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## Library's Community Saturday: A Hootin' Good Time

Community Saturday at Collbran's Public Library on January 11<sup>th</sup> brought Kyle Compton, the administrative assistant at Vega State Park, along with a stuffed owl, to teach guests all about the majestic night predators.

If asked what sound an owl makes, most might say "who, who", but owls make a variety of sounds and one local owl sounds similar to a woman screaming. Their eyes are on the front of their face as they are predators, not prey. They eat rodents, and skunks. After consuming their prey, the owl's gizzard "packages" up all the parts they cannot digest, like hair and bones, and it forms a "pellet" which they can later regurgitate. Guests then had the opportunity to dissect owl pellets themselves with the help of tweezers and other tools useful in dissecting. The brave patrons dissected the pellets and the squeamish ones looked over the printouts in order to identify the variety of bones discovered. One pellet contained an intact jaw bone of a mouse. Another patron found the remains of more than four mice in one pellet.

Kyle also shared the importance of



*Kyle from Vega State Park teaches patrons about Owls at Mesa County Library Collbran Branch.*

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being mindful of animals while enjoying nature. A guest at Vega left a fishing pole unattended for a long period of time and an owl flew close and got tangled in the line. Fortunately, someone found the owl and Kyle and other Vega employees were able to free it.

It was the perfect way to spend a chilly morning with snacks, warm beverages and friends. Patrons, young and old, were impressed and learned something new. Plateau Valley is truly fortunate to have a public library in our town and the resources it provides are top notch. Thank you Kyle and Vega State Park sharing your wisdom. And thank you to the library for providing community Saturdays and opportunities to gather, learn, and enjoy.

The next community Saturday will take place over two days, Friday February 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>. Friday at 4:00 pm, "Cooking Matters" will do a presentation with gifts for those in attendance. From 4:00-6:00pm information and representatives from SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program), WIC, and our 2 local food banks will be in attendance. Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 - noon WIC, SNAP and the Food Banks will return. Forms and people will be available to help apply for assistance online, answer questions, collaborate, and help people find the food assistance they might need.

## BALONEY BILL

Baloney Bill was full of it! Baloney! What I mean!  
He told his stories everywhere, and thought himself real keen.  
He bragged about his business deals,  
and how much he got for his gold,  
And how he'd learned to "mouth" a horse to tell if it was old.

But he didn't have quite everything his little heart desired,  
So he approached a fancy ranch, and sure enough, was hired.  
The rancher took a shine to Bill and treated him real nice.  
Said he had an only daughter  
who could bring his life some spice.

He said if Bill would court her and ask him for her hand  
In marriage, he would take him in  
and divide with him, his land.  
Bill thought himself quite clever to find this sweetened pot,  
And felt the girl would surely be the best one of the lot!

He thought to pass this bargain up  
would make him seem a fool.  
So he began his strategy while she was away teaching school.  
He wooed her by long distance and her daddy paid the toll.  
It seemed to him this little plan had such a worthy goal!

Baloney Bill was busy stretching everything he told,  
And never even thought about the fact his boss was old.  
He just thought about the many things  
that he could do with riches,  
And how a wife could cook for him,  
and scratch his major itches.

Bill was a trifle curious about her creaky voice,  
But thought he surely could adjust,  
since she must be his choice.  
Her mama planned the wedding, since her darling was away,  
And said she really could not come until her wedding day.

It would be a celebration that would reach for miles around!  
In yards and yards of satin, her daughter would be gowned!  
They wouldn't let Bill see her.  
They thought that brought bad luck.  
So he waited at the alter. With his bargain, he was stuck!

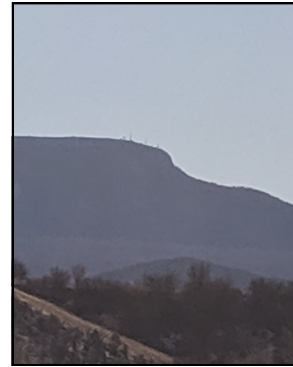
She came toward him slowly, a vision veiled in white.  
And Bill just stood there shaking  
as his knees knocked in his fright.  
He gently took her hand in his.  
The parson tied the knot.  
But truly, he was unprepared  
to receive the prize he'd got!

He stared and fainted dead away!  
He folded from beneath!  
When he flipped the veil and "mouthed" his bride,  
and found she had no teeth!

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## What Is This?

Can you guess the item or place in the picture?



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# Growing Things

By: Annie Hughes

## Asparagus

One of my favorite late springtime activities is searching for wild asparagus. Unfortunately, it is also everyone else's favorite springtime activity! I caught some-

one

scrounging around in one of our fields (near a wild asparagus patch). When I asked him what he was up to, he said he was "Looking for a machine part that someone stole from my place. Thought they might have thrown it over here." Yeah, right!

A few years ago, on a very hot day, I failed to bring water along with me as I searched for wild asparagus. Instead, I just ate some of the asparagus I had picked when I felt thirsty. As the day wore on, I got thirstier and thirstier and ate more and more asparagus. By the time I got home, I was extremely thirsty and pretty dehydrated. I suspected that asparagus was possibly a diuretic and an online search bore this out. Please see <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/Asparagine>.

## Growing Asparagus

Asparagus is fairly easy to grow and maintain. It is a perennial and can live up to twenty years with proper care.

### Varieties

The two varieties that I am familiar with are Mary Washington and Purple Passion. Mary Washington is an old, historic cultivar. It produces fairly small green stalks and goes to seed at the end of summer. Purple



*Wild Asparagus Harvest*

Passion is a more recent cultivar with large, purple-green stalks. It is an "all male," type, which means that it does not produce seed. I get my root crowns from Nourse Farms: <https://www.noursefarms.com/search/?query=asparagus&submit=>.

### How Many Plants?

We have 21 plants and there are just two of us. We occasionally have enough left over to freeze.

### Planting

Asparagus does not like company (even its own). Choose a spot far from other plants and also where lily crops (onions, garlic, chives, etc.) have not been grown and that has easy access to water. Make a plan for putting the root crowns at least three feet on center from each other. Place each root crown with roots spread out in circular fashion on the ground and measure the diameter. Add an inch and that will be the diameter of the planting hole. For Martha Washington, dig down twelve inches. For Purple Passion, dig down eight inches. Trim about 1/2 inch off of the ends off of the crown roots with a fingernail or toenail clipper to encourage them to grow. Soak the root crowns overnight in compost tea. Place each root crown in its hole and cover with three inches of soil, followed by about 2 Tbsp. of well-composted cow manure. Every few months, add another layer of soil plus cow manure until the hole is filled in. We sometimes mulch with the charcoal from old wood fires. It has a high pH and asparagus likes that.

### Care

Keep the plants well watered. Do not allow them to dry out. Fertilize with vegetable fertilizer and/or well-composted cow manure every spring and fall. The asparagus beetle is the main pest. It is dark orange with black spots and looks a bit like an elongated ladybug. Get a bucket of soapy water. Pick off the beetles, larvae, and any eggs you may see on the spears and put them

in the bucket.

### Harvesting

Do not pick any spears the first year. The second year, pick only a few. The third year, pick a few more. In subsequent years you can pick even more but always leave some stalks in the ground.

To harvest a stalk, hold it fairly close to the ground and bend it until it breaks. If it doesn't break, move your fingers up the stalk and try again.

## Sautéed Asparagus

Sautéed asparagus is so very easy to make. All you need is a cast iron skillet with a lid, some butter and/or oil (olive, sesame, or whatever you like), washed asparagus cut to any size that you like (as long as it will fit in the skillet), and, optionally, some fresh, peeled garlic cloves, or dried ground or powdered garlic.

- In a skillet, heat the butter or oil on medium heat until melted and runny.
- Add asparagus pieces and stir to coat with butter/oil and cook for about three minutes.
- Add garlic (if using), stir for about a minute.
- Cover skillet with lid and allow to steam for a couple more minutes.

Serve as a side dish with breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner or in pasta.

## Asparagus for Later

If you have more asparagus than you can possibly eat, you can freeze it for later. Please see: <https://www.thespruceeats.com/how-to-freeze-asparagus-1327664>.

Happy winter, everyone!

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## Perseverance

Jesus is clear. This is a really a good thing but in today's world it also ruffles some feathers. In Matthew 12:30, Jesus draws a line in the sand. "Whoever is not with me is against me." This is easy to understand and still well understood today. His next words are often more surprising. He said, "Whoever does not gather with me scatters." There are a couple interpretations of this statement, but they are complementary in application. The first and most common view is that Jesus said anyone who does not work with Him is actually working against Him. Here the words "gather" and "scatter" are figurative for working out Jesus' purposes. The second interpretation says those who do not come together with Him in fellowship as the Body of Christ actually scatter His people instead, meaning they help push people away from Christ. While these are different understandings, the differences don't matter if Jesus has commanded us to gather for His purposes. Church provides that opportunity.

Paul, in Ephesians 2 describes Jesus as the Chief Cornerstone. "In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you (plural) too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (vv. 21-22, NIV). The Church is a spiritual assembly, but Jesus intends His home, His abode, to be a physical expression of His presence in the world, one that is instrumental in carrying out His purposes. As a Christian who desires to be obedient to your Lord's purposes. Are we guilty of scattering instead of gathering? This month, don't miss out on Jesus' purpose to gather people to Him and not to scatter them abroad. This is the season to be about your Master's business. Make this the week you plug into a local congregation and gather for Him.

Coming together in Him,

Loyal May  
Scott Nilson  
Kyle VanArsdol

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#### Grace Bible, Grand Mesa, and Molina Baptist Church

##### Grace Bible Church

*Sunday*  
9:30 am Sunday  
School  
10:30 am Worship  
Service  
*Thursday*  
6:00 pm Bible Study

##### Grand Mesa Church

*Sunday*  
9:30 am Sunday  
School  
11:00 am Worship  
Service  
*Wednesday*  
6:30 pm Bible Study

##### Molina Baptist Church

*Sunday*  
8:45am Contemporary Service  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional/Blended  
Service  
*Tuesday*  
8:00 am Prayer Meeting

## GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE

### DeBeque Plateau Valley Conservation District

The DeBeque Plateau Valley Conservation District (DPVCD) is excited to announce that they are receiving funding from the Colorado State Conservation Board in 2020; from Natural Resources Matching Grants Program. The District is receiving \$25,000 to help land owners with conservation land projects, the program provides 50% cost share to landowners to implement conservation practices on their property that might otherwise not be considered prime candidates for cost sharing programs such as EQIP through Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). achieved.

The district will be accepting applications until March 1st, applications can be picked up and returned to Valley Ranch Supply. For questions please email [dpvcdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:dpvcdistrict@gmail.com). The district board members will review and rank applications in March and allocate funds based upon the overall conservations

*Before*



*After*





## The Reality of the Beef Checkoff Part 2

By: Greg Hanes CEO Cattlemen's  
Beef Board

*The Reality of the Beef Checkoff  
continues from the Jan 10th Issue.*

### BEEF PROMOTION OPERATING COMMITTEE

Another piece outlined by The Act and The Order is the Beef Promotion Operating Committee. This important group of 20 producers and importers is created by appointed positions from the Cattlemen's Beef Board (10 members) and the Federation of State Beef Councils (10 members). This committee oversees the distribution each year of nearly \$40 million of national Beef Checkoff dollars to beef industry contractors to do the work outlined in The Act and The Order. Funding decisions must be made together by both national and state-level decision-makers, with great consideration to the balance between the national and regional needs of producers. No funding decision can be made without approval from at least two thirds, or 14 of the Operating Committee members, so neither the CBB nor the Federation can dictate where funding goes. As such, programs must show great benefit to the industry as a whole to get approved.

### BEEF CHECKOFF CONTRACTORS

The Beef Checkoff currently partners with eight national non-profit,

beef industry-governed organizations we call contractors. All contractors are vetted, audited, and reviewed regularly by the Cattlemen's Beef Board. Each contractor must meet specific criteria to receive Beef Checkoff funding, a process that can take up to a year to facilitate. In fact, the U.S. Cattlemen's Association just became a new contractor this year.

The Act and The Order states that contractors to the checkoff be national non-profit industry-governed organizations that are governed by a board of directors representing the beef industry, and have been active and ongoing for at least two years. All contractors work on a cost-recovery basis, meaning they must do the work outlined in their funding request and then seek reimbursement for their costs. This allows for the Cattlemen's Beef Board to have direct oversight of expenses that use checkoff funds. If expenses are submitted that do not meet The Act and The Order, they are not reimbursed. Thus, the checkoff does not pay for anything it should not. In addition, if a contractor has a lobbying arm, they must prove they have an accounting "firewall" between their checkoff and lobbying dollars. The Cattlemen's Beef Board works closely with these organizations so that checkoff dollars aren't used outside of the scope of the Act and Order.

Our eight contracting organizations for Fiscal Year 2020 (Oct. 2019

- Sept. 2020):

- American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture
- Cattlemen's Beef Board
- Foundation for Meat and Poultry Research and Education
- Meat Import Council of America
- National Cattlemen's Beef Association
- National Livestock Producers Association
- North American Meat Institute
- United States Cattlemen's Association
- In addition, our contractors work with four subcontracting organizations:
- Kansas State University
- North East Beef Promotion Initiative
- National Institute for Animal Agriculture

United States Meat Export Federation

The Beef Checkoff plays an extremely important role in providing education and driving demand for our beef. Competition is fierce among proteins in the United States and global markets now, so we are proud of our contractors and the work they do every day to ensure beef continues to be the number one protein to consumers everywhere. We have small contractors and large ones; we have contractors with very targeted audiences, and those who reach large swaths of the population. Whether building a promotional campaign, researching nutrition and health, championing handling and safety, or engaging consumers, together they each play an important role in driving beef demand, both here in the United States as well in the international markets.

Visit [DrivingDemandForBeef.com](http://DrivingDemandForBeef.com) for more information on the Beef Checkoff, Cattlemen's Beef Board, Qualified State Beef Councils, and Beef Checkoff contractors.

## Coming Soon

Plateau Valley CattleWomen are organizing an informational meeting regarding the 2020 Wolf Reintroduction Ballot Initiative.

Wolf reintroduction doesn't just impact livestock producers. If passed, wolf reintroduction will occur on the Western Slope and will impact outdoor enthusiasts and others who call the Western Slope home.

Be an informed voter in 2020 Election  
Look for specific date/location in Feb 14th issue of PV Times

Visit [RethinkWolves.com](http://RethinkWolves.com) for more information

### Beef Article

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## Home Town Hero: Tyke Clifton

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.**

**NAME: Tyke Clifton**  
**BRANCH: US ARMY**

This is a six-part series that was submitted by Faith Clifton. These stories highlight one Families Military service to our country dating back generations. If it were not for families like these, we would not be enjoying the freedoms we have today.

Tyke Clifton was from the greatest generation our country has seen. We were attacked at home, he and many like him decided to take the fight to the enemy. Thank you sir for your service to our Community and Country. – Commander, Post 86

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*Clell I. (Tyke) Clifton was attending Mesa Junior College in Grand Junction as second year premedical student when Pearl Harbor was*

*attacked. He joined the Navy but was drafted into the Marine Corps because he was a medical student and the Marines didn't have a medical unit and they needed one.*

*He completed basic training and medical training and was eventually sent to Iwo Jima during a time of very heavy combat with the Japanese and he was seriously wounded. His folks received a Purple Heart in the mail but for a long time they didn't know if he was dead or alive.*

*He came back stateside and spent a long time recuperating in the hospital (which was a hotel converted to a recovery place for wounded veterans) in Glenwood Springs, Co. He didn't talk much about the war or his injuries until*

*much later in his life.*

*Clell received a Medical Degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder and completed his residency at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon.*

*He moved to Portland and set up his medical practice. He married Twila Detrick. He had 4 children, 3 boys and a girl.*

*He later married Marsha Fisk. They had 2 boys. Clell died in 2000 at the age of 80.*



### Lookin' Back

By: Laura Michaelson

I've been spending time up in Collbran watching kids, the past few weeks. I sit out on the porch and watch my grandchildren go sledding down the hill by the side of the house. It brings back so many memories.

A few weeks after we got married, Jan & George Lyons came to visit. George brought his snowmobile up and a rope and a tube. The moon was full and the snow was crusted. Jan stayed in the house to keep the fire going as she was expecting Cindy in a few weeks. I was the crazy one to go out to play. They tied the rope to the tube and then they stretched it out behind it. I laid on the tube and held on to the

rope. Off we went! So much fun! Then George started to go in tight little circles and we spun faster and faster and before long off I went sailing off across the crusted snow. I got my first black eye that night. It really was something.

No one else lived on Little Creek so the hill in front of our house became a wonderful place to sled. The kids would start up at the top of the hill and go all the way down to the bus stop, perhaps 1/4 mile away. Up and down with the dog biting at their heels. We got a couple of old skidoos and the kids ran them up and down pulling the sleds up. Then it would be time to come in and warm up and have hot donuts and something to drink.

Before too many years people moved up past us and the road was-

n't a safe place to play. The side of the house became the next place to sled. It went down getting a little steeper all the time. They put a bend in the trail to get around the trees at the bottom and could get in going all the way to the corral.

So many kids went down that hill as well as adults. The sleds are getting faster and now my granddaughter has a snow board. I have so many memories of them all going down, with squeals going through the air.

What wonderful times I've had sitting there watching them go up and down that little hill. I can hardly wait for the next time.

*Laura Michaelson shares her experiences raising a family in Plateau Valley.*



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Grand Valley Power**  
**Opens 2020 Scholarship Application Period**  
**ATTENTION SENIORS**

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. - (January 15, 2020) – Grand Valley Power is now accepting applications for its 2020 scholarship program. This year, GVP is awarding \$20,500 total to local students for continuing education. Scholarship awards range from \$1,500 to \$2,000. All of the scholarship opportunities are open to any applicant residing in a home served by Grand Valley Power and pursuing post-secondary undergraduate education.

Applications will be accepted through March 1, 2020 with exception to the Western Colorado Community College Electric Lineworker Scholarship, which is due June 1, 2020. You can pick up applications at all high school counseling offices, Colorado Mesa University's financial aid office, at [gvp.org/scholarship-program](http://gvp.org/scholarship-program) or at Grand Valley Power's main office.

A committee of educators appointed by the board of directors will review all applications received by the due date and select an awardee. The committee selects scholarship recipients based on a combination of weighted criteria, including financial need, academic, volunteer or work achievements and a personal essay. Grand Valley Power has been awarding scholarships since 1996 and has given back \$194,000 to local youth for education and training. "We belong to the communities we serve, and we're invested in our communities to help strengthen them. A key ingredient is providing education and training opportunities to our local youth and members who are continuing their education," stated Grand Valley Power's Communication Specialist, Christmas Wharton.

For questions about the scholarship program or requirements, please email [scholarships@gvp.org](mailto:scholarships@gvp.org) or call us at 970-242-0040.

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**Want to get involved in the community but not sure how? Check out the Collbran Job Corps Community Relations Council (CRC)**

The Collbran Job Corps Community Relations Council, CRC, meets monthly, on the second Thursday at 10 AM, in the Administrative Conference Room at the Collbran Job Corps Center.



The purpose of the council is to build and maintain the working relationship between the Center and the surrounding community. The American Legion, Plateau Valley School, the Plateau Valley Historical Society, 4-H, Vega State Park, the Town of Collbran, and the Lions Club, are a few examples of the local organizations who are actively involved with the council.



Groups and individuals are welcome to attend the meetings and help to foster local support for the Center and the Valley. The CRC has assisted Collbran Job Corps Center, CJCC, in Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food events, graduation speakers, and the writing of letters to elected officials in support of the Center. A sampling of the Center's donation of time, energy, and people power includes assisting the 4-H in the cooking of their turkeys and making of gravy for Color Sunday, cleaning the streets of Collbran and Highway 330 twice a year, setting-up and helping serve during the PV Cancer Fund Butterfly release, and working during the 4th of July Rodeo.

If you would like to know more, or you have an idea for other ways Collbran Job Corps can support the community, you are welcome attend the next meeting, Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 10 AM. The coffee is good and the company is even better. Call 970 487 2002 for more assistance.

**Community Relations Committee Notes from January**

- PV Historical Society shared their progress with historical graduates of PV and how they will be presented to the community in a more interactive format.
- Updated community on Master Plan and current time-line.
- Know your Forest, Know your Forester is being planned for Feb. 6th.

## 2019/2020 Cowboy Basketball Schedule



<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Opponent</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
<b>Saturday 1/25</b>	<b>Hayden</b>	<b>1:00/1:00/2:30/4:00</b>
<b>Monday 1/27</b>	<b>@ Vail Christian</b>	<b>4:00/5:30 JVG/JVB Only</b>
<b>Friday 1/31</b>	<b>Meeker</b>	<b>4:00/4:00/5:30/7:00</b>
<b>Saturday 2/01</b>	<b>@ North Park</b>	<b>1:00/1:00/2:30/4:00</b>
<b>Friday 2/07</b>	<b>@ West Grand</b>	<b>4:00/4:00/5:30/7:00</b>
<b>Saturday 2/08</b>	<b>DeBeque (GJ Fresh v JV)</b>	<b>1:00 BJV/2:30 GV/4:00 BV</b>
<b>Friday 2/14</b>	<b>@ Soroco</b>	<b>4:00/4:00/5:30/7:00</b>
<b>Saturday 2/15</b>	<b>Hotchkiss</b>	<b>1:00/1:00/2:30/4:00</b>
<b>Tuesday 2/18</b>	<b>@ Grand Valley "C"</b>	<b>4:00/5:30 JVG/JVB Only</b>
<b>Thursday 2/20</b>	<b>@ Ridgeway</b>	<b>4:00/5:30 JVG/JVB Only</b>
<b>Friday 2/21</b>	<b>Caprock Academy (Senior Night)</b>	<b>4:00/4:00/5:30/7:00</b>
<b>2/24-2/29</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>3/6-7</b>	<b>Regionals</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>3/12-14</b>	<b>State Tournament</b>	<b>TBA</b>





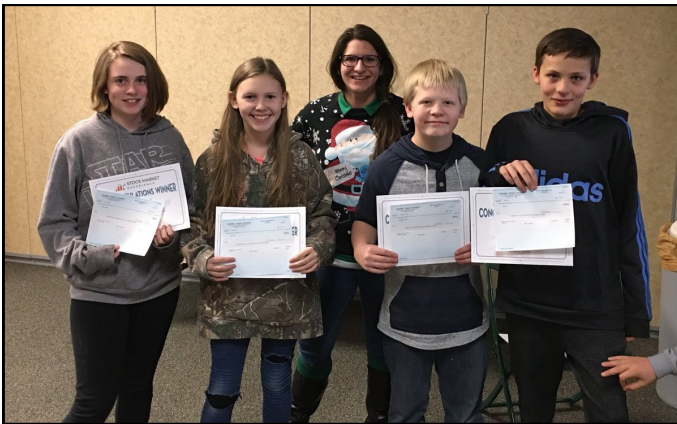
## Plateau Valley School Updates



### Middle School Team wins Stock Market Game in Colorado

Seventh and Eighth grade Social Studies took part in the Colorado Stock Market Experience during the second quarter. Students were placed in groups of 4 and were given \$100,000(fake) to invest in an online simulation of the stock market. We had financial mentors that would video call the classes each week and go over different aspects of the Stock Market and would answer any questions the students had. Each day the students would log into their account and they could buy, sell, or hold on to stock.

Students competed against schools all over the state of Colorado. I am happy to announce that two different teams in the seventh grade placed in the top of the state. One team won first place of all middle schools competing in Colorado. They made over \$5,000 in the simulation in the course of 8 weeks. Each member of this team has won a \$100 check to take home. Another team won second place in the state and they made over \$4,000 in the simulation. Each member of the second place team has won a \$50 check. Both teams will also be invited to the award ceremony at the Denver Zoo in April. Where they will win some more prizes and celebrate their success.



Left to Right: Daisy Lucas, Addison Pratt, Mrs. Satterfield, John Cotter, Jack Vig

### Middle School Students of the Month



*December Middle School Students of the Month pose with their parents at the January School Board Meeting. 7th Grade Jadyn Salamanca, 8th Grade Trystan Webb, and 6th Grade Kyanna Himes. Congratulations, we are proud of our Cowboy Students of the month.*

### Plateau Valley Athletic Booster Club Update

*2019-2020 PV FFA Branding the Gymnasium with PVABC  
The brands in the Gym are taking on a new look! Renew your brand or sign up and have your brand proudly displayed by contacting Ruth Shepardson and/or Wendy Nichols. 970-487-3576 or 970-487-3547  
pvabclub@gmail.com or Facebook @ PVABClub*

### Grand Mesa High School January School Board Notes

- Astronomy Club is not viewing the cold sky at this moment, but has several other activities occurring.
- The Addams Family Musical is coming to the PV Auditorium presented by the Theatre Troupe. There will be one dinner theatre and several matinees. No date set
- Mission Hallways! During our break we came together as a team and painted our hallways. Working out the details of where special items will be placed and updating displays. It already feels better to walk through the hallways.
- Several cross-curricular projects in the works. Two students are building a model of a tiny house. The math, science, and English involved is excited to observe.

**Graduation:** Feb 27, 2020 and Mar 26, 2020 @ 10am

### Community & School Talent Show March 31st @ 6:30 pm in PV School Auditorium

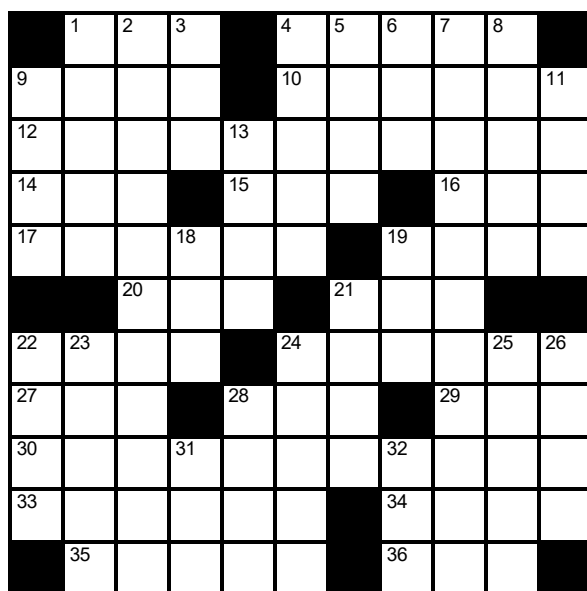
All community members encouraged to participate! Auditions: Thursday March 5th from 4:15-6:30pm  
Sign up in office or email [cdocteur@pvsd50.org](mailto:cdocteur@pvsd50.org)

Grand Prize winner voted for by audience and selected at end of show! Come for a night of talent and fun!

## Crossword Puzzle

### Across

- 1 Illustrative craft  
4 Knitted wrap  
9 --- Falco of "Nurse Jackie"  
10 Hawaiian Punch fruit  
12 Lawsuit  
14 Exclamation of contempt  
15 Writing fluid  
16 Blaster's material  
17 Wedding vow sites  
19 Sunday rite  
20 Pro bono promo, briefly  
21 Female sibling  
22 Encourage in wrongdoing  
24 Most pleasant  
27 High rock  
28 Rollaway  
29 Dove sound  
30 Impish  
33 Skiers' haunts  
34 Taverns  
35 Gin  
36 Append



- 4 Crosses  
5 Writer for hire  
6 Disposed  
7 "Hey, that's not right!"  
8 Film critic Jeffrey --  
9 Able was I ere I saw ---  
11 Pangolin food  
13 Old Italian money  
18 Nova Scotia hours  
19 It may be open at a  
21 Location  
22 Cash caches, perhaps  
23 Prepares eggs  
24 Din  
25 Narrow sea channel  
26 Throw  
28 Singer who's got you, Babe!  
31 IRS forms expert  
32 By way of

### Down

- 1 Words after make or close  
2 Just the one  
3 Long Island iced cocktail

## Picture Answer

Did you figure out the picture from the January 10th Issue? It's the side of the Mesa Store on Hwy 65 in Mesa, CO.



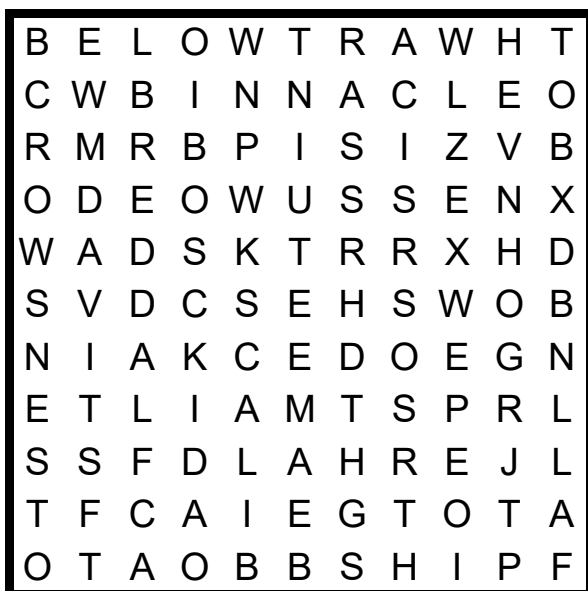
Robin Sandoval is our winner from the December 20th Issue drawing. She knew it was the store front at Vanilla Goat. She won a free cinnamon roll from Collbran Café.

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!

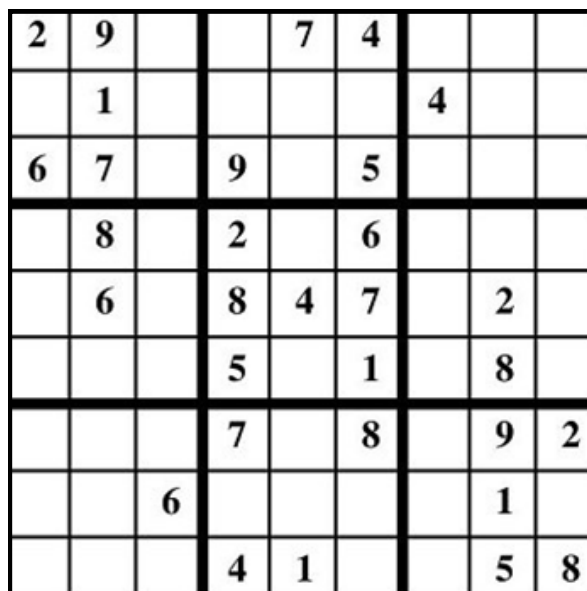
## Word Search - Nautical Terms

- Aft  
Beam  
Below  
Binnacle  
Boat  
Bow  
Crow's Nest  
Davits  
Deck  
Fall  
Ladder  
List  
Mess  
Officer  
Overhead  
Port



- Purser  
Ship  
SOS  
Stack  
Stern  
Thwart

## Sudoku - Easy



Answers: Pg 12

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Submitted by:  
**Plateau Valley Historical Preservation Society**



*In March 1920, a group of men dine at the IOOF, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at the IOOF Lodge, on the corner of Main St and Hwy 330. This building was rebuilt by IOOF in the 1950's and then Grace Bible Church purchased the new building from IOOF in 2002.*



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## Community Celebrations

Plateau Valley Staff would like to thank the Plateau Valley Accountability Team, community, and parents for all their hard work and effort put forth for all the pies! Every staff member received a pie before Winter break. Thank you, it was greatly appreciated by all!

Brandon and Hannah Bruton of Collbran welcomed a new addition on January 10th. Neah Louise Bruton, 7lbs 5 oz, 19 in long. Samuel is thrilled to be a big brother! Congratulations Bruton and Etcheverry families!

The Coon / Foss families of Collbran welcomed a new baby on January 10th. Wade Michael Coon, 6 lbs, 1 oz. Parents Sarah and Cody and sister Kaycee are thrilled you are here!

Happy Anniversary Nona and Alfred Carver.

Thank you to all who attended the Preschool painting night. The funds raised allowed us to purchase a new play kitchen for the classroom! -Kaylee Glanz, PV Preschool Teacher

To PV and DeBeque for helping to make our Winter Wonderland special this year. Tim Dew for studying and implementing the security agreement conflict between pvsd50.org and jobcorps.org. We appreciate being able to communicate through email again. Collbran Library for the gifts and party hosted in honor of our students who did not go home during winter break. Thank you for thinking about them and giving them a special moment.

- Wendy Nichols, Principal Grand Mesa High School

*Have a message you would like to share?*

*Send it to PO Box 89, Collbran*

*Email: ReadPVTimes@gmail.com or  
call 487-0291*

*Community Celebrations are free of charge.*

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

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# Community Events Calendar

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Sun: Closed



## Re-Occurring Monthly:

### AA:

Every Friday: 7pm @ Bldg B

### American Legion:

1st Thursday: 530pm @ Julius Offices 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 Thursday @ MCPL Collbran @ 7pm

### Community Garden:

Wednesdays: 1030-Noon @ MCC

**Community Relations Committee:** 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

## January:

**Jan 24:** Grand Valley Race League: Race #1: Powderhorn @ 12pm

**Jan 26:** Collbran Congregational Annual Meeting @ 1230-2pm

## February

**Feb 1:** Ice Fishing Tourny: 9-3pm @ Mesa Lakes Lodge

**Feb 2:** SuperBowl Chili Cookoff: Grand Mesa Tavern @ 2pm

Ski-A-Thon, fundraiser for POW: Powderhorn @ 9am

**Feb 7:** Grand Valley Race League: Race #2: Powderhorn @ 12pm

Cooking Matters Presentation: MCPLD @ 4-6pm

**Feb 8:** Mavs Takeover the Mtn: Powderhorn @ 9am

Mesa County Cattlemen's Banquet @ 5pm

## PV School Events:



**Jan 23/24:** MSBB Playoffs

**Jan 24:** Friday School 8-11am

**Feb 13:** K-12 Conferences 430-830

**Feb 14:** Elem Conferences 8am-12

**Feb 21:** Friday School 8-11am

**Mar 5:** End of 3rd Quarter

**Mar 16-19:** Spring Break

**Mar 27:** Friday School 8-11am

**Mar 31:** Talent Show 6pm

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## 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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## PV Times Issue Schedule

**2nd & 4th Fridays**

**Feb 14, 28**

**Submissions Deadlines:**

**1st & 3rd Fridays**

**Feb 7, 21**

Pick up your copy in Collbran Café, Grand Mesa Tavern, Marigolds, Vanilla Goat Farm, Valley Ranch, or Wagon Wheel.

## Key:

**Bldg B:** Collbran Bdg B next to Clinic

**CCC:** Collbran Congregational Church

**CJCC:** Collbran Job Corps Center

**GBC:** Grace Bible Church

**GMC:** Grand Mesa Church

**GVB:** Grand Valley Bank, Collbran

**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

#RefusetToLose #Rienksstrong



PV Girls Basketball and Rangely teams take a moment to pray for Scott Rienks before the game on Saturday January 18th. Coach Rienks had complications after a surgery earlier that week. The family appreciates the continued prayers and support, especially as they wear support.



Want to help? Buy a raffle ticket and have a chance to win 1/2 Beef, processing included.  
Tickets available at Collbran Café and Valley Ranch.

Soroco & De Beque show their support for Coach Rienks before their game on Jan 17.

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
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**Eyewitness account plus scavenged elk carcass indicates likely presence of multiple wolves in northwest Colorado**



MOFFAT COUNTY, Colo. - Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials say an eyewitness report of six large canids traveling together in the far northwest corner of the state last October, in conjunction with last week's discovery of a thoroughly scavenged elk carcass near Irish Canyon - a few miles from the location of the sighting - strongly suggests a pack of gray wolves may now be residing in Colorado.

According to the eyewitness, he and his hunting party observed the wolves near the Wyoming and Utah borders. One of the party caught two of the six animals on video.

"The sighting marks the first time in recent history CPW has received a report of multiple wolves traveling together," said CPW Northwest Regional Manager JT Romatzke. "In addition, in the days prior, the eyewitness says he heard distinct howls coming from different animals. In my opinion, this is

a very credible report."

After learning about the scavenged elk carcass, CPW initiated an investigation which is still ongoing. At the site, the officers observed several large canid tracks from multiple animals surrounding the carcass. According to CPW wildlife managers, the tracks are consistent with those made by wolves. In addition, the condition of the carcass is consistent with known wolf predation. (Photos below)

"The latest sightings add to other credible reports of wolf activity in Colorado over the past several years," said Romatzke. "In addition to tracks, howls, photos and videos, the presence of one wolf was confirmed by DNA testing a few years ago, and in a recent case, we have photos and continue to track a wolf with a collar from Wyoming's Snake River pack.

Romatzke says from the evidence, there is only one logical conclusion CPW officials can make.

"It is inevitable, based on known wolf behavior, that they would travel here from states where their populations are well-established," he said. "We have no doubt that they are here, and the most recent sighting of what appears to be wolves traveling together in what can be best described as a pack is further evidence of the presence of wolves in Colorado."

Romatzke adds CPW will con-

tinue to operate under the agency's current management direction.

"We will not take direct action and we want to remind the public that wolves are federally endangered species and fall under the jurisdiction of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. As wolves move into the state on their own, we will work with our federal partners to manage the species," he said.

The public is urged to contact CPW immediately if they see or hear wolves or find evidence of any wolf activity. The [Wolf Sighting Form](#) can be found on the CPW website.

For more information about wolves, [visit the CPW website](#)

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