

RIO BLANCO COUNTY PIONEERS ASSOCIATION

2023 111TH ANNUAL REUNION DINNER AND DANCE

“Country Barn Dance”

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

FREEMAN FAIRFIELD CENTER

200 MAIN STREET, MEEKER, CORNER OF 3RD AND MAIN ST.

DEAR FRIENDS:



The RBCPioneers Association Officers and Committee are pleased to invite you to the “Next Generation” return of the 2023 111th Anniversary Reunion Dinner and Dance on June 3. You are invited to join this great traditional celebration for our Rio Blanco County 21st Century Pioneers and friends!

Held annually since 1912, the RBCPA steering committee and officers have held multiple discussions on making the event more welcoming, appealing and open to all Rio Blanco County community members.

- **To that end, the Committee voted to remove the original bylaw membership requirement for minimum age of 30 and the residency requirement or school attendance requirement. Consequently all are welcome to register to participate.**
- **The committee is particularly interested in welcoming younger community members to sustain this 111 year-old traditional annual gathering, RBCPA was created originally to honor notable pioneer family members who contributed to the early development of Meeker, Rangely and Rio Blanco County.**

There are still many current multi-generational descendants of original Rio Blanco County pioneers whose families can be traced back to the original pioneer families who settled the area and founded the communities since 1885.

The Town of Meeker was the 45th Community chartered in 1885 by the State of Colorado, which is longer than many other communities throughout Colorado. The committee is seeking to recognize the 21st Century Pioneers who exemplify the original “Spirit of the Pioneers” in their servant leadership and community service endeavors on behalf of the youth and adults of our County.

- **RBCPA has created the “Spirit of the Pioneers Award” annually presented to deserving community members since 2017 and nominations are welcomed. Please download a nomination form on the website to honor worthy candidates. Nominations are due not later than May 12, 2023.**
- **Join friends and family for an evening of great entertainment, an excellent dinner, remembering good times and dancing to an outstanding live band!**

PLEASE NOTE:

- **CLASS AND FAMILY REUNIONS ARE ENCOURAGED.**
- **LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TABLES RESERVED FOR YOUR GROUP.**
- **BE SURE TO PARTICIPATE IN "CAPTURING OUR CULTURE" ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS WITH YOUR GROUP TO ARCHIVE YOUR MEMORIES ON DIGITAL VIDEO FILES: CONTACT RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT: 970 878-9822 EDRBCHISTORY@GMAIL.COM**
- **PLEASE USE THE INVITATION/REGISTRATION FORM PROVIDED, TO REGISTER AND PAY: PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR RBC PIONEERS ASSOCIATION:**
- **[HTTP://RBCPIONEERS.ORG](http://RBCPIONEERS.ORG)**
- **YOU MAY REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE THROUGH **EVENTBRITE****

OR:

- **DOWNLOAD, PRINT AND COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK FOR **\$40 PER PERSON PAYABLE TO RBCPIONEERS** [NO CASH PLEASE].**
- **INVITATION FORMS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE IN THE RB HERALD TIMES, THE MEEKER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHITE RIVER MUSEUM, AND ON FACEBOOK. A MAILING WILL BE SENT TO PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS. AND PLEASE SHARE ON YOUR FACEBOOK AND EMAIL PAGE.**
- **PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE OF MAY19TH OUR CATERER REQUIRES A WEEK'S ADVANCED NOTICE TO ORDER AND PREPARE SUFFICIENT FOOD FOR THE EVENT.**
- **WE WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL NAMES OF POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS WITH ADDRESS UPDATES THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE TO US!**
- **YOU ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT ANY OF THE OFFICERS LISTED ON THE REGISTRATION, AND WE WILL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO YOU.**
- **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

E MAIL: RBCPIONEERS@GMAIL.COM

WEBSITE: [HTTP://RBCPIONEERS.ORG](http://RBCPIONEERS.ORG)

PRESIDENT: JONNY MURRAY 970 942-3303 RBCPIONEERS@GMAIL.COM

VICE PRESIDENT: DAROLD NAY 970 878-5836, 970 878-4679, 970 878-0616

TREASURER: SABINE MURRAY 970 942-3303

SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR: KIM BROWN 970 321-2222 KBROWN@YAMPAVALLEYBANK.COM

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
AT RBC PIONEERS ASSOCIATION ON JUNE 3RD**

Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association
111 th Anniversary
Dinner and Dance
Theme: Country Barn Dance
Saturday, June 3 rd, 2023
Freeman Fairfield Center
200 Main Street, Meeker, Corner of 3rd and Main Street

You are invited... PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Everyone and their significant other and guests that have ties to Rio Blanco County, meaning there is no age limit, no requirement to currently reside in the county.

Please use the registration form, on the back, to RSVP and/or update your information. This invitation will be available in the *Herald Times* and posted on the website: rbcpioneers.org.

If you choose the website for online registration, you can register and pay via EventBrite from the website. (rbcpioneers.org).

OR: download and print a form.

If you choose to mail: RBC Pioneers association, PO Box 1113, Meeker Colorado 81641. Mail the form and enclose a check payable to RBC Pioneers [no cash please]..

You can also contact an officer to register in advance and then to pay at the door on the day of the event. ***Please observe the May 19th Deadline to Make a Reservation***

We will be grateful for all address and email updates that you can send us. This helps us to maintain the most current mailing list.



REGISTRATION FORM AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

Doors Open at 4 pm

Registration and check-in

Events

- **“Capturing Our Culture,” share oral histories**
The Rio Blanco County Historical Society will record your session
Contact ed@rbchistory.org or call 970 878-9982 to schedule your time
- **Social Hour 5 pm [lobby, refreshments, cash bar by Lions Club]**
- **Brief business meeting 6:30 pm**
- **“Spirit of the Pioneers Award” presentation**
- **Recognition of MHS classes of 1956 and 1957 and family reunions**
- **Dinner begins 7 pm**
- **Dancing, after dinner and when floor is cleared (8pm ish)**

Officers:

Jonny Murray, President (970) 942-3303, rbcpioneers@gmail.com

Darold Nay, Vice President (970) 878-0616, (970) 878-4679

Sabine Murray, Treasurer (970) 942-3303

Kim Brown, Secretary (970) 321-2222

Please Register before May 19th 2023; Cost \$40.00 per person

You may register online: www.rbcpioneers.org and click the “register online” link to register on EventBrite.

OR:

You can print the registration form online by clicking the
“Printable Registration Form PDF” link

Registration forms will also be in the Rio Blanco Herald Times, pick up a form at the Chamber of Commerce or contact an officer above for a form

If you wish to mail, please enclose a **\$40.00 per person** check to RBC Pioneers Association and mail to PO Box 1113, Meeker, CO 81641 along with this form.

If you are unable to attend the event, a \$5 fee sent in with this form will keep you on the active mailing list.

Name[s] **Please Print Clearly. Name tags will be prepared from this registration.**

1. _____ Phone _____

2. _____ Phone _____

3. _____ Phone _____

4. _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

- ☐ I/We will be attending
- ☐ I/We will be attending as part of the (Year) _____ Class Reunion
- ☐ I/We will be attending as part of the _____ Family Reunion
- ☐ I/We will participate in the RBCHS **“Capturing Our Culture”** oral interview
- ☐ I/We will not be attending but please keep me on the mailing list [\$5 fee]
- ☐ Please remove me/us from the mailing list