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Collbran Local Loses Business to Fire

It might have changed names and changed hands, but to many it was still added White and Branson's Drive In. On Saturday, October 17th, The Bent Pickle, formerly Branson's, was consumed in flames from a suspected electrical fire. Fortunately, business owner Brian Dennison and other employees were not present and no personal injuries occurred, although the building was not so lucky. The Plateau Valley Fire Department responded to a call around 6:45am from a concerned citizen driving by.

Hugh and Rose Branson built the famous Branson's Drive In in 1965 with the help of their six sons. At the time they were leasing the Creamery, when it was still functioning as a creamery, and brought the first ice cream to the valley. They took their knowledge and shifted it to a new endeavor, a drive-in diner. They offered quality food for a fair price whether it was a delicious burger or shake. Rose created the now famous Black and Brown Cows, Coke and Root Beer mixed with ice cream, the locals' fa-

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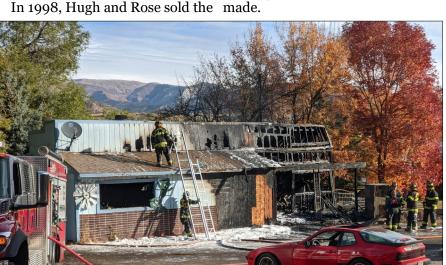
vorites. They **Orange Cows** using Sprite and Orange Soda. Many a teenager has been employed by Branson's at one time or another. Cindy York, Rose and Hugh's daughter-in-law,

attributed her marriage to Dale to her time working at Branson's. While they knew each other from school, it was Branson's that brought them together. Their names were carved in the Coke machine. But Rose and Hugh did more than provide food. They believed in supporting their community. There was always a Branson's float in the parade and they could be counted on by the various organizations who enlisted their help. And then at the end of each hunting season, Branson's would close for a few months as Hugh and Rose headed south for the winter.

business to their son and daughter-in-law Ed and Susan Branson. They continued the legacy and provided concerts behind the Drive In. The business continued to prosper as the Drive In became synonymous with Collbran. Travelers passing through

loved it and locals cherished it. After nine years of ownership, Ed and Susan decided to step away from the business and sold it to Kenny Lynn who continued to offer the favorite Black, Brown, Orange, and White Cows. From there, Brian took over in 2017 bringing his own flair and experience to the business. Brian utilized his own produce and added a few unique varieties of shakes to the menu including a dill pickle shake.

Locals and travelers alike are sad to lose the iconic building no matter who owned the building in the end. But despite the loss of a building, nothing can take away the memories



The Mooning of Mollie McGregor (a true story!)

Down in Frosty Fanny Canyon, where the sycamores grow tall, A nature boy was bathing. He wore no clothes at all. He had stepped out of the water and was standing there to dry When a pair of hardy hikers just happened to walk by.

He greeted them quite warmly.
His pride they had not hurt,
But casually, he walked away
and donned a striped shirt.
He caught it in the middle
with a narrow leather belt
And let it flow quite loosely
so the breezes could be felt.

More hikers he encountered.
They had a little chat.
They helped him climb up over rocks.
He smiled beneath his hat.
He paused to greet a couple
who had only gone part way.
On sturdy legs he had arrived
that bright sunshiny day.

He visited there briefly,
then started down the trail.
A backpack's rocking motion
had pulled up his long shirt tail.
The front of him was covered,
out of sight and out of mind
When Mollie chanced to get a glimpse
of his bare buns behind.

Her face turned red, she stammered, and turning to her friend, She pointed to the little man and his bare bottom end!
He traveled on serenely, completely unaware
That he had mooned Miss Mollie or that his buns were bare!

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What Is This?



Can you guess the item or place in this picture?

Help Wanted/Opportunities:

Mesa Community Center is hiring a fill-in custodian which may include weekday, weekend, and holiday work. For position description or to apply, please send an email to info@mesacommunityclub.org

Mesa Community Center is looking for contract labor snow removal for snow season of 2020-2021. Includes clearing and sanding all walkways, stairs and ramps, but does not include plowing the parking lot. For more details or to apply, please send an email to info@mesacommunityclub.org



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Goat Lessons

You can't have only one goat. There were a lot of things no one told me before I got goats, lessons I had to learn the hard way. And this was the first one. In fact, I learned it mere moments after ob-

taining my first goat.

We bought her from the neighbor, a little one-year-old Nubian doe. We walked the quarter mile to the neighbor's house, put a collar on her, and planned to walk her home. It was an interesting "walk". She wasn't tame. She wasn't leash trained. She was terrified of people and wanted nothing more than to be as far from us as possible. She ran 'til the leash jerked her back, and me forward. She threw herself on the ground and screamed. She dug in her heels and refused to budge. Anything and everything, she tried it all to avoid leaving her herd and coming home with one crazy lady and her two very young

daughters. And I don't blame her. She probably knew from the moment she saw us we had no idea what we were doing.

We walked (dragged) her home, and put her in the barn stall that I had ready. It was strewn with fresh straw, had grain in a bucket, and fresh clean water. I just knew **Growing Things**Guest Author: Julie Miller

she'd love it. I took off her leash and sat back to watch as she set-

tled herself in.
The slats in the barn stall were about eight inches apart.
She put her head through. I smiled, thinking she was warming up to me. And in a flash, she was out of that stall, out the barn

door, and on her way back to the neighbor's house, crosscountry. Goats can get out of anywhere, if they really want to.

I took off after her. In case you were wondering, goats run faster than humans. She ran through brush, through piñon,

through cactus and rocks, over the hill and out of sight. I ran 'til I was out of breath, exhausted, and covered in scratches and bruises. I called the neighbor, my resident goat expert. "What do I do? How will I ever find her?" She looked out her window, chuckled and said, "She's right out here." I walked back to fetch my goat.

After another wily walk down the road, I got her back in the

stall, this time attached to a stake in the ground, while I figured out how to keep her in one place. I had walked away to find more boards and a screw gun when I heard a "maaaa" and turned to see

"maaaa" and turned to see my goat, flying back up the hill, through the piñon and cactus, with a leash dragging behind her. Goats are really strong. Like, really, really strong.

I walked back to fetch my goat. This time, my neighbor sent me home with a second goat. That made the walk back even more interesting! But when I put them in the stall together, they looked around, found the grain, and stood contentedly, much grain and scratching in the fresh straw. It turns out, goats really don't like to be alone.

There have been other lessons learned along the way: Goats will eat anything – no really, anything. Goats will jump every fence you try to put up – or they'll go through it. Training a goat to stand for milking is harder than anyone ever told you. And goats might just steal your heart.





Operation Christmas Child

It's time to pack your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Free boxes are available at Molina Baptist and Grace Bible Church. Help us share Christ with the world.

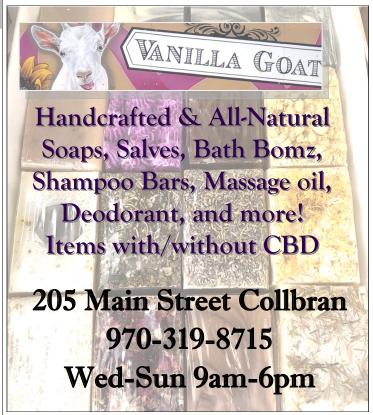
Call Anna at 970-2102995 or go to https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ for more information.

Drop off times at Molina Baptist Church

Mon, Nov 16: 8am-10am Tues, Nov 17: 9am-11am Wed, Nov 18: 3pm-630pm Thurs, Nov 19: 2pm-4pm Fri, Nov 20: 8am-10am Sat, Nov 21: 8am-10am Sun, Nov 22: 830am-1230pm Mon, Nov 23: 7am-9am



The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.







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Thank You to Our Community Partnerships for PV GRIT

The Plateau Valley School staff members, students, and parents have been excited and appreciative of our community businesses and private donators for their amazing support and contributions to our Cowboy GRIT program for positive behavior support (PBIS). As outlined in our September Newsletter, this school-wide initiative targets our school board's mission and vision for core values as well as the identified workforce and life after high school skills that our community and staff valued in a survey completed last March. This school year, our staff and students are working daily to foster both an atmosphere and students that exemplify characteristics of GRIT:

"Greatness – Integrity, Trustworthiness, and the ability make an impact on others.

" Resilience – Overcome Obstacles, Hard Working, and Desire.

- "Inspiration Motivate, Hope, Confidence.
- " Teamwork Cooperative, Respectful, Supportive

Local businesses and individuals have donated to support our students with monetary donations to help support a consistent system of rewards and recognition. The donations have not only rewarded our students with fun, school-spirited items on a weekly basis, but have also helped our students understand the support and value for GRIT. Our Plateau Valley School staff and students would like to express their sincerest gratitude and thanks to the fol-

lowing individuals/businesses that have partnered with our school to make Plateau Valley GRIT happen in our schools for the 2020-21 school year:

- Mesa Bloom
- Harvest House
- Valley Ranch Supply
- FCI Construction
- Black Diamond Appraisal Kori Satterfield
- Julie Piland
- Shonie & Curt Thompson
- Napa Auto Parts
- Collbran Supply

We are proud of the support that our community provides Plateau Valley School! We will continue to work hard to instill and promote development of GRIT for our students at PVS. Together, we will work to make our community and world a better place. Go Cowboys!

Celebrating Farm to School and Bringing Awareness Submitted by: Cowboy Kitchen

The Cowboy Kitchen was buzzing this month. October was both Cancer Awareness month and Farm to School month. Students participated in a "Pink Plate" in honor of the P.V. Cancer Fund and also did a meet your farmer day.

The Cowboy Kitchen wanted to pay it forward during Cancer Awareness month. We dedicated one week in October to give \$25.00 a day in the name of the recipient of the Pink Plate to our local P.V. Cancer Fund. Students Virgil Kuper, Ember Webb, Logan Rippee, and Alex Azcarraga received the plate during meal time and a total of \$100.00 will be donated to the fund. The P.V. Cancer Fund is a non profit organization that uses 100% of their donations to help local families meet financial needs while dealing with cancer.

Farm to School month is an annual 31 day campaign to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the

connections happening across the country between kids, families and their community food system. The Cowboy Kitchen has been so blessed by local farmers' produce and products since the doors opened in August. Students have been able to dine on farm fresh eggs, local grown greens, roasted veggies, specialty salads, and so much more. We have also been able to freeze many items to get us through some winter meals. As harvest season comes to a close we want to give a big shout out to: Fran Mackenzie, Kyle Rasmussen, JD and Stacy Hill, Annie Hughes, Mike and

Joyce Chicos, Bill and Elaine Wallace, "Today We Farm" and Penelope Blackmer.

THANK YOU, from the BOT-TOM OF OUR BELLIES!





Election 2020

You must drop off your ballot or vote in person. Do not mail your ballot.

Ballot Box Locations

- Mesa County Central Services
 200 South Spruce Street,
 Grand Junction
- Fruita Civic Center 325 East Aspen Avenue, Fruita
- Clifton DMV 3225 I-70 Business Loop, Unit A2, Clifton
- GVT West Transfer Facility 612 24 /12 Road, Grand Junc tion
- Department of Human Services 510 29 1/2 Road, Grand Junction

- Colorado Mesa University 1100
 North Avenue, Grand Junction
- Mesa County Fairgrounds 2785
 US Highway 50, Grand Junction
- Palisade Community Center 120 West 8th Street, Palisade

Voter Service & Polling Centers

- Elections Office 200 S Spruce St., Grand Junction, CO 81501 Open Oct 19 –Nov 3
- Mesa County Fairgrounds 2785 US Highway 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503Oct 19-Nov 3
- Fruita Civic Center 325 E Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO 81521 Only Oct 30-Nov 3
- Clifton Christian Church 3241 F 1/2 Road, Clifton, CO

- 81520 Oct 30-Nov 3
- Colorado Mesa University
 1100 North Avenue, Grand
 Junction, CO 81501 Only Nov
 2-3
- Victory Life Church 2066 Highway 6 & 50, Fruita, CO 81526 Only open Election Day Nov 3
- Goodwill 630 24 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505 Only open Election Day Nov 3
- Department of Human Services 510 29 1/2 Road, Suite 1060, Grand Junction, CO 81504 Only open Election Day Nov 3

Harvest Fest Fun

Before the snow on October 25th, Plateau Valley, like the rest of Colorado, has had warmer than normal temperatures with little to no moisture. But one positive of a drought

year? Warmer than normal weather in October for Plateau Valley's FFA Annual Harvest Fest which was hosted outside in the pumpkin patch this year.

FFA students hosted guests for five days this year, allowing for appropriate social distancing, and had a plethora of games and activities for guests both young and old, to enjoy. This year, a maze, scavenger hunt, and apple launch were added to the fun. Instead of face painting, kids were able to paint their own rocks. They were also able to pick their

own pumpkins. Community members picked up their ordered apples and apple cider but did miss out on pressing their own cider as they have done in the past.

But despite the changes in this year's event, FFA met their pumpkin and apple budget goal. Teacher Ruth Shepardson suspects they



might have had a few less people attend than in previous years, but since it was spread out across days it is hard to know for sure. Either way, it was definitely a success.







Top to Bottom: Jory Schowalter enjoys the maze. Porter Harless sees how far he can shoot an apple with help from dad Travis. Kelly, Brian, and Alice Bristol show off their pumpkin. FFA students Cahlea Dennison, Jackie Buchanan, and Emily Bailey smile for the camera in between activities. Jordan Long helps her daughters Brixley and Kinzie paint rocks.

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2020 Plateau Valley Gymkhana Series

Thank you to the sponsors of this year's series prizes!

Saddle Sponsors:
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In Memory of Doc Ben
Laramie Energy
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The Crowbar Grill
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Thanks to those who sponsored the buckles, breast collars, blankets, & other prizes:
Chuck & Judy Schowalter, Beatrice Link, Salt Creek Ranch, Bob Wallace,
Ed & Sue Branson, Ty & Carrie Bevan Family, Collbran Storage, CC Enterprises,
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Pudge & Julia Cox, FCI Constructors, Helen Stricklan, Kay & Bob Orton, Sylvia Spangler,
Kannah Creek Spraying Company, Town of Collbran, Plateau Valley Roping Club,
Beau & Melissa Addison Family, The Turner Family, Dave and Lezlie Foster,
Marigold Market, Fred & Missy Wallace and Valley Ranch Supply.

We appreciate your generosity.

8 & Under Age Group Series Results

Series Winner: Ryann Bevan 2nd place: Landree Tate

3rd place: Trey Ehart 4th place: Dalley Schell 5th place: Karsyn Bevan

9-12 Years Age Group Series Results

Series Winner: Roper Schell 2nd place: Sammi Addison 3rd place: Kallie Hilgenfeld 4th place: Grant Bevan 5th place: Laurel Julius

13-18 Years Age Group Series Results

Series Winner: Ruby Walker 2nd place: Jacey Fritzlan 3rd place: Erica Blum 4th place: Echo Bartels 5th place: Alex Sheley

19-39 Years Age Group Series Results

Series Winner: Kelsy Tate 2nd place: Shay Greason 3rd place: Jessica Julius 4th place: Jessica Hangs 5th place: Abby Bedow

40 & Over Age Group Series Results

Series Winner: Joestes Wyatt 2nd place: Joleen McKinnon 3rd place: Yvonne Clark 4th place: Ruth Shepardson 5th place: Missy Wallace



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HOME TOWN HERO



Buzzard-Monce Post 86 is getting ready for the Holiday Season and cordially invites all community members to the following events. These events will be held at 1006 High Street (a.k.a. The Grand Mesa Tavern).

November 1st - December 13th: TOYS FOR THE DEPLOYED

Toys or cash for toys can be dropped off at Valley Ranch, Julius Equipment office or Thursday evenings at the Country Club at the Grand Mesa Tavern. In the past 7 years, we have reached over 2000 families of deployed troops. All donations are greatly appreciated.



Thursday, November 26th 3:00-9:00PM: THANKS-GIVING TURKEY ROAST!

Legionaries will be smoking turkeys and providing all the fixings free to all veterans and families of veterans. This a BYOB event so, bring your own drinks!

<u> Saturday, December 12th 3:00 – 9:00PM: CHILI & CORN BREAD COOK-OFF</u>

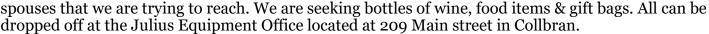
Air Force looks (again) to out-cook the competition – Bring your best chili and / or corn bread. ENTRY FEE: Free to those who participate / \$20.00 per adult for non-participants. We are also seeking holiday treats to be donated for our local veteran care packages. All left over chili and corn bread will be distributed around the valley to our local veterans. This event is BYOB!

Sunday, December 13th: PLATEAU VALLEY CARE PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION

Legionaries will deliver care packages to veterans and families around the Plateau Valley Community. If you would like to add a veteran or family to our distribution list, please email jkaleb@yahoo.com or call Kaleb at (970)250-6587.



Local pilots will be deploying to Hill AFB to deliver toys to children and care packages to spouses of deployed troops. We are needing help with the care packages. We have over 75



You can contact Kaleb Julius at (970)250-6587 with any questions or donations.

Thank you for your Support







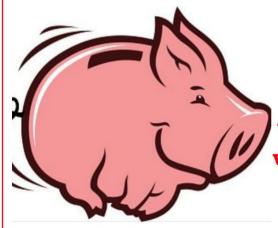








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Donations and More Information:
Plateau Valley Cancer Fund
P.O. Box 305, Collbran, Colo. 81624
Plateauvalleycancerfund.com or pvcancerfund@gmail.com

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Chevron donates over \$100,000 to Colorado emergency management agencies

Submitted by: Chevron

One of the largest integrated oil and gas companies provides funding to local first responders

Chevron announced more than \$100,000 in investments in four Colorado emergency management agencies, including De Beque Fire Protection, Garfield County, Mesa County and the Town of Rangely, to assist after the devastation of the Pine Gulch Fire and other local emergencies.

The Pine Gulch Fire was declared 100% contained on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Drought stressed vegetation, unseasonably hot weather and steep terrain allowed the fire to char 139,007 acres in Western Colorado, enabling it to become one of the largest wildland fires in Colorado history. Local emergency management agencies that assisted with battling the flames all identified a common safety issue: the lack of updated communications equipment.

"We were moved and amazed by the work of the emergency management teams from Mesa County, De Beque and Garfield County during the Pine Gulch Fire. We also work closely with the town of Rangely as a primary source of emergency response at locations

and facilities in that area," said Andrew Olson, Chevron's Colorado Operations Superintendent. "By reaching out to all four agencies we learned of specific needs to update and upgrade communication equipment and are delighted to be able to help them make these essential improvements," he explained.

Mike Harvey of Mesa, and Fire Chief for the De Beque Fire Protection District, will be utilizing the

funds to purchase handheld radios for firefighters and to update mobile radios in fire vehicles allowing the department to communicate with federal resources. "The radio communications donation from Chevron comes at a critical time for the fire district. Reliable radio communications will improve our firefighters' safety while battling these extreme fires."

Mesa County Emergency Services Director, Andy Martsolf,

adds, "The ability to communicate effectively during a wildfire is critical in keeping our fire-fighters safe. This generous donation by Chevron will allow us to replace outdated radios immediately instead of over multiple years. The

new radio technology will ensure the Mesa County Wildland Fire Team is fully prepared and

equipped for the next fire season." **Garfield County Emergency Opera**tions Commander. Chris Bornholdt, echoes the statements. "This allows us to upgrade our VHF radios and increase our ability to communicate with our federal partners during wildfires. This donation is the only way we would

be able to get these new radios we need this soon to implement the newest technology for the greatest safety of our residents. We extend our deepest thanks for this critical equipment and appreciate the vision Chevron has for assisting in improving our response operations with this gift."

In addition to the Pine Gulch Fire, these Colorado agencies assist in emergency management for small-and large-scale events. "Our 911 Dispatch Center is vital to our area in the event of a catastrophic emergency to maintain the safety and wellbeing of our citizens and the surrounding oil & gas fields," said Lisa Piering, Rangely Town Manager. "Chevron's generous gift will allow us to replace our current 15-year-old system."





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Cop Talk

By: Marshall Appelhanz

In light of recent events, I wanted to share some information and ideas that may help us all. When you see activity that is alarming, suspicious, or even just makes you think "That's different," it is imperative you contact Mesa County Dispatch immediately. Mesa County Dispatch is the most efficient and reliable way to get hold of an officer at any time of the day or night. Currently we seem to be having an issue with unsupervised disorderly children, I am appealing to the community for your assistance. If possible, photograph or video the activity with your phone. It does no good at stopping behavior and activity that is contrary to how we want our community to be, by posting on social media. By putting complaints on social media may encourage this type of behavior.

Contacting law enforcement after the incident does not allow us the opportunity to stop or prevent criminal or disturbing activities. Being a small department does not allow us to be everywhere all of the time, so we are asking for your help few moments to remove valuable in keeping our community safe. The police department is a tool that icantly improve your chances of you all can access and utilize. We have several enforcement options; however, we cannot utilize any of them if we don't have firsthand witnesses that are willing to come forward and/or testify. You must take an active role in protecting vour community.

On another note, auto burglary often can be prevented with a few simple actions. The most important is to lock your car door every time. Take your valuables with you and with these two actions, you have just gone a long way in preventing your car from

being broken into. Very few car break-ins are random – the thieves see something in plain sight that's valuable or hints of possible hidden valuables. By taking simple precautions and just a items from your car you can signifnot becoming a victim of this type of crime even when your car is left unattended in your driveway, outside your house or place of work.

There is an element of criminal that seeks small communities like ours to victimize. Take responsibility and lock your homes, vehicles, and other valuables. Make vourself, your family and your home, your neighborhood, and your community a "hard target."



NOTICE OF BUDGET TOWN OF COLLBRAN

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Town of Collbran Town Board of Trustees for the ensuing year of 2021; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Town Treasurer, where the same is open for public inspection during regular business hours; such proposed budget will be considered at 1010 High St. in the Town Hall at 6:00pm as follows:

December 1, 2021 Council Meeting

Any interested elector of the Town of Collbran may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Final adoption is scheduled for December 11, 2020.

Budget Work Session dates:

October 16 - 9:30am

October 30 - 9:30am

November 3 - 6.00pm (following regular meeting)

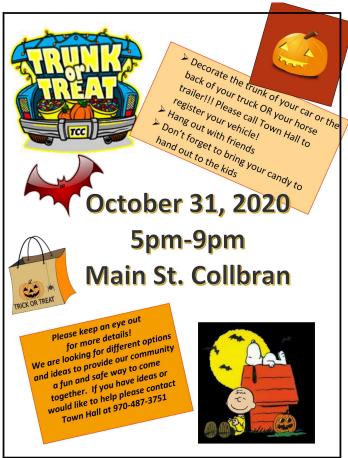
November 20 – 9:30am

December 1 - 6:00pm - Public Hearing

December 4 – 9:30am

December 11 - Budget Adoption





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ANNUAL TURKEY DINNE

Collbran Congregational Church has decided to move forward with the traditional Turkey Dinner on November 14, 2020

This year it will be served as a take-out dinner only. The menu will be as follows:

Roast Turkey and Dressing Sweet Potatoes Relish and Cranberry Sauce Your choice of Pumpkin, Apple, or Pecan Pie Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Green beans Rolls and Butter

- Gluten free dressing, rolls and pies available for anyone needing that option.
- The cost of the meal will remain the same as it has been for several years.

\$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years.

- Meals can be picked up at the Congregational Church on Nov 14, 2020 between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM.
- Meals will be paid for at the time of pick-up. Please have cash or check. We do not accept credit cards.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEALS BY CALLING JULIA 487-3750 SUE 487-3474 OR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 487-3349

LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER OF MEALS WANTED WITH A PHONE NUMBER WHEN YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE.

In these times when all of the usual events and festivities are being cancelled by the pandemic we look forward to sharing this tradition with our friends and families of the valley.

District 3 Candidate Lauren **Boebert Attends Collbran Clean-Up and Town Picnic**

Colorado Oil and Gas Association and Laramie Energy, along with various other sponsors, have

"I feel like it's so im-

portant to pass the

word and encourage

and please vote. It's

our kids, grandkids,

jobs, livelihoods, and

stake here.'

-Donya West of

Collbran

teamed up with the town of Collbran the last few years to provide a trash haul away program. people to listen to her On October 22nd, community members were able to businesses that are at drop off summer yard and trash items at the park free of charge. They were also provided a free lunch whether they were dropping off trash or not. With the help of more than thirty-five volunteers, more than sixty community members took part in lunch and even more utilized the

trash service.

This year, Lauren Boebert made an appearance as she hit the last few days before the election. Lauren Boebert is running for United States House of Rep-

resentatives District 3 and upset Incumbent Scott Tipton in the Primaries this past spring. Much of Lauren's platform resonates with smaller towns and locals in Plateau Valley. Whether locals came for the free trash haul, the free lunch, or to meet Lauren, the day was well attended.



Community members gather to hear Laurent Boebert speak. Kaelyn, Railey, and Jaycee West had the opportunity to meet and listen to Lauren Boebert. Keith Encke and Mike Nichols stand ready to accept trash items.







Crossword Puzzle

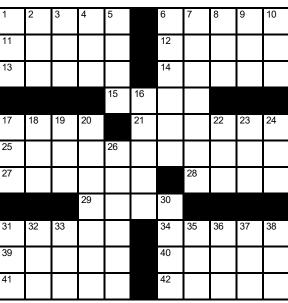
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- **6** --- Capped Romance (36 Crazyfists)
- **11** Egg producer
- **12** Uncle Tom's creator
- **13** Childe Harold author
- 14 Doesn't possess
- 15 Blacken
- 17 Tex. neighbor
- 21 "The ---File" (Frederick Forsyth)
- **25** Sailor's jacket, maybe
- **27** With sharp side first
- **28** Bloodsucker
- **29** Heavy blow
- 31 Contempt
- **34** Has become rancid
- 39 Like Muzak
- **40** Donald Duck's nephew
- **41** Rowdy ---, an early Clint Eastwood role
- **42** Descriptive record

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- 1 High shot
- 2 Excellent tree climber
- 3 Besmirch
- 4 Fraternity man, briefly



- **5** Harmony
- **6** Slightly
- 7 Eye impolitely
- 8 Discouraging words
- **9** "My --- Private Idaho" (1991 film)
- **10** Freshly painted
- 16 They're locked in battle
- 17 Have creditors
- **18** Little goat
- **19** Very cold fuel
- **20** Aim of every undergraduate
- **22** Snow runner

- 23 Fraction of a min.
- **24** Ancient boat
- **26** Bounces
- **30** Top gear for a house
- **31** Spot
- **32** Preceded by the O S S
- 33 Plump
- 35 One kind of offspring
- **36** Unfashionable
- 37 Cone producer
- **38** Visionary

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Picture Answer

Did you figure out the picture from the October 9th issue? It's the OPEN banner outside Mesa Bloom Market.





Have a suggestion for a picture? Shoot an email to ReadPVTimes@gmail.com or call 487-0291

Word Search: Card Games

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Community Events Collendon

October:

Oct 24-Nov 1: Hunting Season 2 Oct 31: Trunk or Treat: 5-9pm Collbran Main Street

November:

Nov 3: Election Day

Nov 6: Friday School: 8am-11am **Nov 7-13:** Hunting Season 3

Nov 12: Secondary Conferences:

430-830pm @ PVS

Nov 14: Turkey Dinner: 1130-1pm @ CCC (To-go only, pre-order,

more info pg 13)

Nov 18-22: Hunting Season 4

Nov 23-27: No School: Thanks-

giving Break

Nov 26: Thanksgiving

Nov 27: Opening Day at Powder-

horn Ski Resort

*In an effort to maintain the health and safety of the community, Mesa Community Center has cancelled its events for the remainder of the year.

PV Times Issue Schedule

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Bldg. B: Collbran Bldg. B next to Clinic

CCC: Collbran Congregational Church

CJCC: Collbran Job Corps Cen-

GBC: Grace Bible Church

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

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

Send an email:

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Church Service Times:

Collbran Congregational: 11am Grace Bible Church: 1030am* Grand Mesa Church: 11 am Molina Baptist: 845 am* and 11 am* Plateau Valley Assembly of God: 1045 am

*Online services available on Facebook

Re-Occurring Monthly:

AA:

Every Friday: 7pm @ Bldg. B

American Legion:

1st Thursday: 530pm @ Julius Of-

fices on Main Street

Awana:

Every Wednesday: 4:25-6pm @ MBC

Board of Trustees Collbran: 1st Tuesday: 6pm @ Town Hall

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

Sat: 9-2

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

Lions Club:

2nd Tuesday: 6pm @ CCC Dining

Hall

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 via teleconference Check website for phone number /ID/password

Some activities have resumed.

Don't see your
re-occurring meeting listed
and meetings have resumed?

Let us know.
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Collbran Job Corps is hiring 14 full time positions. Call for more information: 970-487-3576

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Community Celebrations



A HUGE thank you to a kind gentleman and his daughter who changed a tire for two old geezers who had a flat returning from a four-wheeling trip. It is great to live in a valley where folks still help each other!

Nona Kelley Carver

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Thank you Plateau Valley CattleWomen for providing lunch to the staff at Plateau Valley Schools and for taking the time to teach us a little more about ranching in our community.

-Plateau Valley Schools

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Thank you to all who pitched in and donated to help the fire evacuees for the Troublesome Fire in Grand County. Special thanks to Lance and Tabitha at RUFF Around the Edges in Grand Junction, Scott and Connie Ferguson and family and Valley Ranch Supply for helping collect. Almost \$1500 and a trailer load of supplies were donated from Mesa County. Thanks!

-Plateau Valley FFA

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?

Have your information listed for free in the Classifieds section of the PV Times.

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Finding Value in Variety Meats

By: Colorado Beef Council

We know we can sell popular, high-value beef cuts to our consumers, but what about those cuts that don't fit into the typical taste preferences of consumers in the U.S. – what happens to them?

There's very minimal demand for beef variety meats like tongue, lips, liver, heart, kidney, stomach and intestine here in the U.S. Still, across the world, international consumers are eager to get their hands on these U.S. beef products – and they're willing to pay a premium for them.

Receiving Top Dollar

To get those premium prices, the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF), a contractor to the Beef Checkoff, creates and shares innovative ways to serve and eat U.S. variety meats, then markets those meats to the proper audiences across the world. Because of their efforts, the U.S. is the world's largest exporter of edible beef variety meat.

USMEF works to capitalize on international taste preferences and add value back per head for the U.S. producer. For example, beef tripe, the lining of a cow's stomach, while not particularly popular in the U.S., is commonly used to flavor soups like *Menudo* in Mexico. U.S. tripe exports to Mexico equated to \$4.28 per head of fed cattle slaughter in 2019 and reached more than \$111.7 million in revenue. This was up 30 percent from 2018 [1].

In Japan, the dominant destination for U.S. beef tongue, a major beef bowl restaurant chain, Yoshinoya, recently launched its first-ever dish featuring U.S. beef tongue at a price of about \$8. Growing demand for this product in Japan contributed to 2019 exports of U.S. beef tongue, equating to \$12.20 per head of fed slaughter [2].

USMEF also works to expand these products into a wider range of

markets. In recent vears, U.S. beef liver exports have become more diversified. Egypt has long been the leading destination for U.S. beef livers, but liver exports have relied less on Egypt as demand for the product in Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Asia has grown. USMEF executes campaigns that help elevate the growing popularity of this product in these markets.

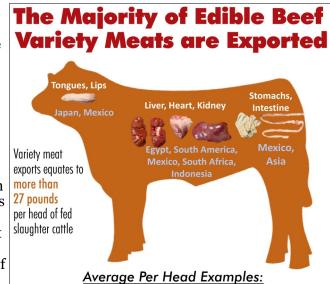
All of these specialized campaigns,

are funded by the Beef Checkoff and executed by USMEF staff members worldwide. At USMEF's 16 international offices, local staff, who live their day-to-day lives in these specific countries, are already integrated into the national culture and help strategize and execute campaigns that fit their country's needs and preferences. By understanding the language, food preferences and shopping habits, these local team members allow a "boots-on-theground" approach. This helps US-MEF be relevant and efficient when marketing U.S. variety meats to global consumers.

Adding Value Back to Producers

These efforts to promote U.S. variety meats ultimately do contribute to producer success here at home. The Beef Checkoff meets the desires of consumers across the world by providing them with the beef cuts and products they most want to purchase. In turn, global competition for these cuts contributes to producers getting the best prices possible and boosts demand for cattle. In 2019, U.S. variety meat exports contributed to more than 27 pounds per head of fed slaughter. This resulted in a per-fed-head value of \$37.27 [3].

With strong, effective programs



Tongues to Japan: 1.75 lbs. & \$12.20 Livers to Egyp

Tripe to Mexico: 3.3 lbs. & \$4.28

Livers to Egypt: 4.9 lbs. & \$2.60 Lips to Mexico: 1.3 lbs. & \$1.36

and other efforts in place to grow worldwide U.S. variety meat demand, the Beef Checkoff is contributing to the advancement and strength of the industry, both here and abroad.

- [1] Data compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation
- [2] Data compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation
- [3] USMEF 2019 estimates using NASS fed slaughter per head conversions.

Call out: Colorado Beef Council currently funds US beef promotion programs in Japan, China, South Korea, and Central America – just to name a few.

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Next Meeting:
Oct 27 @ 6pm
New Members always welcome!
PVCattleWomen@gmail.com
Facebook: PV CattleWomen

Platea Valley Answers the Call When Others are in Need

With the help of Connie and Scott Ferguson of Mesa, and Tabitha and Lance of RUFF Around the Edges in Grand Junction, Plateau Valley FFA gathered more than \$1500 and a trailer load of supplies to be donated to those being evacuated due to the East Troublesome-Grand Zone Fires. PV Ag Teacher Ruth Shepardson was able to connect with an ag teacher friend at West Grand High School and organized the distribution of goods. Within hours of the request, community members dropped off blankets, coats, socks, non-perishable food, toiletries, water and more at Valley Ranch Supply to be donated to those in need. On October 26th, FFA members loaded up the trailer and headed to Kremmling to deliver the goods themselves.

As of October 28th, the East



Troublesome Fire was 30% contained and had burned 193,774 acres, the 2nd largest in Colorado history after both it and the Cameron Peak Fire surpassed the Pine Gulch Fire.

Cahlea Dennison, Cody Melnikoff, John Nichols, Jack Shepardson pause with the trailer full of supplies after loading it from items dropped off at Valley Ranch and Supply.







Traffic Jams aren't common in Collbran unless livestock is involved. Cauy Etcheverry helps guide cattle up Buckskin one fall afternoon.

Every Wednesday from 4:25-6pm at Molina Baptist Church. Ages 3-18 welcome Transportation provided upon request.



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Be Kind, Be Safe, and See you soon!

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U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Journey to D.C. Begins Nov. 6 Submitted by: U.S. Forest Service and Evonne Stites, CJCC Center Director

Each year, a different national forest provides a tree to light up the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol building for the holiday season. The Grand Mesa, Uncompange and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests in partnership with nonprofit partner Choose Outdoors and Colorado Tourism will bring this special gift from Colorado to Washington, D.C. for the 2020 holiday season with special events in 10 communities along the way.

The tree's journey officially begins Nov. 6 when it will be cut on the Uncompandere National Forest. Before the cutting, a short ceremony will take place and include remarks by USDA Forest Service leadership, local elected officials and project partners. A livestream of the ceremony and cutting will be available for viewing online on the GMUG National Forests Facebook page.

On Nov. 10, the tree will visit 10 communities for a series of outdoor festivities hosted by local communities at fair grounds, schools, main streets, visitor centers, convention centers and retailers. Well-wishers will have a chance to take photos, sign banners on the sides of the truck, learn more about the GMUG National Forests and the great state of Colorado and more. Festivities are free and open to the public for all to enjoy.

Beginning Nov.10, the tree's journey can be tracked in real time online at capitoltreetracker.com hosted by Spireon, Inc., with tour stops including:

Tuesday, Nov. 10

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MST San Miguel County Fairgrounds (1165 Summit St, Norwood, CO 81423)

3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. MST Montrose Visitor Center (107 S

Cascade Ave., Montrose, CO 81401)

Wednesday, Nov. 11
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. MST
Ouray County Courthouse (541 4th St, Ouray,
CO 81427)

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. MST Grand Junction Convention Center (159 Main St, Grand Junction, CO 81501)

Thursday, Nov. 12

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MST Downtown Paonia (Grand Avenue, Between 2nd and 3rd Street, Paonia, CO 81428)

2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. MST Gunnison Community School (1099 N 11th St, Gunnison, CO 81230)

Friday, Nov. 13

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. MST Salida High School - Student Parking Lots (26 Jones Avenue, Salida, CO 81201)

Saturday, Nov. 14

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. MST Bass Pro Shops (7970 Northfield Blvd, Denver, CO 80238)

Tuesday, Nov. 17

3 p.m. – 6 p.m. EST Asheville Outlets (800 Brevard Rd Suite 805, Asheville, NC 28806)

Friday, Nov. 20: Delivery to West Lawn, U.S. Capitol Building

*Subject to change. Monitor website at www.uscapitolchristmastree.com /tour for the latest updates.

Safety of tour staff, event attendees and the tree are the top priority. Face coverings are required for all events and social distancing will be maintained. Along the way, we ask the public to be aware of the large truck's huge blind spots, wide turns, and longer stopping distances on our roads so we can all arrive safely to our destinations.

The initiative made possible with cash and in-kind contributions from companies large and small as well as volunteers locally and across America, who provide vital support of time and resources. 2020 sponsors include Kenworth Truck Company, Apex Transportation, 42 Degrees, Spireon, Inc., Hale Trailer, Chuck Leavell, STIHL, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Truckload Carriers Association, Great West Casualty Company, Valley Crane, Red Wing Shoes, National Forest Foundation, Society of American Foresters, LexisNexis VitalChek Network, Inc., The Joy Trip Project, Loki, Montrose County, Delta County, Seirus, TravelCenters of America, Bass Pro Shops and Vesmir.

Follow along online at www.uscapitolchristmastree.com and @uscapitolchristmastree on Facebook and Instagram.

The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree initiative is a 50-year tradition in which one of our 155 national forests provides a tree for the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol for the holiday season. The project is made possible with support from partners including non-profit Choose Outdoors and Colorado Tourism along with cash and in-kind contributions from companies large and small as well as volunteers locally and across America. For a list of 2020 sponsors and to join in the Christmas Spirit please visit www.uscapitolchristmastree.com and @uscapitolchristmastree on Facebook and Instagram.











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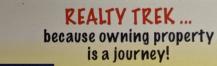
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