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Collbran Welcomes a New Mayor: An Interview with Mayor Keith C. Todd

Before I begin I would like to thank my predecessor, Mr. Lew Evans for his dedication and service to our community. Thanks Lew.

PV Times: How long have you been in PV, what brought you here?

Mayor: I came here in 1980 with my wife Cindy and son Jason from Oregon. I had been working for a Job Corps just outside Roseburg, Oregon and attending a community college. I transferred Job Corps to continue my education with, at the time, Mesa State. I graduated in 1985 with my undergraduate degree in Psychology, specifically in Counseling.

PV Times: What work experience have you had, both past and present?

Mayor: I've had a pretty eclectic life. I retired after 32 years of Federal Service. In those 32 years, 4 years was with the US Navy, and four other government agencies. My career allowed me to live in Germany for 5 years and five different states. The majority of my work life has been spent in the educa-

tion and counseling fields.

PV Times: What is your favorite thing about PV?

Mayor: I have two favorite aspects of Plateau Valley. The first is living in a mountainous region. Although I was raised close to the coast in Oregon, I prefer living in the mountains. I still visit family and vacation in Oregon. Living on the foothills of the Grand Mesa and the Rocky Mountains provides us with four distinct seasons. I love how different our valley and lower canyon look during each of the four seasons. The other thing I like is that we can walk down main street and we know people by their first names, Freddy, Nadia, Kaleb, Ed, Nancy, Archie, Rose, there are so many, many more but you get the idea. We are a community of caring.

PV Times: Do you have a favorite memory?

Mayor: Yes, I do. 1983. The year Plateau Creek flooded from Collbran through the lower canyon. At the time my family and I lived down from peninsula road next to the creek. Our ac-

cess driveway washed away. Fortunately all three of us were either at school or work but we lost access to our belongings and all we had were two cars and the clothes we were wearing. My deepest thanks go out to Jack and Shirley Knutson who allowed us to live in an out building they had. It was months before we were able to get back into the house. We experienced firsthand the graciousness of PV.

PV Times: How long have you been on town council? What made you want to be on town council and be mayor?

Mayor: Before being sworn in as mayor I was on the town council for two years. After receiving some encouragement from town board members, past and present, I became involved. As for the mayor position, it's a matter of many, many projects that we have been involved in that I just felt we need to make sure there was follow up. I wanted to make sure they did not fall by the wayside.

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PROUD TO BE A COWBOY

Schools around the country are honoring their Seniors by lighting up the football field. PV doesn't have lights, but the score board is on all night long, reminding the 2020 graduates that their community is thinking of them during this difficult season. The Cowboy pride continues as families decorated at home. Check out a few of those decorations on page 13.



GOOD-BYE, OLD COWBOY, GOOD-BYE

Tonight one more lonesome old cowboy
has followed Death down the long trail.
He was tired. He felt wasted and weary.
He had heard his last lone coyote's wail.
So when Death came with soft invitation
to go where he never had been,
The old cowboy said, "Sure! I'll go with you
to the sunlight beyond that last bend."

He had ridden long trails on his pony.
He had toiled and struggled and done.
His hands were all gnarled and wrinkled,
and his eyes dimmed with each setting sun.
His mind still held savvy and sharpness,
but his frame was all wizened and bent,
For his strength crept away like a shadow,
and pain followed wherever he went.

He had once been a stalwart young rider,
with muscles so supple and lean,
Who sang as he gathered the cattle
and pushed then into valleys green.
He'd spent lots of time in the mountains,
moving herds through the aspen and spruce
To the parks and the flat, grassy meadows,
where cows grazed while their babies ran loose.

He had paused in his early young manhood,
and had courted and won a dear wife.
His daughters had given him pleasure,
and brought purpose into his life.
And always, he worked as a cowboy
who had deep respect for the land.
Understanding the secrets of nature,
he had reigned with a strong, gentle hand.

His throne was a worn leather saddle.
His Kingdom, what he could survey.
His pay, little more than a living,
and a smile at the end of the day.
By the world's standards, he wasn't wealthy...
except in his number of friends,
Who grieve at the news of his passing down the trail
to where peace never ends.

I feel sure as he entered the portal
that leads on to the last Great Divide,
He caught up with his friends
and his loved ones who preceded him on his last ride.
Sweet release from all pain and sad partings.
Only memories of days now gone past.
And there must have been joy on their faces
as they welcomed him homeward at last.

In memory of William Robert Hill, Sept.29, 1935-March 26, 2020

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What Is This?

Can you guess the item or place
in the picture?



Send your guess to
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call 970-487-0291.

Guess correctly and be entered into a
drawing to win a free cinnamon roll or
ice cream from Collbran Café!

Technology Assistance Available

Want to connect to family or fill out the
2020 census but confused or lost when
it comes to technology?

If you are in need of assistance with
your smart phone or computer during
this time, I'm willing to help.

Social distancing and appropriate
health precautions will be followed.

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Grand Valley Power hosts virtual food drive to provide meals to Food Bank of the Rockies' Western Slope Branch.

- Food Bank is experiencing double the requests for food.
- Goal: \$4500 will cover the cost of 18,000 meals. That is one meal per Grand Valley Power customer.
- Funds raised will go directly to Food Bank of the Rockies' Palisade location.
- Financial gifts can be given online at FoodBankRockies.org/ GrandValleyPower

Growing Things

By: Annie Hughes

Netting for Pea Vines Inspiration from a Birds' Nest

A few weeks ago, I found this little nest on the ground and picked it up before our cats got to it. No eggs inside. Hopefully, the babies had all fledged and flown!



Taking a closer look, I saw some of the materials used to build the nest: plant stems, grass blades, matted fur from our long-haired felines, black and brown horse hair, and long gray strands of human hair from my own head! The nest is very strong. Though I am familiar with some of the materials used in it, I have yet to understand just how it was built. I think I would have to be a bird to know that. It occurred to me just how resourceful the birds who built this nest really were. At a time when we can't just run off to the store or afford to buy anything we need online, resourcefulness may see us through, too.

Sugar Snap Peas

I am a huge fan of sugar snap peas. I had grown them without netting and the vines sprawled all over in a big mass and it was hard to even find the peas, much less pick them. Also, the plants suffered from mildew because there was not enough air circulating through.

Options for Netting

I looked at several options for netting. Sheep wire or chicken wire might have worked except for the fact

that they are made of metal and get very hot in the sun. While peas can take a mild freeze, they do not do well in heat or next to hot surfaces. I looked at various versions of plastic netting. Realizing that it would ultimately break down and that I don't want to add to the tons of plastic waste already swirling through our seas and soils, I decided against buying plastic netting.

Making My Own

I finally decided that I would make my own netting. I know how to knit. How hard could it be? I considered buying some twine but it was pricey and might biodegrade fairly quickly. If I was going to go to all this trouble, I wanted to make something that my descendants would use (and admire). Then, I looked over at a large bucket full of plastic baling twine that I had been planning to someday put to good reuse. Bright orange and bright blue, it had seen months of being tied tightly around bulging bales of hay out in all weathers. Unless you're a Denver Broncos fan, it's not the prettiest twine. Some strands were long and some short, and most were a bit frayed but still quite strong. All were full of knots and dried cow poo. But, the peas would not care about any of that.



The Pattern

I found this video on youtube.com: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAMqZA27iAo>. Be sure to measure the width and length that you will want your netting to be when it's done. The presenter tells you how to calculate how much material you will need.

Hanging the Netting

I used some old stakes made for electric fencing to hang the netting on. The stakes have multiple areas when you can just clip the netting into place. Metal fence stakes will also work but you'll have to tie the netting onto them.

How Well It Worked

The baling twine netting is in its third year and still holding up well. Unlike the little birds' nest, it is not a thing of beauty. But, I do admire it for its usefulness and resilience!

Other Uses

I realized after making this netting that it's the same process used to make basketball hoops! This might be a good teaching project for kids who are stuck at home.

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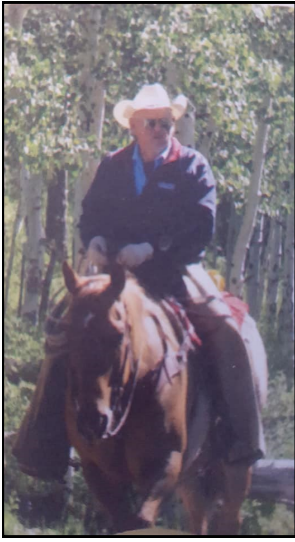
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Obituaries

William Robert Hill

September 29, 1935 - March 26, 2020



William Robert Hill passed away quietly at his home in Mesa, Colorado on Thursday, March 26, 2020.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Hill; daughters, Tammy Clark (Justin Clark), and Tania Hill-

Carroll (Shannon Carroll), and sister, Shirley Reynolds.

William R. Hill "Bill" was born in Denver, Colorado to Wallace A. Hill and Regina "Dolly" Hill on Septem-

ber 29, 1935. The family moved to Edwards, Colorado, where they raised sheep and cattle on a ranch up East Lake Creek. He loved spending time on his horse in the mountains, riding broncs, and breaking horses.

Bill joined the Navy and became part of the SeeBees. There he learned construction and heavy equipment operation. He spent most of his service in the Bahamas and in California.

After the Navy, he earned an associate business degree and in 1961, married the love of his life, Barbara Miller. In 1965, they bought their ranch in Mesa, CO, where they raised registered beef. In 1972, their daughter, Tammy, was born, and in 1979, they had their second daughter, Tania. Bill loved ranching and raising cattle. Ranching, having good horses,

and caring for his family were his passions.

Through the years, Bill also worked at the West Elk Mine as a lead scheduler for mine expansion; Occidental Oil Shale as a construction supervisor; he was a cost and scheduling engineer for Fenix and Scission, Las Vegas, Nevada, and cost and scheduler for SAIC in Denver.

Bill Hill will always be remembered as a loyal friend, an amazing father, and a loving husband whose unconditional love for his wife and family went beyond all measures. He will be greatly missed.

A graveside service was held at Mesa Cemetery Saturday, April 4 at 1pm for close friends and family. A Celebration of Life will be held for all at a later date.

Eleanor "Delores" Scott

August 13, 1929-April 10, 2020

Our dear mother, sister, and friend has passed away. She loved her family and was kind to everyone who ever befriended her or cared for her. How we will miss her sweet nature and wonderful sense of humor.

Delores was born on August 13, 1929 to Wilfred and Oleta Beals in Edgemont, SD. She was the oldest of four girls. Her father was a forest ranger so the family moved often in her early years, living in South Dakota, Wyoming, and Colorado. She graduated from Norwood High School, Norwood, CO in 1948.

She married Robert "Gene" Scott in Norwood on December 25, 1948. Early married life was spent in Norwood and then Pueb-

lo, CO where their two daughters were born. They moved to Collbran in 1959 and lived there 58 years. She kept company books for her and Gene's construction company, drove school bus, was a past Nobel Grand and active in the Rebekahs, and a member of the Congregational Church. She enjoyed cooking, reading, tole painting, playing games, fishing, and especially enjoyed sitting out on her patio in Collbran saying "Isn't this the most beautiful place".

After Gene's death in 2017, she moved to Hoover, AL to be close to her youngest daughter and died April 10, 2020 in her room at Country Cottages Memory Care.

Preceding her in death were her parents and husband.

Survivors include her daugh-

ters, Linda (Dan) Hawkins, Lake Havasu City, AZ and Karen (Lewis) Arnold, Hoover, AL; grandchildren Brittany Fairbanks, Dustin (Mollie) Arnold, and Kaytlin (Omar) Lopez; great-grandchildren Aiden, Evelyn, Madelyn, and Adaline; and her sisters, Dinece Paquette and Lois Gilstrap of Grand Junction, and Louise Haslem of Hayden, CO.

Services will be held at a later date.



Doris Rachel Morton Bliss
August 27, 1921-April 18, 2020

Doris Rachel Bliss (Rachel), age 98, of Molina CO, passed away at Hope West Care Center in Grand Junction on April 18, 2020. She is at peace now. She was born on August 27, 1921 in Marion County, Illinois to Harry Paul Morton and Una Hays Morton. She went back to school around age 40 and earned a Master's Degree after which she taught



speech and English in high school and college. She enjoyed her life, and two of her favorite things were reading and traveling, although she would have liked to have traveled more. She lived in several states throughout her life before landing in Western Colorado.

She is survived by daughter, Kathryn Boren of Molina; grandchildren, Sara (Wesley) Hughes of Pelahatchie, MS, and Christ (Katie) Moore of Reston, VA; brothers, Roy (Katie) Morton of Junction City, OR, and Lee Morton of Las Vegas, NV; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by

her first husband, William Bliss; and her second husband, John Tolbert; her daughter, Doris Margaret (Peggy) Simms and husband Doug, son-in-law, Gerald Boren of Molina; great-grandson, David Moore; and by siblings, Knight Morton, Mae Janke, Vivian Doran, Elmer Morton, Nell Garmon, Margaret Morton, and John Morton.

No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations can be made to Hope West Hospice, 3090 N. 12th St., Unit B, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Martin Mortuary is handling the arrangements.

Lookin' Back

By: Laura Michaelsen

I loved to ride with my father-in-law Bill Michaelsen. He and I were good friends. He'd come up to the house each day in his little gray truck. You could hear him shift gears coming out of the creek ¼ mile away. You always had time to make some coffee as he had to go through two sets of gates to get up to the house.

When we first got married, he just sat outside on a chair and didn't want to come in. I asked him why, and he told me, "I'm home. I just want to sit and look." I understand now, as I go up to the Ranch, I too just want to sit and look. It's home.

Bill was a boy when they moved to Collbran in 1910, the only boy with seven sisters. Rosa, Elizabeth, Lorena were older than him, then Tillie, Dora (Wayne Campbell's Mother), Marie and Christina were younger than him.

He told stories of how he and Lorena would tend the milk cows up the hill during the day and bring them down to the creek for a drink. Another story was when he went to a farm sale on the Big

Creek Road where he got his first horse and led it home behind the wagon. The sale was at the Carpenter Ranch.

When driving down to Junction, he would show me where all the wagons stopped and waited for the freighters. Everyone would wait their turn and the freighters would join their horses together to pull the wagons through the boggy ground from the old Woodring place to Walker's. It was an all-day project.

Bill lived in a house where Shelia Campbell lives now. One day they heard the roaring and crashing of water. Atkinson Dam had broken and the water was rushing down Big Creek. It must have been really loud as they lived a mile away on Little Creek. Someone sent a person down the creek on horseback so he could alert everyone that the water was coming. He made it all the way down Big Creek and Plateau Creek alerting everyone and beat the water. They said when the water hit the Colorado River it raised it by a foot.

Moving cows was always done on horseback. Dutch Billy had land a little ways up Grove Creek. He owned some orchards down in the Grand Valley and he also leased

some land for the winter months for his cows. They'd start out up in Collbran and the cows would be driven all the way down the road to Junction. The ones that couldn't keep up were left behind to follow. People get upset now a days if a few cattle are in the road..... Imagine cattle drifting down the road, let alone the canyon, for a week or more. Then, in the spring, they came up.

The cattle were also driven over to De Beque to send off on the railroad. The last cattle drive to De Beque was in late 40's. Bill was hired to take the cattle over and he hired Paul Williams (Verlene Dix's dad) to go with him. I believe they drove them across the Sunnyside just out of town. I don't recall how many days it took to get there. It was a big stunt to get the cattle across the bridge that was over the river. Then they had to go under the train tracks. One of trips over to put cattle on the train, the engineer thought it would be funny to blow the horn. They had cattle scattered all over the place.

How resilient these people were and they handled it all without a phone or a car.



Home Town Heroes: Shirley Kahler

American Legion Post 86 would like to thank some of the veterans who have served the American Legion and our community.



We live in a valley filled with men and women who have ensured our freedom.

These service members have offered their lives in the defense of the greatest country on Earth.

In our ongoing recognition of Plateau Valley servicemen and service women American Legion Post 86 would like to request current or former area residents to submit service information about prior or current military members of their families.

NAME: Shirley Kahler
BRANCH: US NAVY



Shirley Kahler, mother to Kathy Cotter of Collbran, graduated High School at 18 and enlisted in the Navy in September 1954 during the Korean Conflict. She was the guest speaker at Collbran's Memorial Day Celebration in 2019. She is a member of the Plateau Valley Horizon Club, an active member of Orchard Mesa Lions Club, and volunteers at the VA. Thank you Shirley for your continued service!

(In Shirley's own words)

At the time I enlisted there was a quota on the number of women the Navy would accept. I thought if I enlisted in September, I would be home from boot camp by the holidays. I was wrong! I didn't get inducted until November 22nd the day before Thanksgiving. So consequently, I was in boot camp in Bainbridge, Maryland from Thanksgiving through Christmas and the New Year. It was a very lonely time being my first time away from home for the holidays. Everyone who enlisted at that time was in the same situation and we all made pretty good friends.

I graduated from boot camp and was assigned to Yeoman School there in Bainbridge, which was eight weeks long. We were not so restricted in Yeoman School as in boot camp and we

had liberty on the weekends. I spent several weekends visiting Washington DC, seeing some of the monuments in DC and the beautiful cherry trees blooming along the Potomac Basin in the spring. I graduated from Yeoman School in April. I was assigned to Great Lakes Naval Training center in Illinois and was assigned to be the "Captains" yeoman (which was a glorified secretary). I was asked to join the "Wave Drill Team" which was basically Navy recruiters for women. It was the only drill team in the US. After many regimented practices we were to perform all over the US on TAD (temporary assignment of duty), one of which was performed at Soldiers Stadium in Chicago during a Bears football game. We also performed in Dennison Texas, San Diego, San Francisco and numerous other cities. In the fall of that year I met a man who was also in the Navy and we married the following spring in the base Chapel. We lived on base until he received orders to report to the naval air station on the Del-Marva Peninsula in Chincoteague, Virginia. I put in for orders to join him since the Navy tries to keep married couples together. There were no Waves in Chincoteague, VA so I was ordered to Norfolk, VA. Ninety miles away and a three-hour ferry ride across the Chesapeake Bay. Now there is a bridge across the bay and it only takes about an hour to do what used to take three hours. I commuted for 3 months back and forth, and then became pregnant with my daughter. At that time the Navy

didn't allow one to serve while pregnant and it was mandatory that I was discharged. If the Navy would have accepted pregnancies, then as they do now, I would have stayed and made a career of the Navy. Now the armed services allow women to stay in the service and provide uniforms for childbearing women. Times have surely changed.

I felt honored to be included in that elite group that was able to serve our country!

- There are over 2 million living women Veterans. Their average age is 49.
- Women Veterans are the fastest growing group of enlisted personnel, also fastest growing group within the Veterans Administration.
- Many women Veterans do not identify themselves as Veterans and if asked if they served in the military they will say "yes" but often asked if they are a Veteran they will say "no". How do we get them to identify as a Veteran and seek the benefits they've earned?
- In 1983 Congress passed a law "Veterans Health Care Amendment of 1983" mandating the VA to establish an advisory committee on women Veterans. This was the beginning of the VA looking to providing comprehensive care to women
- In 1994 the Department of Defense officially banned women from serving in combat, then on January 24, 2013, then Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta, removed the military's ban on women serving in combat. So now they can serve anywhere in the world.

Senior Leaders on the Court

By: Grumpy Smith

Abby Detwiler

This past season Plateau Valley Cowboys had two senior basketball athletes who stood out throughout the season.

Senior Abby Detwiler played post for the Cowboys

and was instrumental in helping the team execute offensive plays and was one of our strong and versatile defensive players under the basket.

Abby was frequently the player who set offensive plays in motion. Feeding the ball at the right time to some of our strong shooters and setting up give and goes with players like Madison Clark and Maddisyn Miller is what led to her season high total of 89 assists.

On defense, Abby seemed to always be in the right place, breaking up drives to the basket and blocking out opponents' key rebounders making it possible for players like Maddisyn Miller to move in and make the rebound.

Abby seemed to always play a very well balanced game, making shots when needed, setting screens, executing offensive plays (making 44% of her shots), while breaking up plays by opponents with her strong defensive skills.

One of the strongest attributes was her exceptional work ethic and positive attitude, both in practice and during games. Coach Holmes said "Abby made her teammates better everyday through her efforts and strong moral character". Congratulations Abby on a successful senior season.



Austyn Vig

On the men's team, Senior Austyn Vig was a standout. As one of the team's captains, Austyn was without a doubt, a leader on the floor. This was very evident in his hard work and play ethic when he was on the floor. He was the one player who kept the team going and inspired them during each game.

As a 6'0" forward, Austyn was one of the shortest players in the league in this position, yet with his aggressive play and great court sense, he led the league in rebounds, both offensively and defensively. His season stats per game showed him consistently pulling in ten+ rebounds per game.

On the offensive end of the court, he seemed to have a sixth sense on where the ball needed to be in order for the team to score. He was a very unselfish player, often passing off to a better positioned player, rather than taking a shot himself. With this said, he still hit over 60% of his shots, with his jump shot from the baseline being his strongest attribute.

This year, Austyn made First Team All League and was an honorable mention on the All State team. This is testimonial to his outstanding, all-around performance this season.

Congratulations to Both Abby and Austyn for helping provide Cowboy fans with a very enjoyable and exciting basketball season.



Superintendent Views



I am so proud of our students and parents during this unplanned and unprecedented time. I would like to say how proud I am of our staff. What normally would take 12-18 months to plan and implement, they pulled off in a little over two weeks. Our "enrichment" program of remote/online learning has had its bumps along the road but we hope everyone understands that teachers, students, and parents are learning this "on the go"! I have sat in on some of the class sessions and I am pleased to say that our school community is continuing to keep kids engaged and challenged, with knowing that we have different circumstances for different students/families. This was never meant to be "one size fits all", as brick and mortar school is not intended to be that either. Again, it would be a mistake on my part if I didn't mention how much we appreciate the parents and students during this unprecedented time. We have seen "engagement" rates at well over 95% across the board. One of the goals during this time is that students don't fall behind. We know there will be time for the students to catch up, but we hope to keep this to a minimum.

As things continue to change, please stay up to date by going to our website for the latest updates, pvsd50.org. If I can speak for the teachers and other staff members, I can't tell you how much WE MISS YOU STUDENTS!

Again, I would like to say a big Cowboy THANK YOU to our students, parents and teachers during this unparalleled times. If you have questions, please email me at mpage@pvsd50.org. Thanks so much for your patience, understanding, and support!

Way, Way Off Broadway

On Wednesday, March 11, the Grand Mesa Theatre performed “The Addams Family”, a musical, at a 2:00 matinee and a dinner theatre in the evening for the community. Sammi White catered a delicious lasagna dinner, serving 100 plates. The audience had an entertaining evening filled with laughter and music with a short intermission for cake and coffee. The students had fun performing after months of rehearsing and earlier in the month had the opportunity to watch “Fiddler on the Roof” performed by Colorado Mesa University students at Moss Theatre in Grand Junction.



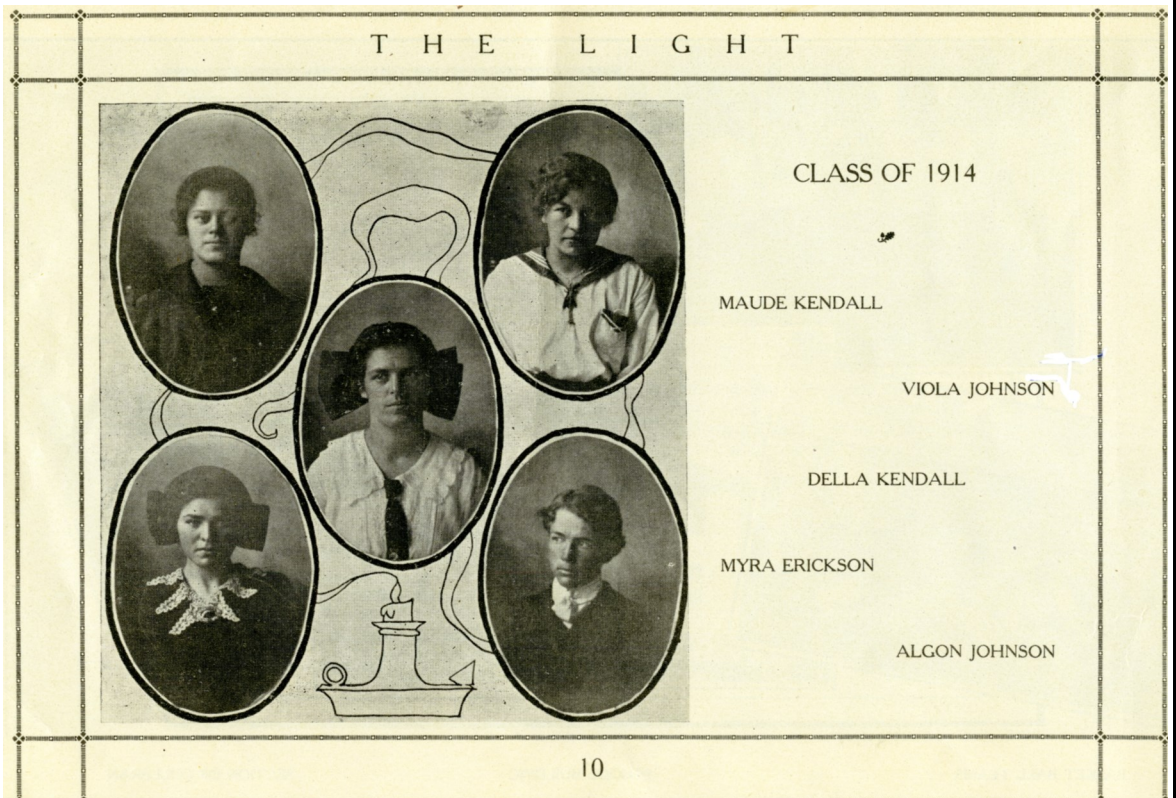
Back Row L to R: Emily Overstreet, Tim Dew, Matthew Burdine, Alicia McKenzie, Aaron Jackson, Nick Gray, River Briggs, Darian Bittick, Zane Jones, Deranda Frazier, Isabell McGaw
Front Row L to R: April Trujillo, Travis McWilliams, Samuel Appleberry, Wyoming Dew, Mrs. Suzanne Gregory, Haley Zunich, Joseph Barajas, Dosha Nika Sanchez

Submitted by: Plateau Valley Historical Preservation Society

This picture of the 1914 graduating class is the oldest graduation picture that we have. We have pictures from 1914- 1916. It is interesting to notice how mature the students looked. Times must have been hard then: and it was just before the pandemic of 1917-20! Unfortunately we do not have photos of the years between 1916 and 1934. We do have 1934-2019. All copies are from the school's year books people have given to PVHPS.

Graduation Pictures are available for sale if interested.

Copies from 1934 through 2019 are available by order from either the school or PVHPS. The school purchased flip boards to mount 13x19 prints for viewing. We will provide 8.5x11 for \$10 and 13x19 copies for \$20 each.



How Important is Food and Water Security? Preserving Irrigated Ag Land Helps Ensure Both

By: Phil Brink, CCA* Ag Water
NetWORK Consulting Coordinator

Empty store shelves – something rarely seen in America – have been commonplace since the coronavirus outbreak. Consumer stockpiling of food and goods has led to shortages that extend far beyond the media favorite: toilet paper. Staple food products like ground beef, chicken, beans, bread, tortillas and potatoes are in short supply in supermarkets and warehouse clubs. Even dog food has not been spared. The unfolding of the Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19) crisis has led to some urbanites driving to rural areas to purchase food from small town grocery stores – even buying potatoes directly from growers in the San Luis Valley.

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed systemic vulnerabilities ranging from medical response readiness to food availability. The United States food security is heavily dependent upon just-in-time shipping; and our reliance on food brought in daily from around the country and the world has, at times, left shoppers waiting for the next truckload of food or paper products to arrive.

Widespread panic-buying has underscored people's desire to be food secure. Real food security starts with being able to grow, process and market food locally. Community sustainability is impossible without a reliable food production system close at hand. In arid Colorado, preserving irrigated farmland near cities and in rural areas is key to ensuring food and dairy staples can be produced and provided to consumers even during a crisis.

Preventing widespread loss of additional irrigated farmland requires a recognition of the enormous value that agricultural land provides to society. Growth and corresponding demands for land and

municipal and industrial water has led to the loss of about 700,000 acres of irrigated agricultural land since 1995. That number is based on a comparison of irrigated acreages in the 1995-96 and 2018 National Agricultural Statistics Service reports for Colorado. About 2.5 million acres of irrigated agricultural land remain, which is less than four percent of our state's total land area.

In Colorado, the old adage is that 'water flows toward money.' Historically, housing developments have provided a much better return on investment than farming and ranching. Water has flowed toward municipal growth and away from agriculture; creating a paradox that finds our growing population requiring more food while our most productive agriculture acreage is being diminished.

Beyond just food production, farm fields and ranchland offer visual and emotional relief to urban dwellers that are trying to practice "social distancing", while dealing with family, work and health issues. Agricultural land also plays a key role in supporting rare wildlife species including sage grouse, prairie chicken and mountain plover, as well as more common ones like elk, deer, antelope, fox, bear, mountain lion, turkey, burrowing owls and many others. Grain fields and irrigation ditches and ponds provide rest stops for migrating birds, including sand hill cranes. And return flows from irrigated fields support stream flows and aquatic life in dryer summer months.

Irrigated agricultural land offers a solution to both food and water security in Colorado. Laws passed since the 2002-03 drought enable water leasing between farms and cities. Interruptible supply agreements, 3/10 year water leases, ag water protection rights and multi-use water right adjudication with or without conservation easements provide opportunities for



*Sandhill cranes in the San Luis Valley
Photo: Christi Bode, MoxieCran Media*

agricultural producers to lease water to cities while keeping land in production. The Ag Water NetWORK's 2016 survey of farmers and ranchers found that 60 percent had some level of interest in leasing their water. The preferred type of lease arrangement was 'reduced delivery,' where a percentage of water was leased and the producer was free to utilize the remaining portion of water to maximize crop or forage production.

Agricultural preservation and water leasing can even play an important role in stream restoration and watershed management by providing water for aquatic life, recreation and municipal use while preserving ag and forest land for wildlife and watershed protection.

If there is a silver lining to the COVID-19 cloud, it is that the importance of food security has been brought to the fore. The great news is that unlike the reactionary responses required for dealing with COVID-19, Colorado has time to plan and implement strategies that preserve irrigated agricultural land, help farmers diversify their income, and supply water for cities, fish and wildlife, and recreation.

*CCA: Colorado Cattlemen Assoc.

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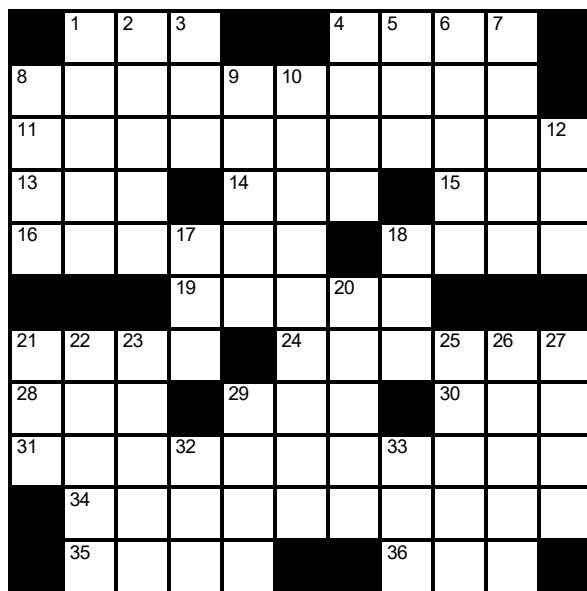
Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1 Angel dust
4 Adds
8 Citizen of Santa Ana
11 Due to
13 Morning drops
14 Anoint
15 Madhouse
16 Classify
18 Priestly cloak
19 "I haven't seen you in ---"
21 Leading light?
24 Doghouse sounds
28 Gas station abbr.
29 Small cell
30 Exclamation of surprise
31 Like some university staffers
34 Mapped out
35 Inner being
36 Narrow beam of light

Down

- 1 Window divisions
2 Talons
3 Pipe plastic
4 One ferried by Charon



- 5 Vase
6 Unleavened bread
7 Pry
8 Pop
9 Squash variety
10 "Encore!"
12 Enemy
17 Scull
18 Suit with an MBA, maybe
20 Rate
21 Title for a distinguished Indian
22 Is inclined
23 Give consent
25 "We --- touch-down!"
26 Tyne Daly TV role
27 Storage shelter
29 "Like that would happen!"
32 90-degree fitting
33 Spike

Picture Answer

Did you figure out the picture from the April 10th Issue? It's Collbran Supply's Kitchen and Appliance building across from their main store on Main Street. Ever been inside? Need an appliance? Check them out!

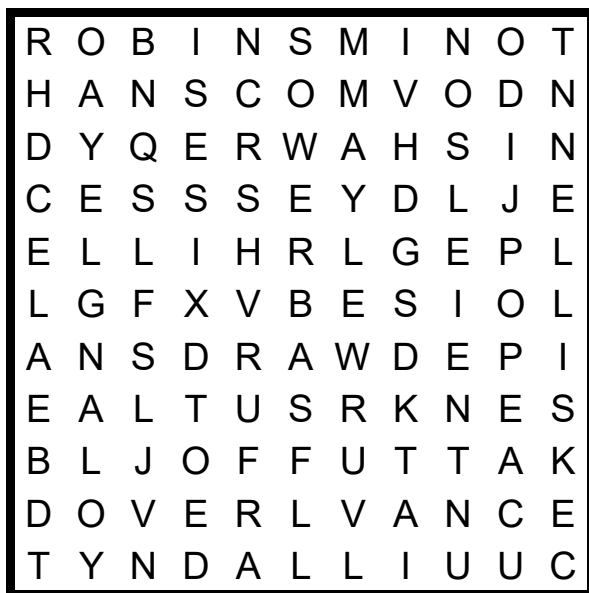


Deb Terwedo is our winner for the March 13th Issue. She knew it was located at Valley Ranch and Supply.

Submit your guess for the current picture at
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Have a suggestion for a picture?
Shoot an email or give a call!

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Dover
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Edwards
Eglin
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Hill
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Langley
Luke



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Sudoku - Hard 1.4



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Visit my2020census.gov to begin.

- The 2020 Census will ask a few simple questions about you and everyone who is, or will, be living with you on April 1, 2020.
- For the first time, you can choose to complete the census online, by phone (844-330-2020), or by mail.
- One person should respond for each home. That person must be at least 15 years old, live in the home or place of residence themselves and know general information about each person living there.
- Please note that if someone is staying with you temporarily on April 1 due to the COVID-19 situation, they should be counted where they usually live including college students who should still be counted at school, even if they are home early. The college will count in student housing, if they live off campus, they should respond for the off-campus address. and include any roommates.

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Notice of Collbran Board of Trustees Vacancy

The Collbran Board of Trustees has two vacancies on the five-member Board. Persons interested in serving on the Board of Trustees should submit a letter of interest in care of Mayor Keith Todd, PO Box 387, Collbran, CO 81624, or letters may be dropped off at Town Hall by 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 30, 2020. Applicants must have their primary place of residence in Collbran and must have lived there at least 12 months. This matter will be discussed and an appointment will be considered at the **May 5, 2020** Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to attend at Collbran Town Hall 1010 High St. at 6:00 PM.

Jobs Available

Times are tough for people right now, but there are places hiring. Check these out. (See also the classifieds on pg 12)

US Postal Service

\$18+/hour, Benefits

Apply online [Usps.gov](https://usps.gov)

Applicants should be: 18 years old at the time of appointment or 16 years old with a high school diploma, United States citizen, permanent resident, or citizen of American Samoa or other U.S. territory, provide recent employment history, Ability to pass a criminal background check, drug screening, and medical assessment, Residency requirement for background checks

Bank Teller

Grand Valley Bank in Collbran is accepting applications for a Full-Time Teller position. 35-40 hours per week including Saturdays.

Applicants should possess the following: Basic computer skills, Excellent communication skills, Customer service/cash handling experience preferred, but not required, Prior banking experience preferred, but not required

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12 jobs currently posted in GJ

Help Wanted/Opportunities:

US Post Office in Collbran is hiring. Check out usps.gov or the Collbran branch office for more details. (see pg 11)

Grand Valley Bank is accepting applications for full time positions. (See pg 11)

Various branches of City Market in Grand Junction are hiring. (See pg 11)

PV School is hiring. Full time Kitchen and Custodial Staff Call school 487-3547 for questions .

Collbran Job Corps is hiring temporary Staff. Call Diane at 487-2001 for details.

Beginning music lessons available after school for children 7 & up. Earlier in the day for adults and home schooled students. Lessons @ CCC.
Call Sue Bellotti 487-3474, leave name & number

For Sale/Free/Wanted:

Epson Printer Inks - 220
New and in date plus several full but opened. (had to change my printer due to a technical problem)
Phone 970-210-2704 - donation would be appreciated!

ISO small containers to grow seedling vegetable starters that will be for sale at this year's PV Farmers Market. 4, 6, 8 packs or large flats work, too. Please text or call us with the cost. Thanks, Margaret 970-773-1916

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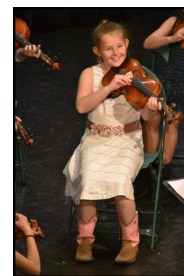
Trash Pick Up. \$15/month up to 7 bags/wk. John Blair: 970-487-0242

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Community Celebrations

♥
Happy 10th Birthday Maddie (the 22nd)
and Happy 29.96th Birthday to Casey
White (the 25th)!

♥
Happy Birthday Chad Held. We are so
thankful for you,
what a great dad you are!
~Mandy, Lexi, and Cort



♥
Thank you so much to all who have continued to support us during this time. Thank you especially if you have been purchasing Prime Rib dinners, we have sold out 3 weeks in a row! We truly appreciate the support!
~Collbran Café

♥
Thank you Nathalie Ames for the bird houses you provided to families in the Valley. Because of your generosity, many children have enjoyed painting and parents have appreciated the new projects!

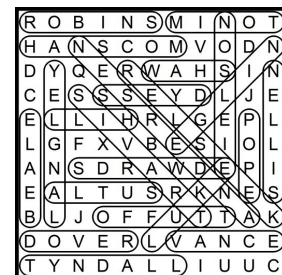
♥
Thank you to all the families who participated in the spirit week decorations!

*Have a message you would like to share?
Send it to PO Box 89, Collbran
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call 487-0291
Community Celebrations are free of charge.*

Do you provide a service in this community or know someone who does?

Handyman, Tradesman, Lawn Care, Labor, Ferrier etc.? Do you create or sell anything and want to get your information out? Have your information listed for free in the Classifieds section of the PV Times.

*Please send your 10-15 word Classifieds to ReadPVTimes@gmail.com Put "Classifieds" in the Subject Line. Please designate how long you would like your ad to run. Free of Charge.



PROUD TO BE A COWBOY



Top Left: Maddie, Morgan, and Abby White, Marshall Himes, and the Crites family show off their fence lines. Macy Bevan and her heifer, Marshall and Hazel Jennings with their chicks, and Logan Butterfield and his dog have spirit. Jackson, Macy, and Heston Bevan, and The Holyoke family, Clancy, Collette, Chloe and Cache have PV Grit. Kyanna Himes has her own personal cheerleader.

Please Note:

*Stay-at-home order stays in effect until April 26th unless new direction comes from the Governor. Masks continue to be encouraged when in public. Information/Dates/Closures etc. are changing daily.

PV Times works to stay up to date on information but is not always able to share the most recent information. Please call businesses directly or go to CDC.gov for the most up to date information.

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Absolute Certainty

I recently came across the following excerpt from the Berean Call March publication by the late Dave Hunt. In light of the recent COVID-19 situation, I think it quite timely and relevant....

“The uncertainty of life and the inevitability of death are two of the most basic elements of human existence. Logically, then—even for those who think death ends it all—what *may* lie after death deserves at least some attention and planning before it may be forever too late. And it is only reasonable that prior to that awesome moment of death, which overtakes all in its own time and without discrimination, one needs to be absolutely certain of what death will bring and exactly why. *Absolutely certain?* Of course, because nothing less will do. Regardless of one’s religious belief or lack of it, death puts its exterminating stamp upon every earthly passion, position, possession, and ambition. There is a finality to death that shouts, ‘Too late! Too late!’ Inasmuch as death could come knocking at any time, regardless of one’s age, health, or expectations, there is a great urgency in knowing—with certainty beyond question—what lies beyond death’s door. No matter how young we may be or how healthy we may seem, that dread event draws steadily and inexorably closer for each one of us—and often as an unwelcome surprise” (Berean Call, 2020).

If you aren’t “*absolutely certain of what death will bring*”, and would like to be absolutely certain...

PLEASE contact any one of the following pastors or one of their church members to explain and/or clarify what the Bible says about being **sure** about death and eternal assurance.

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We Sell Lifestyle

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PV Times: What would you like to accomplish this year and during your term?

Mayor: There are some smaller projects that I'd like to see completed this year. I want to complete Lilac Park so it will be able to accommodate small concerts and have access to Plateau Creek. We hope to get the Women's Memorial an upgrade to give it a look and feel that it so rightly deserves. I'd like to continue the downtown look by getting some murals done on some buildings and our main street bridge that depict our heritage. Those are smaller projects that I think can be done before the year is over. On a bigger scale we have just received the preliminary report on our infrastructure. This report includes our water/sewer lines, our roads and our utility structures and buildings. This will help us prioritize what projects need immediate attention and to make sure we aren't repaving then three months later find out we have a leak in our water line. We are hoping to have a small area of paving done this year. Repairing and upgrading our infrastructure will take years, but it is an investment in our future. We still need more community input of the future of the auditorium. Expect more community meetings to gather more feedback. Let me be clear on one point:

when speaking of "community input" I am speaking the whole of Plateau Valley, not just residents living within town limits. Then there are projects within our community that the town hall does not have the lead on, but is in total support. We support our local school board, PVSD 50 and the hope of building a new school. The town board will continue to work with and provide any and all assistance we can. Other projects we will continue to support are led by our Rodeo Club, with upgrades to our rodeo grounds and the American Legion with providing memorial monuments at our local cemeteries. I am very much open to maintaining an "us" mentality.

PV Times: Anything else you would like the community to know?

Mayor: Yes, let me provide you with a few comments on the COVID-19 and "Stay at Home" order. My first thought is that this virus' impact will be over sooner than later. I believe we all know that social distancing, washing hands, limiting groups to less than 10 are burdensome. I ask that we remain diligent. As time goes on restlessness and cabin fever seep into our lives and we forget "why" we are following these guidelines. We know there is a populous that is more susceptible to the dangers of a virus;

the elderly. We also have family, friends and other loved ones who we are trying to protect. But, there is another group that isn't as easy to identify that is also much more susceptible. I am speaking of those with already compromised immune systems. They come in all ages, all walks of life and they do live within our community. You probably know them but aren't aware of their conditions. I follow the previous mentioned protocols for them. I wear a mask just to pick up my mail. The mask is uncomfortable, it's odd looking and I feel some feel I am over reacting. But, for me, I don't want to be the one that unintentionally exposes them.

Plateau Valley is a community that cares. It's shown that time and time again. Our food bank serves approximately 70 families. We have people who have made town runs for others who can't. We are calling each other, just to check in and see how each other is doing. If you know someone who needs more help in these struggling times, give the town a call. (970) 487-3751. We might not be able to help but we can get people in touch with those who can. I am humbled and excited to be your Mayor. Stay Healthy and if you can, give blood.

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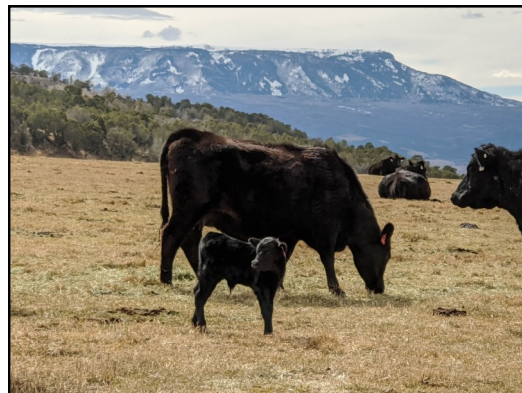
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