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Annual Color Weekend and the Colors Didn't Disappoint

It seems to happen like clockwork. The last weekend of September (even in years like 2020 where nothing else is normal) the Grand Mesa transforms from green to beautiful shades of red, gold, and yellow. The weekend is normally celebrated by locals and tourists alike heading up Highway 65 to say goodbye to summer and celebrate the beginning of fall. But, like everything else in 2020, Color Weekend looked a little different this year.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, the traditional 4-H and FFA Turkey Dinner served at the Mesa Community Center was cancelled and the delicious food, the large family style seating, and the homemade desserts were missed. But businesses in Mesa were still open and appreciated

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Thank you to Tammy Perrin of Collbran for sending in these beautiful photos.

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MOM

*It seems that life gets tedious when calves and critters die.
Mom offers up some solace with homemade apple pie.
She may have canned tomatoes or helped haul in the hay,
But still puts out the effort. It seems that's just her way.*

*She sees how her folks struggle,
from the biggest to the small.
To her, each one is special. To her, they all stand tall.
She rises early mornings, and milks the family cow.
It gives her time for praying
they'll save the ranch somehow.*

*For she, too, feels the burden, the awful load of debt,
But thinks that maybe someday,
the ranch will pay off yet.
She'd helped to brand the cattle, some earlier this spring.
She'd filled the vaccine needles, did every sort of thing.*

*She figures out the taxes, and how we're going to pay.
She hopes we'll have the money
when April comes our way.
She patches up the blue jeans
and mends our tattered shirts.
I never see her crying, but I know, inside, she hurts.*

*Though life is hard, no whining slips out between her lips.
She just keeps on trying, and makes those weekly trips
Down to get necessities, that needed stuff from town,
Like flour, sugar, pork and beans,
then bakes our biscuits brown.*

*She has a little garden, and hoes each weedy spot.
Matters not if windy, or the day is super hot.
If cooking up some dumplings, or maybe baking spuds,
She wears her checkered apron. For her, no fancy duds.*

*For special things like cookies,
or making homemade bread,
We truly try to thank her. Enough cannot be said.
She helps us with our homework,
by day or dim lamp light.
Better never sass her,
she'll set you straight, alright!*

*She'll feed you when you're hungry,
and lift you when you're down.
She'll help out with the plowing
that turns the fields to brown.
She'll hang in there for harvest,
and work from sun to sun;
Keep pitching, stretching, trying, until the job is done.*

*Oh, how much we'd miss her if she should go away,
But she'll hold out 'til angels come
and take her home to stay.*

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What Is This?

Can you guess the item
or place in this picture?



Help Wanted/Opportunities:

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Growing Things

By: Annie Hughes

Harvesting, Curing, and Storing Winter Squash

Few things are as comforting as a warm bowl of winter squash soup on a cold winter day!

Harvesting

It is generally suggested to pick your winter squash when all of the following have happened:

- It has been from 50 to 55 days from the date of “fruit set,” that is when the squash has first shown up on the stem.
- The stem of the squash has become “corky,” more like a cork than a stem and very dry.
- The skin of the squash passes the “thumbnail test.” That’s when poking the skin gently with your thumbnail does not leave any little quarter moon impressions.

There are also opinions about harvesting winter squash based on the weather:

- Always pick your squash before the first freeze.
- Leave your squash on the vines during a light freeze (above 28 degrees). Then, (assuming the light freeze is only a passing fancy), let your squash “cure” in the sun for somewhere from five to ten days. The down side here is that even a light freeze can damage a squash.

We generally pick most of our winter squash when the first light freeze is expected. We leave some on the ground in case the temperature does not get low enough to damage the squash and allow it to “cure” in the sun. When picking, but sure to remove any blossom residue from the end farthest from the stem and leave a few inches of stem attached to the squash. Do not use the stem as a handle. It can break off easily, and leave your squash susceptible to rot.

Curing

Some curing can happen in a sunny warm field and some in a warm place inside. Due to the fact that warm air rises, we cure on clean, untreated wood boards in an area above our kitchen cabinets. The length of the curing process varies greatly, depending on the variety. Please see this chart: <https://www.johnnyseeds.com/growers-library/vegetables/winter-squash-eating-guide.html>.

I was very surprised to read that my favorite winter squash, Sibley, is not ready to eat until January! Here’s a link: <https://www.fedcoseeds.com/seeds/sibley-specialty-heirloom-squash-1618?search=sibley>.

Storing

Once curing has been done, we move the squash to a cool, dry, and somewhat dark spot.

Winter squash don’t do well in a root cellar. It’s too moist. We store them all over our tiny house, where they serve as home décor.

If you have questions, comments, constructive criticisms, or requests for subjects for future articles, please feel free to email those to me at in-fo@redwingranchco.com.

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Sibley and Sweet Meat Squash Harvested Prior to a Light Freeze



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October 9th, 1960: in our same home town, Bill and Elaine Wallace were married, yes, 60 years!

Along came three children: Luann Wallace, Kim Wallace Black, and Freddie (Missy) Wallace. Three grandsons, Cody (Trenna) Wallace, Ty Wallace, and Beau Black. Then a precious little great-granddaughter Blakely Wallace. Running a guide outfit for many



years and other smaller businesses here has created years of memories.

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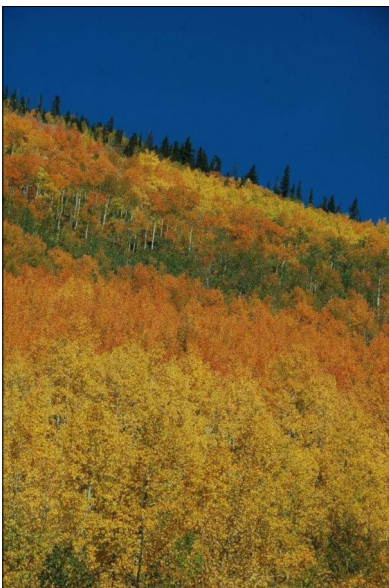
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New Patio Seating OPEN



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the added traffic as the onslaught of cars made their way up the mountain.

Mesa Bloom Market had a successful first Color Weekend. A few vendors, B & C BBQ food truck, and a lemonade stand all set up in their parking lot and attracted folks heading up Highway 65. The WagonWheel chose to get creative and offered a to-go turkey dinner to those too hungry to wait for food at Powderhorn.

And the big draw for the weekend, Powderhorn Mountain Resort. Scenic lift rides, additional hiking trails, downhill mountain biking, lodging, and dining were all provided to those who ventured out. This has been one of the busiest summers for Powderhorn and Color Weekend was no different. A beautiful way to say goodbye to summer, welcome fall, and begin the preparation for the much anticipated ski season.

Scenic pictures of the colors from around the Valley. Vendors lined up outside Mesa Bloom Market. B & C BBQ food truck set up shop in Mesa for the weekend. They are frequently parked at Cameo. Employees from WagonWheel served outdoor to-go turkey dinners to travelers heading up the mountain.
Scenic Photo Credit Tammy Perrin

Election 2020

The following is a sample ballot for a registered voter in Plateau Valley. The phrasing for the ballot questions is in common language and comes from ballotpedia.org. The language will be more in depth on the ballot itself. You can find your sample ballot at <https://myballot.sos.colorado.gov/app/sb/sample-ballot>

Mesa County Ballot for Plateau Valley:

Candidates:

Presidential Electors (Pick 1)

- Joe Biden/Kamala Harris - Democratic
- Donald Trump/Mike Pence - Republican
- 19 other Candidates and space to Write-in

United States Senator (Pick 1)

- John W. Hickenlooper – Democratic
- Cory Gardner – Republican
- 3 other candidates and space to Write-in

Representative to the 117th US Congress District 3 (Pick 1)

- Lauren Boebert – Republican
- Diane E. Mitsch Bush – Democratic
- John Ryan Keil – Libertarian
- Critter Milton – Unity

State Board of Education member – Congressional District 3 (Pick 1)

- Mayling Simpson – Democratic
- Joyce Rankin – Republican

State Representative – District 54 (Pick 1)

District Attorney – 21st Judicial District

- Daniel Paul Rubinstein – Republican
- #### County Commissioner – District 1 (Pick 1)

- Cody Davis – Republican
 - Kathryn Bedell – Democratic
- #### County Commissioner – District 3 (Pick 1)
- Dave William Edwards – Democratic
 - Janet Rowland – Republican
 - L Marc Montoni – Libertarian
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- Justice Melissa Hart of CO Supreme Court
 - Justice Carlos A. Samour Jr. of CO Supreme Court
- #### CO Court of Appeals Judge (Vote to retain each judge, yes or no)
- Judge Ted C. Tow III
 - Judge Craig R. Welling
- #### District Court Judge – 21st Judicial District (Vote to retain each judge, yes or no)
- Judge Brian J. Flynn
 - Judge Gretchen B. Larson
- #### County Court Judge – Mesa (Vote to retain each judge, yes or no)
- Judge Michael J Grattan III
 - Judge Craig Peter Henderson

Ballot questions referred by the general assembly or any political subdivision are listed by letter, and ballot questions initiated by the people are listed numerically. A ballot question listed as an "amendment" proposes a change to the Colorado constitution, and a ballot question listed as a "proposition" proposes a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes. A "yes/for" vote on any ballot question is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a "no/against" vote on any ballot question is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

Amendment B (Constitutional)

Repeals the Gallagher Amendment of 1982. The Gallagher Amendment limited the residential and non-residential property tax assessment rates so that residential property taxes amounted to 45% of the total share of state property taxes and

non-residential property taxes amounted to 55% of the total share of state property taxes
Yes/For or No/Against

Amendment C

(Constitutional) Requires charitable organizations to have existed for three years before obtaining a charitable gaming license instead of five years; allows charitable organizations to hire managers and operators of gaming activities so long as they are not paid more than the minimum wage
Yes/For or No/Against

Amendment 76

(Constitutional) Amends the Colorado Constitution to state that "only a citizen" of the U.S. who is 18 years old or older can vote in federal, state, and local elections, instead of the existing language that says "every citizen" who is 18 years old can vote
Yes/For or No/Against

Amendment 77

(Constitutional) Allows voters in Central City, Black Hawk, and Cripple Creek to vote to expand allowed gaming types and bet limits and allows gaming tax revenue to be used for support services to improve student retention and credential completion by students enrolled in community colleges
Yes/For or No/Against

Proposition EE (statutory) Increases taxes on tobacco, creates a new tax on nicotine products such as e-cigarettes; dedicates funds to education and health programs
Yes/For or No/Against

Proposition 113 (statutory)

Joins Colorado into the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, awarding Colorado's electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote
Yes/For or No/Against

Election 2020

Proposition 114 (Statutory) Re-introduces gray wolves on public lands west of the continental divide
Yes/For or No/Against

Proposition 115 (Statutory) Prohibits abortion after 22 weeks gestational age and makes it a misdemeanor to perform or attempt to perform a prohibited abortion.
Yes/For or No/Against

Proposition 116 (Statutory) Decreases the state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.55%
Yes/For or No/Against

Proposition 117 (Statutory) Requires voter approval of new enterprises that are exempt from TABOR if their revenue is greater than \$50 million within its first five years
Yes/For or No/Against

Proposition 118 (Statutory) Establishes a program for paid medical and family leave
Yes/For or No/Against

What you need to know

- Vote by mailing in a ballot, dropping off a ballot, or voting in person
- Colorado ballots were mailed out on October 9th.
- Blue Books have already been delivered.
- Make sure your addresses are up to date to prevent delay in the delivery of your ballot.
- Check the status of your ballot here: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/home.xhtml>
- View your ballot here: <https://myballot.sos.colorado.gov/app/home>

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 Junction
- 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 81503 Oct 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



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Obituaries

Julie Marie Cotter

March 1, 1982 - September 6, 2020



Julie Marie (Lyon) Cotter passed away on September 6, 2020. Born in Grand Junction, CO, on March 1, 1982, to Douglas and Susan

Lyon, Julie was a graduate of Palisade High School (2000). After high school, she went to college in Michigan and enjoyed spending time with her sister, brother, and nephew. Julie graduated from Northwood University and returned to Grand Junction to complete her BS at Mesa State College (2005). Shortly after graduation, Julie began working at Mays Concrete, where she continued working until the time of her death.

On September 27, 2014, Julie married the love of her life, Jason Cotter. Jason and Julie lived in Collbran, CO, surrounded by chickens, pigs, horses, cats, and dogs. This was the life she had always dreamed of and her face lit up when she talked about it.

Julie loved her family, friends, and animals more than anything on this earth. Always there to offer support, encouragement, and advice, she was a trusted friend to many. She delighted in baking, reading, and doing fun projects with her nieces and nephews.

Julie is survived by her husband, Jason; step-children, Johnathan (13), and Kyrie (16); step-children from her previous marriage, Isaac (17), and Sebastian (21); daughter-in-law, Leann (22); grandmother, Helen Heald; parents, Douglas and Susan Lyon; sister, Lori Kolodziej (Jeff), and brother, Christopher Lyon (Alyson), both of Michigan; sister, Cindy Lawton (Dean); seven nephews and two nieces whom she loved dearly, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

Julie was preceded in death by grandfather, Kenneth Heald; aunt, Oda Brownlee; uncle, George Heald, and cousin, Robert Heald.

At this time, no services have been planned.

Penny Nichols

April 19, 1952-September 10, 2020



Our family is sad to announce the passing of Penny Nichols Fulgham after a valiant 6-year battle with breast cancer. Penny was born into two Plateau Valley pioneer families. Mary Lou Kenney Nichols and

Dick Nichols welcomed their eighth child on February 25, 1965, to their home in Molina.

Penny spent her growing up years in the home where her mom still lives. Penny graduated from Plateau Valley High School in 1983, graduating with friends with whom she had started her very first day of school. Penny enjoyed playing the saxophone in band, became the drum major for the marching band, and was a member of the cheerleading team. Penny was active in Rainbow Girls, and enjoyed many other activities, as well as her friends. She later graduated from Western State College with a degree in psychology.

Penny is survived by her loving children; daughter Laynee and Cameron Jackson, her precious grandson, Aiden Jackson, and her son, Nicholas Fulgham, all of Waco, TX. Also surviving are her mom, Mary Lou Ridenour, sisters Carol, Jean, Diana, Mary and Richie, and her brother, Bill, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and caring friends.

Penny is predeceased by her dad, Dick Nichols, brother Clancy, nephew Danny, great-niece Jade, step-dad Carl Ridenour, grandparents Tom and Della Kenney, and C.A. and Mary Ellen Nichols, aunt Ada May McKelvie, uncles Jim and Dan Kenney, Allen, Nate and Ben Nichols, and their spouses.

Penny's wishes were to have a celebration of her life with the ones who loved her and with happy music. Services are being planned for later this month in Mesa.

If you wish to donate, Penny and many others have benefited from the Plateau Valley Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 305, Collbran, CO 81624. Plateauvalleycancerfund.com

Leroy Boyd Latham

January 18, 1926 - Sept. 11, 2020



Leroy Boyd Latham of Palisade CO, passed away on September 11, 2020, at the Ferris Hospice

Care Center in Grand Junction, CO. He was 94.

Leroy was born on January 18, 1926, in California. He spent his childhood in De Beque, Colorado on his parents' ranch (Opal and Ross Latham). He graduated from De Beque High School and later joined the United States Marine Corps. He was a WWII veteran.

Leroy married Pauline Prather and they later divorced. He married Darlene Finneman on March 2, 1968. She preceded him in death on October 17, 2009 in Yuma, Arizona.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and enjoyed fishing, ATV riding, traveling, and spending time with his family.

Leroy leaves behind two children: son, Coe Latham, and daughter, Kim Latham, both of De Beque, Colorado. He also leaves behind ten grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and his special companion of six years, Jo-Anne Highbanks, to cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by sons, Pete and Blake Latham, and grandsons, Josh and Sean Latham.

A visitation was held Friday, September 18, 2020, from 9 - 10:00 a.m., at Martin Mortuary, followed by a funeral service at 10:00 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mike and Kay Ferris Care Center, 3090B North 12th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

Powderhorn Opening Day Set for November 27th, 2020

*A letter from General Manager
Ryan Schramm at Powderhorn
Mountain Resort*

As someone who has long been committed to an active outdoor lifestyle, particularly as a skier, I can honestly say there has never been a time when I anticipated the arrival of ski season more than this year. The magic of winter - snow silently falling, the sharp bite of winter on the face and the excitement of linking turns on every unique run are always special. This year it's safe to say "special" could be expanded to include therapeutic. In a sense, we need this ski season for our emotional and physical wellbeing as much as for our enjoyment. We believe recreation is one of the essential food groups - now more than ever.

I want to share Powderhorn Mountain Resort's plans for the upcoming ski season. There has been so much uncertainty since the COVID 19 pandemic first upended our lives. Among the many lessons learned are the importance of clear and consistent communication, the setting of realistic expectations, and the need for tolerance for unexpected changes.

The embrace of all these lessons is going to be critical to a successful ski season, as is the recognition we're all in this together. A collective effort must be part of the foundation for success as we strive to balance the safety of our guests, employees and the local communities in which we operate our business.

In addition to following all CDC and local regulations, Powderhorn Mountain Resort will require face coverings, will make the necessary changes to allow for physical distancing, and will closely monitor employee health including requiring employees to stay home if they are sick. Similarly, we encourage guests to not visit if they are not feeling well or have any symptoms of COVID 19. We will implement additional precautions related to ski school, rental equip-

ment, food and beverage, and hospitality as further outlined below.

Powderhorn plans to open for the winter season on November 27th. As always, this depends on the weather, but our summer work prioritized the installation of the new snowmaking system on Bill's Run and our hope is for an on-time opening.

As you know, capacity restrictions have been one of the tools used to manage the spread of the novel coronavirus. Skiing and riding at Powderhorn takes place on over 1600 acres ensuring the opportunity to safely recreate. Nevertheless, we will adhere to any limitations imposed by State and local authorities. To what extent we might be required to limit on-mountain capacities is still unknown, however, we are confident any restrictions will be on a limited number of days and all guests will have access on the vast majority of days.

Season pass holders will be our highest priority in managing any on-mountain capacity restrictions. **It is our intention to allow pass holders to ski any day the resort is open without reservations or other exceptional requirements.** Our primary means to control capacity will be done by limiting the sale of daily lift tickets.

It is possible we may need to control the number of skiers, including pass holders, in the event there is limited terrain open. In such case, Powderhorn will implement an online advance reservation system and requirements for reservations will be communicated on the website, via email, and on the resort app. Pass holders are strongly encouraged to download the resort app and enable push notifications. This will be the quickest and most certain way to stay abreast of changes of any kind.

Face coverings will be required to access the mountain, including in the base area, in lift lines and while loading, unloading and riding on chairlifts. Face coverings will be

required in every part of our operation including inside all buildings and during all ski and snowboard lessons. We are asking everyone to support these necessary changes and cooperate with resort workers who are in the challenging role of ensuring everyone's safety. Guests who don't comply with the guidelines will be asked to leave.

We will do everything possible and practical to allow for physical distancing throughout the resort to help ensure a safe experience. First and foremost, we will manage the number of people on the mountain. Additionally, we will load lifts maintaining social distancing guidelines applicable to each individual lift configuration. We will also manage the number of people entering buildings including base lodges and restaurants in accordance with local guidelines. Currently, the maximum number of people allowed indoors in a gathering space is 50% of normal capacity. This number may change between now and the beginning of ski season or even during the season. We are working to expand areas to comfortably accommodate guests while maintaining distancing requirements and revising menus and service levels that strike a balance between safety, forced capacity limits, and reasonable hospitality. Some of the "new norms" we all have embraced over the summer - online ordering, take-out, grab-and-go and outdoor dining - will be in place for the winter.

Ski school is an important part of every mountain operation because it introduces people to the sport and helps them improve so the sport is more enjoyable. Our teaching professionals are always committed to safety and enjoyment while learning, and this season that will be highlighted more than ever. Ski and snowboard school formats will be

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Plateau Valley Residents Participate in Democracy by Meeting Candidates and Signing Petitions

On Saturday, October 3rd, Republican candidates for the western slope gathered at the Collbran Cafe to hear from voters. Small towns often feel left out during elections, wondering if their representatives even remember their existence. As the 2020 Election enters the last 30 days, many candidates are traveling all over, making those last minute stops to hear from voters and these four candidates decided Plateau Valley was an important stop on that trail.

Saturday also provided residents the opportunity to sign a petition to recall Governor Polis. Those signing the petition voiced frustrations regarding the Governor's decisions in the last ten months including the possible introduction of wolves, oil and gas restrictions after the general election in 2019 voted down the similar regulations, and the popular

vote proposition on this year's ballot. Many also voiced concerns for businesses in the coming months.

Kogen Yamamoto was visiting Collbran for the weekend. He is currently studying Agricultural Economics and plans to return to Japan to help

his family raise rice and tomatoes. He was thrilled to meet candidates, ask questions, and learn that citizens have the right to recall a sitting governor.

So whether a voter is a Republican or a Democrat, signs a petition or supports the Governor, PV resi-

dents can be happy the freedom to gather, discuss, and challenge ideas is possible. At the end of the day, that is what really matters.

"I got to see freedom and democracy in action!"

- Kogen Yamamoto, international student from Japan studying Agricultural Economics at Northeastern Junior College



Cody Davis, Candidate County Commissioner; Matt Soper, Candidate House District 54; Brandon Melnikoff of Collbran, Kogen Yamamoto, international student from Japan, Janet Rowland, Candidate County Commissioner, Janice Rich, Candidate House District 55, Kris Melnikoff of Collbran, Lisa, Clint, Dani, and Hannah Moore of Molina

Powderhorn Opening Day Continued from pg 10

revised to accommodate either small groups or individual self-paced learning options. Children's on-snow programs will be the subject of particular emphasis with small class sizes and minimal exposure to larger group settings. Advance reservations will be required for all lessons and programs.

Equipment rental will be available exclusively online with advance reservations. Pick up and drop off of equipment may be modified to accommodate social distancing and to limit the number of people in confined spaces.

There is no avoiding the fact that navigating your way around the resort will be different this winter. Compared to the alternative of no ski season, I hope you'll agree the changes are manageable and worth any inconvenience.

Powderhorn.com will be updated regularly with the latest info on restrictions and other important

information. The resort app, available for both **iOS or Android**, will be one of the best ways to stay informed through notifications and current status updates.

Advance planning and online advance purchases will be more important than ever. Most products will only be available online in advance. Knowing what to expect when you arrive will go a long way toward minimizing confusion and frustration.

Finally, for those who purchased a season pass for this year but are still uncertain about their preferences this winter, please remember there is the option to defer the use of that pass until next season:

Anyone who buys a Mission: Affordable season pass for the 2020/2021 season can choose to request to defer the use of the pass until the 2021/2022 season.

The request must be made by sending an email to

ski@powderhorn.com stating the request between October 1st and November 25th, 2020, and the request must include the pass holder name.

This is not an offer of a cash refund or any other credit offer and only applies to the one-time deferral of a 2020/2021 season pass in exchange for a 2021/2022 season pass.

The pass will be moved to the 2021/2022 winter season at no charge, regardless of a season pass price increase.

As you can see, we are planning lots of changes with the objective of making us all safer and more comfortable this ski season. While some of the changes will be a little inconvenient, we think it is a small price to accept for safety and the opportunity to have a great season on the slopes. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
Ryan Schramm



October 31, 2020

5pm-9pm

Main St. Collbran



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- Hang out with friends
- Don't forget to bring your candy to hand out to the kids





THE 2020 COLLBRAN CLEAN-UP & TOWN PICNIC

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Thursday, October 22nd
8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Collbran, CO

Collbran residents are invited to drop off summer yard and trash items at Terrell Park on Thursday, October 22nd.



**COLORADO
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**Meet and Greet with
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**Community Picnic
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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For additional information, please contact:

Melonie Matarozzo, Town of Collbran - 970 487 3751

Plateau Valley Historical Preservation Society

Harvest Time and Ranch Life in the Valley

This image features a family showing off their harvest. It may have been taken at the Harris Ranch. Many orchards were planted in anticipation of the Colorado Midland Railroad being constructed through Plateau Valley. Although the railroad did not materialize, apple orchards flourished. Varieties grown in the Valley included Gano, and Ben Davis. Jonathon, Strawberry, and Wolff River.

(Julia Harris collection of Western Colorado, Lloyd files research library.)



Crossword Puzzle

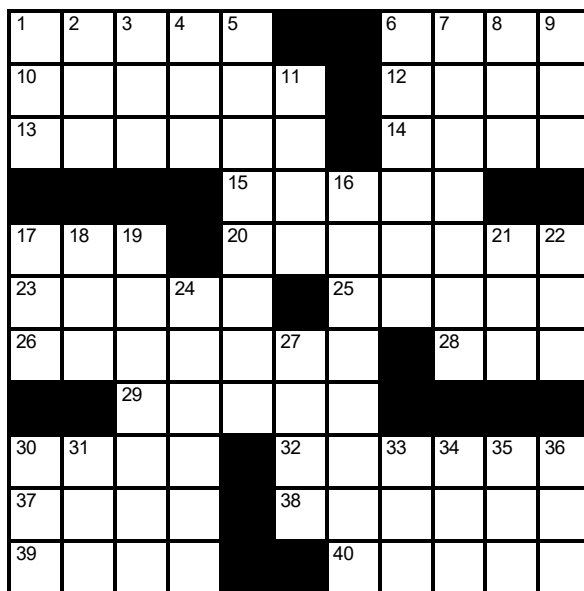
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Across

- 1 "I'll eat --- if I'm wrong!"
- 6 "Shane" star Alan ---
- 10 Eccentric old fellow
- 12 Type of race car
- 13 Cloak mental confusion
- 14 Franklin flew one in a storm
- 15 Alleviates
- 17 Big Blue
- 20 Rely on
- 23 Drain by percolation
- 25 Commodious
- 26 Food company in Battle Creek, MI
- 28 Panthers and Rams group
- 29 Ocean capsized this small boat
- 30 Hammer god
- 32 Reply to "Have a good day!"
- 37 After stating your intentions, --- the ---
- 38 Oil-rich former Portuguese African colony
- 39 "I guess the joke's --"
- 40 Dumps

Down

- 1 Studio with lion logo
- 2 Assenting vote
- 3 Coop layer
- 4 Antiviral drug



- 5 Marathon TV program
- 6 In this manner
- 7 "Mother's Day" actress Jennifer ---
- 8 One of Rachel Carson's targets, now banned
- 9 Coloring material
- 11 Raise
- 16 "Go get him ---!" (Shakespeare, Macbeth)
- 17 Class
- 18 Social gathering
- 19 --- X, assassinated
- 21 Global financial body
- 22 Largest US city
- 24 "2001: A Space Odyssey" author
- 27 Painter of "La Maja Vestida"
- 30 Snake eyes
- 31 Chinese dynasty at the time of Christ
- 33 "Gross!"
- 34 End of a golf club
- 35 Former
- 36 Western Hemisphere political forum

Picture Answer

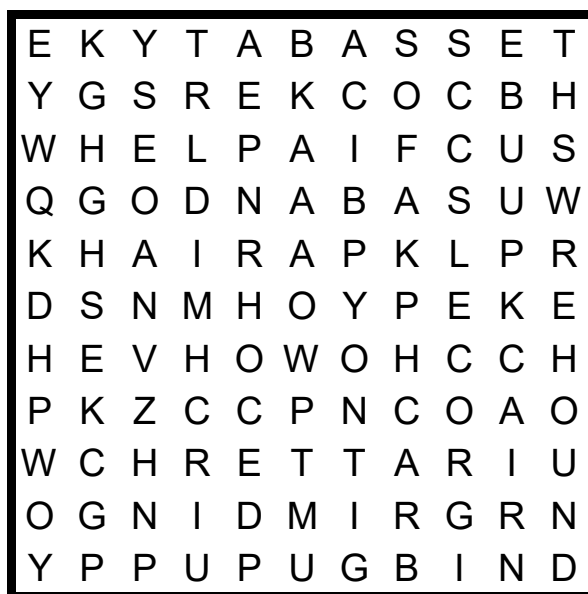
Did you figure out the picture from the September 25th issue? It's the new mural found on Main Street Liquor's store.



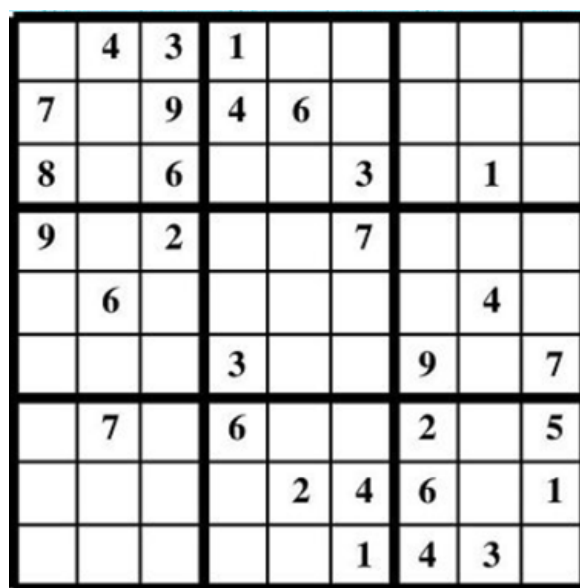
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Word Search: Dogs

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| Bandog | Laika |
| Basset | Pariah |
| Bitch | Peke |
| Brach | Pom |
| Cairn | Pooch |
| Canine | Pug |
| Chow | Puppy |
| Cocker | Ratter |
| Corgi | Tyke |
| Cur | Whelp |
| Dhole | |
| Dingo | |
| Hound | |
| Husky | |



Sudoku - Hard 2.1



Answers: Pg 16

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Community Events Calendar

October:

Oct 9: Friday School: 8am-11am @ PVS

Oct 10-14: Hunting Season 1

Oct 15: End of Quarter

Oct 22: Collbran Clean Up: 8-130pm @ Terrell Park

Community Picnic: 11-1:30pm @ Terrell Park

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 18-22: Hunting Season 4

Nov 23-27: No School: Thanksgiving Break

Nov 26: Thanksgiving

Nov 27: Opening Day at Powderhorn Ski Resort

PV Times Issue Schedule

Next Issue:
October 30

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2nd & 4th Friday

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1st & 3rd Friday

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October 23

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3:00pm

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Key:

Bldg. B: Collbran Bldg. 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

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

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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 Offices 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.
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Community Celebrations

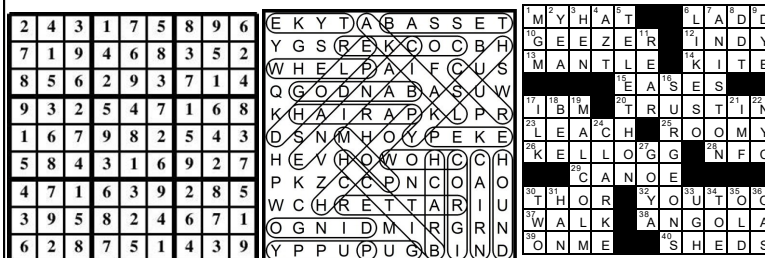
♥
Jackson Lee Gross was born 9/10/2020 at 4:18am to Courtney and Justin Gross of Mesa. He weighed 7lbs 8oz and was 20 inches long. "We want to send a BIG thank you to his Gigi and Papa (Gina and Les Gross of Mesa) for keeping his big sister safe and entertained for five days while we welcomed Jackson into the world. We would also like to send an enormous thank you to the St. Mary's NICU and Pediatric Unit doctors and nurses for making sure that our little guy was healthy enough to come home."



♥
Kaisley Hayze Bagett was born October 2, 2020 to big brother Walker and parents McKayla and Tanner Bagett of Mesa, CO. She came into the world at 1:09 am weighing 6lbs 8oz and measuring 18.5 inches long.

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Wolves Deserve Better

By Bonnie Brown,
Executive Director of the Colorado
Woolgrowers Association

Wolves are magnificent animals, and have a place in nature, but the real question is, “Is it our place to interfere with their natural migration to Colorado or should we impose human desires onto nature by forcing them into Colorado?” Multiple times, state wildlife experts including Colorado Parks & Wildlife, along with scientists, conservationists, farmers and ranchers, and other stakeholders, have decided that wolves should not be forced into Colorado, but should be allowed to migrate here naturally.

Sanitizing the role of this apex predator does wolves a great injustice and sets them on a collision course of inevitable conflict in a settled landscape.

Stunning photos of wolves adorn calendars, coffee cups and T-shirts belying the predatory nature of wolves; and instead, portraying a more idyllic (dare I say, fantasy?) notion of wolves. I wonder if the general public would be so enamored with wolves if they had to live with the reality.

Wolves are a cunning, top-of-the-food chain predator that deserve serious respect and consideration. A single wolf eats an estimated 16-22 elk per year. Pack hunting by wolves is a force multiplier that enables wolves to take down larger prey like full grown bison, bull moose, beef cattle and horses. For example, last year, wolves attacked a draft horse in Wisconsin and the mare had to be put down because of her injuries. Highly territorial, wolves perceive domestic dogs as threats and will kill them, which can leave dog owners devastated and reeling from the horrific loss of a beloved pet. Wolf attacks on dogs have been documented in all nearby states with wolf populations: Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, as well as Washington, Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Alaska.

A few simple truths... Where wolf packs are present, elk, moose and deer populations decline due to

predation and relocation. Relocation of prey species (fleeing the presence of wolves) brings its own suite of unintended consequences, not to mention immense stress on those animals. Of particular concern is the spread of chronic wasting disease when wolves change distribution patterns of infected wildlife and also serve as a vector to spread dangerous pathogens. In states with established wolf populations, deer and elk seek a protected haven on farm and ranch land which increases the risk of Lyme disease and hydatid (gray wolf) disease which are human health concerns.

Trophic cascade and the myth of the balanced ecosystem... While it is true that wolves can help reduce an overabundance of prey animals, the “balance” this brings to the ecosystem is but a fleeting moment before the pendulum swings the other way and wolves decimate their prey base.

Wolves are highly adaptable, and very successful at expanding their territory. Following the 1995-1996 release of 66 wolves in the northern Rockies, the wolf population quickly grew to over 1,700 wolves by 2015; and there are now likely more than 2,000 wolves roaming the Rockies, including Colorado.

Colorado has already made its choice about wolves — they do not belong here. With fragmented habitat and skyrocketing growth, there isn’t enough habitat to avoid conflicts and support an artificial population created by a forced release of non-native wolves. Colorado’s population of 5.7 million people is projected to reach 8.1 million by 2050. Ours is a very crowded state that aggressively promotes tourism and outdoor recreation, increasing our population with millions of visitors every year. Approximately one half of Colorado’s 66 million acres is privately owned farms and ranches; and according to the Colorado State Forest Service, “Approximately 186,000 landowners control 30% or 7.1 million acres of the state’s forested landscape.” Wolves require a vast range of unoccupied habitat, do not recognize property boundaries, and do not stay confined to public lands. This has been clearly demonstrated in other states, and as our state wildlife managers know, big

game herds (prey species for wolves) do not stay in the high elevation, national forests all year. They migrate down to lower elevation, more highly populated areas during the winter.

With an estimated price tag of \$6 million, and no concrete plans to fund long-term management, why are voters being asked to approve the release of non-native wolves when we already have wolves colonizing our state?

It’s time to Rethink Wolves. Colorado continues to have more verified sightings of wolves, as wolves naturally expand their range from the north and pioneer the limited habitat available in Colorado. Colorado Parks & Wildlife is internationally respected for its successful wildlife management practices. Leave wildlife management in the hands of the experts.

Wolves deserve better than being forcibly relocated and thrust into a crowded and complex environment that assures inevitable conflict. Let natural migration unfold, and in November, vote NO on the forced release of captured wolves. Vote NO for Colorado. Vote NO for the wolves.

Bonnie Brown is a Western Slope native that enjoys hiking and riding her horses in the Grand Mesa, Gunnison and Uncompahgre National Forests. She is the Executive Director for the Colorado Wool Growers Association and volunteers for Coloradans Protecting Wildlife.

Visit RethinkWolves.com for more information.

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Industry articles

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Next Meeting:

Oct 27 @ 6pm

New Members always welcome!

Meet the new Plateau Valley Officer Team for 2020-2021

Submitted by: Emily Bailey



In order from left to right; Jeweli Wiltse: Historian, Emily Bailey: Reporter, Caley Shiflett: Treasurer, Madison Dole: Secretary, Jack Shepardson: Vice President, Calla Dennison: President, Wesley Shiflett: Sentinel

The 2020-2021 Plateau Valley Officer Team went through an application and interview process this fall for elections. The chapter made the decision earlier in the year to wait until in-person interviews could be held. Despite the late start, the newly-elected team is now working on setting goals for the year and promoting agriculture in the school and community. Jeweli Wiltse, a Junior, and the Historian; is on the Food Science team and is planning on attending college after high school. Emily Bailey, a Senior, and the Reporter; is on the Vet Science team and is planning on going to Adams State University for a Bachelor's in Nursing after High School. Caley Shiflett, a Sophomore, and the Treasurer; is on the Ag Sales team, and is planning on going to college after high school. Madison Dole, a Senior, and the Secretary; is on the Vet Science team, and is planning on going to Fort Lewis College to study English. Jack Shepardson, a Senior, and the Vice President; is on the Ag Mechanics team and is planning on going to Sheridan Community College to become a Diesel Technician. Calla Dennison, a Senior, and the President; is on the Vet Science team and is planning on going to the University of Wyoming for Bachelor's in Nursing after High School. Wesley Shiflett, a Senior, and the Sentinel; is on the Ag Mechanics team, and is planning on going to Colorado Mesa University for a bachelors in Mechanical Engineering. Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Plateau Valley Officer Team.

Plateau Valley Alumni Earns American Degree

Submitted by: Emily Bailey

Brandon Melnikoff is a former Plateau Valley FFA Chapter President and Colorado State FFA Treasurer. At the virtual National Convention in October



2020, he will be awarded the highest degree available in the FFA organization, the American Degree. According to the National FFA website "The American FFA Degree shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association. It demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career. American FFA Degree recipients show promise for the future and have gone above and beyond to achieve excellence."

In order to receive the American Degree FFA members must document in their record book \$7,500 worth of work, 50 hours of community service, 10 activities above the chapter level, and have continued on in the agriculture industry after high school.

Congratulations to Brandon Melnikoff for all of his hard work and achievements!

Every Wednesday from 4:25-6pm
at Molina Baptist Church.

Ages 3-18 welcome

Transportation provided upon request.



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**Hours: 9am-6pm Tues/Thurs/Fri
9am-1pm Saturday**

Reserve your books and pick them up curbside.

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Story Hour has resumed in person.
Please reserve your spot in advance.

Fridays @ 1030am

Be Kind, Be Safe, and See you soon!



Apple and Pumpkin Sales to benefit Plateau Valley FFA Chapter

We are selling tasty golden delicious apples and apple cider from Triple M Orchards of Olathe, Colorado.

The pumpkins have been raised by Plateau Valley FFA members in the educational land lab. Several sizes and varieties are available.

18 lb. box of Golden Delicious Apples: \$20

9 lb. box of Golden Delicious Apples: \$10

Apple Cider (5 liters, flash pasturized): \$18

Small pumpkins: \$3

Medium pumpkins: \$5

Large pumpkins: \$7

X-Large pumpkins: \$10

White pumpkins (All medium): \$7

Mini's & Gourds: \$1



Orders taken October 1-7, 2020. Orders are available for pick up on Oct. 8, 12, 13, 14, 15 at Plateau Valley School's Harvest Days. (4:30 - 7:30 p.m.) or will be delivered by an FFA member. The pumpkin patch will be open Oct. 8, 12, 13, 14, 15 for pumpkin picking as well.

Orders may be made through any Plateau Valley FFA member or Chapter Advisor, Ruth Shepardson, 970-250-4534, rshepardson@pvsd50.org. Text and email orders are OK.

Plateau Valley FFA Harvest Days

**October 8, 12, 13, 14, 15
4:30 – 7:30 p.m. each day**

***At the FFA Pumpkin Patch
(Agricultural Land Lab next to soccer field)***

PV Students and Community are welcome to come by at your convenience and celebrate fall.

Wander the pumpkin patch to pick your own pumpkin.

Little kids can enjoy the hay bale maze & scavenger hunt and a few games set up (COVID-19 safe)

Apples and apple cider from Triple M Orchard will also be available for sale.

We prefer students come with their families, not alone.

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