

Pub Aux 2nd Quarter Photo Contest



A tactical team from the Minot Police Department disembarks from an armored personnel carrier in northwest Crosby on Tuesday morning.

BRAD NYGAARD | CROSBY JOURNAL, CROSBY, ND

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TONY KUKULICH | THE BRENTWOOD PRESS, BRENTWOOD, CA

ConFire firefighters arrive at the scene of a structure fire in Antioch, CA, on Saturday, March 04, 2017. The fire that was characterized as suspicious by a ConFire spokesman destroyed a large shed on an East 18th Street lot.
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BOBBY GUTIERREZ | THE RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES

A stunning fireworks display downtown wrapped up the ninth annual Parade of Lights.

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DAN PARKER | SOUTH JETTY, PORT ARANSAS, TX

Jason Atwater, left, and Kelly Henson, right, help Heather Miller to shore moments after she nearly drowned at the beach in Port Aransas, Texas, on Sunday, Jan. 22. Atwater is a patrol officer II, and Henson is a senior officer with the Port Aransas Police Department. Miller, 52, is a Port Aransas resident. In an interview later, Miller said she was paddling around near shore on her paddle board, and high winds steadily blew her away from the beach until she was further out than she wanted to be — about 300 yards from shore. She then tried to swim back and became exhausted while still in deep water. On shore, her boyfriend called police. Immediately after arriving on the scene, Atwater waded out, feeding a long rope to Henson as Henson swam further out to Miller. The rope had a flotation device on the end. After Henson got the device to Miller, he and Atwater both helped the woman back to shore with the rope. Miller later said she believes she would have died if the officers hadn't rescued her.
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NIKI TURNER | THE RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES

The Rio Blanco Herald Times would like to take this opportunity to thank all our veterans for your service to our country.

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CAITLIN WALKER | RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES

There was much speculation around town as to what Jeff and Nancy Madison's cottonwood stump was going to be. Some said a fairy house, some said a sculpture, some (myself included) didn't notice the stump at all. Jeff had originally planned for the dead tree (cut to about 6 feet tall) to be carved into a bear, but while on vacation in the Midwest, he and Nancy happened upon a Little Free Library. They fell in love with the idea, and over the course of a few weeks, Jeff transformed the stump into the Treehouse Little Free Library. It is the 42,799th Little Free Library in the world, but the only one in Rio Blanco County. Jeff said they've already had a double turnover of books and have received plenty of donated material to keep the selection fresh. The Little Free Library nonprofit organization seeks to "promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide." Go to littlefreelibrary.org to find out more about the organization and don't forget to stop by the Treehouse Little Free Library at Sixth and Garfield to find your next great read.

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**Aiden Eriksmoen of the Crosby Comets scores during a game against the Watford City Oilers on Saturday in Crosby. Crosby won the game 8-3.
(SPORTS)**



KATIE LOCKWOOD (YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHER) | RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES

The Meeker Mustangs played their only home game of the season Saturday. A blustery fall day was enjoyed by players and fans alike at Starbuck Stadium. The junior Mustangs (third/fourth grade) came away with a hard fought 7-6 win over a tough team from Parachute. Coaches attributed the win to dedication to basics and good old fashioned hard work. They now stand proud with a record of 2-1. The senior Mustangs (fifth/sixth grade) did not fare quite as well. A tough undefeated Rifle team showed up and left the Meeker squad with an overall record of 1-2. Practice this week should prove to be grueling as coaches want these young men to be prepared next week. Please plan to attend the games next Saturday at Parachute—Grand Valley High School. Juniors will battle New Castle at 10 a.m. Senior Mustangs will be playing Coal Ridge at 2 p.m. Coaches and players welcome you to show up and view a fine display of sportsmanship.

(SPORTS)



MARK K. CAMPBELL | AZLE NEWS

Lady Hornet Brooke Phillips stretches to steal a ball from a visiting Northwest Lady Texan. Before the game, Azle players honored varsity coach Mitzi Marquart for her 500th victory.

(SPORTS)



TONY KUKULICH | THE BRENTWOOD PRESS, BRENTWOOD, CA

Liberty goalie, Elle Ray (#0) makes a critical save late in the NCS Girls' Soccer Winter Soccer Championships finals match to secure Liberty's 3-2 victory over Cardonelet in Dublin, CA on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Cardonelet led 1 - 0 at the half, but Liberty came back with three goals in the second half to claim the NCS title.

(SPORTS)



MEGAN PARKER, EDITOR | THE CLAY CITY TIMES, CLAY CITY, KY

Powell County Pirate Hunter Bloom (#24) shoots from the side as fellow team members and fans look on during last Friday evenings game against Estill County. Powell fell to Estill 70-69. (SPORTS)



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Meeker High School wrestlers brought home multiple state titles from the 2016 Colorado State Wrestling Championships, including their first-ever four-time state champion, senior T.J. Shelton. Shelton is the state's 19th four-time champ. In addition, the team brought home the 2A team championship and coach J.C. Watt was named Coach of the Year. (SPORTS)



BRAD NYGAARD | THE CROSBY JOURNAL, CROSBY, ND

**Aubrey Nygaard, who is autistic; enjoys the sensation of being underwater in the St. Luke's Medical Center therapy pool.
(FEATURE)**



NATALIE BRANDT | CHAMBERLAIN/OACOMA SUN NEWSPAPER, CHAMBERLAIN, SD.

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a Bald Eagle. Spotted on Fri., Dec., 16 a Bald Eagle feasting on an Canada goose at the American Creek Marina.

(FEATURE)



TONY KUKULICH | THE BRENTWOOD PRESS, BRENTWOOD, CA

**This flooded orchard off Byron Highway in Byron withstood the recent downpour of storms throughout East County, faring better than other farmlands and low spots in the area.
(FEATURE)**



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This is a panoramic view of Meeker's Range Call Parade, held Monday morning along Main Street in the downtown area. The parade ran from 7th Street to 4th Street, and this photo, taken using an iPhone, views the entire length of the parade route. One can see the beginning of the parade lineup at the far right nearing the end of the route, all the way to the end of the lineup at the far left. In between, the intersection of 7th and Main streets, and all of the vendors, booths, games and crowd lined up in front of the Rio Blanco County Courthouse. Crowds lined both streets to enjoy the spectacle, which featured a record number of entries this year.

(FEATURE)



Snow falls on a blooming Cherry Blossom tree in downtown Hyattsville on March 14.

(FEATURE)

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