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Lighting it up ...

From lights honoring the Denver Broncos to the more traditional Christmas trees, wreaths and stars, several Rangely residents also went all-out over the holidays to decorate their homes for the season. For a couple of examples, check out Page 8A.



Rangely: Completion of plans made for a good 2013

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RANGELY I With the exception of two isolated incidents in the second half of the year, Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius looks back on 2013 as a pretty good year for the town.

Brixius pointed to the early winter storm in October, which did some severe damage to local trees, closed some streets and caused a myriad of problems for residents and travelers, and the flooding at the town's effluent building on Dec. 7, caused by a burst pipe

that knocked out the entire system and had city workers trying to repair the system while the building was filled with raw sewage.

"These were really the only two blemishes on a pretty good year," he said. "We really can't control Mother Nature and her happenings, but what we could control and set out to do are things the town and its residents can be proud of."

Foremost on his list of 2013 successes was completion of Phase I and the start of Phase II of the Rangely Water Treatment Plant construction. The town invested \$1.9

million in the engineering and successful replacing of obsolete equipment and improving systems and infrastructure within the plant.

Phase II improvements have begun, and they will continue until early 2015, Brixius said.

He also pointed to the rebuilding of Cottonwood Street between Bell and Prospect, which was completed on time and on budget.

"This bit of infrastructure has improved the falling street surface, sidewalk, curb and gutter at a cost of \$81,000," he said. "The

street had been untouched in 45 years, and now the street is in great shape."

In addition, waterline was upgraded, the street was resurfaced and the drainage has been improved on the south side in the 600 and 700 blocks of East Rio Blanco, at a cost of \$91,000.

"The town continues to upgrade the water distribution system, and I'd estimate that 60 percent of the town has been improved," Brixius said. "Water line improvements will help to improve water quality reliability of service to the customer."

The town also received a \$55,000 grant through the county's Trust Fund Grant Program. It will be used to add fire suppression sprinklers and improved alarms to White River Village's 24-unit, low-income complex on the north end of White Avenue, Brixius said.

He also pointed to the \$1.325 million state Department of Local Affairs' Energy Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) grant to assist with the town's water treatment plant.

One million dollars of the EIAF grant

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Input sought by county for future trails

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Wagon Wheel Trail System, organized in 2011, was designed to provide increased opportunities for recreational activities throughout Rio Blanco County.

"Rio Blanco County embraces residents and visitors alike who enjoy outdoor and off-highway recreation adventures," said RBC Commissioner Jeff Eskelson.

In order to expand recreational opportunities, including off-highway vehicle recreation, snowmobiling, hiking and mountain biking activities, the county initiated the Wagon Wheel Trail System.

The system currently consists of approximately 250 miles of trails easily accessed from the Town of Meeker, with the focus of the master plan to extend connectivity throughout Rio Blanco County and Northwest Colorado while expanding the trail system to federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, further incorporating the western side of Rio Blanco County.

"Creating a master plan will allow us to develop a trail system that offers adventure with varying levels of difficulty and points of interests," Eskelson said.

On Jan. 8 and 9, the county will be hosting public meetings in Meeker and Rangely, respectively. The county invites the public, 4-wheel, OHV and motorized enthusiasts, businesses and recreation groups to attend these meetings and provide input for a future trail system network.

The Jan. 8 meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Center in Meeker; and the Jan. 9 meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Western Rio Blanco Recreation Center in Rangely.

The Wagon Wheel Master Plan will address several objectives:

- Collect information related to the existing routes and resources useful in trail planning in the county.

- Research examples of similar projects in the country in order to learn from their experience.

- Research potential economic benefits the Wagon Wheel Trail System may provide.

- Prepare a trails master plan, including guidelines and criteria for future trail development, to document a vision for a comprehensive trail network.

- Collaborate and comply with U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management guidelines.

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RENEE HARDEN PHOTOS

Members of Rangely Elks Lodge No. 1907 began preparing Christmas food boxes at 6:30 a.m. for distribution around Rangely on Dec. 22. Approximately a dozen helpers stuffed 75 gift boxes with food, candy and toys for families in and around Rangely and Dinosaur.

Elks Christmas in Rangely feeds 120 children and 70 families

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I More than 120 children and 70 families experienced the community's generosity this Christmas as Rangely Elks Lodge No. 1907 hosted its third annual Children's Christmas Party and distributed food boxes to dozens of local families.

Rangely Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Don Reed said that the Dec. 21 children's party, which featured crafts, Santa Claus, face painting and gifts, succeeded thanks to the giving spirit of Elks members and supporters.

"The town of Rangely supported the Elks in this," Reed said. "Their generosity was overwhelming. Even on the last day, the gifts for children poured in ... That's my favorite program out of the whole year that we do. To see the kids' faces was outstanding."

Approximately \$2,500 goes into hosting the children's party each year, Reed said. Although toy donation boxes at White River Market and Rangely True Value did not garner many donations, and this year's charity ball brought in less

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Mom Marisela Preciado and Elks member Cody Reed stand with Preciado's 7-year-old son, Xavier, whose name was drawn for one of the large prizes at the Elks Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 21. Between personal and business donations and the Elks Club's own contributions, approximately \$2,500 goes into hosting the party each year. The entire operation, including the food and gifts, costs about \$8,000.

Merchants in Meeker say holiday season was good to average

By SEAN McMAHON
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Part One of Two

MEEKER I It was a good to average Christmas season for several of the retail merchants in Meeker, most of them buoyed by Small Business Saturday, when nearly all reported a great increase in the amount of local traffic.

"I think most of our local shoppers this season made a committed effort to shop locally when they could," said Wendy Gutierrez, owner of Wendll's Wondrous Things. "I believe the people are really starting to see the importance of investing in the community's businesses; they are grateful for the businesses that are here and realize it takes a buy-in to keep those businesses here."

"We were a little busier this year, but I suspect we did about the same amount of business as last year," said Gary Dunham, owner of Meeker General Mercantile. "We had quite a few locals but also a good percentage of our business came from out of town."

"The locals who buy here year-round all bought here for the holidays," he said. "That is a good thing because they are at least shopping here by choice instead of leaving town to buy everything."

Chad Shepherd, owner of Shepherd's Office Outfitters, said that while the dollars the electronics/office

supply outlet brought in were slightly higher than in the past, "so was the inventory, so we had to make more sales to break even with last year."

"We were definitely hurt by a shopping season that was roughly eight days shorter than last year, and while it is good for the consumers, it is not good for the retail outlets that the gas prices are down," he said. "It makes it easier for folks to leave town to do their shopping."

"Thanksgiving coming late hurt us, we saw absolutely no business on Black Friday (the day after Thanksgiving, but we had great local support on Small Business Saturday," he said.

He also said he believes the opening of the new Family Dollar store on East Market Street "really hurt all businesses in town; people went in there because they were curious, and many of those folks did take advantage of the prices there."

Although all the business owners said they really haven't had the time to look closely at final figures to know how they did overall, Gary Stackner, owner of Samuelsons True Value Hardware and Lumber, said he felt the shopping this year was "disappointing."

"While I would guess were about the same as last year overall, I would safely say that it was slower than usual in that we sold no lumber to speak of and the tool sales were not very good," he said.

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SEAN McMAHON

Angie Arnold, owner of Meeker Video, was one of the businesses in Meeker that went all-out, decorating the front window for a holiday season many business owners said was "good to average"

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Slagle honored by DAR as good citizen

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RANGELY I The Mount Garfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Grand Junction will honor students from Northwest Colorado area high schools, including a Rangely girl, as DAR Good Citizens at a ceremony and reception Jan. 11 in Grand Junction.

The presentation will take place at 1 p.m. at the Whitman Education Center in Grand Junction.

The students selected by their schools are: Tessa Erin Slagle of Rangely High School, Larissa Marie Cox of Grand Junction High School, Grace Elizabeth Nelson of Fruita Monument High School, Phoebe Abigail Stoye of Palisade High School, Michael Christopher Smith of Caprock Academy and Shamron Janay Willison of Central High School.

Slagle, like the other students, participated in a scholarship competition, and the winner, whose essay will advance to the statewide competition, will be announced at the event.

The DAR Good Citizen Award is presented to high school seniors who demonstrate qualities of good citizenship — dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Each student is nominated by a process in each of their schools. Those who wish to participate in the scholarship program complete an application that includes a resume of school and community activities, a grade transcript and two letters of recommendation.

In addition, the students write a



Tessa Slagle

timed essay without reference materials or any other assistance. This year the essay title was "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It" with focus on "How does one's personal heritage affect one's duties to our nation?"

Five students completed the scholarship application process this year.

The scholarship applications were judged by three Grand Junction citizens: Dr. Peter M. Booth, Mr. Ken Henry, and Ms. Deana Znamenacek.

The winner will be presented with a \$250 prize to be presented by the Mount Garfield Chapter of the DAR, which will be forwarded to the Colorado state contest.

What you should do if you suspect a case of child abuse

By GINNY GRIMSLEY
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RBC I The news reports are as shocking as they are relentless:

An Army sergeant in Maryland charged with first-degree child abuse, accused of starving, beating and burning her 4-year-old stepdaughter.

A North Carolina Child Protective Services supervisor and her husband, a nurse, arrested after their 11-year-old foster son is found handcuffed to a porch railing with a dead chicken tied around his neck.

Three malnourished sisters in Arizona, ages 12, 13 and 17, kept locked in their bedrooms for up to two years. Neighbors reported they sometimes heard children's voices at the house at night, but never saw anyone during the day.

"These are just a few of the most recent stories you'll find about child abuse around the country," says Rayne Golay, a mental health counselor, children's advocate, and award-winning author of a newly published novel, "The Wooden Chair," which she hopes will prompt witnesses to speak up about suspected abuse and neglect.

"These cases remind us that child abusers can look like upstanding members of society," she said. "They can be your very nice neighbor, a trusted professional, the guy at the grocery store."

In the case of the Army sergeant, Golay notes that an observant schoolteacher spoke up about her concerns, which led to the arrest of the child's stepmother. The three sisters in Arizona, however, were not discovered until the two youngest girls escaped after their stepfather kicked in their bedroom door and threatened them with a knife.

"Neighbors said they'd heard children at night, but never saw them," Golay says. "Wouldn't you call that suspicious?"

She offers these suggestions for recognizing and reporting suspected child abuse:

■ Don't be afraid to be wrong. You don't need to have hard evidence or proof of child abuse or neglect to report your concerns. If you're wrong, social workers and investigators will soon discover that and close the case. It might be uncomfortable for the alleged abuser and he or she may get angry. But you can report anonymously, and it's far better to risk someone

taking offense or social workers finding no evidence of abuse than for a child to suffer because no one speaks up.

■ Actions often speak volumes. Does a young child cringe, raise an arm defensively or try to hide when her mother turns to her? These behaviors can be the reflexive response of a child who's frequently hit.

■ Do you know a child who has become withdrawn, had a persistent loss of appetite or started doing poorly in school? Changes in behavior may signal a variety of emotional problems, including abuse and neglect.

■ What about witnessing an adult lose their patience with a child at a store or other public place in a manner that seems over-the-top? If it appears to be an emergency, call 911, Golay says. Otherwise, try to defuse the situation.

"You might smile at the parent and say something like, 'It can be so hard to bring kids shopping. I remember it well.' Scolding or criticizing will only make the situation worse, but attention and understanding words may calm the person."

How to report your concerns? If you want to talk to a professional crisis counselor before making a report, call Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453). While counselors cannot file a report for you, they can answer your questions, provide information about resources and discuss the situation that has drawn your concern. The hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To report abuse, each state has a toll-free number; find the list at tinyurl.com/ReportChildAbuse. If you witness a situation that requires an immediate law enforcement response, call 911.

"Whatever you do," Golay said, "do something."

"We're all very aware of child abuse and neglect, but still, most people continue to hang back and say or do nothing when they have concerns," she said. "This is not acceptable. We all have a duty to keep our children safe."

Rayne E. Golay is a certified drug and alcohol counselor whose work with addicts informs her understanding and insights into the consequences of child abuse. She has a Master's in Psychology and is a lifelong reader and writer.

MEEKER SERVICES APPRECIATED ...



Elk Creek Ranch recently invited members of the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department, Meeker Volunteer Fire Department (MVFR), RBC Search and Rescue (RBCSR), the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife (CDPW) and their spouses to dinner at the main lodge. Elk Creek Ranch spokesman John Kobald (center) thanked everyone for attending and for what they do, then presented donations from the Elk Creek Ranch Homeowners Association to Bill de Vergie of the CDPW; Mike Joos, RBC Sheriff's Office; Steve Allen, MVFR; and Travis Mobley of the RBCSR.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Rangely firefighters contain mobile home fire

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Firefighters with the Rangely Rural Fire Protection

District (RRFPD) contained a residential fire to the back third of a trailer home after a space heater reportedly being used to defrost frozen water lines ignited combustible material beneath the trailer on Sunday night.

The home, located at 109 S. Cedar Ave., is owned by Rangely resident Terry Drake, who said the residence was vacated by renters last week.

The trailer home suffered smoke and structural damage to its laundry room, kitchen and a back bedroom, RRFPD Fire Chief Andy Shaffer said.

The firefighters received the call

at 9:20 p.m. and arrived at the scene to find heavy smoke throughout the house. Responders cut a section of flooring from the home to access the fire from the main floor.

Despite temperatures lingering well below 32 degrees that froze the standby equipment and created slick patches of ice around the structure, Shaffer said that the dozen men who fought the fire — Jasper Whiston, Mike Cushman, Rick Moran, Cisco Lucero, Bo Lucas, Nathan Millsaps, Justin McClure, Kindal Cushman, James Rogers, Aaron Myers, Kyle Hixson and Brandon Rose — employed outstanding teamwork to keep the fire from spreading

throughout the trailer.

"Most of the time with trailer house fires, once they start going, it's hard to get them to stop," Shaffer said. "The guys did a great job working together with a common focus to keep it from spreading. If it would have spread, we would have been in a defensive mode, not only trying to protect it, but also having to protect the surrounding structures, too."

Shaffer said that while using space heaters is a common and generally safe method to thaw frozen pipes, residents should ensure that any potentially combustible items are removed from within range of the heaters.

Cattle owners should test herds for trichomoniasis

RBC I The Colorado Department of Agriculture reminds cattle owners to test their herds for Bovine Trichomoniasis. As of Dec. 25, there is one positive trich location in Park County.

Throughout 2013, there have been 10 trich cases in six counties: Park, La Plata, Costilla, Las Animas, Otero and Archuleta.

A map detailing trichomoniasis sample submissions by county and the prevalence for trichomoniasis-positive counties can be found at www.colorado.gov/ag.

"Testing and monitoring herds for trichomoniasis is the best method of controlling this infection," said Dr. Keith Roehr, state veterinarian. "Cattle owners should talk to their veterinarian to determine the best management practices for their herd."

"Trich" is a costly, yet preventable, infection that can affect dairy and beef cattle. If bulls become infected, the percentage of open cows can increase from 5 to 30 percent.

Trich is a venereal disease of cattle caused by *Trichomonas foetus* (T. Foetus). The T. foetus infection causes fertility problems, such as early embryonic death or abortion of the calf and is asymptomatic in bulls.

Colorado trich regulations require all non-virgin bulls changing ownership or being transported into Colorado be tested for T. foetus unless the animal is going to slaughter. Bulls on public land grazing permits or with grazing associations must also be tested prior to turnout.

Several diagnostic laboratories across the state offer trich testing; samples must be taken by an accredited veterinarian and results will be available after four to six days.

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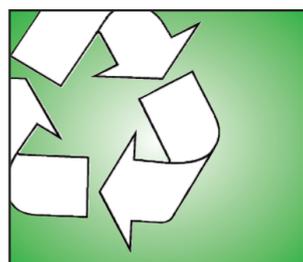
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Rangely holiday vouchers up by 10 percent this year

By **HEATHER ZADRA**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY Rangely's fifth annual Shop 'N' Dine program, which ran through the month of November and ended Dec. 2, gave out approximately 10 percent more in voucher dollars than the amount distributed at last year's event, Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius said Friday.

The program, which aims to attract shoppers to spend money in local businesses and increase in-town sales during the holiday shopping season, offers \$5 vouchers for every \$50 spent in Rangely, with participants turning in up to \$300 in receipts for \$30 vouchers.

Receipts from gas, cigarettes and pharmaceuticals are not eligible, Brixius said.

This year, he said, Rangely Town Hall distributed approximately \$10,500 to 440 participants.

"The program seemed to be going more slowly throughout the month, although that can be hard to track," Brixius said. "But in the last few days (of Shop 'N' Dine), 60 to 65 percent of the total number of vouchers came through."

In past years, some residents have misunderstood the program's requirement that voucher dollars be both collected and spent by the end of the month, he said.

This year, Brixius said, people seemed to better understand the Shop 'N' Dine guidelines. Many participants also took advantage of a couple of extra days to spend vouchers given the Thanksgiving holiday falling so late in the month, on Nov. 28.

Protecting your home, family from insects residing in firewood

By **BILL EKSTROM**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC Each fall, as we cut firewood and bring it into our homes, we may also be bringing in some unexpected hitchhikers. Fortunately, these shelter seekers pose no danger to humans, our homes, or our furniture.

They are either feeding directly on the wood, nesting in the wood or are overwintering under the bark. Unfortunately, they do create a very visual nuisance crawling around your home.

Because insects generally require several days to warm up in your home before they become active, the best way to prevent the insects from emerging from firewood in your house is to leave the firewood outside until it is to be burned, bringing, at most, a few days' supply into the house at one time.

Spraying firewood with insecticide is of very little benefit and potentially dangerous. Therefore, experts strongly advise against treating firewood. Insecticides will not penetrate deeply enough into firewood to control the insects. In addition, storing and burning insecticide-treated firewood indoors could be a health hazard if the insecticide is vaporized into the living area of the house.

Insect invasion of homes from firewood can be reduced by following these rules:

■ Avoid stacking the wood directly on the ground. This will keep the wood from getting too wet and reduce the chances for infestation by termites and ants.

■ Don't stack firewood in or against the house or other buildings for long periods of time. Termite or carpenter ant problems can develop and cause more serious problems.

■ Use the oldest wood first as it is most likely to be infested. Avoid the tendency to stack new wood on top of old wood.

■ Cover the wood during the summer and fall. This will keep it drier and exclude some creatures seeking overwintering sites.

■ Shake, jar or knock logs together sharply to dislodge insects and brush off any obvious structures such as webbing or cocoons before bringing it inside.

■ Bring in small amounts of firewood that can be used up in a day or so and keep it stacked in a cool area (e.g., garage or porch) until it is burned. When wood warms up, the creatures in or on it will become active.

■ Do not treat firewood with insecticides. It is unnecessary and potentially dangerous due to fumes

that may be produced when the insecticides burn.

Insects you might see include:

■ **Carpenter ants:** Wood that remains moist for an extended period is a likely candidate for infestation by carpenter ants. Carpenter ants hollow out galleries in the wood for nesting. Chances of these ants establishing a nest in your house are very slim.

■ **Termites:** Wood that is stacked directly on the ground may be fed upon by termites. Termites brought into your home in firewood will not damage your home or furniture. If you feel you might have termites in your walls or floors (common in Meeker and Rangely), call the Extension office for a positive identification. These termites enter through cracks in your foundation. They have a queen, moisture and a place to hide, which is necessary for invasion.

There are several groups of beetles found in the upper White River Valley that feed on wood and can accidentally be brought into your home in firewood. These beetles can be a nuisance if they emerge from firewood; however, none of these beetles will harm your home or furniture.

■ **Longhorned beetles:** Attracted to dying, freshly cut or recently killed trees. The larvae emerge from the eggs and burrow into the tree and spend one to three years tunneling through the wood.

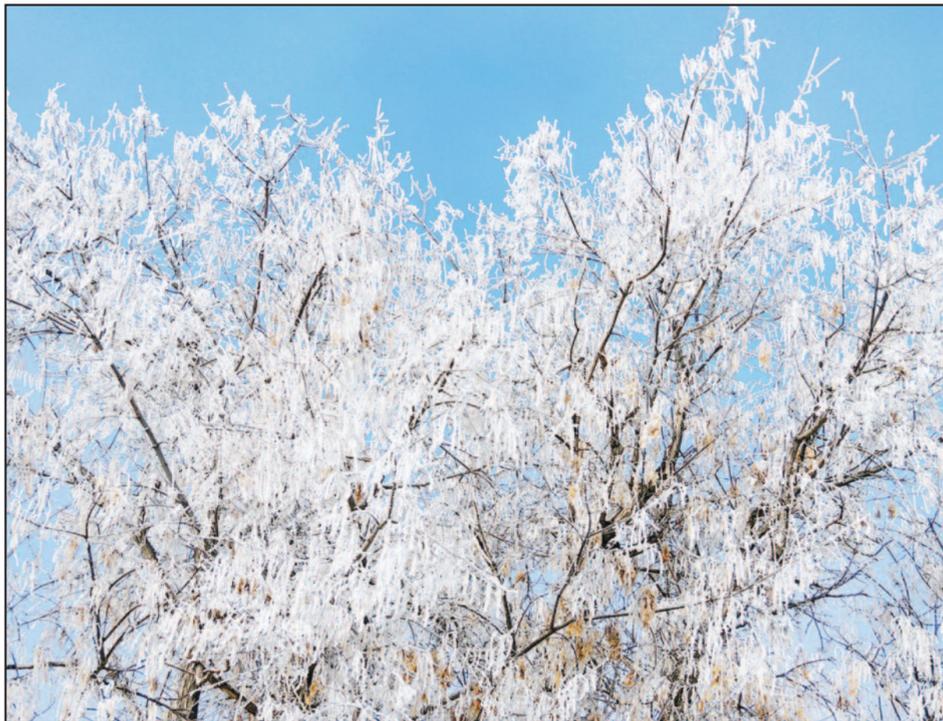
■ **Metallic wood-boring beetles:** Called flatheaded borers because they have a large, flattened head, they are similar to the longhorned beetles in that the larvae bore into wood, pupate and adults can emerge from firewood.

■ **Bark beetles:** One of the more common firewood insect found in dead trees. These beetles are small (less than 1/8 inch in length), brown or black and cylindrical. The adult beetles tend to attack wood in groups, so a log cut from a tree they are feeding on can contain hundreds of individuals.

■ There is also a variety of other insects that spend their winters in your wood pile. When you bring firewood into your house and it warms, these insects crawl out of the wood.

■ **Pillbugs, spiders, centipedes, millipedes and ground beetles** are commonly found in firewood. They will not harm you or your house and need only be picked up and removed.

Bottom line: Most insects do not cause a problem, but if you see something on the floor simply put it in a glass jar and drop it by the Extension office for identification and help with options for control.



HOAR FROST ...

Hoar frost formed on trees throughout the area recently due to heavy humidity and temperatures in the teens. The fog that limited visibility to only a couple of blocks at night caused ice crystals to settle on warmer structures like plants. The ice crystals keep growing, only to disappear after a brief appearance by the sun.

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RBCHS to hold annual meeting

MEEKER The 2014 annual meeting of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Kilowatt Komer (Market and 6th) in Meeker. Homemade soups and breads will be provided by the board, but those attending can bring salad or dessert.

The program will include: The election of officers and board members; an exciting annual report via slide show; and the presentation of 2014 goals. Everyone is invited!

FROM MY WINDOW...

Time to take pressure off gas outlets; margin of profit fair

By SEAN McMAHON
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The phone rang mid-afternoon this past Friday. On the other end was the owner of one of the outlets in Meeker that sells gasoline. He was angry. He said he would go door to door in Meeker and tell everybody to stop buying the newspaper because I was lying to them.

I don't like being called a liar. I am not a liar. And that accusation got things boiling a bit within me. The Irish aren't known for having a lot of tolerance, and I am a stereotypical Irishman when it comes to that. My (non-physical) fighting mood kicked in. I was ready for a verbal confrontation.

So, surprisingly keeping my cool and taking the caller up on his invitation to talk, I was on his doorstep within 15 minutes.

We spoke calmly and respectfully.

I explained that when I moved here, gasoline was \$3.89 everywhere in Rio Blanco County. When I first

wrote about it in the newspaper, it had been unchanged for roughly a year. And that is ridiculous.

Strangely enough, whenever I wrote about it — however short a reference — the next day we would see local gas prices again dropped by 10 cents per gallon. First it was \$3.79, then \$3.69, then \$3.59 and while I did write about it again in the Dec. 26 edition, the price is now \$3.49.

However, there may be no credit to the newspaper on this one, because I believe the prices went down the day before or early the morning of the *Herald Times* hitting the streets.

This whole thing started when I wrote my first column on the subject and the price of gasoline had been, as I said, at \$3.89 for nearly if not more than a year.

Next morning, the price dropped by a dime in Meeker and Rangely at every station but the Conoco stations in each town. They dropped their prices about a week later to match the other dealers.

The next day, I found out that one of the other gas outlet owners in

Meeker had emailed me and copied in publisher Mitch Bettis in Arkansas. He complained that I had lied and that I knew nothing about the business.



The owner who emailed me and Mitch told us that his gas station only makes 3 to 5 cents markup per gallon, and he wanted to know why was I trying to put him and other gas station owners out of business.

What neither knew was that I am not a rookie on the gasoline beat, having worked on a series of stories in Laramie, Wyo., in the early 1980s that resulted in many of the gas stations there being fined very heavily, including much more than \$100,000 for one of the Laramie outlets. I have fought the battle in other locations as well.

It is far from the truth that gas stations make only 3 to 5 cents per gallon. Let me give examples:

That first Meeker station owner told Mitch that he had paid about \$28,000 for about 8,000 gallons of gas. That comes to exactly \$3.50 per gallon, while his station was charging \$3.89 — a markup of 39 cents per gallon.

When I went over on Friday to the local gas outlet owner, he showed me his invoice. It showed that he paid \$3.22 per gallon while he was charging \$3.49 per gallon.

First of all, I do understand the cost of business and I do understand that it costs more to sell gasoline here because these outlets don't do the volume of a Denver station; the costs aren't terribly high, but there is an added cost of transportation from Denver (even though it is added into the cost per gallon delivered); there are employees to pay and I am well aware that the equipment like pumps and filters, etc. are incredibly expensive to purchase in the first place.

There is state unemployment to pay, there are credit card fees the card issuers charge and, God forbid, the expenses spiral when a major piece of equipment fails. I recognize and honor that reality.

So, when I write he pays \$3.22 per gallon and sells it for \$3.49, that entire 27 cents is not pure profit. Far from it.

The owner said he hadn't figured

out what the overall profit is, or the exact real cost of a gallon, but it is a safe bet that the profit is somewhere above 4 cents and below 27 cents per gallon.

Fair enough. I'm going to stop picking.

Yes, these guys do all deserve to make a profit.

As the local owner said, and I fully believe him, "If we couldn't sell gasoline for a fair profit, we would all be out of business."

As the British say, "Spot on!" He is 100 percent correct.

That same owner said he truly doesn't understand how some outlets on the Front Range have been able to sell their gasoline for \$2.79 per gallon at the pump.

"If I had to do that while living in Denver, I would be losing a lot of money," he said. "That is cheaper than I could buy it for if I lived in Denver."

He also showed me that his most recent invoice reflected a cost of 5 cents per gallon in transportation costs — from Denver. He said it would have cost him — and he showed me the proof — 12 cents per gallon transportation from Grand Junction.

Go figure!
The owner here also said I was welcome anytime to come in and check out any of his invoices to see if there was any exorbitant profit being made per gallon. At some time, I may

take him up on it. But I believe it is fair, right now, to back off.

One other reason I am backing off — in all fairness to the gasoline outlets — is because it was announced on the national news on Friday that the price of gasoline will be rising a bit through the first of the year and into January. Already, that low of \$2.79 that was reported as the lowest price in the state two weeks ago had risen to \$2.91 as of Tuesday.

This paper doesn't, nor do I, begrudge any business person the right to make a profit and to make enough profit to live comfortably. This paper is also trying to protect its readers and area consumers from outlandish profits. Hopefully, we are doing both.

Making a fair profit makes a whole lot more sense than the much-higher markup when I first moved here.

The owner did say on Friday that he has never heard half as many complaints in his many years here as he has in the past six months and that he blames my column for that. I'd love to say I'm sorry about that, but I'm not.

I am grateful, however, for a bit more level playground than there was ... and we can all get on with life, knowing that all parties are wiser and that gasoline prices locally are 40 cents per gallon cheaper — for now.

The public will keep its eyes on the prices again after the first of the year, and I believe the public is

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"PLATES FOR NON-PROFITS" AT HOLLIDAYS WAS A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who dined at Hollidays and supported "Plates for Non-Profits"! Profits that day went to support the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council and the Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to **IAN POVEY**, who won the raffle prize of the arts and crafts gift basket! "Plates for Non-Profits" is hosted monthly by a local restaurant where a portion of their sales that day will go to a local non-profit organization! **Wendell's Wondrous Wiener Wagon and Watts Ranch Market will host the next one on January 17, to support the Meeker Community Wrestling Club.**

HAVE YOUR PHOTOS PUBLISHED IN THE 2014 MEEKER BOOKLET

Each year we create the Meeker Booklet - a tourism and relocation guide with information showcasing Meeker and the surrounding area. If you have photos of our landscapes, recreational or community events, or any photo that captures the feel of Meeker, we would like to add them to the book. Please email your photos to membership@meekerchamber.com. Photos selected will be credited with the photographers name.

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This year the Chamber is providing some new services and benefits for our businesses and community. If you are interested in learning about our services or becoming a member please call us 878-5510.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
More details about these January events can be found on our Community Calendar on our website www.meekerchamber.com
Please visit our website to add your own public event!
Items in bold are sponsored by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.
Events sponsored by others are indicated

Jan 7: Town Council Mtg
Jan 11: Winter Blast at Paintbrush Park - ERBM R&PD
Jan 15 & 16 - Mental Health First Aid - Mind Springs Health

Jan 17: "Plates for Non-Profit" hosted by **Wendell's Wondrous Wiener Wagon & Watt's Ranch Market**
Jan 17: Dual Wrestling Meet @ High School #1 Paonia vs #2 Meeker
Jan 25: Meeker's Got Talent Show - ERBM R&PD
Jan 25: Family Ice Fishing Day at Rio Blanco Lake - ERBM R&PD

UPCOMING EVENTS

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
Wednesday January 15 and Thursday January 16 12:30 - 4:30pm
Rangely District Hospital

Mental Health First Aid is an 8 hour training certification course which teaches participants a five-step action plan to assess a situation, select and implement interventions and secure appropriate care for the individual. The certification program introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments. Check out www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org for more information on this program. For more info and to register call 878-5112.

PLATES FOR NON-PROFITS - Friday, January 17th Wendell's Wondrous Wiener Wagon and Watt's Ranch Market supporting the Meeker Community Wrestling Club

Enjoy breakfast sandwiches and coffee for breakfast, then hot dogs, hamburgers and fajitas before the match! Patronizing Wendell's Wondrous Wiener Wagon on January 17th will support the Meeker Community Wrestling Club and the Chamber of Commerce! Enter the drawing to win two free tickets to the Dual Wrestling Meet that night at the High School. This exciting meet is between #1 ranked Paonia and #2 ranked Meeker! Cuppa Joe is located at 594 Main Street.

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Classes for the 2014 spring semester at the Meeker Center begin January 13th, and include the arts, computers, literature, medical training, health and wellness, and GED. Seniors 62 and over will receive a tuition grant thanks to the Fairfield Trust. If you would like to see a course schedule or have questions, stop by the Meeker office at 345 6th Street, Suite 7, or call 878-5227.

VOLUNTEER!

Small towns depend on the volunteering services of its citizens. So many of our community events, recreational activities, and outreach services would not be possible without the generosity of time and skills of volunteers. Volunteering can produce a feeling of self-worth and respect, connect you to others, advance your career, and strengthen your community. If you are interested, the Chamber has a list of many volunteer opportunities for all ages and skills ranging from business, the arts, tourism, hospitality, social events and more. Call us at 878-5510.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for support during hospitalization

Dear Editor:
Meeker is indeed a small town with a big heart. I want to thank all the people who helped me during and after my recent hospitalization.

Thank you for the cards, calls, flowers, good wishes, food, rides, snow removal, deliveries and prayers. All the prayers from many people were answered, and I am on my way to a full recovery. It also helps just to know that people care. Thank you.

Elaine Jordan
Meeker

1913 school house restoration project

Dear Editor:
This is an open letter to residents of the Rangely and other parts of Rio Blanco County.

We want to extend a huge "thank you" to all who have donated toward the 1913 school house foundation restoration project at Rangely Museum.

We are in hopes that the work on the foundation will begin soon. Thus far, we have collected \$11,995, but we are still in need of approximately \$4,000 to finish the project.

Anything you can give is very much appreciated. You can send your tax deductible donations to: Rangely Museum, PO Box 131, Rangely, Colo., 81648.

This school house is a very important part of Rangely's history and was opened as the first museum in 1975. This school house originally sat between Professional Touch and Napa Auto Parts on the north side of Main. From there, it was moved to the high school, where it was used as the band room.

Later, the building was moved to the Town Park, where it was opened as a canteen for the kids, and it sat next to the old outdoor pool at the east end of the park, where the large gazebo is now. At that location it was later turned into the first museum.

In 1985, the museum was moved to the triangle park at the west end of town called Hefley Park.

In 1995, it was moved to its permanent location here at the Rangely

Outdoor Museum, located at the east end of town off of Kennedy Drive. The 1913 school house was then joined with the Chevron Recreation Hall, a Chevron Camp House and the old Wolf Canyon School along with Rangely's first jail and other outdoor exhibits.

We hope you will help us preserve this building. Anything you can help with would be wonderful. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Rangely Outdoor Museum
Board and Staff
Rangely

Mental health first aid class scheduled

Dear Editor:
I wanted to let all the agencies that have expressed an interest in getting some of their staff trained in Mental Health First Aid that Mind Springs Health will be holding a classes on Jan. 16 and 23 at Rangely District Hospital.

We will have some slots that are open to the public. It is an eight-hour class done in two sessions. Staff can get eight hours of CEU credits from Dora if they need this by attending the class.

Class participants also get a resource manual on mental health and substance use disorders.

It is an evidence-based class and is being recommended to all communities to help prevent tragedies from happening like school shootings, the Aurora incident, etc.

Participants will learn how to recognize symptoms when someone is having a mental health or substance abuse crisis. They will also learn about different mental health conditions and the early or late warning signs.

Please email me or call to register. I will need a name and the email of attendees.

This class will be taught with two trainers from Mind Springs Health. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call.

The class cost is \$35 per person.
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Meeker holidays differ from 100 years ago

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I This holiday season may you find yourselves among family and friends and in the spirit of giving. Imagine if you will, 100 years ago in Meeker or Rangely, the weather cold, transportation extremely limited and Christmas shopping unheard of.

Gifts were handmade and want lists were significantly shorter. Perhaps the simplicity of the season made the opportunity to be together easier to appreciate. The concept of no social media or the marketing frenzy that comes with the holiday season offers a great deal of appeal.

Family traditions were often similar. Chores had to be done, perhaps families gathered to enjoy dinner together or play card games. One tradition that has lived on is that of cutting a Christmas tree. This area offers amazing opportunities in tree selection. So great are the choices, the 2012 Capitol Christmas Tree was selected from a nearby forest.

Perhaps the tradition of going out with family, selecting the perfect tree, cutting it down and then managing to get it back home was and is what the Christmas spirit is partially about: working together to accomplish a job as a family.

The history of the Christmas tree dates back to the seventh century, when a monk from Credition, Devonshire, England, went to Germany doing missionary work.

Legend has it he used the triangular shape of the fir tree to describe the Holy Trinity.

People began to believe it was "God's tree" and the fir took the place of the oak tree. By the 12th century, trees were hung upside down to symbolize Christianity.

Trees were first decorated at Riga, Latvia, in 1510.

Martin Luther is said to have decorated a small Christmas tree with candles, to show his children how the stars twinkled through the dark night.



The decorating became more elaborate as the best record we have is that of a visitor to Strasbourg in 1601. He records a tree decorated with "wafers and golden sugar-twists (barley sugar) and paper flowers of all colors."

The trees were biblically symbolic of the Paradise Tree in the Garden of Eden. The many food items were symbols of Plenty, the flowers, originally only red (for Knowledge) and White (for Innocence)."

By the 17th century, the Christmas tree made its way to England with the Georgian kings.

In 1846, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were pictured with their children around a Christmas tree and, as they were well liked by the people, the tradition really took off, making its way to America. (christmasarchives.com/trees.html)

This is a tradition that has come a long way, from a time when women spent countless hours making decorations and crafts and food items. As time passed, glass ornaments were introduced and today there is certainly an art to the perfect tree.

For some it is a tree decorated in all the same color. To others, it is covered in homemade crafts from their children. But for all who use the Christmas tree, it is as original as the history itself and still presents great nostalgia for the season.

Regardless of how you decorated your tree or what it meant to you, the hope is that it was done with family and friends, and time spent enjoying it didn't overshadow the foundation on which it was established.

The idea of Christmas is not about monetary gifts, but that the gift of love is to be shared and the spirit of giving truly is placed at the top of every Christmas list.

WINDOW: Profits fair

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where the pressure should come from. I am going to believe that the owners are listening a little better now.

Happy (one-day-belayed) New Year and for all, and let us hope it is

a more prosperous and completely healthy year!

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Our Sovereign God (2)

By Dr. J. D. Watson
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Dr. J.D. Watson

THINE, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all (1 Chron. 29:11-12).

ther for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory" (Is. 60:19).

(4) God's **victory** (*nesah*) literally means "ever, always, perpetual": "Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever" (Ps. 68:16, emphasis added).

(5) God's **majesty** (*hōd*) also refers to His vigor and authority, as the psalmist declared: "I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works" (Ps. 145:5).

Third, David describes God's *influence*. The remainder of these verses go on to proclaim with crystal clarity God's sovereign rule. He is **head above all, He reignest over all, has power and strength** over all, and will **make great** what He desires. So, what does sovereignty mean? It means that since God is the *Creator* of all things, He then *owns* all things and therefore *rules* all things. It has been well said: "If the God you believe in is not a sovereign God, then you really don't believe in God." Indeed, so axiomatic is this doctrine that to deny it is the equivalent of practical atheism, which is folly (Jan. 13).

Scriptures for Study: Read all of David's prayer of praise in 1 Chronicles 29:10-15. What principles can you observe in this glorious prayer?

You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is the expository preaching of God's Word. Please visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

MERCHANTS: Locals buy ELKS: Weekend activities cost around \$8,000

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What did sell was equipment that could be used in various projects, "but nothing real major or any really large orders of supplies."

"I am happy to say that the locals who support us all year long did stop in and buy various things," he said. "We have a good local group of people who buy from us, and they were here this shopping season."

Gutierrez said she believes this season signaled a small but positive turnaround in the local mindset that you have to leave town to buy anything.

She said Wendll's top sales items this year were jewelry followed by clothing and holiday-related items.

"The dollars overall were about the same this year, but while I don't think I hit my seasonal sales goal, I will be close," Gutierrez said. "Small Business Saturday was a huge success for us; some locals even said they stopped in to buy something from us because of the Small Business Saturday promotion."

"I am optimistic on our part and on our customers' part that things are starting to improve," she said. "I truly believe many of the locals are beginning to feel a gratitude for the businesses that are here year-around. Owing a small business in a small town is not easy work, and I believe many of the locals are beginning to understand that."

Gutierrez also said she believes that the opening of the dollar store will be a good thing overall for Meeker.

"If Family Dollar can keep the

locals from going out of town for some things, then the overall town benefits from the sales taxes," she said. "Then, if the locals slowly realize they don't have to leave town to buy everything, then maybe they will have a change of mindset that has them at least checking out the locally sold products before automatically going out of town to buy everything."

Gary Shepherd also pointed to heavy traffic at the Family Dollar as being a real factor in the local shopping season.

"Just by its timed opening, it affected all of the other retailers in Meeker," Shepherd said. "We sold a lot of cables and electronic accessories, which no one else sells, and that kept us up slightly, I think, in sales but down in overall foot traffic."

"Everyone wanted to check out the Family Dollar, and they had a full parking lot up until Christmas," he said. "That is bound to affect the bottom line of all the businesses that were here a year ago, but then again, it is another reason for the locals to stay here and keep more business here."

The most popular items at Meeker General Mercantile, according to Dunham, were kids' dinosaur and zombie items.

"We also sold a lot of clothing and winter boots," Dunham said. "But the winter boots are always one of the biggest items we sell. Jackets are another strong seller."

"I think the season went well; it certainly could have been worse," he said. "Overall, I can't complain, and it was good to see as many locals in buying as we saw this year."

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money than expected, several Rangely residents learned of the need and responded. Additional support came from Elks members themselves and local businesses, including a \$5,000 donation from Chevron.

By Saturday afternoon, dozens of children had left the party thrilled with the experience.

"We like going because every year, the (Elks) have an ornament craft, and the kids love bringing home the ornaments they made," said Marisela Preciado, mother of Xavier, 7, and Jasmine, 5. "It's just really fun."

Later in the day, Xavier Preciado was called back to the Elks Club to claim a large prize he'd won, a mega-sized Tonka tractor.

He wasn't alone. The Elks

received enough donations to ensure each child at the party and those children whose family received a food box also received a gift.

This year, bags of homemade candy and baked goods also accompanied the approximately \$4,400 in food purchased for the boxes.

The personal touch came about as Rangely residents Linda Berry and Norma Hood initially decided to help Eagle Crest residents make candy and cookies for their family care packages. But when the number of participating residents was lower than Berry and Hood expected, they began searching for another outlet for the goodies.

"When we didn't have as many residents from Eagle Crest as we hoped, at first I was disheartened," Berry said. "Then I thought, 'I'll just ask the Elks if they could use it.' And

that's how it happened."

Fifteen Eagle Crest residents and community members helped make approximately 45 pounds of candy and dozens of different kinds of cookies and bars for the boxes. Berry and Hood baked until they couldn't physically do more.

"We cooked for three days until we were exhausted," Berry said, laughing. "I've donated things before, but I've never baked like that ... It was our present to the town, that's all."

On Dec. 22, a dozen Elks Club members and helpers gathered at 6:30 a.m. as trucks hauled in food for placement into rows of labeled boxes. Reed said the assembly-line nature of the task comes easily to the seasoned group and that the boxes are thoroughly stuffed with good things.

"There's everything in there for

meals throughout the day: biscuits, syrup, eggs, butter, milk, candy for the kids, cookies, plus a full turkey or ham dinner with stuffing, onions, potatoes, veggies, and dessert," Reed said. "We try to make sure they have good, complete meals."

In all, Reed estimates, the weekend's activities cost around \$8,000. In his first year as exalted ruler, Reed's passion for the Elks' service-centered mission is twofold: to pass on the legacy of giving to younger generations of Elks Club members and to inspire those benefiting from the gifts to help someone else.

"We always hope that they pay it forward, and I think some of them do," Reed said. "Either way, we're all about helping this community in any way, shape, manner or form we can. It's what the Elks is about: a brotherhood of helping those in need."

TOWN: Much accomplished during the past year

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will go toward the \$2.5 million Phase 2 improvements to the water treatment plant in 2014 and the \$325,000 grant will go toward the total cost of \$750,000 needed for the construction of an in-stream diffuser.

"This project is required by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for the mitigation of ammonia being discharged into the White River," he said.

Brixius also pointed to the town's completion of the subdivision process for West Rangely Subdivision, which will add 16 residential and two commercial/industrial lots on the west side of town. In addition, he said, the utility extension by the developer is nearing completion.

The town's Gas Department also continued to improve the distribution system during 2013 with materials that have a life span that should last in excess of the next 50 years, he said, adding that the upgrades to the

gas distribution are more than 95 percent complete.

While he pointed to a series of other smaller improvements, Brixius said he is happy that the town was awarded a grant for \$135,000 for the construction of 1,000 feet of bike/pedestrian trail late in the year.

"Because of the lateness of the grant funding," he said, "the town will undertake that project in the spring of 2014."

Other projects included improvements to the waste water treatment process and the reconstruction of the Rangely Town Hall courtyard in an effort to eliminate tripping hazards and to make this a more useful community meeting area.

"Ongoing drainage improvements, streets, sidewalk and curb and gutter repairs were also undertaken throughout town during the year," Brixius said. "Public works also completed dredging a three million gallon sedimentation pond originally estimated to cost \$60,000, and town crews completed the process in-house for less than \$25,000.

That's really good news and quite a savings."

Lastly, on the revenue side, Brixius said the general fund revenues, excluding water fund transfers, are estimated to slightly exceed the town's budget of \$3,878,429 and Town General Fund expenses are expected to come in \$400,000 to \$500,000 under budget.

"I look back on the year and see that a lot was done, and that makes for a good year," Brixius said. "I think the town and its employees had a big plate to fill for the year, and they pretty well got done all we had set out to accomplish."

As to 2014, Brixius said the town has been working with the county, Meeker and the chambers of commerce to hire on a county economic development director.

"This will help with new initiatives for county and local businesses," he said. In order to grow and improve our economic bases, we need to bring new businesses in here, and hiring a new countywide economic developer could be a very wise thing to do."

The town of Rangely will also hold an election in April when four positions will be up for grabs on the Rangely Town Board.

Incumbent Mayor Frank Huit will have to run for re-election if he chooses to seek another term and Councilwoman Lisa Hatch will have to face re-election.

There will be at least two new representatives on the council, Brixius said, as council members Clayton Gore and Elaine Urie are term limited and cannot run again.

As for 2013, Brixius said, "I believe 2013 was a successful year. We had some pretty ambitious objectives, and we reached our goals on most of them."

"In 2014, we still have an ambitious agenda with the bike path project, the Veterans Memorial we hope to have in place to dedicate on Memorial Day at Hefley Park and an ambitious set of asphalt overlays projects," he said.

"I guess I should wish everyone a great 2014, and I look forward to this next year to continue serving our residents."

MACC meets on Monday Jan. 6

MEEKER The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at the Meeker United Methodist Church Elbert Hall.

A major project for 2014 includes requesting designation of Meeker as a Creative District from Colorado Creative Industries, a division of the Colorado State Office of Economic Development. Creative districts are eligible for grants and substantial promotion and publicity for local areas through heritage and agri-tourism, which are the top economic development engines in Colorado.

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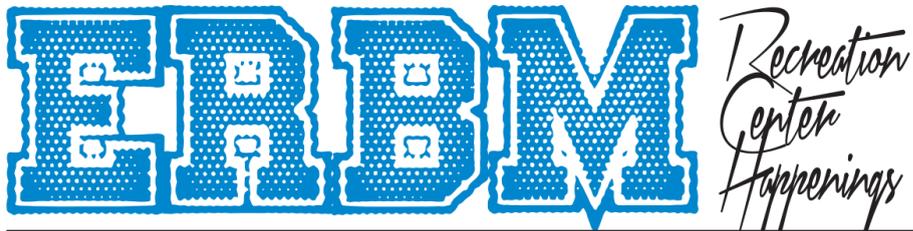
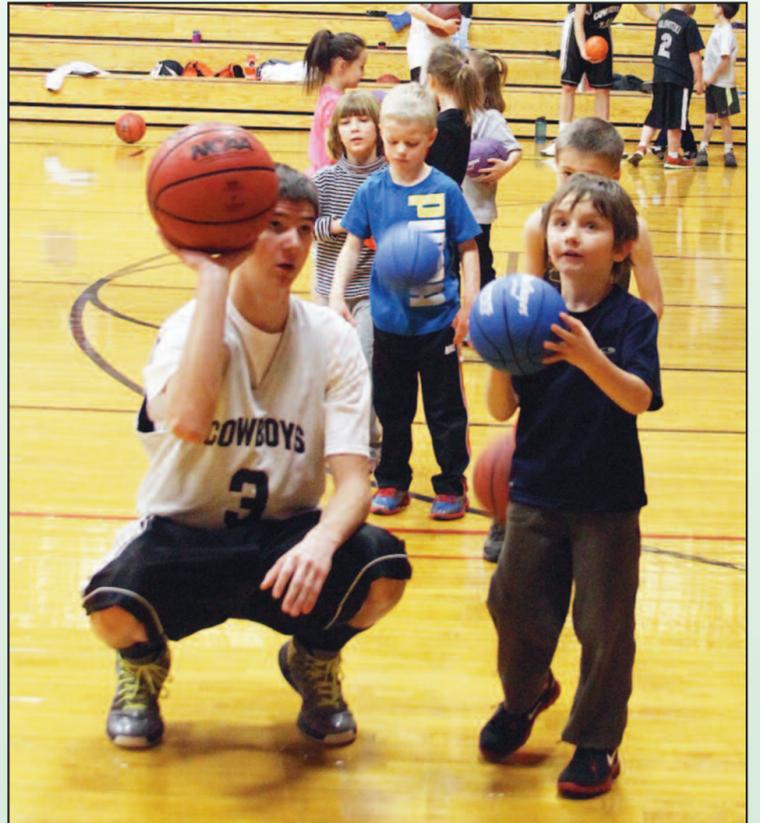
COURTESY PHOTO

The third- and fourth-grade girls' YBA basketball team finished their season with a 24-6 win over New Castle on Dec. 10. The win capped off a perfect 7-0 record for the year and secured an undefeated record for the team for both 2012 and 2013. Pictured from left to right are (back row) team manager Addie Knowles, head coach Tom Knowles, Brea Garcia, Autumn Hobbs, Grace Roberts, Nevaeh LeBlanc, Karly Orris, assistant coach Betty Kracht and assistant coach Holly Knowles. In the front row are returning 2012 players Regan Mobley, Aspen Merrifield, Sarah Kracht and Hailey Knowles.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTOS

"It's great to be back in the gym," Meeker High School girls' basketball coach Greg Chintala said Monday. Chintala, along with MHS boys' basketball coach Klark Kindler, hosted the annual Holiday Hoops free basketball camp with the help of several of their players, like Tony Collins (right). High school coaches were allowed to start practices Monday for the 2014 part of the season.



BASKETBALL EVENTS FOR FRIDAY, NEXT WEEK

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I A couple of events are on slate for Friday and next week, sponsored by the ERBM Recreation District in the next 10 days, and both are open to the public.

On Friday is the **Hoops for Charity 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**. Teams of three or four players are invited to join in the fourth annual event.

Participants will receive a T-shirt, and a portion of the tournament proceeds will be donated to each division winner's charity of choice.

The tournament is for grades three and up with divisions set for males and females in each of the divisions, set for grades three and

four; grades five and six; grades seven and eight; and grades nine through 12; and a division for adults. There will also be coed divisions for families and adults.

The event will take place at the Meeker High School gymnasium, starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30 per team.

Divisions may be combined depending on the number of teams, and each division must have at least three teams.

Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge

The fifth annual Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge will be held at the Meeker Elementary School gymnasium on Jan. 9.

During this basketball competition, skills in dribbling, passing and shooting will be tested.

Boys and girls from age 7 to 14 will be able to compete in the challenge while boys and girls who are 5 and 6 years old will be playing for fun.

The event will take place beginning at 5:30 p.m., and there is no cost to take part.

The deadline for registration is Jan. 9 by 5:15 p.m.

Winners of the 7- to 14-year-old challenge have a chance to advance to the Sectional Competition in February.

All participants are urged to wear comfortable athletic clothing and bring a bottle of water.

VICTORY...



Eric Hejl, the Rangely High School boys' head basketball coach, was excited after winning the 2013 WREA Cowboy Shootout, and he has been quoted as saying he is "excited about 2014." The 2014 part of the schedule will start for the Panthers on Saturday, when they host Little Snake River, boys and girls. Rangely's wrestling team will open 2014 in Vernal, Utah, at the Tournament of Champions on Jan. 10-11. Meeker's wrestling team, currently ranked No. 2 in 2A, will also compete in the TOC in Vernal, but will host Grand Valley on Jan. 9. The Meeker boys and girls basketball teams will host Hotchkiss on Jan. 10 to tip off 2014.

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RANGELY ELKS LODGE NO. 1907 Rangely, Colorado

The Rangely Elks Lodge No. 1907, hosted the third annual Christmas Party, where they distributed food boxes benefiting 70 families and more than 120 children in Rangely.

GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL Third/Fourth-grade Team

Meeker's third- and fourth-grade girls' basketball team completed a perfect 7-0 season in 2013, to go with its undefeated season in 2012.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS...



Andy and Elaine Shaffer's home at 214 W. Rangely Ave. added a signature Bronco logo to its range of handmade Christmas decorations this year. Several Rangely homeowners battled the elements to put their decorations up for the season while Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius said he thought the weather probably prevented some people from decorating as they had in the past.



The Hall family's yard at 110 E. Rangely Ave. hosted a variety of familiar figures this Christmas season, ranging from Snoopy and Santa to a toy soldier and snowmen. It is one of the many homes in Rangely to sport decorations for the season.

DUI enforcement to increase around state through weekend

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Once again, the Colorado

Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) will team up with 76 law enforcement agencies throughout Colorado to increase DUI enforcement during the holiday period.

During last year's New Year's Eve enforcement period, 501 people were arrested on Colorado roadways

for DUI and there were two alcohol-related fatalities.

The enforcement period follows the most recent crackdown surrounding this year's holiday parties, which spanned from Dec. 6 through Dec. 16 and resulted in 652 arrests. Preliminary data shows that there were two alcohol-related motor vehicle fatalities from the same period.

"New Year's Eve is a time to celebrate the year that's past and to look forward to the future," says Amy Ford, director of communications at CDOT. "It marks the beginning of a new year with endless possibilities. Historically, it can also be a very dangerous time to be on the roads, and we want to do everything we can to keep Coloradans safe."

In 2012, there were 9,784 DUI arrests reported through The Heat is On campaign. That is a number much higher than Col. Scott Hernandez, chief of the Colorado State Patrol, wants to see as 2013 comes to a close.

"The fewer arrests we make, the happier we are," says Col. Hernandez. "We want those numbers to decrease as the years go by because it means that people are

planning ahead and taking safe rides home after drinking."

The average blood alcohol content (BAC) of all DUI arrests in 2012 was 0.18, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08. Darrell Lingk, director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT, emphasizes that this further stresses the importance of not putting others in danger by driving impaired.

"The most important thing is that every user of Colorado roadways has the opportunity for a safe start to 2014," says Lingk. "We encourage everyone to celebrate responsibly and avoid unnecessary arrests and fatalities. Many areas in Colorado have dependable alternatives to driving, such as Uber, 1-800-taxicab.com and public transit."

The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year with 12 specific DUI enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events. More details about the campaign, including DUI enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips, can be found at HeatIsOnColorado.com.

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Wed. Jan. 8 - Corn Dog, Sweet Potatoes, Pears & Peaches

Thurs. Jan. 9 - Hot Ham & Cheese, Mixed Veggies, Jello

Fri. Jan. 10 - Beef Tacos, Corn, Seasonal Fruit, Salsa

RANGELY
School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF JAN. 6-9, 2014

Mon. Jan. 6 - Chicken & Noodle Soup, Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

Tues. Jan. 7 - Chicken Strips, Roll, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

Wed. Jan. 8 - Pizza, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

Thurs. Jan. 9 - Hamburger, French Fries, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

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1/4/14 @ HOME vs. Baggs - 12, 1:30, 3
1/10 @ HOME vs. Paonia 4, 5:30, 7pm
1/11 @ Hotchkiss - 1, 2:30, 4
1/14 @ Meeker - 4, 5:30, 7
1/16 @ West Grand - 4:30, 6

RHS Wrestling
1/10-11/14 @ Tourney of Champions
1/17 @ HOME (Triangular) - TBD
1/18 @ HOME (Invitational) - TBD
1/23 @ Triangular @ TBD

RMS Girls' Basketball
1/11 @ HOME vs. Steamboat - 9am
1/17 @ Meeker - 4:30
1/18 @ HOME vs. Craig - 9am



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MHS LADY'S BASKETBALL
1/10/14 @ HOME vs. Hotchkiss - 4:30, 6
1/11 @ Paonia - 1, 2:30, 4pm
1/14 @ HOME vs. Rangely - 1, 2:30, 4
1/17 @ West Grand - 4, 5:30

MHS MEN'S BASKETBALL
1/10/14 @ HOME vs. Hotchkiss - 4, 7pm
1/11 @ Paonia - 1, 2:30, 5:30
1/14 @ HOME vs. Rangely - 4:30, 7:30
1/18 @ HOME vs. North Park - 12pm, 3pm

MHS WRESTLING
1/9/14 @ HOME vs. Grand Valley - 7pm
1/10-11 @ Tourney of Champions - Vernal
1/17 @ HOME vs. Paonia - TBD

BMS GIRLS' BASKETBALL
1/11 @ HOME vs. Craig - 9am



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Strange happenings in the West

By **BETSY MARSTON**
Writers on the Range
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | THE WEST

Jeremy Engdahl-Johnson writes, "There were lots of ways to lose money during the government shutdown that choked off Grand Canyon river trips for 11 days in early October." There were also unusual trickle-down effects, so to speak. A Flagstaff-based company called River Cans Clean disposes of the human waste that comes out of river-trip "groovers," those primitive outdoor toilets that river companies provide for their clients. Unfortunately, no rafters meant no poop, and the loss to the company amounted to thousands of dollars. But at Phantom Ranch, the Park Service's way station for hikers and boaters on the Colorado River, the lack of human waste created a huge problem for the resort's composting toilets, whose "hungry enzymes" need something to munch on. Engdahl-Johnson says one group of rafters who'd gotten on the river before the shutdown were startled by a federal employee who "begged them for (their) crapper cans."

WYOMING

A tiny Wyoming town on the way to Yellowstone National Park has a new name after 147 years. Plain old Buford, with its famous sign boasting "POP 1, ELEV 8,000," is now PhinDeli Town Buford, with the PhinDeli referring to a brand of Vietnamese coffee that the new owner, 38-year-old entrepreneur Pham Dinh Nguyen, plans to market to people worldwide. Nguyen's winning bid of \$900,000 for the town's handful of buildings was made anonymously a year ago. This September, Don Sammons, the former owner who'd lived in Buford since 1980, announced he would continue to oversee the Buford Trading Post from his new home in Loveland, Colo., reports the *Casper Star-Tribune*. Sammons and Nguyen, who hails from Ho Chi Minh City, have a historic connection. As a young man, Sammons fought in the Vietnam War. "To know now that 45 years later we're actually working together and calling each other friends, I just think that's amazing," he told the *Wyoming Tribune-Eagle*. As for Nguyen, who outbid competitors from 46 countries, he's thrilled, calling his ownership of a remote town an "American

dream!"

COLORADO

A tabby called Ted the Cat, who works security (mouse elimination department) at the Steamboat Springs airport, now sports a security chip so he can be identified wherever he travels. It was installed by airport officials after the cat snuck onto private planes four times, forcing one pilot to turn back a few minutes after takeoff and land just long enough to open the door and eject the unwanted copilot. Another time, reports *Pilot*, the magazine of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Ted walked forward to greet a pilot in the cockpit, too late for the plane to turn back. On that particular excursion, Ted "ran up an \$80 bill at an animal care center with room service before he was shipped home." Ted's MO is simple: He nonchalantly walks near an airplane "he knows will soon depart. Then he disappears inside."

Betsy Marston is the editor of Writers on the Range, the op ed syndicate of High Country News (hcn.org). Tips of Western oddities are appreciated and often shared, betsy@hcn.org.

Couple new to staff at CNCC

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Ryan and Robyn Wilson joined the staff of Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely in March.

Ryan splits his time between instructional technology and teaching students in history and computer technology while Robyn is the advising and intervention specialist as well as a yoga instructor.

Ryan has a B.S. degree in advertising from the University of Texas at Austin, and dual master's degrees in education and history from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

A former high school teacher, Ryan joined the teaching profession later in life. He began his professional career as a creative copywriter for an advertising firm in Denver, then left the profession in 2001 to join Robyn in El Salvador during her last months as a volunteer for the U.S. Peace Corps.

Working and traveling through Central America gave Ryan an appreciation for the kindness and generosity of Latin Americans, and served as the impetus for returning to school to study Latin American history and education. Most recently, Ryan served as marketing director for the Wilkinson Public Library in Telluride, Colo.

Robyn has a bachelor's degree in international business from the



Ryan and Robyn Wilson

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and dual master's degrees in bilingual and multicultural education and sustainable communities from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Although a Wisconsin native, Robyn served as a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador. She has also lived in Winter Park, Flagstaff and Telluride and she considers the Western Slope "home."

In Telluride, Robyn was executive director of an adult education

non-profit organization that partnered with CNCC, and that recruited the couple to Rangely. Robyn is thrilled to assist students with their career and educational goals and to work at CNCC.

The Wilsons enjoy outdoor-adventures activities, wandering the world and creating memories to remember each day of their lives.

There is also a good chance that you will see Robyn practicing yoga and teaching permaculture design throughout the Western Slope.

FSA: Ranchers, farmers should join in vote

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia has announced that the FSA County Committee Elections have begun with the mailing of ballots to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices is Jan. 17, 2014.

Producers have been instructed to destroy the FSA County Committee Election ballots (FSA-669s) mailed on Nov. 4. The new ballots returned to producers will have the word "corrected" printed on the outside of the mailing, the ballot itself, and the return envelope. Producers must complete and return the corrected FSA-669 to have their vote counted.

Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot in the coming week can obtain one from their local USDA Service Center. The last day for voters to submit corrected ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers is Jan. 17. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Jan. 17. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office Feb. 18, 2014.

County committee members are an important component of the operations of FSA and provide a link

between the agricultural community and USDA.

Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity price support programs; conservation programs; incentive indemnity and disaster programs for some commodities; emergency programs and eligibility. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the

farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate nominations during the nomination period, which ended on Aug. 1.

Close to 7,700 FSA county committee members serve in the 2,124 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee consists of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms.

Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election each year.

More information on county committees, such as the 2013 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or at a local USDA Service Center.

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Meeker—January 8, 2013, 6:30pm—Fairfield Center, 3rd Street and Main Street
Rangely—January 9, 2014, 6:30pm—Western Rio Blanco Recreation Center 611 S. Stanolind Ave
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County landowners urged to apply for NRCS funds

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications from state landowners interested in implementing conservation practices to improve natural resources on farmland and wetland areas through its Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP).

Deadline for applications is Jan. 17 to be considered for 2014 funding. Submitted eligible applications received after Jan. 17 will be considered during a later time and will be processed throughout the fiscal year as needed.

"We accept applications for these programs on a continuous basis,

however, only the applications received by Jan. 17 will be considered for funding this fiscal year," said Phyllis Ann Philipps, the Colorado NRCS State Conservationist in Denver.

The NRCS may also provide technical and financial assistance to landowners under its national and landscape conservation initiatives.

Conservation planning services through a Technical Service Provider (TSP) to develop Conservation Activity Plans (CAP) can be developed for producers to identify conservation practices needed to address a specific natural resource need. Typically, these plans are specific to certain kinds of land use such as transitioning to organic operations, grazing land, forest land or can also address a specific resource need such

as a plan for management of nutrients or to address an air-quality concern. With a CAP plan, producers can then apply for financial assistance to implement the needed conservation practices.

The NRCS continually strives to put conservation planning at the forefront of its programs and initiatives.

Conservation plans provide landowners with a comprehensive inventory and assessment of their resources and an appropriate start to improving the quality of soil, water, air, plants and wildlife on their land.

EQIP is an incentives program that provides financial assistance for conservation systems such as animal waste management facilities, irrigation system efficiency improvements, fencing and water supply development, riparian protection and wildlife habitat enhancement.

WHIP is a voluntary program for people who want to establish and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private lands.

Applications can be taken at all Colorado NRCS offices and USDA Service Centers. The Rio Blanco County Service Center is located at 351 7th St., Meeker, Colo., or by calling 970-878-5628, Ext. 3.

MOUNTAIN INVERSION...



HEATHER ZADRA

Park Mountain, standing 18 miles south of Rangely at the end of Dragon Road, remained shrouded in clouds for a week in early December as an inversion covering the valleys of eastern Utah and western Colorado persisted. The National Weather Service projected that during the next week that an Arctic system would bring unseasonably cold temperatures and that it would "finally mix out the inversions over northwest Colorado." It indeed did that as temperatures plummeted to a minus-29 degrees, staying below zero for several days.

Colorado You Got Talent competition in Meeker

RBC I "Colorado You Got Talent" will be holding auditions in Rio Blanco County this summer, and talented individuals from this and surrounding counties are invited to take part.

"Colorado You Got Talent" is Colorado's largest premier talent competition. Its auditions are for the best youths and adults to compete in the 2014 state regional finals.

The competition will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 8 at Mountain Valley Bank in Meeker. All ages and kinds of talent are welcome in the competition.

For more information, check out the website: www.coloradotalent.org.

NOTICE

LAST DAY TO AFFILIATE FOR CAUCUS

Monday, January 6th, is the last day to affiliate with the Republican Party, Democratic Party, or ACP Party or to change party affiliation to participate in the precinct caucuses to be held on Tuesday, March 4th. If you wish to verify the current affiliation on your voter registration, please call the County Clerk's office at 878-9460 or check online at www.govotcolorado.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

13.04.130 (A) AND (B) AND 13.12.170 OF THE RANGELY MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT REVENUES TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS.

All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.

BY: Lisa Piering Clerk/Treasurer
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Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

DIANA FRENCH IS REQUESTING A HOME OCCUPATION SPECIAL REVIEW PERMIT TO PROVIDE A MESSAGE THERAPY SERVICE AT 730 6TH STREET, THE WEST 125 FEET OF LOTS 9, 10, AND 11, BLOCK 67, IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO.

IVAN CARRILLO IS REQUESTING A 10FT. VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIRED 20 FT. REAR YARD SETBACK TO INSTALL A MANUFACTURED HOME AT 1146 MICHAEL CIRCLE, LOT 87 IN THE SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION.

THE MEEKER PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON **MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.** AT TOWN HALL, 345 MARKET STREET, MEEKER COLORADO, TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE APPLICATIONS, YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HEARING OR SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO TOWN HALL, 345 MARKET STREET, MEEKER, CO 81641, PRIOR OR DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE MEEKER TOWN HALL OR BY TELEPHONE (970) 878-4970, DURING THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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LEGAL NOTICES

DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

Court Address: 555 Main Street, P.O. Box 1150, Meeker, CO 81641
Phone: (970) 878-5622

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO:
In the interest of:
K.M.
and Concerning:
AMBER MOORE (Mother),
and
JOHN DOE (Father),
RESPONDENTS.
Case No: 13 JV 03

Attorney Name: Kent A. Borchard, Attorney at Law
Address: P.O. Box 1, 200 Main Street, Suite 500, Meeker, CO 81641
Telephone: (970) 878-9680
Fax: (970) 878-9681
Atty. Reg. #: 2194

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO:
JOHN DOE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Verified Petition has been filed in the above-named Court in which it has been represented to the Court that the above-named minor child is neglected or dependent for the reasons set forth in said Petition. The Verified Petition in this case is on file in the above-specified District Court and should be referred to for greater specificity as to the factual basis for the allegations that said minor child is dependent or neglected.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you have the following constitutional and legal rights: All material allegations in the Verified Petition must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. You are entitled to be represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, and wish to be represented by one, you are entitled to a Court appointed attorney as permitted by law.

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You are entitled to have trial by jury in this matter upon proper request to the Court. Any statements which you may make may be used against you in determining the validity of the Petition. You have the right to present witnesses of your own choosing. The Court may, upon the conclusion of the Adjudicatory Hearing, enter appropriate Dispositional Orders for the care, custody, and control of the minor child or children. You have the right to, upon proper notice, request a re-hearing and/or appeal this Court's decision.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND SUMMONED to appear before the District Court for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, at the Court House in Meeker, located at 555 Market St., on **Friday, the 21st day of February, 2014, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.**, to answer the aforesaid Petition.

DONE this 20th day of December, 2013.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: /s/ Joan Jensen
Published: January 2, 2014
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 2014 final settlement will be made to Belland Builders for the Office Restoration Project. Any person, co-partnership, company, association of persons, or corporation who has an unpaid claim with the Company listed above, as their sub-contractors, or for labor and materials, may file a verified statement, until Tuesday, January 7, 2014, before 4:00p.m., prior to final settlement, of the amount due with the Meeker Sanitation District, pursuant to Section 38-26-107, C.R.C., as amended.

Failure on the part of the Claimant to file such verified statement with the Meeker Sanitation District Board of Directors, prior to the final settlement on said Contract will relieve the Meeker Sanitation District from any liability for such Claimant's claim.

Gail Frantz
Office Manager
Meeker Sanitation District
265 8th Street
PO Box 417
Meeker, CO 81641

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Rangely

The Rangely Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday January 14, 2014 in the Court Room of the Rangely Municipal Building at 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado for the Second Reading on the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 683 (2013)

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING SECTION 261 OF THE RANGELY MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED "STANDARDS FOR FLOODPLAINS AND FLOODWAYS", OF THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO.

All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.

BY: Lisa Piering Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: January 2 and 9, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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Town of Rangely

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Ordinance 684 (2013)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS

The following advertisements have been submitted to the Rio Blanco Herald Times for publication. According to the Better Business Bureau, the primary responsibility for truthful and non-deceptive advertising rests with the advertiser. Before responding to unsubstantiated claims by sending money to unfamiliar companies, call the Better Business Bureau at 1-800-564-0371 for information.

All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Meeker Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, December 16th, 2013 at 7:00 PM at Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, to consider a request by Landmark Consultants, Inc., on behalf of Pioneers Medical Center, for a procedural waiver to allow a Minor Subdivision for the property known as Meeker Terrace Subdivision Filing No.1, the Minor Subdivision (Final Plat) and subsequent Rezoning of subdivided parcels (lying in Tracts 70, 72A, 49A & 58, in Sections 13 & 24, T1N, R94W and Sections 18 & 19, T1N, R93W of the 6th P.M). The applicant is also requesting the Special Review Use to conduct the operations of the future

LEGAL NOTICES

"Pioneers Medical Center" on Lot 2 of the proposed application.

The Meeker Board of Trustees will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 21st, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, to consider the above request. A copy of the application is available for public review at Town Hall 345 Market Street during regular business hours or questions can be directed to 970-878-5344.

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**TOWN OF MEEKER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday January 7, 2014
7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled
Board Meeting
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO**

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Approval of the Agenda
 - IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes
 - V. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
 - VI. Public Participation
 - VII. New Business
 - A. Update from Ken Coffin, District Ranger- Blanco Ranger District
 - B. Discussion: Recreational Marijuana (previously tabled)
 - C. Public Hearing-7:15 p.m.
 1. Request from White River Convenience to renew Liquor or 3.2 Beer Liquor License
 2. Applicant Joseph Cardile, is requesting a Special Use Permit to run a Day Care in the New Creation Church at 388 9th Street, Lots 5 and 6, of Block 49, Meeker, Colorado
 3. Applicant Diana French, is requesting a Special Use Permit to run a Massage Therapy Home Business at 730 6th Street, Meeker, Colorado
 - VIII. Mayor's remarks
 - IX. Town Manager's Report
 - X. Town Attorney's Report
 - XI. Other Board Business
 - XII. Adjournment
- Published: January 2, 2014
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Meeker Planning Commission, acting as the Board of Adjustment, will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, January 6th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, to consider a request by Landmark Consultants, Inc., on behalf of Pioneers Medical Center, for a Variance from the 35-foot Maximum Building Height (section 18.1.115 MMC) (Lot #2, Meeker Terrace Subdivision Filing No.1). A copy of the application is available for public review at Town Hall 345 Market Street during regular business hours or questions can be directed to 970-878-5344. Publish: December 26, 2013 and January 2, 2014
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 8 p.m., Weds. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m.
St. James Church - enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs in Richards Hall, 4th & Park, Meeker
878-4158 • 878-5919
• 878-5636
Alanon Thurs. 7 p.m. 878-5655

RIO BLANCO Masonic Lodge #80 meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at 7th and Park, Meeker.

CEDAR RIDGES Golf Course - Carts up for bid. Starting bid is \$1400. Submit sealed, maximum bid to Rangely Recreation Center with name, date, and phone number. Bids will be opened on January 10th.

BRESNAN CABLE television customers - If you are not receiving a television channel station you normally get, 3 people must report it before it's considered an outage. Call the service number on your bill to report.

Veterans Service Offices
Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.
Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATV, BOAT and Snowmobile Owners! You can now renew your Colorado OHV registrations on line at: www.parks.state.co.us

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The Rio Blanco Herald Times accepts all major credit cards. You can fax your classified ad or subscription to (970)878-4016 or email to: janae@theheraldtimes.com

SAFEHOUSE
If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.
878-3131

FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community member. Scheduled Dates for 2014: January 23, February 27 and March 27. They Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For XC Skiing & Snowshoeing See:
White River Nordic Council at Facebook
For Grooming Reports, Events & Info

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RANGELY ROCKCRAWLING & 4 Wheel Drive group in Rangely meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Rio Blanco Water Users Building on Hwy. 64 at 7 p.m.

Rangely Victim Services
An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons.
Non-emergency call 629-5729 or 629-0709. Emergencies call 911. Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

MEEKER HOUSING Authority Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

**MEEKER STEAKER
MONTHLY SCHEDULE
JANUARY 2014**

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.
Jan 2, Bus in town, Grand Junction
Jan 3, Bus in town
Jan 4, No Bus
Jan 5, AM Bus
Jan 6, Bus in town
Jan 7, Bus in town
Jan 8, Bus in town
Jan 9, Bus in town, Rifle
Jan 10, Bus in town
Jan 11, No Bus
Jan 12, AM Bus
Jan 13, Bus in town
Jan 14, Bus in town, Foot Clinic
Jan 15, Bus in town
Jan 16, Bus in town, Grand Jct. Medical
Jan 17, Bus in town
Jan 18, No Bus
Jan 19, AM Bus
Jan 20, Bus in town
Jan 21, Bus in town
Jan 22, Bus in town
Jan 23, Bus in town, Craig
Jan 24, Bus in town
Jan 25, No Bus
Jan 26, AM Bus
Jan 27, Bus in town
Jan 28, Bus in town
Jan 29, Bus in town
Jan 30, Bus in town
Jan 31, Bus in town
Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMS GROUP meeting, open to anyone with a child 0-5 years, Grace Baptist Church, Rangely, first Thursday of every month, 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Info. call Heather Zadra (970)629-9937

VFW POST 5843 and Ladies Auxiliary monthly meetings are now held at Kilowatt Korner in Meeker: VFW Post 5843 - 6:30 p.m. 2nd Monday. Ladies Auxiliary - 5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday.

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely
Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7 p.m., 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely.
Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970.

MEEKER CAT Coalition accepting cat food or monetary donations for spay/neuter and health care. Donations may be left at The Vet Clinic in Meeker or call 878-3560 or 878-4429 for more information.

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Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal
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Meals served at noon.
Reservations appreciated.
Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.
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MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY, January 3: Ham & beans, pears, tomatoes and cornbread.
MONDAY, January 6: Pork chops, broccoli rice casserole, seven layer salad and apple crisp.
TUESDAY, January 7: Pizza, tossed salad, applesauce, kidney beans and orange juice.
WEDNESDAY, January 8: Mac, cheese & ham, green beans w/ red pepper & zucchini, tomatoes & corn, pineapple and sugar cookies.
FRIDAY, January 10: Roast beef, scalloped potatoes, green casserole, apricot peach compote and french bread.

NEW EDEN Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117. All services are confidential.

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER,
a community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:
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Meeker
• Registered Nurse
Rangely
• Caseworker
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Rio Blanco County HR at
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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

White River Electric Association, Inc. is currently seeking quality applications for a Accounting /Consumer Services Representative at the headquarters of the Association. Applicant must be 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicant must possess a degree in accounting; a CPA is preferred but not required. Experience in computer and business machine applications helpful, but not necessary. Must be able to work 40-hour week alternating monthly between Mondays and Fridays. Applicant must also hold a valid Colorado Driver's license or obtain one prior to commencement of work. Must be able to work variety of hours if needed, evenings, nights, early mornings, weekends, and holidays. Applicant must be able to pass a physical, drug and alcohol, and background tests. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to; general accounting/book-keeping, customer records, phone/counter receptionist, receiving payments, generally assisting the public, Satellite Internet assistance, and/or other jobs and tasks as assigned. Successful applicant must complete a 3-month period after which the position will be considered full time with benefits. Applications can be obtained from the office of White River Electric Association, Inc., 233 6th Street, Meeker, CO 81641 from 7:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Applications and resume's will be accepted until January 10th 2014. White River Electric Association, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

HELP WANTED: R&T Oilfield Services is looking for a few people to help transfer water in PA for W.P.X Frac's. Will work 21 days on & 7-14 days off. Also need people to work in Stanley, ND. 14-21 days on & 14-21 days off. Must have valid drivers license and pass a U.A. Be able to repair or replace pumps and make outside deliveries to drilling rigs. Call (970) 878-4077.

THE Rio Blanco Herald Times is looking for a part-time freelance reporter with newspaper experience to cover Rangely's school board and town board meetings as

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

well as occasional county commissioners' meetings. If interested, call Editor-Sean McMahon at 878-4017 or 675-5033, or contact him at sean@theheraldtimes.com

NEW CREATION Child Development Center-388 9th Street in Meeker is NOW HIRING a small child care center director. Must have all the necessary State of Colorado certifications for a small child care center & the necessary educational requirements to qualify. To apply call 970-878-3703 & schedule a time to meet and pick up an application. Send the application, resume, copies of your state certifications & fulfilled educational paperwork, 3 references (2 from previous supervisors, 1 of those from a previous child care situation if possible), and 1 character reference from a non-relative, to ATTN: New Creation Child Development Center, P.O. Box 1062, Meeker, Colorado 81641.

SPORTS OFFICIALS The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking Sports Officials with immediate openings for Youth Basketball. The season runs from January through March. There are ongoing openings for Youth Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball, Youth Flag Football, and Youth Soccer. Part time without benefits; hiring range is \$11.81-\$14.43/hr. Requirements include, but are not limited to: knowledge of sport and rules, ability to multitask and communicate effectively with adults and children. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. The ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

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HOMES: MEEKER

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HOMES: MEEKER

1350 SAGE Ridge Road 4BDR 3BA home on double lot in Sage Hills. Large deck with beautiful, unobstructed views. Many extras. \$240,000. See photos at Western-slopefsbo.com. Call (970)878-3228.

HOMES: RANGELY

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LAND/LOTS

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RENTALS: MEEKER

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RENTALS: MEEKER

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RENTALS: MEEKER

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RENTALS: MEEKER

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THE FORMER BLM Building west of Meeker is for rent. The building consists of approximately 10,000 square feet of office space. Interested parties may contact the Meeker Re-1 School District Superintendent at 878-9040 for more information.

Commercial office space available in Huges Building, downtown Meeker. 878-4138.

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2638 County Rd. 6 - 4 BD, 3BA, home on 38.2 acres with garage, irrigation water, improved grasses and panoramic views, good location. \$275,000.

RIVER RANCH ON THE YAMPA This attractive ranch borders public lands and has over a mile of Yampa River Frontage, includes 126 +/- acres, a 5 BD, 4 BA, 4,348 sq. ft., 3 story home, outdoor riding arena, barn and hay meadows. Located west of Craig, CO \$1,900,000 Open to Offers!

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
789 8th Street - Unique and immaculate 5 BD home with income potential. Large property with separate apartment, garage and storage areas. \$475,000
1407 Silver Sage Road - 4 BD, 3BA, custom-built home with 3 car garage and panoramic views, one of the highest quality homes in Meeker. \$439,000
1411 Silver Sage Road - Beautiful ranch style home, 4 BD, 2.5 BA, large garage. \$380,000
1365 Robert St., 4BD, 2BA, sensational and beautifully crafted home in Sage Hills. Offering a luxuriously designed kitchen and living room with a gorgeous outlook over the White River Valley. NEW CONSTRUCTION. \$340,000
1145 Michael Cr. 3BD, 2BA home located in a quiet neighborhood with garage and rec room. \$204,000. SHORT SALE, MAKE OFFER
NEW 855 5th St. 5 BD, 2BA home with good location, new roof, windows, carpet, wood flooring, siding etc. ... large lot. \$200,000
1045 Lance Cr. - 5 BD, 2 BA home with custom garage and large yard on a quiet cul-de-sac. \$198,500
973 Main Street - Nicely remodeled 1BD/1.75 BA home, garage and cottage on 2+ lots. Deck, privacy fence, shade trees, garden space and more! \$188,000
769.5 Pine Street - Private 3BD/2BA remodeled home with stainless steel appliances, wonderful shaded porch, chain link fence, garage and storage shed. \$179,000
780 11th Street - Remodeled 3 BD, 2 BA bi-level home with fenced yard. \$167,900
1170 Cleveland Street, large home with full basement, family room, rec room, carport, nice trees. \$158,900
NEW 1007 Wall St., 3BD, 2BA home with large back yard, deck and garage. \$158,000
1160 Main Street - 3BD/1 BA home with new siding and roof. Walk out basement, wood burning stove and fenced backyard. Lots of space for the price! \$119,000

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
439 Agency Drive - Magnificent 4 BD, 3 BA log home on 6+ acres. New barn, high end appliances and amazing views, just minutes from Meeker. \$525,000
945 RBC Rd. 14 - 5 BD, 3 BA, custom log home on 5 acres, located approximately 25 miles up the White River. Reduced to \$475,000
3778 RBC Rd. 13 - 35 acres with water rights, hay field, pastures and beautifully remodeled 4BD, 2BA home. \$369,000
281 RBC Rd. 57 - Beautiful log home with 3 BD, 2 BA on 1.4 acres. 10 miles east of Meeker on the Flat Tops Scenic By-way. \$324,000
NEW 264 Love Lane, 3BD, 2BA stucco home with metal shop and 5 stall horse barn on 4.39 acres. Great Location. \$275,000
20285 RBC Rd. 8 Spacious home on 1.7 acres, located 20 miles up the White River. \$249,900
Papoose Creek Cabin - Fantastic get away cabin up the White River. \$65,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
317 East Market St. - 4.25 acres including a Commercial Building, large workshop and 3 acre vacant lot with highway frontage. \$975,000. Open to Offers!
NEW 680 Water St., 19 unit apartment complex with 17 storage units on 4 lots with open park area. Some have been remodeled and are very comfortable. \$650,000

REDUCED!
23105 Highway 13 - 5.09 Acres with water well and electricity. \$50,000

4 Lots in Cross L Estates - Possible owner finance. \$74,000 - \$77,000. \$250,000 for all 6.79 acres Cross L Estates - Irrigated hay meadow, domestic water, electricity & views. Time to build a new house! Reduced to \$65,000
1095 Pinoyon Street - Fantastic views of the valley. \$60,000 for all 3 lots!
1417 Silver Sage Road - Two vacant lots, Reduced to \$55,000 for both. MAKE OFFER!
2 adjoining fantastic vacant lots in Sage Hills - Reduced to \$35,000 each.
41 developed lots in Sanderson Hills Re-subdivision, including Streets, Curbs, Electricity, Gas. Priced at \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots. Call for details. Contractors, get started building.



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Featured Property of the Week
NEW LISTING: 1036 Lance Circle - large custom built home, 6 bedrooms, 3 baths, large corner lot in quiet Cul de Sac. List Price: \$295,000.

- NEW! 642 12th Street Cute and Clean Bi-level, VERY motivated seller. \$165,000
- 1394 Ridge Road, move in ready, 3 bdrm, 2ba. PRICE REDUCED! \$265,000
- 1343 Sage Ridge Rd - New 3bdrm home, full basement. \$219,000
- 1246 Cleveland Street - Tri-level home, clean, move in ready. \$160,000
- 517 Park Avenue - COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, PRIME location. \$170,000
- 1217 Main Street - Great starter home, 15000 SF corner lot. \$149,500
- 242 Park Ave. - large site, 2+ bdrm home, large shop. \$145,000
- Garfield St. Townhouses - 5 units. SALE PENDING! \$29,900-\$49,900
- Vacant Lot - 1280 Garfield, includes water tap. Make Offer. \$25,000

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HOMES IN MEEKER ...
*NEW 1425 Mountain View Rd.-4 BR, 3 BA home on a huge private lot with amazing views. Well maintained, move in ready. \$189,900.
*NEW 146 Garfield- Unique commercial property or? Loading dock, workshop, small apartment, storage. \$100,000
*NEW 560 5th St- Great Rental Property -Lg family home or can be a 2, 3, or 4 plex, big shop. \$175,000.
*NEW 910 Water St, Space 6- Very nice doublewide in trailer park, 3 BR, 2 BA, new carpet, appliances. \$59,000
*1369 Juniper Rd.-Beautiful home on 2 large lots, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, attached garage, landscaped w/ sprinkler system, covered patio. \$275,000. REDUCED! Also a 3rd adjacent lot available @ \$35,000
*917 4th St.- Beautiful 5 BR, 3 BA home on 2 quiet, private lots. Basement, garage, trees. Reduced to \$260,000.
*830 Water St.-3 BR, 2BA one level home, fenced corner lot. Garage. Move in ready. \$175,900
*585 Cleveland St.-3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every area! Private fenced back yard, shop, big carport, trees. SCHEDULE A SHOWING. \$448,000
*970 9th St.- 4 BR 3-1/2BA two story log home, large lot, carport. \$169,000 REDUCED!
*939 Park Ave.-4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jetted bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. \$234,900 SALE PENDING!
*11 East Main St- 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. REDUCED \$193,500
*562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000 MAKE AN OFFER!
*643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home, garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$129,000. PRICED REDUCED!
*NEW 864 Hill St.-4 BR, 2 BA home. New windows, stucco siding, detached garage \$170,000 SOLD!
*145 5th St.-Log home, 4 BR, 1BA, large deck, heated garage with shop area \$145,000 SOLD!

RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...
*NEW 1190 CR 63 - 376 Acre Hunting & Grazing Property-12 mi. E. of Meeker, 3 BR, 2 BA home, borders Oak Ridge state hunting land. Cattle grazing land. Creeks, ponds. \$1,100,000.
*12916 CR 8-Great vacation home or year around living, river views, 35 acres, garage, outbuildings, private setting. This is a must see one of a kind property! \$400,000 SALE PENDING
*1161 CR 8- 5 acres, river view, remodeled 2+BR 2 BA, carport, deck, A/C, new heating system. \$349,000
*950 CR 14- Mountain cabin 26 miles up river. 2 BR, 1 BA with great views, in the woods. \$289,000.
*13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$360,000
*444 Agency Dr.-4 BR 3-1/2 BA log home, over 3,500 sq. ft. on 5 acres, barn, irrigated pasture, attached garage, near golf course. What a deal! \$369,000
*4637 CR 8- 77 irrigated acres, 2 story home, barns, shop, sheds, hay pastures, good water. \$690,000
*River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
*2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, Beautiful setting! \$65,000 REDUCED
*710 Shaman Tr. 3-4 BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
*24530 County Rd. 8- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000
*40 Acres up South Fork- Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access. HUNTING. \$585,000.
*13051 CR 8- 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. \$435,000.
*850 County Rd. 10-32 acres with 2 log homes, 2 wells, 2 septic systems, 2 electric meters, shop, garage, fenced, pond. Near the river, Lake Avery, and great hunting. \$695,000 SOLD!

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...
*NEW 145 Garfield- commercial building w/ apartment, loading dock, over 3,000 sq. ft. \$100,000
*109 Market St.-3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location Next to new Family Dollar Store \$299,000
*Rifle, CO-9 vacant lots near City Hall & new theater, excellent investment opportunity. \$1,800,000
*Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 3/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, café, living quarters. Reduced \$130,000.
*Silt, CO- 15 Acre River Front Commercial- 1-70 frontage road, just off of Silt exit, next to Holiday Inn Express. Excellent visibility & access. Utilities to boundary. Water rights. \$950,000.
*304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000
*265 6th St.- Commercial building, high traffic location 3,232 sq. ft. \$65,000 SOLD!

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...
*County Rd. 8- mile marker 29 1/2, amazing 29 acre parcel with a driveway, building site, water rights & more, borders BLM & National Forest \$349,000
*Juniper Rd.- large lot in Sage Hills. \$35,000
*860 Shaman Trail- 5.5 acre lot just east of Meeker, Ute Terrace Sub., town water, awesome views. \$80,000
*Little Estates- 2 to 3 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. Prices starting from \$75,600, 1 mile south of town.
*359 Love Lane-5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000
*River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
*Several nice building lots on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000.
*20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$63,000
*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4: 35 acres, fenced, good pond, leafing shed, great site. REDUCED TO \$79,000.
*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 5: 35 acres, good pond, pasture. Partially fenced. \$83,000.
*Little Beaver Estates- Two 35 acre lots bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000, Lot 12 SOLD!
*Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$100,000
*1187 Park Ave- 2 corner lots, zoned for multi-family, lots of trees. Town Ditch. \$65,000.
*879 Pine St.- 11,250 Sq. ft. lot, great neighborhood, nice building site. \$28,000
*100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.

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- NEW: Nice 3 BR 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur. 1744 Sq Ft built in 1981. Large garden space with water tap. Two large outbuildings. Lots of room to park toys.
- NEW: Rangely - 33553 HWY 64, 214 acre ranch with good White River frontage, irrigated pasture & hay production. 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style home with large kitchen & dining area, big family room. Pole barn for hay, outbuildings and corrals. \$750,000
- 3103 Moffat County Rd 104, Skull Creek Flats, Dinosaur, 1,792 sf single family home w/ 360 sf addition, all on a total of 30 acres, numerous out buildings, include 1200 SF pole barn and finished 1008 SF frame built garage. \$219,000
- 315 8317 N. Grand Ave. Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.
- 5 acres vacant land on CR 104, Dinosaur. Skull Creek Flats, Area 10 w/ Great views \$7,500

- 1376 Juniper Rd. Extensive remodeling on the 1st level, beautiful chef's kitchen w/ pantry and lots of working room, granite countertops, all new appliances new flooring through-out entire main level Large walk-in master bedroom closet, new paint & bannisters. Total 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 3 car garage with asphalt driveway. 20,000 + sf lot. \$280,000
- 757 3rd Street, Awesome 3 BD, 1 3/4 Bath home meticulously remodeled. Italian marble floor in bathrooms w/ Jacuzzi tub in master bath , nice open Kitchen & dining area, beautiful hardwood floors on the main level and a fully finished basement with built-in entertainment center. Covered patio and to complete this property a wonderful 780 SF detached garage wired for sound system. \$245,000
- RIMROCK CAMPGROUND- 73179 HWY 64/Meeker- Great income property, 14.5 acres offering 1,435 SF home w/ 238 SF att. front office, numerous cabins & outbuildings, single wide mobile home rental. Good producing water well. 30 full RV hook-ups w/ 2 primitive sites, tent sites and fully laundry area w/ coin-op machines. Large established shade trees. Have to see this one - Priced to move \$438,000

1153 & 1163 Market Street - SOLD | 208 E Rio Blanco - SOLD | 1025 Jill Drive - SOLD
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RESIDENTIAL
307 & 311 S. Sunset Ave. Duplex on large lot 2 bed 1 bath each \$44,900
924 Tropic Sweet 3 BD/2 Bath Manufactured Home on large lot w/garage \$80,000
511 E. Rio Blanco Ave. Comfortable 3 Bd/1 Bath home on large lot 1,362 sq.ft. \$120,000
207 E. Raven 3BR/1 Bath; 2 Car Garage; Built in 1982 \$150,000
606 E. Rio Blanco Ave. Spacious 2 story 3 bed 2 bath 2040 sq.ft. \$148,000
121 Foothill Dr. Updated home 3Bd/1 Bath 2 car garage Built in 1946 1,797 sq ft \$168,400
1101 Tanglewood Ln. Well kept 3Bd/2 Bath Built in 1982 1,512 sq ft \$169,900
226 Morrison Ave. Bi-level next to park 3Bd/1 Bath 1,686 sq ft 960 sq ft garage \$183,000
208 Hillcrest Cir Spectacular views 3Bd/1.75 Bath w/sauna Built in 1983 1,960 sq ft \$185,000
1524 La Mesa Beautifully updated home. 3 BD/2 Bath. 1544 sq. ft. 2-car garage. \$219,000
236 Ridge Rd. Beautiful 3 Bd/2. Bath home. 2,803 sq. ft. \$240,000
1380 La Mesa Cir. Gorgeous home 3Bd/2 Bath built in 2006. 1932 sq. ft. \$249,000

COMMERCIAL
111 Foothill Dr. 6 plex Great Investment Property \$350,000
103 W. Main St. 1,920 sq. ft. Commercial Building \$129,900

DINOSAUR
100 Dakota 3 Bd/2 bath Two-story home w/great finishes in town. \$169,000

LOTS/LAND
3 lots in Ridgeway Sub. Various Prices
Skull Creek Estates Approx 5 1/2 acres \$25,000
Redwood Estates Approx 1/2 acre building lot \$28,000
2 Fantastic Lots La Mesa Sub \$50,000 each
2 Lots in the Chase Subdivision REDUCED!
HWY 64/River Rd Exceptional Hwy frontage & Development potential. 18.97 acres \$289,000/ 3.47 acres \$261,000

2842 Shale Dr. Lot size 2.479 acres \$38,000
1265 La Mesa Close to BLM \$40,000
Lake St. 2 Lots, 10,000 sq. ft. total \$28,000
Mesa Dr. 2 lots each 5,000 sq ft \$29,000 total
College View 10 lots, +/- 4 acres near CNCC \$150,000

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