 2015). Case No. 14CW3026, Water Court, Division No. 6, State of Colorado. B. Location: As set forth in the decree in Case No. 98CW307, the Ball Lake Reservoir Second Enlargement is associated with Ball Lake Reservoir, the center line of which is located in the SW¼4NE¼4, Section 27, Township 1 North, Range 90 West, 6th P.M., Rio Blanco County, Colorado, at a point 1,900 feet from the North line and 3,000 feet from the West line of said Section 27. (Approximate UTM coordinates: 288919 E, 4433782 N as measured in meters, zone 13N, NAD 83). As set forth in the decree in Case No. 98CW307, the Ball Lake Reservoir Second Enlargement is filled via the Barbour South Side Ditch Enlargement (Headgate Nos. 1 and 2). Headgate No. 1 is located in the SW¼4SW¼4 of Section 25, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th P.M., at an approximate distance of 1000 feet from the South line and 600 feet from the West line of said Section 25 (Approximate UTM coordinates 291377 E, 4433004 N as measured in meters, zone 13N, NAD 83). Headgate No. 2 is located in the NW¼4SE¼4 of Section 27, Township 1 North, Range 90 West of the 6th P.M., at an approximate distance of 2400 feet from the South line and 1700 feet from the East line of said Section 27 (Approximate UTM coordinates: 289087 E, 4433471 N as measured in meters, zone 13N, NAD 83). In addition, overflow from Barbour Springs accrue to the Barbour South Side Ditch as described in the decree in Case No. 98CW307. A map setting forth the general location of the Ball Lake Reservoir is attached as Exhibit A. C. Source: As set forth in the decree in Case No. 98CW307, the source of water to the Barbour South Side Ditch Enlargement includes Marvine Creek, Hammond Creek (a.k.a. Johnson Creek) and the Barbour Springs, all within the White River basin. D. Appropriation Date: February 25, 1998. E. Amounts: 10 acre feet, conditional. F. Use: Pursuant to the decree in Case No. 98CW307, the Subject Water Right will be used for sediment control, piscatorial, recreation, wetlands and augmentation. In Case No. 14CW3026, Marvine Ranch ("Marvine" or "Applicant") revised the originally decreed uses and limited those uses to sediment control and wetlands. In the present application, Marvine seeks to make these remaining uses of sediment control and wetlands absolute. In the alternative, Marvine seeks a finding of due diligence as to these remaining conditionally decreed uses of sediment control and wetlands. 4. Detailed outline of what has been done toward completion of the appropriation and application to a beneficial use: A. In accordance with Paragraph 7 of the decree in Case No. 98CW307, the Subject Water Right is a component of Applicant's integrated water supply system. The Applicant has continued ongoing efforts related to its integrated water supply system. During the end of the prior diligence period, Applicant completed significant repairs to Ball Lake Reservoir. These efforts involved completing improvements to the dam structure and repair and re-vegetation of the surrounding lands. Subsequently, and during the current diligence period, Applicant has diverted water into Ball Lake Reservoir. In addition, during the current diligence period Applicant has continued its efforts to perfect the remaining conditional uses associated with Ball Lake Reservoir. B. During the diligence period, the Applicant stored water attributable to the Subject Water Rights in Ball Lake Reservoir and released the stored water to irrigate wetlands downstream of the dam. C. During the diligence period, Applicant has diverted its senior water rights into the rehabilitated Ball Lake Reservoir, including fill and refill rights originally adjudicated in Case No. 999 and Case No. 98CW076. This water has been applied to beneficial use in connection with the augmentation plan adjudicated in Case No. 98CW307. The Subject Water Right includes uses not associated with the more senior storage rights in Ball Lake Reservoir – namely, wetlands and sediment control uses. During the current diligence period, Applicant continued efforts to perfect these separately decreed beneficial uses. Applicant has begun the process of removing small quantities of sediment from Ball Lake Reservoir and released water from the reservoir that is used to support wetlands below the dam. D. During the diligence period, Applicant has continued efforts to operate the Marvine Ranch integrated water system, including, but not limited to, efforts to perfect all of the remaining conditional water rights and decreed beneficial uses associated with the various conditional water rights, including Ball Lake Reservoir First Enlargement, Barbour Pond First Enlargement and the Subject Water Right. These efforts have occurred during the current diligence period. 5. Water applied to beneficial use: Pursuant to a 2014 amendment to § 37-92-103(4), C.R.S., "beneficial use" includes "the impoundment of water for firefighting or storage for any purpose for which an appropriation is lawfully made, including recreational, fishery, or wildlife purposes." During prior diligence periods and the current diligence period, Applicant has stored water in priority in Ball Lake Reservoir. Annual storage volume records are attached as an exhibit to this application. Stored water has subsequently been used or released for decreed beneficial purposes, including the Subject Water Right's beneficial use associated with wetlands. This beneficial use occurred following storage during the current and prior diligence periods. As a result, Applicant seeks to make the Subject Water Right absolute for all the remaining conditional uses. 6. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool: The dam structure related to the Subject Water Right is located on lands owned by the Applicant. As a result, no additional notice by certified or register mail, as set forth in § 37-92-302(2)(b), C.R.S., is required in this instance. 7. Remarks or other pertinent information: The Subject Water Right is located within the White River drainage basin. In accordance with the Colorado Supreme Court's Order of April 23, 2009, this application is filed with the Water Court, Water Division No. 6. WHEREFORE, Applicant requests the Court to enter its decree and ruling as follows: To enter a judgement and decree that the Subject Water Right conditional appropriation has been completed and said right is now ABSOLUTE. In the alternative, to make a finding of reasonable diligence with respect to the conditionally decreed Subject Water Right for the beneficial uses of sediment control and wetlands and providing that a subsequent showing of diligence for the conditional water right be made six years from the date of entry of a decree of diligence in this matter.

The water right claimed by this application may affect in priority any water right claimed or heretofore adjudicated within this division and owners of affected rights must appear to object and protest within the time provided by statute, or be forever barred.

You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of November 2021 to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as provided by Rules 5, C.R.P.C. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, 1955 S. Ch.D. Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487.

CARMMA L. PARKISON
CLERK OF COURT
ROUTT COUNTY COMBINED COURT
WATER DIVISION 6

/s/ Julie A. Edwards
Deputy Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF NON-APPEARANCE HEARING**

2021PR030006, District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, 455 Main St., P.O. Box 1150, Meeker, CO 81641, (970) 878-5622. In the Matter of the Determination of Devisees and of Interests in Property of: Silvia N. Jensen a/k/a Sylvia N. Jensen a/k/a Silvia Nelson Jensen, Deceased. Michael J. Sawyer, Esq., #32312, KARP NEU HANLON, P.C., 201 14th Street, Suite 200, P.O. Drawer 2030, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, mjs@mountainlawfirm.com (970) 945-2261. NOTICE OF NON-APPEARANCE HEARING BY PUBLICATION TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY DESCENT OR SUCCESSION PURSUANT TO §15-12-1303, C.R.S. To all interested persons and owners by descent or succession: Sylvia E. Norell, Mary Ann Campbell, Chris Cranor, Ashley Burke, Robert Martinez, Anthony William Gianinetti (Margaret K. Pappas as Guardian), Sarah E. Norell, Caroline E. Norell, Phillip Campbell, Andrew J. Norell, Katherine Campbell, Malcolm Martin, and Kaitlyn S. Cranor. A petition has been filed alleging that the above decedent died leaving the following real property: Section 7: W1/2SE1/4,

Section 19: Lots 1, 2, 3, SE1/4SW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4, Section 18: SE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, Lots 3, 4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, Section 17: NW1/4SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, N1/2NW1/4, all in Township 1 South, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M.; and Section 12: SW1/4SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, Section 13: E1/2SE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, NW1/4, Section 22: SE1/4SE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, Section 23: SE1/4, SW1/4, Section 24: NE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, Section 25: NE1/4NW1/4, NW1/4NW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, Section 26: NE1/4, NW1/4NW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, Section 27: N1/2NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, all in Township 1 South, Range 95 West of the 6th P.M. A hearing without appearance on the aforementioned petition is set at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued: Date: November 22, 2021 Time: 8:00 a.m. Address: 455 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641. Any interested person wishing to object to the requested action set forth in the petition and proposed

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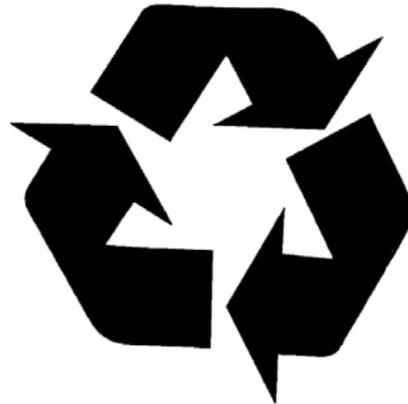
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