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Plateau Valley Boys Basketball Ends De Beque's Winning Streak

By: Grumpy Smith

When the boys played neighboring De Beque in December, they struggled finishing with a 27-63 loss. Looking to redeem themselves, they came out with a strong offense and man to man defensive game, leaving De Beque playing catchup. By the end of the third quarter, the Cowboys led De Beque, 56-41. In the fourth quarter, De Beque fought hard and outscored the Cowboys 23-8, sending the game into overtime. In the four minute O.T. the score volleyed back and forth and with less than 10 seconds left, the Cowboys took the lead by two. De Beque drove hard down the right side, committed an offensive foul, and handed the ball over to the Cowboys with less than 10 seconds on the clock. The Cowboys brought the ball in and picked up a flagrant foul from the Dragons, sealing the game, 72-70.

It's a good day anytime the Cowboys beat their rivals the Dragons, but handing the undefeated, reigning State Champs their first loss since 2018 is sure to go down in the books.

Cowboys head to Districts this week 11-8 overall, 8-4 league, and 4th in league, but surely their game



Senior, Dylan Christensen, takes a shot during the De Beque game despite heavy coverage. Coach Mike Vig and Sophomore, Peyton Ferganchick, celebrate the win against De Beque.

Photo Credit: Pam Wilkerson

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against De Beque is a win to remember.

In December, the girls delivered an exciting game against De Beque and beat the Dragons 47-40. They knew the Dragons would want revenge and the Cowboys were prepared. It was a slow offensive start, missing their first 11 shots in the first four minutes. The Cowboys drew a couple of fouls and after making all four free throws, the girls regrouped and started making shots. Junior Madison Clark, Freshman Maddisyn Miller and Junior Cahlea Dennison made

some tough 3 point shots and this, coupled with three strong critical blocks and various steals from Senior Abby Detwiler, Cowboys ended the third period 37-31. Cowboys once again struggled with their shots in the fourth quarter and only scored four points and allowed the Dragons to eight points. But despite the struggles, Cowboys finished with a win, 41-39. Team leaders were Maddisyn Miller with 14 points and 12 rebounds, Madison Clark with 13 points, and Abby Detwiler with 8 rebounds.

Lady Cowboys head into Districts with an overall record of 12-6 and a League record of 6-5 making them 5th in League.

OUR COUNTRY HOME

*How I love this place in the country,
Where the daffodils bloom every spring,
And we pause in the coolness of morning
To listen to meadowlarks sing.*

*The wild mustard lays down a carpet
To the back fence with soft purple hue,
And the hummingbirds, bright feathered jewels,
Bring us pleasure when they come in view.*

*There's a lawn and a place for a garden,
With shade from the big walnut tree
That reaches out far in the evening,
Inviting the bird and the bee.*

*In a valley where mountains surround us,
And sunsets spread gold in the west,
I feel peace in my heart with each dawning,
When I'm here in this place I love best.*

*It was here that our family gathered
When the Christmas tree twinkled and glowed...
Decorated by small hands of children
Whose joy from just helping us showed.*

*It was here we had learned that each grandchild
Was awaiting the time to be born.
It was here that we gathered in sadness
When death claimed our parents. We mourned.*

*In this place we made memories to treasure,
But I know that someday we must leave
This home in the midst of the mountains...
And I know in my heart I will grieve.*

*Time passes so soon toward tomorrow,
And I thank God for strength for each day.
So I know He will help with transition,
And guide us each step of the way.*

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Growing Things

By: Annie Hughes

New Zealand Spinach

About New Zealand Spinach

New Zealand Spinach (*Tetragonia tetragonioides*) is in the fig/marigold family and not closely related to spinach, which is in the beet/chard family. However, it can be used like spinach, with the one exception: it should be blanched to reduce its naturally occurring oxalates and make its vitamins more available to our bodies.

I have seen NZ spinach growing wild on beaches in California and have grown it on the eastern slope. Unlike spinach, which will bolt to seed and develop a bitter taste in hot temperatures, NZ spinach will keep on producing its thick succulent leaves throughout the summer. In terms of pH, it will grow well in our neutral to somewhat alkaline soils. Some of the insects that plague regular spinach, like leaf miners, leave NZ spinach alone. It tends to spread out over the ground taking up space where weeds might otherwise grow.

Growing New Zealand Spinach

Here is a comprehensive article from Utah State University Cooperative Extension on growing this green: https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=&httpsredir=1&article=1265&context=extension_curall

New Zealand Spinach Sauté

Utensils:

- Salad spinner.
- Paring knife.
- Stockpot for blanching.
- Colander.
- Large bowl (big enough to hold the colander).
- Cast iron skillet.
- Spatula.

Ingredients:

- 3 pounds New Zealand Spinach.
- 1 pound of ice.
- 1 large onion.
- 3-10 cloves garlic (depending upon your fondness/tolerance).
- Olive oil.

Directions:

1. Fill the large bowl with ice water.
2. Wash NZ spinach thoroughly and run through salad spinner then chop it into 1" pieces.
3. In stockpot, heat water to boiling, add spinach, bring to boil and blanch for three minutes.
4. Pour the spinach and water into the colander, then place colander in the bowl of ice water to keep the spinach from continuing to cook.
5. Remove colander and spinach from bowl and allow to drain in sink.
6. Remove peel from onion and

garlic.

7. Cut onion into thin slices and mince garlic.
8. Pour a couple of Tablespoons of olive oil in the skillet and set the heat to medium.
9. When the olive oil has warmed up (you should be able to easily swirl it around the pan), put the onion in the skillet and cook for three minutes, stirring constantly. If you like your onions caramelized, you can reduce the heat to low and continue to cook and stir until they turn a light golden brown color.
10. Add the garlic and cook for another minute, stirring constantly.
11. Add the chopped up spinach and cook stirring constantly until spinach is just slightly wilted.
12. Serve in place of a salad or vegetable side dish. If you like, you can dress up the spinach with a little bit of vinegar (apple cider, rice, balsamic) or salad dressing.

Other Ways to Enjoy New Zealand Spinach

Blanch NZ Spinach and use like traditional spinach, in omelets, ravioli, lasagna, soups, pasta, tamales, pupusas, sandwiches, and stir-fries. You can even blend it up with fruit in a smoothie (if you are so inclined).

You're Invited!

State FFA Fundraiser: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

To Play: Register a team by March 5, 2020 (\$75/team Prizes Available Contact Grumpy: 778-5212)

To Watch: Just come! Free entrance

To Eat: Taco Dinner Available starting at 4pm for \$8.00

To Donate: Grand Valley Bank—Brandon Lee Melnikoff FFA Trip

- Silent Auction: A variety of items to win (If you have an item to donate, contact Brandon 487-0243)
- Labor Auction: Bid on FFA members for an hour, half day, full day of work! (After 3 on 3 Bball Tourney, about 6:30)

Send off Brandon Melnikoff on an International FFA trip to Ireland

(Each State Officer is required to fundraise for half the expenses of their international trip. State Officers travel to learn new agricultural practices in a foreign country and to share agricultural practices and programs from the US. Goal: \$2500.00)

Saturday, March 7 @ PV School Old Gym 3:00-8:00 pm



PV CattleWomen want to Rethink Wolf Introduction

Submitted by: PV CattleWomen

Plateau Valley CattleWomen teamed up with Coloradans Protecting Wildlife to host an informational and fundraising event on Thursday February 20th. This fall, voters in Colorado will vote on the introduction of wolves into Western Colorado. This forced introduction uses ballot box biology, meaning voters will make the decision, forcing Colorado Parks and Wildlife to introduce Canadian Gray Wolves. Plateau Valley CattleWomen joins a plethora of organizations and more than 30 counties, including Mesa County, in Colorado speaking out against the initiative.

Speakers for the evening came from Coloradans Protecting Wildlife, Colorado Cattlemen Association, Colorado Farm Bureau, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Colorado Woolgrowers Association and a retired Colorado Parks and Wildlife employee. USDA/APHIS Fish and Wildlife representative David Moreno was also on hand to help answer questions from the audience.

Residents of Plateau Valley gathered in the school auditorium to learn more about the initiative in order to feel competent in sharing information with family and friends in the future. Initial polling by Coloradans Protecting Wildlife shows much of the state is in favor of the Initiative 2:1, but don't often know why they support it. Upon learning a few key points, half of those people decide against the initiative. Community members felt more prepared to have those conversations after hearing from the speaker. Attendees were also encouraged to ask questions. The panelists spent more than 40 minutes answering questions from the audience. The evening ended with homemade pies from the CattleWomen, giving guests and speakers a chance to sit down and continue the conversation in a more intimate setting.

PV CattleWomen, along with many others, believes the economic, financial, ecological, social and other impacts will be far-reaching and long lasting. The following key points were made throughout the evening.

- Wolves are already in Colorado. There is a confirmed and active pack in the North West corner of Colorado. Introduction of outside wolves will be harmful to this pack and those migrating here in the future.
- Polling Data shows 92% of Coloradans have a favorable opinion of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), the recognized professional authority that oversees wildlife management in Colorado. CPW has addressed the wolf issue several times over the years, most recently in 2016 when a CPW commission stated they "Opposed the intentional release of any wolves into Colorado". Therefore, if approved, the initiative will go against the recommendation of CPW.
- CPW is legislatively mandated to not comment on the current ballot initiative despite their experience and specific role they will play in the introduction. This means the most informed voices of scientists, biologists and wildlife managers with CPW, are not allowed to disseminate information about the consequences of forced introduction.
- CPW uses the best scientific data available in managing wildlife. They have a plan in place for naturally migrating wolves in Colorado, which is already happening.
- The initiative will cost millions of dollars. Proponents of the initiative has been quoted saying it will cost upwards of \$340,000 year one and \$467,000 in year two. Using real life costs from wolf introduction in the Northern Rockies, costs will add up to more than \$6 million by year eight. Wyoming taxpayers paid more than \$1.5 million and Washington paid \$1.2 million in wolf management and depredation costs. Money is slated to come from Colorado Parks & Wildlife, who is user fee funded through hunting, fishing, and state park fees. There is no increase in their budget. This means less money spent on conservation, parks, and wildlife mitigation in the future. Congress would still have to weigh in on how other funding and costs would be managed. There is no assistance from proponents in the management, deterrent efforts, livestock depredation, research or other costs incurred.
- Driven by out of state interests: \$1.2 million is from 15 donors.
- Wolf populations will grow and spread throughout the state, following elk herd populations, who will continue to move closer to private land. Wolves will most likely end up in Estes, Rocky Mountain National Park, Southern Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and other states.
- The presence of an apex predator (wolf), with no natural predator to manage or control it, causes undue stress on wildlife; reduces productivity in terms of lower conception rates, and lower weight gain. There are similar concerns for livestock. Wolves could harm ungulate populations including moose who were reintroduced into Colorado as recently as the 1970's. Scientists are already trying to figure out why elk populations in South Western Colorado are ailing. Of the 64 combined elk and deer units in CO are below objective and 54 of those units are in Western or South Western Colorado, where forced wolf introduction will take place.
- Wolves will impact long standing livestock operations. Sheep and cattle ranching families will face increases in cost, stress causing weight loss, lower conception rates, and danger to dogs and other animals.
- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) will not be stopped by the introduction of wolves. The science connecting this idea is not backed by concrete data. It is noted that CWD was not seen in Montana and Wyoming before the introduction of wolves but both states currently have the disease and it continues to spread.

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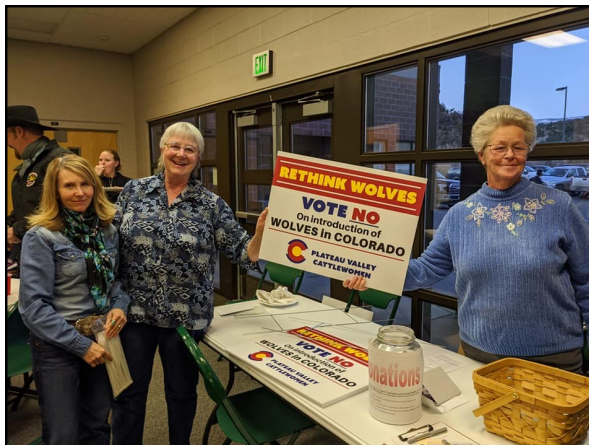
those who donated, but all were encouraged to attend free of charge.

If others would like to donate to help stop the introduction of wolves via ballot initiative this November, tax deductible contributions are still being collected.

Make checks out to: Colorado Cattlemen's Association, listing Coloradoans Protecting Wildlife on the memo. Mail checks to: Attn: Coloradoans Protecting Wildlife c/o Colorado Cattlemen's Association, 8833 Ralston Rd. Arvada, CO 80002. You can also send the check to PV CattleWomen or give online at [Rethinkwolves.org](https://www.rethinkwolves.org).



Susie Bevan was the moderator for the event. Former PV CattleWomen Presidents Kama Farrington and Kay Orton, with Treasurer Judy Nocks show off the yard signs provided to those who donated.



Speakers from left to right: Jim Sparks—Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Janie VanWinkle—Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Ron Vellarde—retired, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Bonnie Brown- Coloradoans Protecting Wildlife, Carlyle Currier—Colorado Farm Bureau



Home Town Heroes: Clifton Family Remembers

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.

This concludes the six-part series submitted by Faith Clifton. These stories highlight one family's military service to our country dating back generations. If not for families like these, we would not enjoy the freedoms we have today. Those of us who have served, truly understand the sacrifices these families have made. The Clifton Family (and many alike) have had family members in nearly all conflicts dating back as long as they can remember. It takes a special family to support these troops. I thank you comrades, family and friends for your sacrifice to ensure my freedom. You are all Patriots and our Home Town Hero's.
— Commander, Post 86

W. Wesley (Wes) Standifer (Uncle by Marriage) - Wes joined the Navy in Kentucky and served in the Military during World War II.

He was a career Navy man and spent time on ships all over the world including Hawaii after he married Imojean Clifton. They had 2 children, a boy and a girl.

He spent his later years in Grand Junction. Wes died in 1999 and Jean died in 2004. They were buried at sea from a military ship.



Left: W. Wesley Standifer, uncle by marriage, served in WWII.

Above: Faith and Blaine Kenney. Blaine served during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was worked at the blood bank in Denver where some of the first open heart surgeries took

D. Blaine Kenney was drafted out of college after he married Faith Clifton.

Blaine was sent to Fort Carson for Basic Training and then to Fort Sam Houston, in Texas, for Medical Laboratory Training. He was on Standby Alert during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He spent the rest of his Military time at Fitzmons Army Hospital in Denver where he worked in the blood bank for some of the first open heart surgeries.

Blaine and Faith spent 13 years in the bush in Alaska where he taught school. They moved to Oregon where he taught school in Salem and Baker City. They had 2 children, both girls.

He later worked for the Forest Service. He was on the Blue Mountain Interagency Fire Team as a Communication Unit Leader for 8 years. Blaine died in 2011.

Ervin J. (Barney) Barnes (Uncle by marriage)

Barney joined the Navy after graduation in May 1942.

Barney was sent to Florida for Basic Training. He spent a good share of his Military time in Panama.

He married Orda Clifton



and after the war they moved to Denver where he attended Denver University. He graduated with a Degree in Architecture. They lived in Plateau Valley and Nevada before moving to Portland, Oregon. They had 2 children, a boy and a girl.

Barney died in 1993 and Orda died in 2005.

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We Pray for Miracles

Submitted by: Kyle VanArsdol & Amanda Chaffin

We pray for miracles and I think we get them, but we just don't know in what forms they will take. Sometimes we get exactly what we ask for. Other times we get something surprising. Many of you know Dan and Carole Fisher. They were longtime Alaska residents who retired in Molina several years ago. They fit in well with us immediately. A couple of years ago, Carole was given a grim cancer diagnosis, which should have taken her life. Instead we got a miracle. Currently, her cancer is in remission. Knowing that life is short, they decided to see the world. The latest trip took them to the Far East on the Diamond Princess cruise ship. They stopped at ports in Taiwan, China and Japan seeing the sights and enjoying the experiences. All was well until the Diamond Princess passengers, in large numbers, started to overwhelm the small medical crew with flu-like symptoms. The coronavirus COVID-19 was already on board.

You have probably seen the news about the conditions on this ship while under its fourteen-day quarantine. All the passengers were shut up in their rooms with crewmembers posted in the hallways to enforce the quarantine. They hoped doing this would stop the spread of this highly contagious virus. These precautions didn't help Dan though; he was one of the first people to show the symptoms of fever, cough, body aches, and nausea. At this time, the medical authorities were only removing the passengers with the most serious cases of COVID-19. Dan, now having difficulty breathing, was scheduled for evacuation. Nobody knows why Carole - still negative for Covid-19 - was allowed to go with him, (carrying with her every bag they owned, to boot). Dan was taken to the Center for Global Health and Medicine in Tokyo for immediate medical treatment. Carole was given the room right next to him. You might call this another small miracle. (Unless it's you, in a foreign country, facing the leading edge of a pandemic. Then an unexplained room next to your sick husband is a big miracle!)

Dan's breathing continued to



Dan and Carole Fisher of Molina were passengers on the Diamond Princess Cruise Ship

worsen. He was admitted into the ICU, where he elected to go on a ventilator. At this time, family, friends, the church and the community doubled down on praying for Dan. We even started a shared Google document to start a 24-hour prayer group to keep Dan and Carole before the Lord continuously. We hoped to get news of a turnaround. Despite this, his lungs continued to worsen. He was moved to another building and put on an artificial lung, bypassing his fluid filled lungs and giving them a chance to rest. He also received blood transfusions, experimental antiviral medications and sedation.

Carole was left alone for the first time in this whole ordeal. Communication about Dan was scant. Other than her phone, her only human contact was with the very kind doctors and nurses in hazmat suits, who spoke little English. Then they gave her some more bad news. They detected COVID-19 in her throat. She was not phased - her only desire was to see Dan.

Things were desperate. As her support group, we have never felt so cut off and help-

less. It's hard being thousands of miles apart and prevented by medical security from giving the two of them a big hug. So, one of our members reached out to a small church near the hospital and made a plea for our friends. Perhaps the Christians in Tokyo could reach out to Carole - pray from the street for her - anything! The pastor of Okubo Baptist Church replied with excitement: not only would they pray for our friends, but a member of his congregation is one of the thirty COVID19-assigned doctors at the hospital where Dan and Carole were getting care! Those are impossible odds. What's more, when the pastor reached out to this doctor, the doctor responded with total awe, and explained that he had just been assigned as Dan's doctor, and had indeed spent the whole night with him! We rejoiced. Connecting with this doctor was a big miracle, no matter your perspective.

But still, Carole longed to see Dan. This was when another miracle occurred. Nurses came into Carole's room, covered her with hazmat protection and pushed her out of the room in a wheelchair. She was

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Superintendent's Views Submitted by Mike Page

Personally, I like to think that our Plateau Valley School District building is 61 years young. By the way, I'm equally generous with my own age. Some days, I feel as young as I am at heart, and other days, I feel a little worn out by a well-lived life. I think that I can safely say the same about our school building—at this point, it is pretty worn out by a well-lived life.

In 2019, we hired TreanorHL (experts in PK–12 school planning and architectural design) to look at our school and tell us what it would take to fix it up. After taking a long, hard look under the hood, TreanorHL found major deficiencies related to security, hazardous materials, water supply, HVAC, sewer and plumbing systems, indoor air quality, fire sprinkler system, electrical systems, technology, roof and building envelope, site safety, food service equipment, ADA accessibility, and interior systems.

Getting this long list of deficiencies was like calling a plumber to fix a toilet only to find out that you need a whole new sewer line. Frankly, though, we knew this outcome was a possibility. The deficiencies in our school are the results of years of reactive, Band-Aid solutions to our needs.

Ivy League folks at Harvard

who study this type of thing have found that in schools constructed 50 or more years ago, students regularly face adverse environmental exposures related to building decay such as water damage, mold growth, poor plumbing, and legacy pollutants that persist in the environment. Although our building is well maintained, we face these risks right here in Plateau Valley, and we can't afford to ignore them.

We know that our valley wants its children to have access to a first-class education that prepares them to rise to new opportunities. That's why, in addition to fixing what needs fixing, we should also seriously consider the results of a Colorado Department of Education Adequacy Assessment report on our building. This report states that overall, we have adequate space for our student population, but many spaces are insufficiently sized and structured to support the modern programs we offer to give our graduates the skills necessary for successful employment in and beyond Colorado. The Harvard researchers I mentioned earlier found that the school building has as much potential to influence students' success as any other factor.

The bottom line is that we need a new solution for Plateau Valley School District. I say this as someone who grew up here, went to school here, and is committed to our current generation of students

and the generations who will come long after I'm gone. I truly believe that our best option is to rebuild much of our building. We're still figuring out all the numbers, but there appears to be only a \$14.7 million difference between renovating and replacing our building. A renovation may get us another 20 years, but a replacement will get us 50 years.

This is an expensive proposition, but right now, we're working to reduce the potential cost for our taxpayers by applying for a Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant. These competitive grants go to school districts for capital needs—including new school construction, general construction, and renovation of existing school facility systems and structures. We'll find out about the BEST grant in May, and that will help us decide on a ballot initiative for bond funding in November 2020.

As a valley, we have a lot to talk about. How do we want to go about providing our children and teachers with a healthy school environment that enhances their potential to succeed? I look forward to getting your perspective in the coming months.

Mike Page is the Superintendent of Schools for Plateau Valley



Plateau Valley School is hiring for the following positions

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Plateau Valley Sports



Bringing Home the Gold

Submitted by: Grumpy Smith

Nine year old Violet Nichols has brought recognition to Plateau Valley. Not for her great basketball, volleyball or track skills, but from her grace on the ice.

In December, Violet traveled to the Roaring Fork area (Aspen) and competed with some of the best the State has to offer in her skating category, and she put them all to shame by bringing home the Gold Medal.

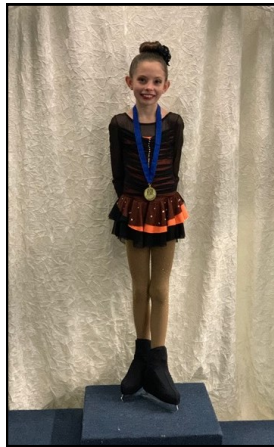
Violet has been figure skating since she was 5 years old. She practices 3-5 time a week either in Grand Junction or in her backyard, where her father, Mike, built an ice rink. Violet's mom, Jen, recently shared a video with me of her competing, and I was amazed at the way she effortlessly glided across the ice, changing directions, hoping from skate to skate and holding one leg behind her had as she seemed to float effortlessly across the ice.

Violet is currently able to do a variety of moves on the ice such as a "Lutz", Flip Jump", "loop", and "Salchow". She is now working on

one of the harder moves in figure skating, the "Axle", which her mom said she is getting close to executing.

When you see Violet you may want to get her autograph now, because I'm guessing in a few years she just might be on the national (or world) stage and an autograph might be a bit hard to come by.

Great job Violet on all the hard work you've done over the years. We are all proud to have you represent Plateau Valley.



PV Senior Signs with Colorado Mesa for Baseball

Stevenson Reynolds, Senior at Plateau Valley High School, loves baseball. So much that he has travelled to Palisade High School in order to play on their team as PV does not offer the option. His time and commitment has paid off. Earlier this month, Stevenson signed his letter of intent to play baseball with Colorado Mesa University upon graduating from PV this spring.

Congratulations Stevenson!





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PVMS Students of the month - January. Ronnica Riddle, Michael Perry, and Brayden Silzell were honored at the February Board Meeting. Go Cowboys!

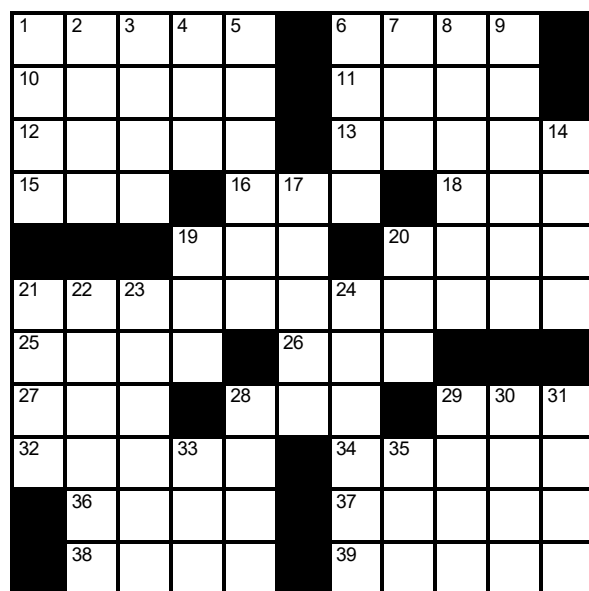
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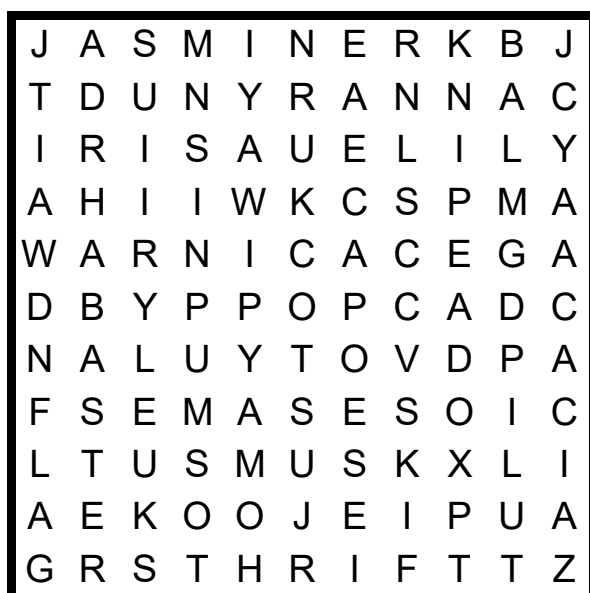
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29 100 cu. ft. for a nautical measure
30 Look after
31 America's C-in-C
33 Encountered

Word Search: Flowers

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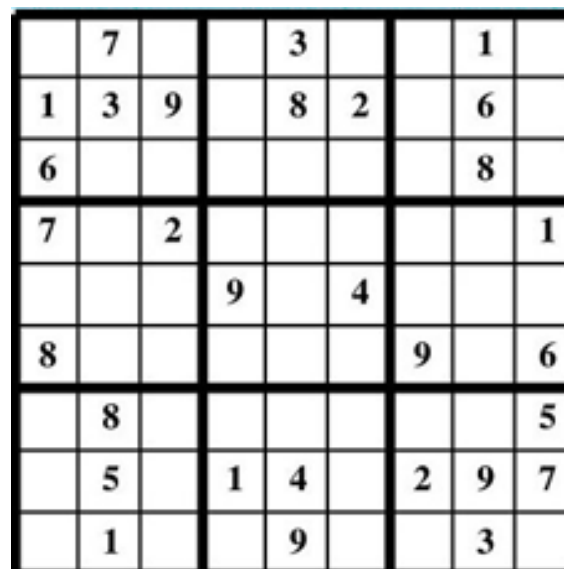
Did you figure out the picture from the February 14th Issue? It's the new Main Street Liquor Sign on Main Street in Collbran!



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Sudoku - Medium 2.1



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Submitted by:
Plateau Valley Historical Preservation Society



Verl and Helen Gibson owned the trailer park back in the 1950s, about the time this picture was taken. (Bud Gibson's parents). They lived in the house on the property and also did catering for weddings etc.

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See pg 8 for more details.

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Community Celebrations

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As I layed in bed thinking about the Rally4Rienks that was held Saturday night to celebrate Scott...the only words that come to mind are..."Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The blessings were overwhelming. The blessing of family. The blessing of friendship. The blessing of hope. The blessing of faith. The blessing of LOVE. I cannot express the overwhelming love and support that was in that room but I will do my best to describe it to Scott. Thank you to everyone who helped make tonight possible. Thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you for the hugs and kind words. But most of all thank you for the prayers and love. We will remain #Rienksstrong!!
- Kelly Rienks

♥
We would like to apologize for the misspelling of Maddisyn Miller's name in the February 14th issue.

Have a message you would like to share?

Send it to PO Box 89, Collbran

*Email: ReadPVTimes@gmail.com or
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Community Celebrations are free of charge.

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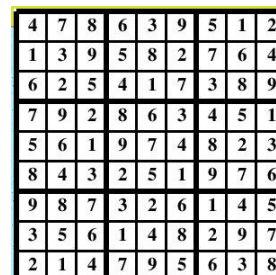
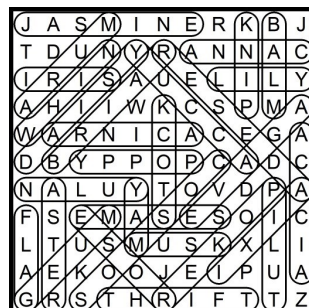
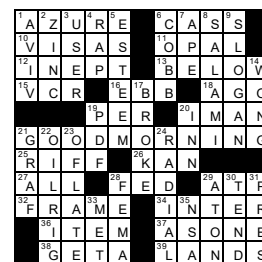
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Community Events Calendar

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February:

Feb 28-Mar 1: Winter Carnival:
9am-4pm @ Powderhorn

Feb 29: Snowmobile Poker Run:
7am @ Vega Lodge

March:

Mar 4: Mozzarella Cheese Mak-
ing: MCC

Mar 7: Conceal Carry Class: Con-
tact Town Marshall

Republican Caucus: 10am @ MCC

Mesa County Democrats: 1pm @
MCC

3 on 3 Bball tourney fundraiser: 3-
8pm @ PVS (more info pg 3)

Mar 8: Conceal Carry Class: Con-
tact Town Marshall

Mar 11: Community Garden
Plan: MCC

Dinner Theatre: PVS @ 6pm

Mar 18: Alcohol Inks Class: MCC
Registration for Farm to Table
Demo and Lunch Opens, Contact

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Mon-Fri: 8:00am-
5:30pm

Sat: 8:00am-3:00pm

Sun: Closed



MCC

Mar 28: Awana Grand Prix:
500pm @ MCC

Mar 31: Community Talent Show:
PVS @ 630pm

Apr 1: Farm to Table Demo and
Luncheon: MCC

PV School Events:



Mar 5: End of 3rd Quarter

Mar 16-19: Spring Break

Mar 27: Friday School 8-11am

Mar 31: Talent Show 6pm

Church Service Times:

Collbran Congregational: 11 am

Grace Bible Church: 1030am

Grand Mesa Church: 11 am

Molina Baptist: 845 am and 11 am

Plateau Valley Assembly of God: 1045 am

**Know of events we've missed or
want to add an event free of
charge?**

Send an email:

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Mar 13, 27

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CJCC: Collbran Job Corps
Center

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GMC: Grand Mesa Church

GVB: Grand Valley Bank,
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MCC: Mesa Community
Center

MBC: Molina Baptist
Church

MCPLD C: Mesa County
Public Library Collbran

PVAG: Plateau Valley
Assembly of God Church

PVS: Plateau Valley School

Re-Occurring Monthly:

AA:

Every Friday: 7pm @ Bldg B

American Legion:

1st Thursday: 530pm @ Julius Of-
fices on Main Street

Awanas:

Every Wednesday: 430-6 @ MBC

Board of Trustees Collbran:

1st Tuesday: 6pm @ Town Hall

Christian Youth Choir:

Fridays: 1115-Noon @ MBC

Collbran Book Club: 4th Thurs-
day @ MCPL Collbran @ 7pm

Community Garden:

Wednesdays: 1030-Noon @ MCC

**Community Relations Com-
mittee:** 2nd Thursday: 10am @
CJCC

**Crafter's Time, Art, Knit,
Weave, Create, Gather:**

Every Wednesday: 1030am-noon
@ MCC

Harvest House:

Wed-Fri: 9-6 on Main Street

Horizon Club: 2nd Monday @
11am Call Judy for details 4873539

Lions Club:

2nd Tuesday: 6pm @ CCC Dining
Hall

Meals on Wheels:

Every Tuesday: 1130am @ MCC

Every Wednesday: 12pm @ CCG

PV CattleWomen:

4th Tuesday: 6pm @ GVB

**PV Historical Preservation
Society:**

2nd Tuesday: 9am @ Heritage
Center (Forest Service Bldg)

Work Sessions every Tuesday @
9am

PV School Board:

3rd Wednesday: 6pm @ PVS
Media Center

Yoga:

Mondays: 6-730pm MCC

Wednesdays: 830-10am MCC

Wednesdays: 500-630pm Bldg B

Priorities of the Early Church

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down to create the Church. He came to live united with Jesus' people, to encourage them, empower them and ennoble them for good. The community of believers is a very special thing. The book of Acts tells us the story of the church. Here is a summary of what they did: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). The earliest expression of Christians' devotion emphasizes four unique, but complementary qualities.

First, early Christians were devoted to the apostle's teaching. The Holy Spirit gave the believers a hunger to know who Jesus was and what Jesus taught. The apostles were not trained theologians; their one field of expertise was their time with Jesus. The early church gathered to learn more about Him.

Second, early Christians were devoted to the fellowship. They were passionate about being together to do what Jesus had empowered and called them to do. They understood the miraculous gift in the Holy Spirit was shared and should be shared in life. They had a powerful association in Christ and wanted to express it regularly.

Third, the early Christians were steadfast in the breaking of bread. This is a reference to eating together. "Breaking bread" may refer to celebrating the Lord's Supper together in regular worship or simply sharing meals with each other on a regular basis, or both.

Lastly, the early Christians said the prayers. The definite article 'the' communicates that this is more specific than just saying one's prayers alone at home. They appeared to gather to say a set of prayers such as the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd Psalm, the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) and others. They were not just praying some spontaneous prayers we say to make life more comfortable. They said prayers that formed them into stronger more capable people who were more in touch with who God is and what God wants to accomplish through them.

The Holy Spirit is still very engaged with the Church today and will do many of the same things He did in the early Church. The same four devotions that launched the Christian movement are still integral to continuing the movement. The Holy Spirit will call you to gather to know more about Jesus. He will lead you into the good news of Jesus' sacrificial death, resurrection, ascension, and future return. The Holy Spirit will bring people together for mission, friendship, and worship. He desires that we eat together, remember Jesus' love together, and say the prayers together. We can have the Spirit personally but He will always move us toward a corporate expression. Are these four devotions characteristic of your life? Don't miss out on what God is doing in this community.

Join in the fellowship of Christ's people.

Coming together in Him,

Loyal May
Scott Nilson
Kyle VanArsdol

Sponsored & Submitted by Grace Bible, Grand Mesa, and Molina Baptist Church		
Grace Bible Church <i>Sunday</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service <i>Thursday</i> 6:00 pm Bible Study	Grand Mesa Church <i>Sunday</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30 pm Bible Study	Molina Baptist Church <i>Sunday</i> 8:45am Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional/Blended Service <i>Tuesday</i> 8:00 am Prayer Meeting

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Ushered through six locked checkpoints and arrived in Dan's room. She was given 10-15 precious minutes to see him and talk to him. Dan still lay in the hospital bed, sedated and hooked to all kinds of machines, but Carole got to tell him she loved him. It seems our prayers were being answered.

As of the writing of this, Dan is coming out of sedation and getting weaned off all the life support machines. His blood tests and x-rays show hope-inspiring-improvement.

After two weeks of getting consistently worse, Dan appears to be making a turnaround. Is this another miracle? Carole has still yet to show any symptoms of the virus in her system.

We wanted to share this story to ask you to continue to pray. The Spirit of God is in our midst. Our Father in heaven cares about every detail of Dan and Carole's situation. Jesus is sovereign over this and every other circumstance. As you think about these series of unlikely events, which we have been so bold as to say are "miracles," we are very mindful that things can turn out a

number of ways. We are at peace with this because all the endings for Dan and Carole are happy endings. Their trust is in the indisputable miracle of Jesus. The One who bore the sin of the world and rose to demonstrate His victory over death.

We invite the entire community to join us in petitioning for the Molina couple right in the middle of this burgeoning global crisis. Join us as we are praying for miracles, watching for answers, and excited to see what form they will take.

The Future of the Collbran Auditorium in the Works

Collbran Town Hall is hoping to gain insight from the community on the future of the Auditorium Building on the corner of Main Street and Hwy 330. Community members gathered on Friday, February 21 to weigh in on the issue and to hear current planning ideas. Plans presented that evening came from an initial workshop and the evening was conducted by Colorado Center for Community Development, the same third party group responsible for the Downtown Improvement Plan.

Three main ideas were shared with room for many more. The building itself is in dire need structurally, lighting, heating, etc.. It took 4 days of heating the building in order to have it warm enough to host the meeting on Friday. Ice was thick on the inside walls from constant leaks. While the building itself has many memories and is considered historic, being built in the early 1900's, it does not fall under the state registry of Historic Buildings and therefore has certain requirements in order to bring it up to code and make it truly usable going forward. None of this is a small feat.

Along with a general face lift, the Town has considered adding a commercial kitchen, public restrooms, classrooms for public use and more. The Town would like the future of their Parks and Rec program for kids in the community to be housed in the building. One option in-

cludes an addition into the gravel parking lot in order to maintain the space in the Auditorium for future large events but still add additional options for community members. No costs were included as they are simply in the idea stage. As the moderator said, there are no bad ideas.

While the ideas put forth are a good start, input from the community is necessary. Hopefully the Town will provide many more opportunities for community members to share their thoughts and concerns. The future meetings should also be varied in their time and date as this meeting conflicted with Basketball's last

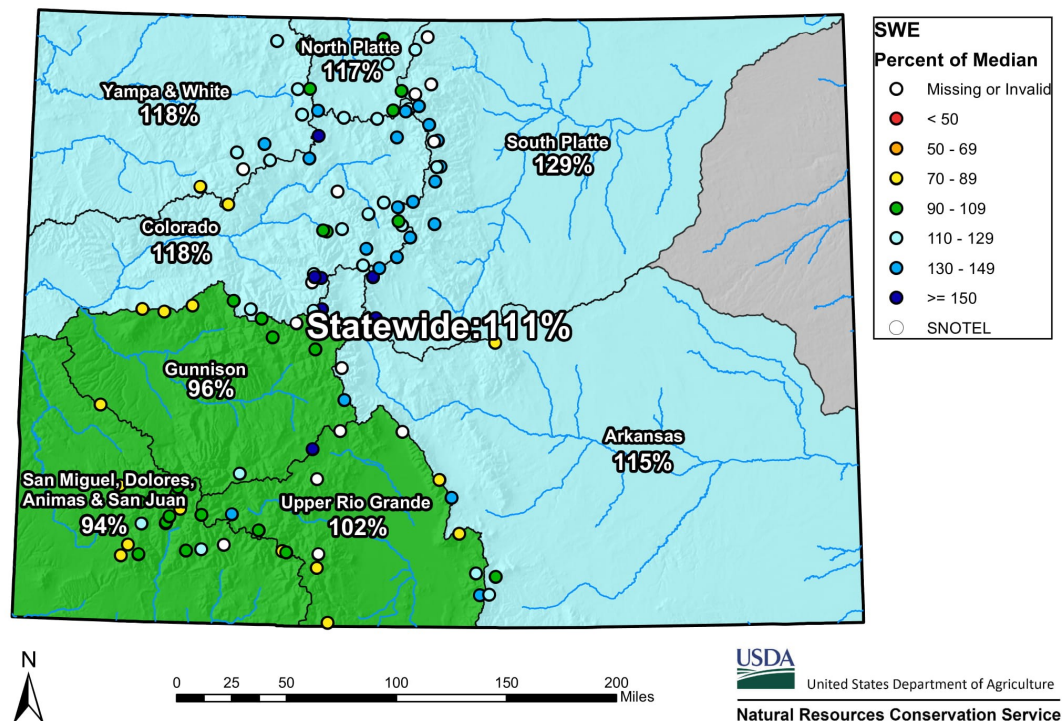
home game and senior night. Many parents and young families who would potentially use this building were not able to attend. An online survey through Survey Monkey might be another valuable option for the town as they move forward.

Community members gather to discuss future of Auditorium



Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Update Map with Site Data

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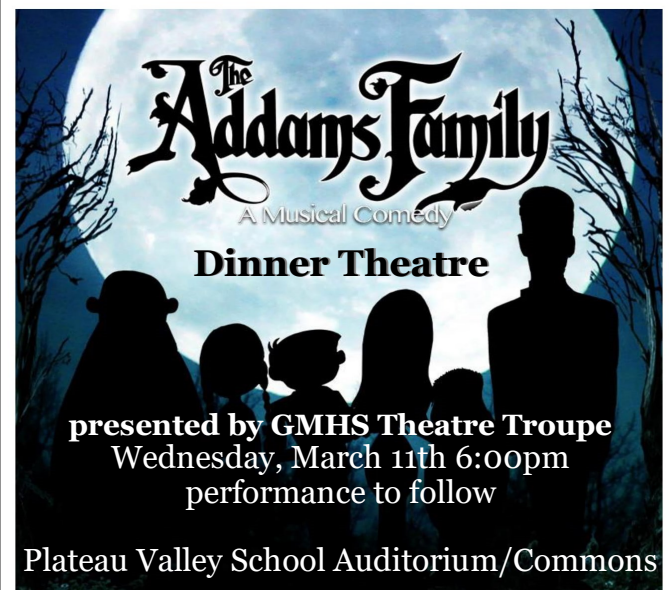
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