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Dino municipal judge one of youngest in U.S.

By NIKI TURNER
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DINOSAUR I Matthew Bradley is either one of the youngest — or the youngest — judge to be appointed to the bench in the United States. Just a few days prior to his 25th birthday, Bradley was sworn in as the new municipal judge for the Town of Dinosaur.

Hailing from a small town in New Mexico, Bradley said he likes the small town atmosphere and believes he can make a difference.

He earned his undergraduate degree in two and a half years at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colorado, and then went on to Notre Dame for law school where Amy Barrett — now a U.S. Supreme Court Justice — was one of his instructors.

"She was certainly the most notable professor," Bradley said.

During the summers in law school, he worked for Judge David Furman, who serves on the Colorado Court of Appeals, and last year he worked for U.S. District Court Judge Damon Leichty in Indiana. Bradley clerked

for Colorado State Supreme Court Justice Nathan Coats before Coats retired in January 2021, and then Bradley went into private practice in Denver, where he currently resides.

"I always had the intention of serving on the bench in some capacity," Bradley said. "As a fairly new attorney there aren't many options to do that." The application to be the municipal judge for the Town of Dinosaur presented itself as an opportunity.

Bradley intends to commute to Dinosaur from his Denver home for court days and work remotely the rest of the time.

Asked about his goals in his new role, Bradley said, "I would like to bring the Dinosaur Municipal Court into the 21st Century with technology and the like, giving the court some structure." He also hopes to make sure the community he serves understands the reasons behind a judgment he makes. "I don't anticipate writing very many written opinions, but when I do I would like them to be easy for people to read and understand."



COURTESY PHOTO

Matthew Bradley is one of the youngest judges to be appointed to a U.S. court sworn in as Dinosaur's municipal judge just prior to his 25th birthday.

RHS CLASS OF 2021 ...



CHERISE CARDINI/ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

The RHS Class of 2021 turned their tassels last Sunday. Congratulations, graduates!

Scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera app camera to view the Graduation Keepsake Edition published last week, or visit theheraldtimes.com/PDF/RHSGraduationKeepsake052021.pdf



More photos and scholarship info for the class of 2021 on **PAGE 8A.**



We Can Do It!



Rio Blanco County Public Health vaccinated 12 youth from the ages of 12-18 last Friday, with no adverse reactions on-site. Cookies and chocolate coffee beans from Wendll's were provided for this first group of kids. Thanks to the parents and students who made the choice to get vaccinated to not only keep themselves and their families safe, but also their community. Find local vaccination info by scanning the QR code with your smartphone's camera app, or navigate to rbc.us/629/COVID-19-Vaccinations

COURTESY PHOTOS

Water storage topic of river Alliance meeting

By LUCAS TURNER
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RBC I Colorado Parks and Wildlife Water Resource Specialist David Graf shared a virtual presentation last Wednesday with White River Alliance members about the potential to expand Lake Avery by approximately 2500-5000 acre feet.

He outlined several stages required for implementing such an expansion including a feasibility study, navigating various permitting requirements and working with the state to determine water-right jurisdiction/authority and other legal matters. Impact to wetlands means the expansion would also trigger a lengthy NEPA process. Graf said the most recent rough estimate for such a project was between \$25-30 million. "It's very costly, time consuming, complex, and you really need to go in with your eyes wide open," said Graf.

The state water resource specialist spoke about the "purpose and need" for this type of project, which mostly related to an increase in low stream flows and danger to fish habitat and health. He noted that 2021 is a "bad year" for streamflows, with the White River trending into 10-15% of historical flow for this time of year, and sitting in 30-40 percentile of average. Graf said these are conditions that could trigger a special water release from CPW later this year.

He also discussed the conditions CPW watches in deciding when to release water

into the White River, including low flows, high temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels. An example of when conditions reach a potentially critical level for fish is when streamflows drop as low as 100 cfs, which usually happens sometime in mid-late summer during drought years.

Graf discussed the increased frequency of drought over the last 10 years, sharing a visual representation of days in each year where streamflows dropped below the decreed instream flow of 200 cfs, and the 100cfs critical threshold set by CPW (see graph on **PAGE 7A.**)

2002 was the first time CPW coordinated a special water release into the white river based on poor stream conditions. Another release happened in 2012, and then again in 2018 and 2020. Graf noted that CPW considered releasing water in other years but held off due to state imposed limits. He also noted the amount of water that would have been required to keep the White River above 200 or even 100cfs during drought years was still far above what CPW was able to release in those years. "It gives you a kind of sense of the magnitude of the problem that we may be facing on the White River kind of regularly," said Graf. He added that in mid-late August of 2018, due to drought and continued diversions for agricultural and other uses, the water released

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COUNTY BEAT

By **LUCAS TURNER**
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RBC The board of county commissioners met this week to discuss the following public business.

CANNABIS AND "CULTURE"

Representing outdoor cannabis cultivation business MRW Colorado, Chris Moulton and Brandon Richards spoke with the board during a work session Tuesday. They sought input on the possibility of a grow operation along County Road 5. Moulton noted the property had been used to grow around 40 acres of hemp in the past, and said MRW hopes to grow marijuana there next. Richards noted that they were also set to develop an outdoor cultivation operation in nearby Garfield county near the Town of Parachute. "We're interested in potentially growing on the site that our business partners own, the MTW Ranch," said Richards. He said licensing requirements would limit the proposed operation to 2300 plants, and would also require strict security measures such as tall fences and security cameras on site.

Following the passage of Amendment 64 in 2012 legalizing the use, cultivation, and sale of marijuana in the state, RBC commissioners passed a resolution prohibiting the plant's cultivation and sale in the county.

RBC Board of Commissioners

Chairman Gary Moyer expressed hesitancy about changing the county's existing prohibition stance, stating, "I think we better do our own research on what the consequences culturally are of that." He emphasized that allowing either commercial cultivation or retail sales would represent a "major change" and is something the board "wouldn't do on a whim." Moyer also said former economic development staff said marijuana prohibition was "part of the draw" of RBC, adding that legalization would go against the county's historical culture.

EXTENSION OFFICE

CSU Extension Director Linda Masters updated the board on the departure of Rangely 4-H Coordinator Jayda Lewis, who is leaving the position to work in the county's public health department. Masters stated she'd like to advertise to fill the position and would like to try it as a half-time role moving forward. Referencing county budget trends and projections, Masters said she didn't want to offer a full-time position to someone only to have it cut back in the next year or two. She also emphasized her view that a half-time position would be adequate to support the needs of Rangely 4-H participants.

Commissioner Moyer said the board has historically committed to "treating both sides of the county equally" in terms of 4-H, and noted any new hire will still be county employees and thus subject to priorities of the board. He said they will look for more input on the subject before moving forward.

With Lewis leaving her position as Rangely 4-H Coordinator this Friday, Masters said she wants to hire someone new as soon as possible, but can't do so until she knows how to advertise the position. In the meantime she said staff members in Meeker will take turns traveling to Rangely to make sure someone is available in the 4-H office as needed.

WHITE RIVER ROUNDUP

Public Information and Program Manager Carly Thomson shared an update on White River Roundup, stating the program saw a 47% increase in use as a result of COVID. Meals served by WRR increased from 2,896 meals in 2020 to 4,252 meals in 2021. Despite the increase in service, spending

on the senior nutrition program has actually decreased, due in part to decreased portion sizes.

Commissioners noted that they understand the importance of the program, calling it "a priority," despite its cost to the county. In reference to the overall cost, Thomson pointed out that reimbursements from the Area Agency on Aging are set to increase by an additional \$20K, which could allow for potential budget increase for purchasing food items/supplies. The increase in reimbursements also means the county will only be paying about half of the nearly \$250K per year cost of the program.

AIRPORT UPDATES

Rangely airport manager Jason Krueger gave an update on last year's projects including a roofing job and a drainage project, both of which he said looked good and held up over the winter. Krueger also asked about getting some equipment for specific projects around the airport including dust cleanup.

Meeker airport manager Lanny Coulter said there was very little snow plowing over the winter, which was "good news" for the newly re-shouldered runway. He also discussed upcoming projects, noting first that the plan to pour concrete for a new fuel farm could be postponed till next year. Coulter said he was waiting to hear back from TDA on a cost estimate for installing a new water line. He noted the new line would be necessary to accommodate the new owner of Seven Lakes Lodge, who Coulter said is planning to construct a new 14,000-plus square ft hangar at the airport.

BROADBAND UPDATE

IT & Communications Director Trevor Nielsen said his department needs to work on rate updates, as the cost of communications and IT equipment has increased. Nielsen noted that intense global demand has contributed to the price increases. With the guidance of the county legal and finance departments, rates will be re-evaluated on a yearly basis, with any increases passed by ordinance. Moyer noted the rate changes will apply only to supply-related costs, not monthly rates the county charges as the wholesale internet provider. Nielsen also noted the completion of new core switch installation on the county broadband network and ongoing network redesign work that will increase speed and reliability for everyone.

REGULAR MEETING

Approved a new liquor license for Corner Market, the gas station outside of Meeker formerly known as Kum & Go.

Approved purchase of two night-vision systems for RBC Sheriff's office search and rescue, totaling \$28,946. Commissioner Gates noted the cost will be covered with Title 3 funds.

Approved a road race event application for Rally Colorado to be held on June 5 and 6 in Rangely.

Approved Scott Marsh as road and bridge director.

Approved notice of award to and agreement for services with IHC Scott Inc. for County Road 5 Stockpass 3 replacement project, not to exceed \$402,991.10.

Approved an agreement with Hilltop Community Services for day treatment alternative services, not to exceed \$7,200.

Approved an MOU with Colorado Department of Human Services Colorado Childcare Assistance Program for the Colorado Works Program and Child Care Program.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Director Alice Harvey discussed a recent uptick in COVID-19 hospitalizations, but said county hospitals had not reached capacity. Harvey also discussed efforts to hire a full-time public health nurse for Rangely, noting that no one from the town applied for the position. Public health ended up hiring a part-time nurse who lives in Meeker instead. Harvey said between her and the new hire, the department should be able to cover all nursing related needs in Rangely. The department also hired Rangely resident Jayda Lewis, who has been helping with shot clinics, contact tracing and testing. Harvey noted the two new part-time positions would help to better serve Rangely's public health needs. Lewis will continue managing food safety training programs and Food Bank of the Rockies under the umbrella of the public health department, which Harvey noted would get rid of some duplicative programs.

COVID-19 vaccination rates have increased in the last two weeks according to Harvey, who said more residents expressed being more comfortable with the vaccine now that it has been available for a few months. Public health is vaccinating an average of 60 residents per week, split evenly between Meeker and Rangely.

PMC hospital board votes to go from 7 to 5 members

By **NIKI TURNER**
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MEEKER Pioneers Medical Center's Board of Directors approved a new self-pay policy Tuesday during the regular board meeting. The policy provides a "prompt pay discount" of 20% for self-pay or uninsured patients who pay at the time of service or within 30 days.

Board President Kim Brown asked about the hospital's profit margin with a discount applied and was assured that the hospital would still make a profit on 80% of billed charges.

Past due accounts are reviewed monthly and turned over to collections after four statements have been issued without payment or setting up a payment plan. No interest is charged on in-house payment plans.

If an account goes to collections, the collections agency takes a 25% cut. Board Secretary Todd Shults asked if there was a policy in place to call patients directly, stating, "It would be worth our time to pick up the phone and call," before an account is sent to collections.

Unpaid accounts lose the 20% discount option. Patients can work with financial services to set up a payment plan.

Following the resignations of two of seven board members, the board discussed changing the number of board members to five. As with many volunteer boards, getting people to serve is an ongoing challenge. Directors are supposed to be elected, but in the last election cycle there were only enough interested individuals to fill the open seats.

Following discussion about possible drawbacks of going to a five-member board, such as difficulty obtaining a quorum during some months, and the difficulties of the position being all-volunteer, board members voted to approve the change from a seven-member to a five-member board. Officers for the year will remain the same, with Brown as president, Kai Turner as vice-president, and Shults as secretary.

The board heard updates

from Dr. Kellie Turner, who said they're working on improving quality measures at the clinic, encouraging use of the patient portal for doctor-patient communication, and trying to help the sleep lab. Certified Family Nurse Practitioner Andrea Hazelton will act as the sleep lab coordinator for patients.

Turner also said she had a conversation with the operators of the Front Range Clinic, a mobile addiction treatment unit that serves as a rural outreach program providing telemedicine for medication-assisted treatment of addiction disorders.

"The end goal is to help people get stabilized and get back into the community," Turner said.

The board approved the appointment of PA Marina Brown for Dr. Courtney Fulton, and reappointed Dr. Kevin Borchard and Dr. Justin Grant.

From the orthopedic department, Kristofer Borchard shared promising data received from the maker of the Mako robotic-arm assisted knee replacement equipment. PMC's orthopedic department is thriving, and patients are recovering faster than average, with better outcomes: shorter hospital stays, 100% discharge to home instead of a rehab facility, to date zero post-surgery infections, and improved physical therapy results by discharge.

The department performed close to 80 joint replacements in the first quarter of this year, while spine, hand, and other orthopedic surgeries are also increasing.

CEO Liz Sellers said representatives from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment were on campus for the annual review of the Walbridge Wing.

"They're really positive about the Wing and how the patients are cared for," Sellers said. There are 25 patients in the Wing currently.

Sellers also said thanks to COVID funds and a DOLA grant, the hospital is moving forward with construction of the negative air pressure — or isolation — room.

The board meeting closed in executive session.



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**YOUTH FISHING DAY
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GRAND OPENING 2021**

**Saturday, June 5
9:00am-Noon
Circle Park Pond**

All ages are invited to join ERBM for Youth Fishing Day as we partner with Colorado Parks And Wildlife (CPW) and Meeker Lions Club for the grand opening of Circle Park Pond!

CPW will provide fishing rods, hooks, bobbers, and bait for youth participants in need of supplies. CPW will stock Circle Park Pond with fish for the event and provide educational demonstrations throughout the morning. Prizes will be awarded for the longest and heaviest fish.

Join our ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:00am, during which all partners will be recognized. ERBM will provide a FREE lunch at 11:30am, cooked and served by the Meeker Lions Club and the ERBM District Board. This celebration will include our inflatable slide and cornhole sets!



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MEMORIAL DAY DECORATION REGULATIONS



MEEKER HIGHLAND CEMETERY

All decorations placed on graves for Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, must be picked up from the graves by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 12.

Any remaining decorations on Monday, June 14 will be picked up and kept at the cemetery until June 21.

Please do not put anything on the granite memorial walls in the cremains garden.

Thank you,
Meeker Highland Cemetery



NEWS BRIEFS

Bluebell Boutique grand opening Friday

MEEKER | Visit 610 Main St. in Meeker Friday, May 28 for the grand opening of Bluebell Boutique, owned by Jenna Holt. There will be light refreshments available and a ribbon cutting in the afternoon.

RDH foundation yard sale fundraiser

RANGELY | In support of the senior-living park—North Park—an outdoor recreational park for seniors, the Rangely Hospital Foundation Board will host a “community yard sale” on Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 511 South White Ave. All proceeds will be applied to the North Park project. Area residents are invited to donate any and all items in good condition or good working order. Donated items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. June 1–3. (Donated items will not be returned if not sold.) This is an opportunity for residents to do their spring cleaning and support the North Park project. For more information, contact Rangely District Hospital at 970-675-5011.

Summer reading program starts June 1

MEEKER | Meeker Regional Library will be starting its Summer Reading Program on June 1, 2021. The program will run through July 31, 2021. You can earn ice cream certificates by reading books. Complete the program and receive a day pass for the Meeker Recreation Center and a new book of your very own. You can sign kids up for this program by coming in or calling 878-5911. Come and join the fun.

Wagon Wheel OHV Club meeting June 2

MEEKER | The next Wagon Wheel OHV Club meeting will be Wednesday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at the SAR Barn on Hwy. 13 (airport turnoff). A club ride/trail cleanup is scheduled Saturday, June 5. All riders/OHVs are welcome. Meet at the SAR barn at 8 a.m.

White River annual fish fry June 12

MEEKER | The annual fish fry will be held at the Buford School June 12 from 4-6 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy the deep fried whitefish from our own White River, along with all the home cooked fixin's. Proceeds will be used for the continued maintenance of the historic Buford School. See you there!

Library book club returns

MEEKER | The Meeker Library book club will be meeting on Monday, June 14 at 1:00pm to share favorite books read in the past year. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Class of 1961 reunion July 3

MEEKER | The Meeker School Class of 1961 will celebrate the 60th anniversary reunion of classmates on July 3. The event will be hosted at the home of Jerry and Mary Ann Seely and will feature a tour of the newly renovated Meeker High School. Former teachers have been invited to join with classmates to reminisce and share memories. For more information, contact Mary Ann Seely or Carol Brown at brown.carol43@gmail.com.

THIS MEMORIAL DAY ...



IN MEEKER: Flags will be placed on the graves Friday morning starting at 10 a.m. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to join.

A wreath ceremony will take place Monday at the Circle Park bridge at 9:30 a.m., followed by a ceremony at Highland Cemetery at 10 a.m.

IN RANGELY: There will be a Memorial Day Celebration hosted by Rangely VFW Post 5261 at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, as well.

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

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| 14-18 oz. Sweet Baby Ray's | \$1¹⁹ |
| BBQ SAUCE | |
| 6 oz. Food Club | 4 for \$5 |
| BLACK OLIVES | |
| 22-28 oz. Bush's Baked or | \$1⁸⁸ |
| GRILLIN' BEANS | |
| 20-30 oz. Best Foods | \$2⁹⁹ |
| MAYONNAISE | |
| 5.5 oz. Pringles | 3 for \$5 |
| CHIPS | |
| 22-24 oz. Hershey's | 2 for \$5 |
| SYRUP | |
| 22-37.2 oz. Maxwell House or Yuban | \$6⁹⁹ |
| COFFEE | |
| 11-12 oz. Wide Awake | \$4⁴⁹ |
| COFFEE | |
| 20 oz. Food Club Crushed, Sliced or Chunk | \$1⁶⁹ |
| PINEAPPLE | |
| 15.25-16.25 oz. Betty Crocker | 3 for \$4 |
| CAKE MIX | |
| 12-16 oz. Betty Crocker | 2 for \$3 |
| FROSTING | |
| 12-16 oz. Hidden Valley | \$2⁹⁹ |
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| SPARERIBS | /lb. |
| New York | \$12⁹⁹ |
| STEAK | /lb. |
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| FRANKS | |
| 12 oz. Food Club Hickory Smoked | \$3⁴⁹ |
| BACON | |
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| Red Cluster | 99¢/lb. |
| TOMATOES | |
| Ripe | 5 for \$5 |
| MANGOS | |
| Jalapeño | \$1²⁹ |
| PEPPERS | /lb. |
| Crisp | 3 for \$1 |
| CUCUMBERS | |
| Bunch | 2 for \$1 |
| GREEN ONIONS | |
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| MELON | |
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| LETTUCE | |
| Fresh | 2 for \$4 |
| ARTICHOKES | |
| Peaches or | \$2⁹⁹ |
| NECTARINES | /lb. |
| 5 lb. bag | 2 for \$4 |
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| Vidalia | \$1²⁹ |
| SWEET ONIONS | /lb. |

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CLARIFICATION

By HT Staff

A waiver of landfill fees for the Town of Rangely during last weekend's spring cleanup event was limited to official cleanup efforts performed by the Town of Rangely. The fee waiver did not and does not apply to individual residents. The HT regrets any confusion on the matter.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

CONE ZONE REPORT

COUNTY ROAD 8 CONSTRUCTION ALERT
NORTH FORK ROAD

WORK: Chip Seal

LOCATION: County Road 8, Mile Post 18.8 to 30.3

DATES: June 2 to approximately June 17, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Monday through Saturday

DELAYS: Traffic will be reduced to one lane with flaggers alternating

OTHER INFO: During Memorial Day Weekend: No work from Friday May 28 at 2:00 pm to Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 am

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

You're entitled to your opinion; we're not obliged to publish it

By **NIKI TURNER**
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The opinion section, particularly letters to the editor, presents a bit of a conundrum. I frequently receive emails from folks who have an inordinate amount of time on their hands to write letters to newspaper editors and blast them nationwide. These range from religious calls for national repentance to promoting faux meat products. The ones from people with no local connection go directly to the trash about 99.9% of the time.

But what about people who do live here and want to use our pages to promote their viewpoints? That creates a greater challenge as to deciding whether we devote space and ink to publication.

I'm all for open discourse (as long as it remains civil), but there comes a point when we have to make a decision between letting

someone freely use this space to share their views (sometimes with ulterior motives like personal profit) or spreading mis- or disinformation to our readers. It can be a hard call to make, and fortunately those calls have been rare.

Let's say, for example, someone sends in a letter promoting the benefit of smoking cigarettes. They may even have sources to cite they found on the internet or saw on TV or read in a book. Just because they believe it, are we obligated to publish it, despite masses of contrary evidence, in the name of "free speech"? We don't believe we are. In fact, we are convinced that doing so may well do more harm than good, and thereby is a violation of journalistic ethics and integrity.



KAYE'S CORNER

Playing well together

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

MEEKER I This spring, the birds in our yard have gathered, shared the food, taken turns, and demonstrated an obvious acceptance of each other. It is always a cheerful event to observe them flying in with their beautiful colors, chowing down, and providing us many moments of joy.

While not an expert, I think many birds are migrating through Meeker right now. So, this is a short-lived moment to observe our fine feathered friends.

Even though they are various species, they all get along well enough to dine together. We see warblers, hummingbirds, piñon Jays, pigeons, Western tanager, grosbeaks, goldfinches, Lazuli buntings, Harry woodpeckers, American robins, and more.

The birds even put up with the squirrels and deer to a certain degree. They patiently wait their turn and fly in when it is safe. Although there is some snit picking between birds and inter-mingled species, they are generally peaceful and just grateful for the food.

Yes, it is costing us a fortune to keep refilling the feeders every day, but the joy is worth every penny.

When we humans use that term "play well together" we are often admitting that a social disaster was avoided when folks were at least civil to each other in group settings. If shouting and tears and anger didn't erupt, we feel minimally grateful.

My 96-year-old mom is proud of her great-grandchildren who are wee things, ages 2-6, when

they gather outside her retirement residence and get along. (The only way they can visit is across a beach seawall with Mom masked on one side and visitors on the beach.) That age is often not easy as kids haven't entirely learned how to share or take turns.

So, it's always a compliment if birds, animals, or humans play well together.

To me, the birds are an interesting lesson in diversity. They don't seem to care if you are a native or newcomer. No political divisions in this crowd. Different colorings are accepted too, not throwing out birds who look different.

As well, they take turns. You chow down, then I will. There is opportunity for all to eat among the birds. They seem to accept that everyone needs to survive and food is precious. "Your turn."

I admit that sometimes they peck each other or compete for those tasty sunflower seeds. Still, they seem to keep their differences under control and remain vigilant when the larger four-footed animals invade. The birds don't leave; they just watch and wait their turn to get back to the feeders.

I even saw a squirrel "ground feeding" under a deer one time. It seems the message is, "who wants to fight?" Be grateful and we can all survive.

Animal behavior can lend us humans some mindful lessons of playing well together, making space for everyone, sharing the bounty, and avoiding unnecessary disagreements.

P.S. Thanks to my husband, Jay Sullivan, and his bird app for properly identifying our bird visitors.



Kaye Sullivan

LOOSE ENDS

'I love this place'

By **DOLLY VISCARDI**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I What is it about a location that makes one blurt out, "I love this place"? It pops up in conversation time and again, particularly if the individual saying it is revisiting an old favorite spot after a long absence. Holidays and three-day weekends lend themselves to traveling to both new and old places, where somewhere on the journey they may hear this time and again from fellow travelers.

This proclamation is most often place specific. You see those I Love _____ bumper stickers and signs on cars everywhere. No one qualifies what it is about

those places that makes it feel like home. They usually love the scenic vistas most of all, as well as the comfortable and familiar feelings that come over them as soon as they settle in for a bit for a much needed break.

Yet anyone who lives and works near any of the top 10 most visited spots in the nation say too much love is making a yearly problem worse. Increases in people, especially after the pandemic, bring too much traffic, decrease the amount of space, and create mounds of litter. Most of the top 10 most visited places admit that they are working on getting a handle on these problems, but with decreased funding for the national and state parks, they haven't got a

solid grip on it yet. Unqualified adoration for a place doesn't help unless it results in a commitment to "put your money where your mouth is" and work with others who feel as strongly. Fidelity to a place is as important as standing by doing nothing.

The other day I happened to hear a woman tell a friend, "I just love this place," as she walked by a mound of litter and moved over to let a large group of slow moving bikers riding in the middle of the path pass. She and her friend continued their conversation as they walked



Dolly Viscardi

by me. I looked around. I didn't see much of anything that appeared to earn such merit. I had once loved this popular trail, too. The sign that none of us seemed to read was old and familiar as well. Leave nothing. Pack out everything you pack in. The unspoken assumption was all of us still cared about places we loved.

Geographical places of the heart are very different from the roller coaster ride we are all experiencing with our relationships with people. When it appears that we love a place too much, there is always a resolution we can reach to stay true to the places that have been so important to all of us over the years. Fidelity to both people and places requires a lifelong commitment. This includes doing our part to take care of a place, whether it involves giving more time or money to continue to have it stay so important to everybody. I still love this place should be the phrase we will continue to hear for many years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Compelled to respond

Dear Editor:

I have read through Boots Campbell's May 13, 2021 letter to the editor several times and have come to the same conclusion every time. It is clear Ms. Campbell is having difficulties accepting the hearing officer's ruling in the Moyer recall case. She referenced four Colorado Revised Statutes she was not aware of and was guided solely by Election Law in Title 1, Article 12, Recall and Vacancies in Office. My question is, "Why didn't she know about them?" As Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder, wouldn't she research and understand the Colorado Revised Statutes in order to carry out her duties in a clear and concise manner regarding the recall process.

Ms. Campbell felt, "the playing field" was uneven as the BOCC's attorney Todd Starr and Mr. Moyer's attorney were against the Clerk and Recorder's office. Could this be because of the errors discovered during the recall hearing? The last sentence in her letter Ms. Campbell writes, "Lesson learned and it won't happen again." I was please to read Ms. Campbell has made a positive commitment to research the Colorado Revised Statutes going forward.

I was astonished when I read Dave Morlan's letter to the editor last week. After he clearly lost his bid to recall Gary Moyer as county commissioner, he's going to attempt to recall him a second time? Really? Dave Morlan, you lost in a court of law, regardless

of why! It bears to remember, you admitted under oath to knowing the petition contain a false statement; one county commissioner cannot solely fire an employee. I am surprised your attorney didn't bring this to your attention.

People sign petitions for a variety of reasons. Many times they sign without researching both sides of the story, they sign because of a personal relationship to the circulator or they sign because of their own grievance. Whatever the reason, there is always a risk. Before signing petitions, it is important to research the validity of the petition statement.

Regardless of the number of reasons Dave Morlan gave for initiating the recall of Gary Moyer, I believe a second recall will be based on contention Dave Morlan holds against Gary Moyer. Mr. Morlan's inability to accept the hearing officer's ruling supports my belief. His statement, "Gary Moyer does not represent us" is not true. All county commissioners represent us, the citizens of Rio Blanco County. I, for one, do not believe the remarks Mr. Morlan made regarding county department heads, employees and relationship with other agencies. I think that is a very broad statement that does not represent a majority within the county. Mr. Morlan is a former employee who refuses to sign a waiver so that both sides have an opportunity to present the facts to the public. Wonder why that is?

To initiate a second recall contradicts Mr. Morlan's statement that we need to focus on the bigger issues facing Rio

Blanco County. Another recall is a waste of county resources and creates unnecessary strife within our communities.

Thank you,
Mona Avey
Citizen

Goodbye from Pastor Petty

Dear Editor:

In The United Methodist Church, pastors are appointed to a parish for a time. The parish is not a building or even a congregation, but an entire community. Effective July 1, 2021, Bishop Karen Oliveto has appointed me to serve St. Paul's UMC in Colorado Springs. Last week, I said goodbye to the congregation in Meeker but my "goodbye" goes beyond the walls of the local church and to the entire community.

What can I even begin to say? It's been almost five years since I first stepped foot in Meeker and called this place my home. Many of you have welcomed my family as we transitioned from visitors to residents of this community. Amberly and I have enjoyed serving through our work with many different organizations: Meeker UMC, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Rio Blanco County, CASA, Little League, the Historical Society, MACC and more.

Our entire community has endured grief, loss, pain, hard work, and a global pandemic that turned everything we knew on its head. Yet, through it all, we have loved the Lord and loved one another, the greatest

of Christ's commandments.

I want to say a special thank you for the entire community for supporting me throughout my ministry. When I arrived, I was new to ministry and still working through my seminary education. You helped me and gave me grace for two years while I finished my MDiv at the Iliff School of Theology. I went from serving as a licensed local pastor to a fully ordained elder of The United Methodist Church. This was only possible with support from the local church and the entire community.

I am grateful for how you have accepted me, and I ask for forgiveness for my shortcomings. There have been times I have led well and times I have failed to lead well. We have learned and grown as we have laughed and cried together.

Together, we have rebuilt homes in Puerto Rico, gathered leaves from lawns, worshiped at the Wing, jumped on trampolines, stayed up all night at youth lock-ins, studied scripture, worked through book studies, celebrated 125 years of church history, renovated children's ministry areas, carpeted thousands of square feet, sang VBS songs with hundreds of children, baptized babies, confirmed kids, celebrated marriages, and said goodbye after the passing of many good friends.

It has been a blessing to lead the church through these many seasons and I am privileged to pass the mantle into such capable hands as I prepare for the next season of my ministry. As you prepare for this next chapter, remember this: The world desperately needs to hear the life-changing message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Proclaim this gospel in your words, deeds, and actions. Share the good news with those you meet in every place you go. If you do this, you will change the world one life at a time.

From now on, I will no longer call you parishioners as Meeker is no longer the parish to which I am assigned but I will always consider you my friends.

So go forth, good friends, and change the world.

Rev. David Petty
Meeker

Harassment of petition signers should be reported

Dear Editor:

During the previous Gary Moyer Recall signature drive, the committee heard reports of people being called and harassed about signing. If anyone is called or confronted in

public this time after signing, and they feel that they are being harassed, I recommend that they report this to their local law enforcement agency immediately.

Many people were told, by Gary Moyer supporters, that they should not or could not sign the petition because they held certain political positions or were employed by government agencies. I can assure you that every citizen, no matter which positions they hold or where they are employed, and who is a registered voter in Rio Blanco County, has a right to sign the Gary Moyer Recall petition without fear of retaliation.

Only because of a few minor technicalities, we have to start the Gary Moyer Recall again because we want our county to be represented by elected officials who have integrity, honesty, transparency and sound leadership that serves all citizens of Rio Blanco County.

I had hoped that Gary Moyer would have been humbled when close to 900 people signed the first petition in 38 days. Please sign the new recall petition so we can move forward. The citizens of Rio Blanco County deserve better than the representation they have now.

Terry Smalec
Rangely

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CONSERVATION CORNER

Sandhill cranes in Rio Blanco County

Have you noticed the long-legged, long-necked Sandhill Cranes in the hayfields along the White River? You may not have seen these birds here twenty years ago as crane breeding distribution has expanded throughout NW Colorado over the past 25 years.

According to the CPW, up to 200 cranes now gather on flood irrigated fields in the upper White River Valley for pre-migration staging annually. Some of the cranes take advantage of the fields and remain in the White River Valley all summer raising their young.

The adult cranes can be up to four feet in length, have a wingspan of up to 7 feet, and weigh up to 11 pounds. During migration, they fly in V-formations or make long lines. Their distinctive calls can be heard for miles.

Sandhill cranes are very territorial during the breeding season. The typical number of young produced by a female is two eggs, which are usually laid on a huge mound of marsh-like plants yanked up by their roots. Nest construction can take up to seven days, and the nests may be five to six feet across.

The pair of cranes, both the male and female, shares incubation. Two chicks (also called colts) hatch two to three days apart, and the older one is often aggressive to its sibling. The parents keep the youngsters separated by walking apart; each adult is followed by one of the chicks.

The birds are omnivorous. They forage for roots, eat seeds, small mammals and reptiles, eggs of other birds and invertebrates, such as worms, clams, insects, and crayfish. Their bills are especially adapted for foraging and wetland hunting. The sturdy bill can penetrate frozen ground, and the serrated edges help the bird to snag slippery prey such as worms and snakes.

For more information on Sandhill Cranes, visit www.cpw.state.co.us and search "Sandhill Crane", or scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera app.



The Third Commandment: The Law Concerning Reverence (2)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

As noted last time, while disobeying the first commandment *banishes* God from the mind and the second *blemishes* our worship of Him, violating the third one—**Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain** (Ex. 20:7)—*belittles* Him with irreverence.

The Combined Confrontation

This confrontation is, in fact, stunning. As renowned Hebrew scholar Robert Girdlestone writes, "Man is essentially an image-maker. He seeks to make a visible representation even of God Himself, and gradually to transfer to the work of his own hands that reverence and dependence that properly belongs to the one living and true God." That trait of man's nature has, indeed, been a perennial problem throughout history. Worse, from statues, to relics, to pictures of saints and even Jesus Himself, this pestilence has infected the Church through the ages.

The history of the matter is enlightening and absolutely unarguable. It is an incontrovertible fact there were no images in the Apostolic Church because they knew it was forbidden by God's commandment. Again, there is no ambiguity here. It should not even be an issue—no images, *period*.

So what happened? As several church historians consistently observe, as more and more converted pagans came into Christendom, they brought their tendency toward images with them. It is just that simple. One historian among many provides us with some crucial detail concerning the fourth century:

"Pictures, especially those representing Bible scenes and ideas, like Daniel in the lions' den, or Christ under the image of the Good Shepherd, came into general use, and, to some extent, in the minds of the half-converted heathen, took the place of the artistic decorations of their abandoned temples. Churches built in memory of martyrs were often adorned with paintings portraying their sufferings. . . . The evils to which this desire might lead, were pointed out by the more enlightened bishops, such as Eusebius of Caesarea. They especially resisted attempts to introduce representations of Christ, urging people rather to strive to

be like him in their lives. But towards the end of the fourth century, the use of images in the churches became general. People began to prostrate themselves before them, and many of the more ignorant to worship them."

If I may be lovingly blunt, to say this issue is not about worship is absurd. That historian's mention of the great exegete, polemicist, and historian Eusebius of Caesarea (c. 263–339) is especially significant. He did indeed resist all this in his classic work, *Ecclesiastical History*, as did the early apologist Jerome (c. 347–420).

Despite those who stood against this practice, it got worse, as error always does. About the middle of the fifth century, representations of Christ Himself appeared, which many people claimed to be accurate portraits of the original. Recognition of images of Christ, especially of the Madonna and Child, even became a test of orthodoxy. In the sixth century, according to the testimony of Gregory of Tours, pictures of Christ were hung not only in churches but in almost every private house.

The issue finally came to a head in the eighth and ninth centuries in the Iconoclastic Controversy, which shook the entire Byzantine Empire. Emperor Leo III triggered the dispute with an open condemnation of icons in 726, but that was soon reversed by the Council of Nicea in 787. Opposition continued, but the matter was for all practical purposes settled at a council in Constantinople in 843, where icon veneration was formally restored for good. All this came from human thinking, not Scripture, and was pagan to the core.

I go into much more detail in the book this series is taken from, but there once again is no ambiguity whatsoever in this issue. As the Apostle John warned even Christian believers (not pagans), **Little children, keep yourselves from idols** (1 Jn. 5:21).

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MEEKER | Pennsylvania native Bob Gardner lived in the quiet town of Bellville for many years and worked as a motel manager in State College. His youngest son, Kyle, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis more than 30 years ago and Gardner spent many years supporting and playing in the annual Pennsylvania Cystic Fibrosis, Inc (PACFI) Golf Classic and contributing to the organization's annual chili cook-off and auction.

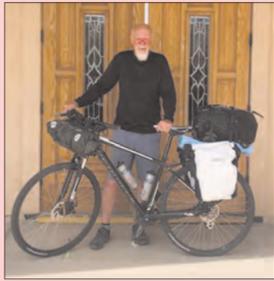
Gardner, 65, now lives in Meeker, Colorado, and he's pursuing a coast-to-coast bicycle ride to benefit the charity that helped his son. An avid bicyclist for many years, he planned his route, Washington to Maine, and he began his journey on May 17. Although Gardner has been in good physical condition for many years, he began training for his ride in March and noted the roads around Meeker prepared him well for his adventure.

"There's a very special group of people in central Pennsylvania who have supported us in so many ways for almost 30 years," Gardner said, "and I am asking each of you to go to www.pacfi.org and click 'donate now.' You can also follow my ride on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) @Robert W. Gardner or [Strava @Bob Gardner](#)." People wishing to donate can also make out a check to PACFI and mail it to PACFI, P.O. Box 29, Mifflinburg, PA 17870.

"There are friends and family along his route," his wife, JoAnn Gardner said, "and some of them are thinking about riding with him for a few miles when he reaches their area."

"We applaud Bob Gardner for his incredible adventure," PACFI founder and current secretary, Bob Derr, said. "It's amazing and our hearts are with him all the way." PACFI will also be posting frequent updates on their [Facebook site](#).

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Meeker resident Bob Gardner is riding 4,300 miles across the country to help benefit a cystic fibrosis charity that helped his son.

CPW's latest wolf reintroduction education session focuses on managing livestock conflicts

By **DYLAN ANDERSON**
Steamboat Pilot & Today via AP Storyshare

RBC | Colorado Parks and Wildlife held its second wolf reintroduction education session last week with a focus on what other states have done when releasing wolves and managing conflicts with livestock.

One of the speakers, Ed Bangs, was the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's grey wolf recovery coordinator for the Northwest United States from 1988 until he retired in 2011.

"Wildlife reintroductions are a dime a dozen. You can't hardly think of an animal that hasn't been reintroduced," Bangs said. "Doing it with wolves is novel only because people get excited about it."

This was the second of three information sessions put on by CPW as it plans how it will fulfill Colorado voter's direction to reintroduce wolves by the end of 2023. Bangs said managing wolves is more about managing how people view them, as the species itself isn't difficult to manage.

Wolves' lives revolve around killing large ungulates, Bangs said, which at times does include livestock. While predation sometimes has led to individual ranches having significant damage in years, it does not have a significant effect on the industry in general, Bangs said.

"It is pretty easy to downplay wolf predation if it is not your livestock being killed, but it is a very big issue and something that you really need to pay attention to," Bangs said.

Bangs said he also talks to ranchers who cannot sleep at night, because they are worried about what wolves could do to their herd. He estimated about 10% of the wolf population

in the Northern Rockies is killed every year to reduce conflict with livestock.

Compensation programs are part of the solution, Bangs said, and in 2009, the federal government approved a program to give states money to reimburse ranchers for their losses. Still, in remote Idaho, only about one in seven suspected losses to wolves was confirmed and the rancher paid.

"Compensation is not a cure all either. It helps, but other management programs also have to be in concert with compensation," Bangs said.

In Wyoming, there is a compensation program not only if a rancher has wolves clearly kill livestock but also for missing livestock. Mike Jimenez, a wolf biologist for 30 years, said having clear programs like this helps to ease tensions.

Wolves will follow their prey, Jimenez said, which will often put them in contact with livestock. After reintroduction into Yellowstone, Jimenez said they saw that most of the wolf packs had preyed on livestock. Jimenez said the more they studied, they began to kill more of these problem wolves.

Using this calculated lethal control, Jimenez said they were able to reverse the trend in livestock predation, and Wyoming actually had more wolf packs but less packs involved in livestock kills as a result.

"It was simply because of us focusing and lethally removing wolves that were chronically causing problems," Jimenez said.

Wolves often travel long distances when looking for a new place to roam. One collared wolf traveled about 3,000 miles through Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and Colorado in just six months, Jimenez said.

Colorado will need to set up their own regulations for wolves, Bangs said, and it is important that there are checks and balances in the system, because wildlife officers will be under a lot of pressure when assessing a potential wolf kill from both ranchers and wildlife advocates.

"You really need the public on both sides of the issue to trust you are giving it a fair shot," Bangs said.

When looking at packs already in the Rocky Mountains, Bangs said wolves primarily live in contiguous forests in mountainous areas with lots of big game animals around but little livestock. That is primarily in western Montana, northern Idaho and areas in Wyoming around Yellowstone National Park.

"These are unique, contiguous extensive areas of public land that aren't found elsewhere," Bangs said, adding that other areas like prairies have become too developed for wolf packs to survive.

While some are worried wolves could have large-scale impacts on big-game populations, Bangs said he doubted that because Colorado lacks the contiguous habitat required for them to have such an impact.

When it comes to wolf population, Bangs said it grew rapidly after reintroduction in other states, but eventually, the populations stabilize as packs stake claim to the habitat.

"It happened in northwest Montana, in Idaho and Yellowstone, and that is what will happen in Colorado," Bangs said. "Rapid growth and then a plateau as the suitable habitat is filled."

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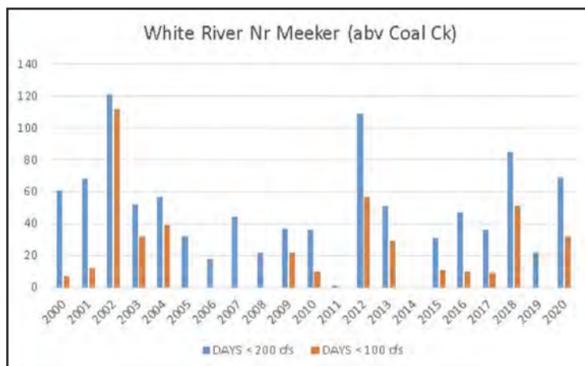
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AVERY: expansion would be expensive



The number of days streamflow in the White River dropped below 100 cfs is becoming more frequent.

COURTESY PHOTO

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by CPW from Lake Avery was “essentially the only water in the river” and that without it “we might have dried up the river at that point.”

Based on the trends in the White River, Graf emphasized Lake Avery as a “very appropriate location” for increasing water storage. “Really the main purpose that we cited in here is the environmental and recreational need to do continued releases for the White River fishery, cause we all have a stake in that and we all feel that’s a really important resource for the community.”

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OBITUARY

Gary C. Hicken

Oct. 22, 1948 ~ May 2, 2021

Gary was born in Kemmerer, Wyoming, to Gearld C. Hicken and Lillian (Brolien) Hicken. He was the oldest of four children although only he and younger sisters Susan and Barbara were born in Kemmerer. The family moved to Denver when Gary was six. His youngest sister Kristine was born six years later. He attended Edison Elementary, Skinner Junior High and North High schools, graduating in 1964.

Although only 17, Gerry and Lillian approved of his decision to volunteer for military service. Gary was inducted into the U.S. Navy in August 1964. After boot camp and attending Radarman A School on Treasure Island, Gary was stationed on an LST on which he saw service in the Orient. Before returning to the states, Gary also had the privilege of serving on the USS Enterprise for about a month. Gary was very proud of his three years in the Navy.

Upon being discharged, he attended Western State University, graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree in English literature and a teaching certificate. He also received a Master’s Degree from the University of Northern Colorado in literature. From 1973 thru 1997, he taught English first at Skinner Junior High and his last 15 years at East High School in Denver. Teaching was not only a joy to Gary, it was his calling. There are still many of his students with whom he kept in touch. It will sadden them to hear of his

passing. Regretfully for future generations of children, Gary was forced to retire long before he wanted to.

He joined his sister Kristine in Meeker in 2002, both of them following in the footsteps of grandparents’ Hicken and Lindow who settled in the White River Valley in the early 1900s. Although a “city boy” all of his life, he took to our rural community like a duck to water. He found great satisfaction in learning how to take care of his four acres of meadow. He learned more about tractors and their implements than he probably ever thought possible. He did love his tractor. Sadly in recent years his health has not allowed him to do much of this work that he had learned to enjoy so much.

Those people who got to know this very private man will know how he loved books and movies. He also enjoyed watching the wildlife who visited, playing guitar, gazing at the stars and shooting. Another one of his callings was furniture making. While still in Denver, during the summers, he made beautiful bookshelves to hold his precious volumes, coffee tables, file cabinets and an outstanding audio/visual center.

A center pillar of Gary’s life was his admiration of Ayn Rand, particularly her seminal work Atlas Shrugged. He found in her writings a philosophy that shaped and guided his life.

Gary will be greatly missed by his sister Kristine.

DEATH NOTICE

Lloyd Vernon Bradfield

April 18, 1947 ~ Dec. 18, 2020

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This fall, the WREA membership will elect One Director from the Town of Meeker and One Director from the Rural District. The election will be conducted by mail with ballots due at Noon on September 8, 2021.

The WREA 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting will take place Wednesday September 8, 2021.

In lieu of the traditional Annual Meeting luncheon, WREA will host a Member Appreciation Dinner at the Meekerpalooza Friday Night Summer Concert Series on Friday, July 23, 2021.

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Rangely Class of 2021 future plans and scholarships

By HT STAFF
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rangely class of 2021 graduates are listed below with their postsecondary education or career plans and scholarships received. Thanks to Rangely School District for providing this info.

Dixie Rhea—Western Colorado University, Early Education. Scholarships: Western Colorado Merit Scholarship \$3500/year, Douglas Chapman Family \$3,000, Daughters of the American Revolution \$1,000, Local Masonic Lodge Scholarship \$1,000, National Honor Society \$500, RHS Alumni \$250, Student Council \$250, Joel Hogan Scholar Athlete \$200

Brianna Ekker—CNCC Craig, Nursing

Tyfinni Curdy—Moving to Denver, entering workforce in the area of an American Sign Language Interpreter

Sydney Cole—CNCC Rangely, Law Enforcement. Scholarships: Moon Lake Electric \$1,000, Cork Powell & Sons Patriot Award \$500

Maximillion Larsen—entering workforce in the area of Animal Caretaker

Sofia Pena—The Salon Professional Academy, GJ,

Cosmetology.

Maya Mercado—CNCC Rangely, Biology. Scholarships: Dean's Scholarship \$1,000, Rangely District Hospital \$1,000, Frank-3 Enroute Award \$1,000, Local Masonic Lodge Scholarship \$800, Elk's National Foundation \$500, Voice of Democracy \$200

Gabriel Polley (salutatorian)—CNCC Rangely, Business Admin/Land Survey. Scholarships: College Scholar 22 Credits, CNCC Vice-President's \$2,000, Joel Hogan Scholar Athlete \$200

Anthony Garner—US Army, Army Mechanic. Scholarships: Cork Powell & Sons Patriot Award \$500

Crimsen Blankenship—Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska, Health Science. Scholarships: Eagle Presidential Scholarship ½ Tuition, Douglas Chapman \$5,000, National Honor Society \$500, Elk's National Foundation \$500, Joel Hogan Scholar Athlete \$200

Janessa Mast—CNCC Rangely, Dental Hygiene. Scholarships: CNCC Vice-President's \$2,000, Nancy Beard Scholarship \$1,000, Local Masonic Lodge Scholarship \$500, Elk's Local #1907 \$250

Megan Ward (valedictorian)—Colorado Mesa University,

Business Administration. Scholarships: College Scholar 33 Credits, WC Striegel, Inc \$8,000, CMU Distinguished Scholar Full Tuition, CMU Housing \$1500/ Semester

Austin Davis—CNCC Rangely, General Studies

Ryan Jayzer Richens—CNCC Rangely, Business Management

Kaiden John Ellis—IntelliTec College, Grand Junction, Automotive Technician

Roebi William Hodges—entering workforce to become a mechanic in Grand Junction

Anthony Kaden Lujan—Northwest Lineman College, Meridian, Idaho, Electrical Lineman

Nicholas Lyon—Local 743 in Grand Junction, entering into welding apprenticeship

Travis Coates—University of Wyoming, Civil Engineering. Scholarships: College Scholar 24 Credits, University of Wyoming Brown & Gold \$4000/year, Jerry LeBleu Sr Memorial \$250

Hunter Holmes—CNCC Rangely Campus, Wildlife Biology. Scholarships: College Scholar 25 Credits, Tolley Family Scholarship \$6,000, CNCC Vice-President's \$2,000, Elk's Local #1907 \$250.



(Top left) Valedictorian Megan Ward with her parents. (Top right) Salutatorian Gabe Polley with his parents. (Bottom) Denver Broncos Offensive Guard Dalton Risner was the guest speaker.

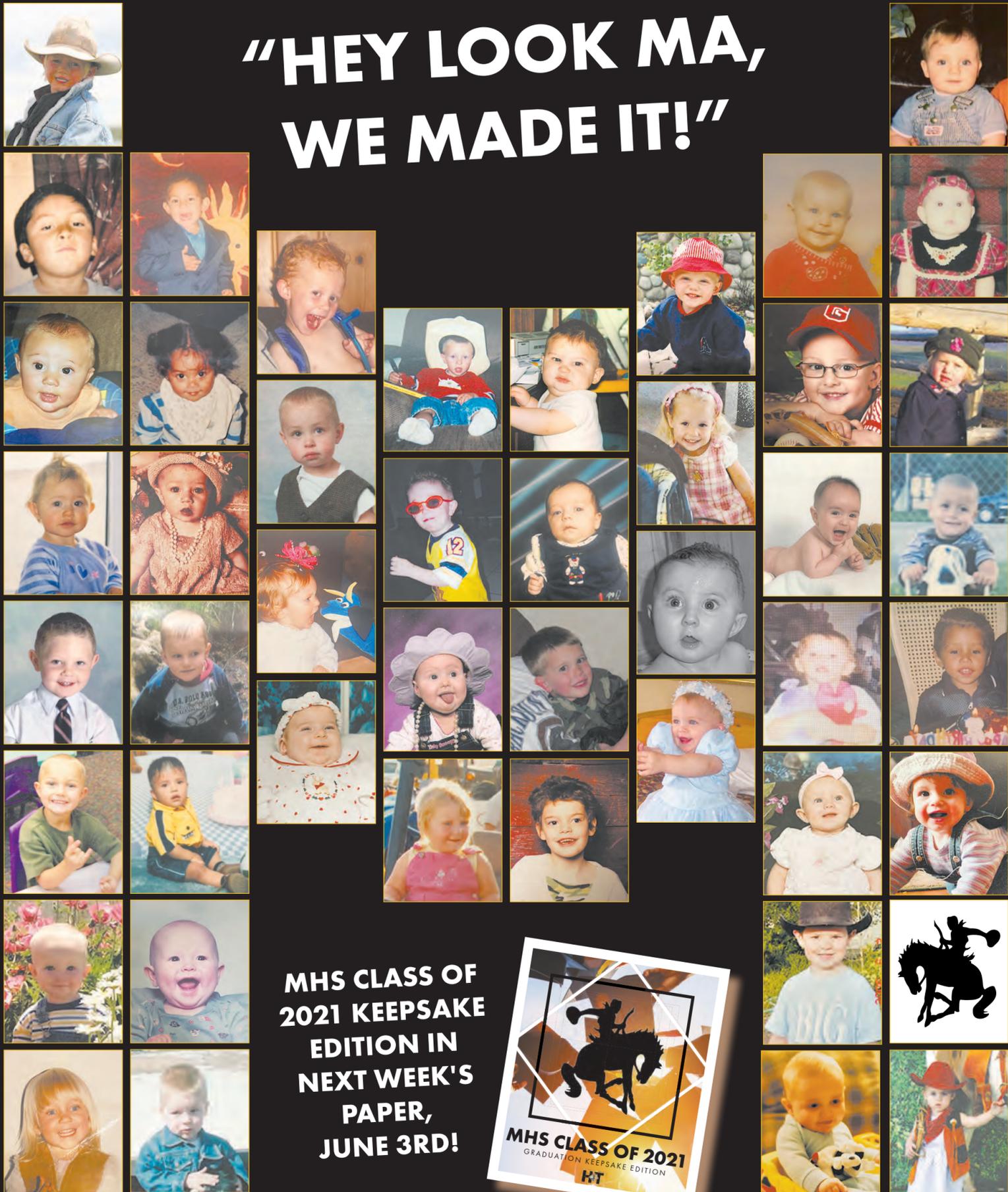
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Cowboys defeat Panthers 14-13; sink Pirates twice

By TIFFANY JEHOUREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Five games in seven days, five wins, and one shutout for Meeker Cowboy baseball, which began Wednesday when Rangley came to Meeker for a nailbiter. The Cowboys, who were up 12-3 at the top of the fifth, let the Panthers take the lead to only reverse the game one more time for the win, 14-13.

Braydon Garcia and Ryan Phelan led scoring with three runs each, Josh Murphy had two and John Hampton Hightower, Jacob Blazon, Liam Deming, Peter Hanks, Ryan Sullivan and Zach Simonson each scored for the Cowboys.

"It was a good game and a come-from-behind win in the bottom of the seventh," said head coach Donald Blazon. "The win was sealed with clutch hitting by Hanks, he weighs in a lot and comes through with his bat."

On the mound the game opened with Garcia who threw 63 pitches and two strikes, then freshman Sullivan took the mound for the fifth, and the game was cleaned up with Murphy.

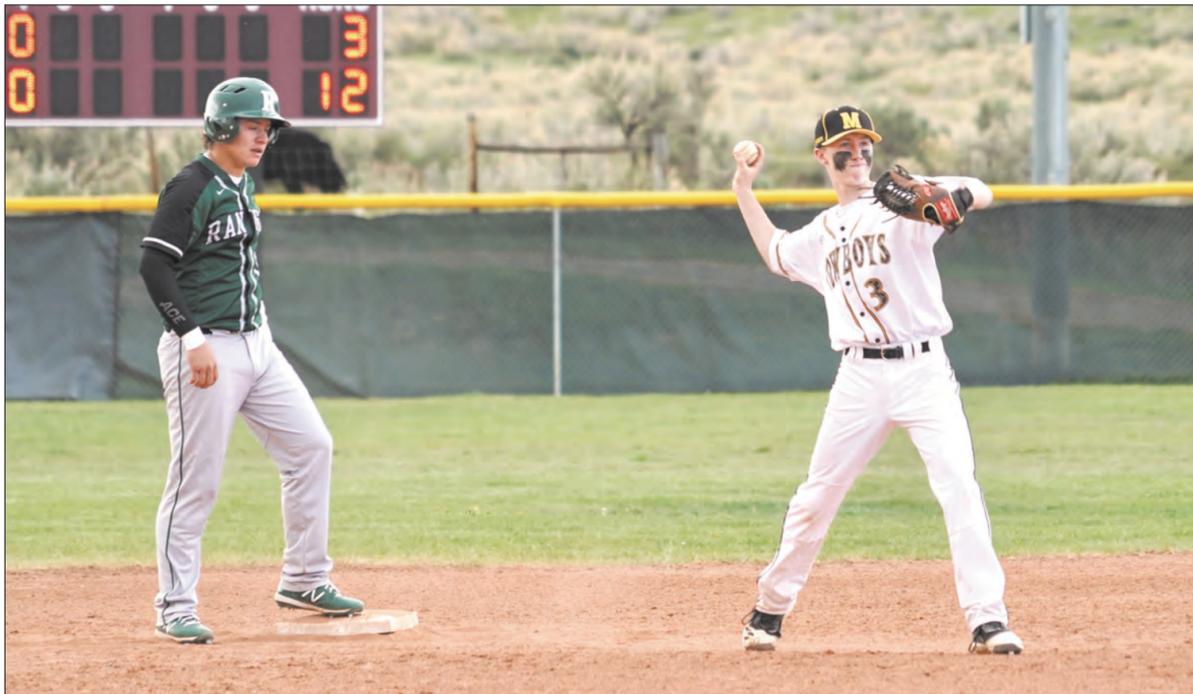
In JV action at Coal Ridge the first game was won by the Cowboys 13-1 and in the second game "we got the whole team some playing time, which was important and good to get all the kids in, but it was a 18-1 loss," said Blazon.

Saturday against the Pirates the Cowboys only allowed six runs in the Meeker/Olathe double header.

"A very windy day and boys hit the ball hard, but the wind," commented Blazon.

In game one Deming had both scores for the team. He had a three base hit which led to one score and was batted in by Hanks for the second.

"We found a way to get in a



The Cowboys are in a position to make the playoffs after a round of wins. (Above) Ethan Overton pitches in the Meeker vs. Rangley game.

TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

run late in the eighth, once again brought in by Hanks," commented Blazon.

"Liam gets the save," began Blazon, "bases load with no outs, good defense and play at the plate for the first out, and then an unassisted double play at third by Johnathon Fitzgibbons for the win and two outs to finish the inning and win the game."

In game two with the Pirates, the Cowboys came out strong in the first which sealed the win from the beginning, as the teams answered each other for the rest of the game.

At the mound Deming "threw strikes all day and the bats woke up some more," commented Blazon. "Our defense was good all day," he wrapped up.

The Cowboys brought 17 kids

and all of them got to play.

"We got in and up on them early and were able to get the kids in," said Blazon.

Deming hit a grand slam on his birthday leading the RBI and scoring two alongside Garcia, and Phelan.

Damir Chintala pitched the first game lights out. "He is a great defensive pitcher," said Blazon, "and had a diving catch and made some great plays, and struck out five with 67 pitches and only allowed one hit."

Fitzgibbons pitched the second game lights out, "he worked hard, but got it done quickly," commented Blazon.

The RPI is finally out, the Cowboys are sitting at 21 and need to be in the top 24 to make it to the

playoffs.

"We are sitting right in that bubble," said Blazon, "however we are tied for number one in the state for wins. This Friday we host Cedaredge, and wins against them should really help the RPI. Then next week we take on Hotchkiss and wins there will also help the RPI. We are going after these teams and expect to get some wins. The boys are playing hard and I am proud of them."

The last home games for the Cowboys are Friday, May 27. Games begin at 3 p.m. and the Cowboys are hosting the Cedaredge Bruins.

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Rangely sophomore Kevin Wren (5) springs to his feet after safely—as confirmed by the umpire's signal—beating Ignacio pitcher Gabe Tucson's attempted tag at home plate during game one of the teams' May 21 doubleheader at Panther Field.

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Doubleheaders this weekend

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Panthers traveled cross-country to take on the Cowboys last week and found themselves in a nailbiter, losing to the Cowboys on a walk-off base hit in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Panthers got it going early with three runs in the first inning. The Cowboys put up nine runs in the second inning. Trailing 11-3 the Panthers never gave up and chipped away and put up eight runs in the sixth inning to take a 13-12 lead going into the last inning while giving up two runs in the bottom of the inning. The final score was 14-13 Cowboys.

In the sixth inning, Richens, Wren, Cudo, Mackay, LeBleu, and Myers all had RBI's. Ryan Richens got his second dinger of the year with a big blast to deep center field. The Panther bats were hot again with 21 hits on the day with Myers going 5-5.

"I'm so proud of these young men; we were down early but with the never-give-up attitude they battled to the very end. Good job, boys!" said head coach Jeff LeBleu.

On Friday the Ignacio Bobcats came to town for a league doubleheader. Junior Justin Cudo took the mound for the Panthers with an 86 pitch complete game. Cudo had five strikeouts, walking two and giving up only four hits in the contest. Cudo had the Bobcats off-balance all day getting the win 5-2. The Panthers put up runs every inning but the sixth. Myers, LeBleu and Wren led the Panthers in double-digit hits. The Panthers kept hitting the ball well and were in double digits in hitting again. The defense stepped up this game with no errors on the day with Quintana having six putouts on third base. The second game was postponed due to weather and field conditions. This Friday and Saturday, The Panthers travel south to Nucla and Olathe for doubleheaders.

SCHEDULES

- **MHS BASEBALL**
May 28 @ HOME v. Cedaredge - 3pm
June 2 @ Hotchkiss
- **MHS GOLF**
June 10 @ Regionals @ Monte Vista
June 21-22 @ State Golf @ TBA
- **MHS TRACK**
May 27 @ HOME (Pole Vault)
June 4 @ HOME
- **RHS BASEBALL**
May 28 @ Nucla - 2, 4pm
May 29 @ Olathe
June 3 @ HOME v. Dove Creek
- **RHS TRACK**
May 28 @ HOME - 10am
June 2 @ Hayden - 12pm
June 4 @ Meeker - 10am

'Stellar showing' for Panther girls

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I After competing in the Cardinal Invitational in Parachute, Colorado, this past weekend, the Rangely Panthers track and field team is quickly approaching the midway point of the season in full stride. For the third week in a row the Panthers were led by stellar performances of the upperclassmen girls.

Senior Dixie Rhea had another record-breaking day as she ran 26.70 in the 200-meter dash to take second. Rhea also won the 100-meter dash in 13.09, was third in the long jump with a jump of 15-0, and helped the Panthers sprint medley relay win the event. Maya Mercado, also a senior, was a part of the winning sprint medley team and also secured a victory in the high jump with a clearance of 4-8. Mary Scoggins, junior, also added a lot of points to the girls squad as she anchored the sprint medley team to go with a first in the long jump (15-10.25), second in the 800-meter run (2:36.39), and third in the triple jump (32-11.75). Hayley Burr, also a junior, was the final member of the winning sprint medley and also a major contributor to the team's points with fourth place finishes in both the 100-meter hurdles (19.24) and 300-meter hurdles (52.44).

Also competing for the lady Panthers was Rylee Allred (discus, second, 92-0; shot put, ninth, 26-0.5), Annika Cantrell (high jump, third, 4-7; discus, 68-11; 200, 32.83), Mackenzie Manchester (shot put, sixth, 27-11; 100 hurdles, seventh, 21.88; discus, 67-4), Macy Morgan (1,600-meter, 10th, 8:53.76; 400-meter, 1:51.20; long jump, 8-1.5), Kyrah Phelps (discus, fifth, 76-8; shot put, 10th, 25-6), Emma Smith (long jump, eighth, 13-7; 100, 15.26), and Kristiana Terry (long jump, 10th, 12-6; 400-meter, 1:16.46).

As has been the case early on this season for the boys, Kenyon Cochrane and Timothy Scoggins led the team with their wide range of performances. Cochrane pulled a tough double victory in the discus (133-10) and high jump (5-7) as well as placed sixth in the shot put (35-2). Scoggins finished right behind Cochrane in the high jump for second (5-7), then threw 37-4.25 in the shot put to finish third to go along with a pair of seventh place finishes in the 100 (12.35) and 200 dashes (24.94).

Justin Allred (800-meter, 2:38.92; discus, 65-4; long jump, 13-4), Alex Black (100, 13.27; 800, 2:33.11), Andrew Dorris (1,600, seventh, 5:11.82; 800, seventh, 2:25.02), Anthony



Kenyon Cochrane pulled a double victory in the discus and high jump at the Parachute meet.

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Dorris (400, 1:02.39), Colton Noel (1,600, ninth, 5:31.49; 800, 2:32.84), and Fisher Winder (long jump, 14-9.75) also competed well for the Panthers.

The Panthers will get to stay home this upcoming weekend as they host the Rangely Panther Invitational on Friday before heading to Hayden on Wednesday for the Tiger/Bulldog Invitational.

Pole vaulters doing well

By TIFFANY JEHOUREK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Cowboys traveled to Coal Ridge last Friday for a windy, large and competitive meet. The boys finished fourth and the girls took ninth.

"It was the largest meet of the year, and much more similar to a 'normal' meet before COVID," said head coach John Strate.

The team started a little slower this week, but the coaches have been working the kids hard in practice so that is to be expected.

"I was very impressed with the girls 4x400 [team] of Ellie Hossack, Jayde Turner, Brighton Bair and Aspen Merrifield," began Strate. "They ran a very tough race, all having very competitive splits for each of them being inexperienced 400-meter runners and they are only going to improve as the season goes on."

Merrifield was second in the pole vault, and had a personal best.

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(Above) Owen Hanneman pole vaults through the air.

TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

EVERYBODY DANCE NOW ...



WRBM Recreation & Park District dance classes recently finished up the 2020-2021 season.

(Top left) is the 3-4 year old ballet class. Back row left to right: Taya Cordova, Brixlynn Kennedy, Payton Stanek, & Emma Guzman. Middle row left to right: Kira Casto, Kinzie Preciado, Zoe Robie. Front row left to right: Norah Hixson and Kassia Dillon

(Top right) is the 5-6 year old ballet class. Back row left to right: Molly Dillon, Katy Sullivan, Avery Donovan. Middle row left to right: Elise Winder, Gavyn Christian, Crimson Wolgamott. Front row left to right: McKell Denny and Everlea Goddard. Not Pictured: Emma Dillon, Harlynn McCollum, Amari Rayburn, and Indi Rayburn.

(Bottom left) is the 5-7 year old drill team class. Back row left to right: Avery Steele, Ally Black, Addison Hejl, Carlotta Huff. Middle row left to right: Molly Dillon and Olivia Dunkle. Front row left to right: Emma Dillon and Elise Winder. Not Pictured: Paisley Fernandez and Harlynn McCollum

(Bottom right) is the 8 and older drill team class. Back row left to right: Victoria Guzman, Nevaeh Casto, Elizabeth Munoz. Middle row left to right: Kenna Ahrens and Harper Tijmsa-Crauthers. Front row left to right: Ivory Triplett, Kesleigh Kennedy, Kirra Pearce

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A determined Adi Selle lands a long jump for the BMS Cowboys in Steamboat.

MARTY CASEY PHOTO

Middle school track hosts Night Relays, travels to Steamboat Springs

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER 1 Meeker's middle school track team had a busy week, hosting Rangely, Craig and Hayden at our Night Relays meet on Thursday, and then travelling to Steamboat Springs for Saturday's meet.

The home meet, as the name implies, featured only relay races, and even the field events consisted of "relay teams" of three or four teammates scoring together. Notable performances include the Meeker girls winning the Shuttle Hurdle and 4x400 relays, and Taylor Garcia, Adi Selle, Reese Clatterbaugh, and Zoe Baldozier winning the 4x100. The same group also won the 4x200 relay, setting a new Barone Middle School record. The Meeker girls teams also took first place in shot put and discus, as well as high jump. Our boys teams also won both throwing events, and Aidan Tapia, Bradley Parish, Wyatt Rollins and Tristin Rollins took

first in the shuttle hurdles. The girls won in team scoring, with the boys placing second.

The meet in Steamboat Springs was also run and scored without age divisions. Complete results are not yet available, but Cade Blunt won discus and shot put, and Clay Crawford was second in the 200-meter dash. Sam Hightower took second place in the triple jump. Daya Trabaudo won the girls' shot put, with Addie Knowles second in discus. Reese Clatterbaugh was first place in triple jump. Taylor Garcia won the 400-meter dash. Rylee Sullivan, Naomy Villalpando, Addie Knowles, and Jacey Follman won the 4x400 relay, and Garcia, Clatterbaugh, Taylor Schacht, and Aimee Shults were first in the 4x200.

"We had some really good results for such an abbreviated season, and I want to thank all of our students for their hard work," said coach Marty Casey.

MHS TRACK: cont.

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"It was nice to see her improve and we expect her to get over 8 feet soon," said Strate.

For the boys, "Zach Eskelson bounced back nicely this week after not throwing as well last week to win, and get close to his personal record," commented Strate.

The Cowboy vaulters took first and second again but flipped this week with Colby Clatterbaugh winning and Cooper Main getting second.

"Brendan Clatterbaugh had a rough day running the 400- and the 300-meter hurdles without much of a break," commented Strate, and to top it off he came back from those two events and had a new personal best in the pole vault. That kind of grit is very impressive for anyone, especially a freshman."

The pole vaulters got another shot at achieving their personal bests on Tuesday when they traveled to Kremmling for the High Country Pole Vault Meet. C. Clatterbaugh took second with a height of 12 feet, Main took fourth with a height of 11' 06", and B. Clatterbaugh took eighth vaulting 11'. The girls results are not yet posted for this meet, however Merrifield and Allison Kobald both competed for the Cowboys.

"We won the meet and it really shows how far our vault program has come in the last five years since we started it," Strate wrapped-up.

Cowboy track is on the road Friday for its first of two meets in Rangely, start time is 9:30 a.m.

GIRLS PLACEMENTS IN THE TOP 10
100-meter Hurdles
Jayden Overton, fifth,
Emma Luce, seventh
4x200 Meter Relay
Meeker placed seventh
4x400-meter Relay
Meeker placed sixth
High Jump
Luce, second
Triple Jump
Sarah Kracht, 10th
Pole Vault
Merrifield, second,
Kobald, seventh
Discus
Hailey Knowles, fifth

BOYS PLACEMENTS IN THE TOP 10
200 Meter Dash
Jeremy Woodward, fifth,
C. Clatterbaugh, seventh
4x200 Meter Relay
Meeker, seventh
High Jump
C. Clatterbaugh, fourth
Long Jump
Woodward, fifth
Triple Jump
Woodward, first,
Ryan Phelan, fourth
Pole Vault
C. Clatterbaugh, first,
Main, second,
B. Clatterbaugh, seventh
Shot Put
Eskelson, first

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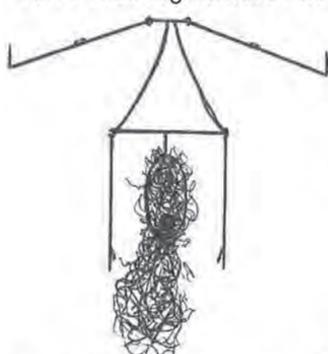
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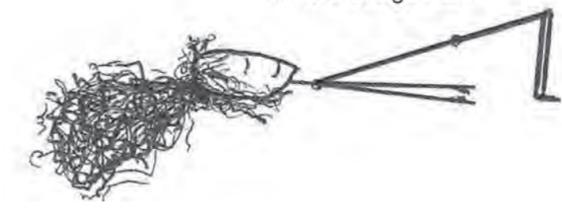


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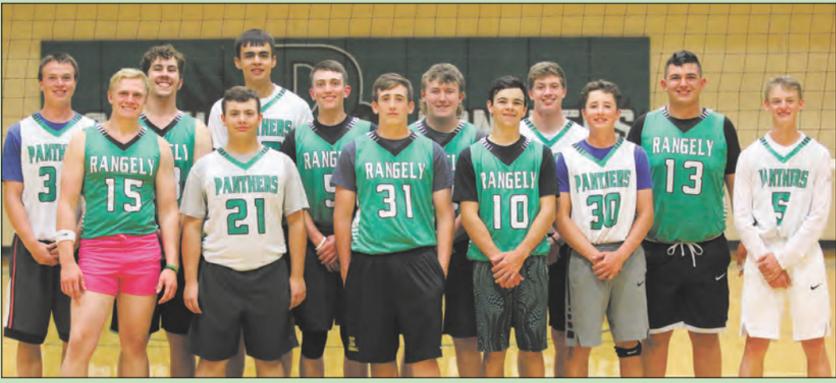
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Part 3: Bridge Pose



MACHO V-BALL ...



ANGELINA PECK PHOTO

Rangely High School's Student Council officer team and the high school boys basketball team hosted a "Macho Volleyball" charity game on Monday, May 10. The players participated in a few open gyms or "practices" and split into two teams. The green team chose to represent the Rangely Outdoor Museum. The Rangely Outdoor Museum is dedicated to preserving our local history and has historical buildings that house exhibits from dinosaurs to drilling and the pre-historic Fremont peoples to the pioneers, ranchers, and oil field workers of the more recent times. The white team chose to represent the New Eden Pregnancy Center. The New Eden Pregnancy Center's purpose is to encourage, and educate pregnant women in need. Their goal is to equip parents with accurate information concerning themselves, their baby, and their future together. They want to help with the many unexpected challenges that may come with pregnancy. The volleyball itself was a huge success, raising nearly \$1,000 for the local community. With a great school and community turnout in the stands, the first set was won by the green team, with the white team storming back to capture the second set. White took the third game and Green took the fourth set leading to a final tiebreaking fifth set. The fifth and final set was exciting, going back and forth to a tie at 13 points each. The white team then had two good serves in a row to earn bragging rights and to win the majority of the door donations for the New Eden Pregnancy Center. All of the boys that played in the game had a great time, and the crowd watching enjoyed it even more. In total, the boys raised \$401 for the New Eden Pregnancy Center and \$140 for the Rangely Outdoor Museum. The Rangely Student Council also decided to have a donation jar at the entrance for the Cox family. Isabella Cox has been diagnosed with leukemia and is currently in Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, receiving treatment. A total of \$413 was donated and will be sent to the Cox family to help support them as Isabella receives the treatment she needs.

MUSICAL THANKS ...



The Barone Middle School Band has been traveling around town to thank local businesses for their support. They recently stopped by Wendli's.

TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

Jr. high Panthers compete in Meeker and Steamboat

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Middle School track team competed in the Meeker Night Relays and the Steamboat Springs District Meet last week. The 4x100 relay team of Aspen Steele, Sadie Jackson, Halle Harris and Zoie Britt represented the Panthers well in both meets. The 4x200 relay team of Steele, Jackson, Harris and Chloe Noel had a strong showing as well. The discus relay team also had a strong showing as the team consisting of Chloe Noel, Alivia Green and Zoie Britt all achieved personal best throws. The highlight of the Meeker Night Relays for the lady Panthers was a first place finish in a time of 2:10.35 in the sprint medley relay. The relay was performed by Addison Scott (100), Miah Wren (100), Ashlynn Ducey (200) and Kaelyn Geer (400). Another strong effort was displayed at Steamboat by all members of the team led by Ashlynn Ducey's long jump of 15-feet, 10-inches for a first place finish.

The boys team competed at a high level in both meets as well. The discus relay team of Chase Cochrane, Tristan Scott, Johnathan Lance and Logan Benson finished second. Tristan Scott achieved

a personal best throw in the event. The distance medley team of Logan Peterson (400), Clay Allred (800), James Talbot (800) and Gage Nielsen (400) finished first in a time of 8:09.59. At the Steamboat meet, Clay Allred and James Talbot finished first and second in the 400 with a photo finish giving the edge to Allred in a time of 1:02.03 for the win and personal best.

Rangely's junior high lady Panthers took first in the sprint medley relay in Meeker.

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Kids: color stuff in!



Remember On Memorial Day



Memorial Day is a day to remember. We especially want to remember and honor people who have served and died in service to our country. Across our country we build, name or do things to honor people we want to remember. These memorials can be anything from a prayer service to a bridge! They help to keep memories alive. They let us cherish our freedom.

Fill in the puzzle with the names of things and places that honor our leaders and war heroes:

- Mount _____ in South Dakota has the faces of four presidents carved on a granite cliff.
- The USS _____ (Hawaii) is a floating memorial where the ship was sunk in Pearl Harbor.
- A beautiful marble building in Washington, D.C. with a statue of our 16th president seated inside is called the _____ Memorial.
- Many U.S. heroes are buried in the _____ National Cemetery in Virginia.
- This four-sided pillar in Washington D.C. is 555 feet high. It honors our country's first president and is called the _____ Monument.
- The _____ Statue shows Marines raising the U.S. flag after a World War II battle.
- The _____ Veterans Memorial in our nation's capital is a black-granite wall engraved with the names of service men and women who died or are missing in the Vietnam War.
- Fort _____ in Maryland defended our country against the British in the War of 1812. The battle moved Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."
- The Tomb of the Unknown _____ in Arlington National Cemetery is dedicated to Americans killed in our wars, but whose bodies could not be identified.
- This circular building in D.C. with a statue of our third president is called the _____ Memorial.
- Dedicated in 2004, the _____ II Memorial in Washington honors those who served, the 400,000 who died, and those who supported our nation in that war.
- The _____ National Military Park marks a terrible battle that marked the Civil War's turning point. Abraham Lincoln made a famous famous speech here.

Clues for crossword puzzle:

- Across 1: Mount _____ in South Dakota has the faces of four presidents carved on a granite cliff.
- Across 2: The USS _____ (Hawaii) is a floating memorial where the ship was sunk in Pearl Harbor.
- Across 3: A beautiful marble building in Washington, D.C. with a statue of our 16th president seated inside is called the _____ Memorial.
- Across 4: Many U.S. heroes are buried in the _____ National Cemetery in Virginia.
- Across 5: This four-sided pillar in Washington D.C. is 555 feet high. It honors our country's first president and is called the _____ Monument.
- Across 6: The _____ Statue shows Marines raising the U.S. flag after a World War II battle.
- Across 7: The _____ Veterans Memorial in our nation's capital is a black-granite wall engraved with the names of service men and women who died or are missing in the Vietnam War.
- Across 8: Fort _____ in Maryland defended our country against the British in the War of 1812. The battle moved Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."
- Across 9: The Tomb of the Unknown _____ in Arlington National Cemetery is dedicated to Americans killed in our wars, but whose bodies could not be identified.
- Across 10: This circular building in D.C. with a statue of our third president is called the _____ Memorial.
- Across 11: Dedicated in 2004, the _____ II Memorial in Washington honors those who served, the 400,000 who died, and those who supported our nation in that war.
- Across 12: The _____ National Military Park marks a terrible battle that marked the Civil War's turning point. Abraham Lincoln made a famous famous speech here.

A Famous Memorial

The memorial below is in Washington, D.C. It was built to honor a special president.

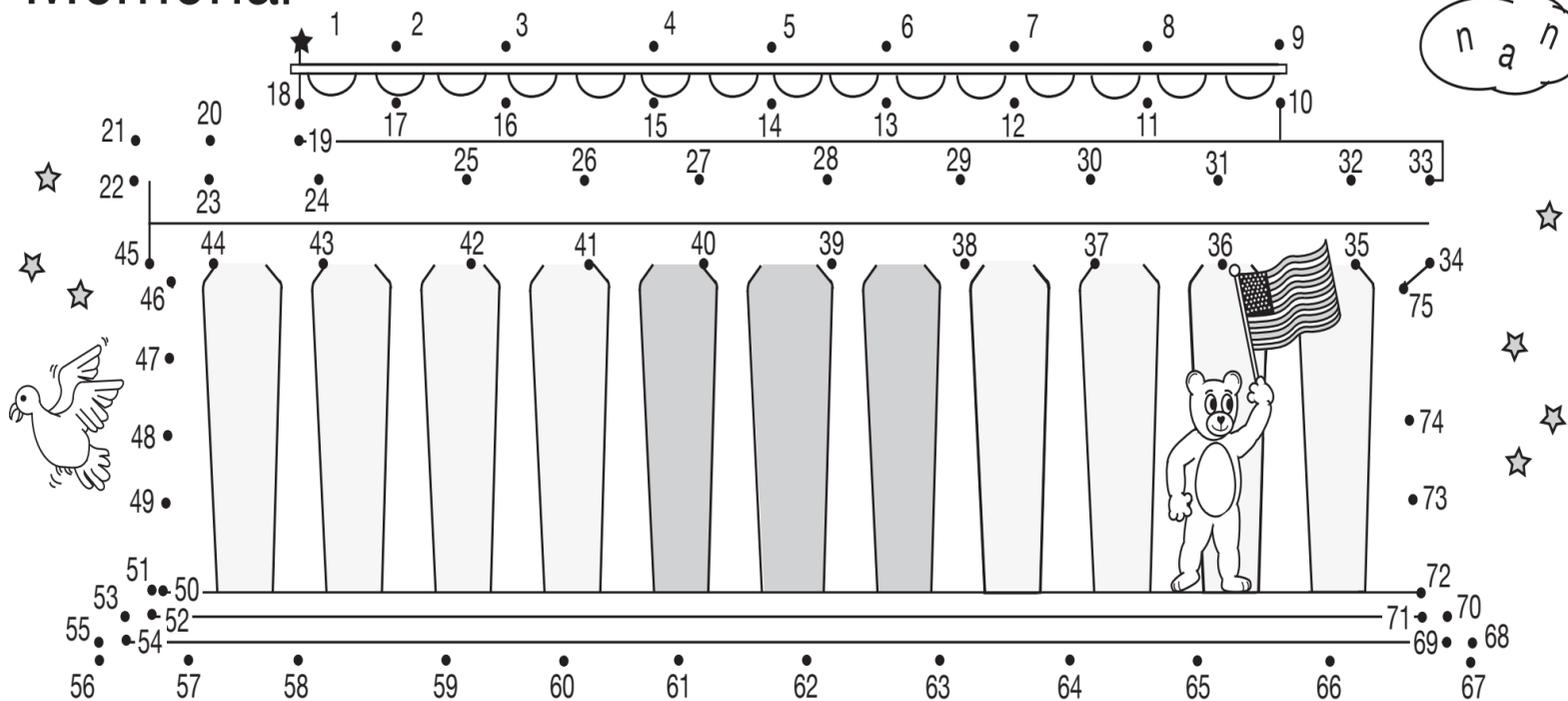
Follow the numbered dots to see it. Look at clue # 3 above to see its name.

Which president has a statue that honors him inside this building?

★ A _ r _ h _ m _ i _ c _ l _

Word search options:

- Word 1: b o l
- Word 2: n a n



A Folding Memorial



On Memorial Day weekend, I will be in a "flyover" at the town parade. The parade is ending at a War Memorial in the town center.

This puzzle about memorials shows a "folding memorial" that we carry with us! It has a picture of a great leader on it.

Find and circle these things we use or name to remember special people:

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| hospital wing | library | ship |
| school | garden | coin |
| bridge | statue | bill |
| theater | street | park |
| museum | service | farm |

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ONE DOLLAR

It's summer travel season in the National Forest

Motorists and bikers urged to avoid muddy roads and trails

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The summer motorized and mountain bike travel season began May 21 in most areas on the White River National Forest.

Some roads and trails are not scheduled to open until later in May or June because of conditions at higher elevations or to reduce disturbance to wildlife such as calving elk.

Some roads and trails opened May 21 may still be muddy or snowy in places and susceptible to damage if people drive or ride them.

"We have a wide range of elevations with varying conditions. Some open gates may lead to roads that are wet and muddy," said White River National Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams. "Travel in muddy conditions creates deep ruts that can significant-

ly damage roads and trails. Please be patient and give muddy areas time to dry out and harden so they can be enjoyed all summer long."

E-bikes are currently considered motorized transportation on National Forest System lands and may only be ridden on roads and trails designated open to motorized vehicles. Traditional (non e-bike) bicycles are allowed on designated trails and roads where mechanized use is permitted.

Off-road and off-trail travel is prohibited for all motorized and mechanized vehicles on the White River National Forest.

All forest visitors are responsible for knowing when and where they can drive or ride. Ranger District offices have the latest site-specific information. Summer motor use maps and mountain bike maps are available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/landmanagement/?cid=stel-prdb5328670>.



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STOCK PHOTO

THEME:1970s LYRICS

- ACROSS**
- *Carole King: "But you're _____ away"
 - "I Thee _____"
 - Ring practice
 - Hacienda brick
 - *Billy Joel: "I love you just the way you _____"
 - What speakers do
 - Leg of lamb
 - Styling goo
 - Spooky
 - *Rod Stewart: "Oh, Maggie, I couldn't have tried _____"
 - *Stevie Wonder: "Very superstitious, writing's on _____"
 - Type of constrictor
 - Can of worms
 - ** _____ Cola, what a beautiful drink"
 - Capital of Peru
 - *Carly Simon: "I had some dreams, they were _____ in my coffee"
 - Bad luck precursor
 - Swing seat, possibly

- Macaroni shape
- Capital on the Baltic Sea
- Figure with vertex and rays
- Venetian magistrate
- Not fitting
- Sealed with a handshake
- Wise man
- Annotator and commentator
- Facts and figures
- Bambino
- Chinese monetary unit
- International Labor Organization
- *The Knack: "M M M My _____"
- *Sister Sledge: "We are family, get up everybody _____"
- Last European colony in China
- Pastrami's partner
- Sheik's bevy
- Movie premiere, e.g.
- Gunk
- Ancient assembly area
- Used to be wild?
- Attila, e.g.
- Part of mortise joint

DOWN

- Long story
- War god in Norse mythology
- Same as fogey
- J. Robert Oppenheimer's project
- Reorganize or modify
- \$7.25/hour, e.g.
- Old fashioned 'before'
- Nile's mouth
- Boatload
- What paralegal and parachute have in common
- Seed covering
- Angler's spool
- Punch buggy car
- Indian cuisine yogurt staple
- Drunkard's sound?
- Enter uninvited (2 words)
- *Bruce Springsteen: "Tramps like us, baby we were born _____"
- _____ acid
- "And Seth.... _____ Enos"
- *Eric Clapton: "Darling, won't you ease my worried _____"
- Oldsmobile founder
- Lusitania's destroyer
- Grown-up pupper, in social media
- *ABBA: "Dancing queen, young and _____, only seventeen"
- Back of the neck
- Dashing style
- Spritelike
- Test (2 words)
- *Terry Jacks: "We had seasons in the _____"
- One tritely familiar
- Frustration, in print
- Missouri River tributary
- Old World duck
- *Creedence Clearwater Revival: "_____ you ever seen the rain?"
- They're hidden up a sleeve?
- Goes with rave
- Eon, alt. sp.
- *Black Sabbath: "I am _____ man"
- Infamous Roman emperor
- J. Edgar Hoover's man
- *Queen: "Scaramouch, Scaramouch, will _____ do the Fandango"

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

- Attempting to stop intoxicated men by appealing to their sober second thought is seldom successful.
- One of the greatest puzzles to the legislative student is to reconcile the fact that the individual legislator is usually as apt as the average man to take a common sense view of things with the fool legislation.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

- The Odd Fellows are giving their big fish fry this year on June 11. The entertainment committee say there will be more visitors this year than last in which event it will be necessary to call upon the hospitality of the town to take some of them into their homes for sleeping accommodations.
- A case of genuine 'flu' is reported from Wilson creek oil field and it is none other than our former fellow townsman R. Hartke. But he is coming through all right at last accounts.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

- Forty-one Meeker high school seniors will graduate in exercises to be held tonight (Wednesday) May 26 at 8 p.m., at the high school auditorium.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

- Meeker teacher Bev Devore is one of just 16 teachers nationwide selected for the Dow Chemical Company summer workshop at Dow headquarters in Michigan.
- Formerly called Decoration Day, the last Monday in May honors United States soldiers and sailors who have died in wars. The custom began soon after the Civil War. In 1868, General John Logan, the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, named May 30 for decorating the graves of Union soldiers.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

- A coroner's inquest in Meeker Saturday found that David Hernandez Diaz was killed by bullets fired by Rangely patrolman E.W. Long Jr. with non-felonious intent while performing his duties as a law enforcement officer on April 6 at the Rangely city hall.
- Mrs. Betty Herman of Rangely has been named in the book "Golden Harvest," published by the Poetry Society of Colorado this month.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

- Don Peach and Brad Simson came in second in the Maybe Annual Almost Meeker to Rangely Canoe Race in Peach's antique wooden canoe.
- A group of volunteers with Americorp recently landscaped the area surrounding the Colorado Welcome Center in Dinosaur.

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Estate of Phyllis Jean Fairchild,
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Case No.: 21PR3
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before September 13, 2021, or said claims may be forever barred.
Robert Alan Fairchild,
Personal Representative
551 Garden Cress Court
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
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create a storm sewer network routing stormwater runoff from the Rio Blanco County Airport property to a drainage ditch along SH-13. All Bidders are required to attend the Mandatory Site Visit. The Mandatory Site Visit will be held on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. MT.** Bid must be received by mail no later than **5:00 P.M. Mountain Time on Monday, June 28, 2021, or hand-delivered no later than 9:45 A.M., Mountain Time, on Tuesday, June 29, 2021.**
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Jesse H. Leech does intend to adopt Kalysta M. Menzel. If biological father, David D. Myers, does plan to contest please contact F. Joseph Fennessy attorney at 970-878-4783, or by email joe@fennessylaw.com.
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY
2021 Pavement Marking Paint Project
PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK
2021 Rio Blanco County Pavement Marking Paint Project. Work includes providing and installing approx. 4,037 total gallons of Pavement Marking Paint: 3,238 Gallons of Yellow Pavement Marking Paint with Beads for the centerline and approx. 799 Gallons of White Pavement Marking Paint with Beads for the shoulder lines on various roads throughout the County. Work also includes painting symbols at 3 intersections on County Road 5 totaling 264 square feet.
BID DOCUMENTS
Rio Blanco County Bid Documents shall be available at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641, or on-line at www.govbids.com/scri/pts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at <http://co-rioblancocounty.civipius.com/bids.aspx>.
PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Clint Chappell, Road & Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
All vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding the project are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Friday, June 11, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.
MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING
Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: June 8, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO. Due to the current public health environment and COVID-19 please be prepared to wear a mask and observe appropriate social distancing at this meeting.
WORK SCHEDULE
The Project shall start on or after July 1, 2021 and shall be complete by August 1, 2021.
BID SUBMITTAL
Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2021 PAVEMENT MARKING PAINT BID" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.
Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday June 15, 2021. Do not depend on overnight delivery.
Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on June 16, 2021.
U. S. Postal Service Mailing Address: RBC Board of County Commissioners, Attn: Vicky Edwards, P O Box 599, Meeker, Colorado 81641
Fed-Ex, UPS or Hand-delivery address: RBC Courthouse, 555 Main St., 4th Floor, Meeker, CO. 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641
BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the **RBC Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO.** Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
Meeker Recreation Center Pool Resurfacing and Leak Repair Project
Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District
101 Ute Road
Meeker, Colorado 81641

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District ("District") is announcing completion of the following construction project:
Pool Resurfacing and Leak Repair
Resurfacing of Lap Pool and Whirlpool, Lap Pool Fill Line Repair
101 Ute Road
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Pursuant to C.R.S. § 38-26-107, the General Contractor, **Mid-America Pool Renovation, Inc** and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, vendors and manufacturers who have provided any materials or labor in connection with this construction project, are hereby notified that **the District has established Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 4:00pm as the date of Final Settlement on this construction project.** Information regarding the Final Settlement may be obtained from the District's administrative offices, located at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641. The General Contractor or any contractor, subcontractor, supplier, vendor and manufacturer who provided any materials or labor in connection with this construction project and who claims to have not been paid for all or any portion of such materials or labor, shall submit a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim to the District on or before the date and time established for Final Settlement. All claims shall be submitted in writing to: Sean VonRoenn, Executive Director
ERBM Recreation & Park District
101 Ute Road
Meeker, Colorado 81641
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT,
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Rio Blanco County is seeking a Contractor for the **2021 Rio Blanco County Airport Outfall** in Meeker, Colorado. The intent of this Invitation for Bid is to have a **Contractor** submit a written response to address the services, fee, and a well-considered plan of execution for the Project. The Project is primarily for drainage and grading to

unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID PREFERENCE
C.R.S. 8-19-101, et. seq, shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

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C.R.S. 8-17-101 states "whenever any public works project financed in whole or in part by funds of the state, counties, school districts, or municipalities of the state of Colorado are undertaken in this state, Colorado labor shall be employed to perform at least eighty percent of the work. The governmental body financing a public works project shall waive the eighty percent requirement if there is reasonable evidence to demonstrate insufficient Colorado labor to perform the work of the project and if compliance with this article would create an undue burden that would substantially prevent a project from proceeding to completion".

BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
The County also reserves the right to negotiate changes in project specifications with successful Vendor. If the Agreement is to be awarded, Owner will give the Successful Vendor a Notice of Award within thirty days after the day of the Bid opening.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
Dated: May 24, 2021
By: Gary Moyer, Chairman
Published: May 27 and June 3, 2021
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Meeker School District Re-1, Rio Blanco County, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; and has been filed in the office of the superintendent where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of said district at the School Administration Building on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his objections thereto.
Board of Education
Meeker School District Re-1
/s/ Tom Allen
Secretary of the Board
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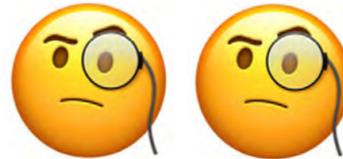
The Town of Rangely will be accepting letters of interest to fill a vacated seat on the Town Board of Trustee's. The remaining term of office on the position will be until April 2024. Please submit all Letters to the Town of Rangely, 209 E Main, Rangely, Co 81648, ATTN: Town Clerk, no later than July 6, 2021.
If you have any questions please contact Lisa Piering or Marybel Cox at (970) 675-8476.
By: Marybel Cox, Clerk/Treasurer
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TOWN OF MEEKER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, June 1, 2021
7:00 P.M. Board Meeting
Town Hall
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091.
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approval of the Agenda
Approval of the Previous Minutes
Approval of Monthly Disbursements
Public Participation

This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.
Public Hearings:
a. Request for approval of Smoking River Brewing Company LLC's Brewery Manufacturer's License and Wholesale Beer License.
New Business:
a. Announcement of the new Town Administrator.
b. Resolution 07-2021 approving the amended

Intergovernmental Agreement and By-Laws and creating the Northwest Colorado Development Council and appointing an elected official and an alternate to represent the Town of Meeker.
Mayor's Remarks
Town Manager's Report
Other Board Business
Adjournment
A workshop will follow the meeting to discuss the ARPA funding opportunity and review the Town's Strategic Plan.
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Let's talk about logical fallacies—gaps in logic that invalidate an argument or opinion.

23 The Gambler's Fallacy

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Example: Red has come up six times in a row on the roulette wheel, so Greg knew that it was close to certain that black would be next up. Suffering an economic form of natural selection with his thinking, he soon lost all his savings.

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