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Giant Step Preschool provides giant step up for Rangely kids

By ROXIE LONG
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Nestled in the middle of the town of Rangely is Giant Step Preschool and Child Care Center. A staple in the community for decades for local working parents and CNCC student families, this preschool and child care center has made leaps and bounds from its humble beginnings in the recreation hall of the Rangely Catholic Church in 1979. In 1997 the present building at 246 East Main St. was purchased from the Masonic Lodge. The community and others continue to help improve the quality of the building and services offered. In August 2005, Giant Step became the only 501(C)(3) nonprofit (registered with the Colorado Secretary of State's office as the Human Resource Center, Inc.) licensed child care facility in Rio Blanco County. The tuition, grants and contributions fund the daily operations and maintenance of Giant Step.

ADOBE STOCK PHOTO

Giant Step Preschool and Child Care Center has served the community of Rangely since 1979 and became a nonprofit entity in 2005.

■ WHY DOES QUALITY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE MATTER?

The early years of life are very important for all areas of children's learning and development. That's because the human brain develops faster during the first five years than at any other time in a person's life. High-quality child care and preschool programs support children during a sensitive and developmentally important time of life. Research shows that quality child care and preschool programs help children prepare for kindergarten and success in school. According to Qualistar, a Colorado resource for early childhood education, a child's vocabulary at age 3 can predict third grade reading level which is a strong indicator of lifelong success. Economically, employee absenteeism due to unreliable child care costs U.S. businesses three billion annually.

Giant Step is a Colorado Shines rated facility, which provides parents/guardians information from experts in the child care field on where to find clean, caring, educational and fun child care centers in all locations of the state. Giant Step has been awarded a Level 4 rating from Colorado Shines through Qualistar (www.coloradoshines.com). A Colorado Shines rating (Levels 1-5) gives parents peace of mind. The Colorado Shines rating means that the program is licensed, in good standing with the state, meets health and safety standards, and is regularly monitored. Programs with higher ratings (Levels 3-5) have completed a process to show quality programs and practice in all areas that Colorado Shines reviews. The program reviews the following practices: supports children's health and safety, ensures the staff are well-trained and effective, provides a supportive learning environment that teaches children new skills, helps parents become partners in their child's learning, demonstrates good leadership and business practices. Once a program receives a rating, Colorado Shines provides support to help the program and professionals improve their quality through assessment, training and tools and to connect Colorado families with quality child care.

Giant Step's mission is to provide a safe and caring learning environment for children while acknowledging parents' role in their development. Giant Step provides child care for children ages 2 to 12 years regardless of race, gender, color, national origin, religion or income level. The child need not be toilet trained. Giant Step's curriculum—called "Creative Curriculum"—is for children aged 3-5, and is aligned to Colorado State standards. It is designed to teach children how to learn not just in preschool, but throughout their lives. The focus of the curriculum is how to get along well with others and to become independent, self-confident learners. Giant Step's environment is designed to enhance four areas of development: emotional—expressing feelings, building self-esteem and caring for others; social—working with others, developing friendships and learning responsibility; academic—letters, sounds, words, counting, sorting, measuring and thinking; physical—running, catching, jumping, stretching, bending and coordination.

■ HOW CAN YOU HELP THIS UNIQUE-TO-OUR-AREA LOCAL NONPROFIT?

Giant Step Preschool and Child Care Center will gratefully receive your donations, whether of money, time, or in-kind services. You can also donate through everyday shopping with the Amazon Smiles program. Amazon donates 0.5 percent of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Additionally, Giant Step posts projects and tasks that they are in need of volunteers for on their webpage at gianstepcenter.com. For more information about donating, volunteering or enrollment please contact Giant Step Preschool and Child Care Center at 970-675-2671, visit their website above, Facebook page, or drop by their location at 246 East Main St. in Rangely.

WAY TO GO ...

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

One of 13 new wayfinding signs around Meeker, thanks to a collaboration between Meeker:Project 45 and multiple organizations, private businesses and government entities.

Meeker: Project 45 installs new wayfinding signage

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER I They've been a long time in coming, but Meeker's wayfinding signs are finally here. Anyone who has been part of community planning, town board discussions, or attended a "what does Meeker need" meeting in the last 20 years (maybe longer) has heard about the need for wayfinding signs to direct visitors to various amenities.

"It's been talked about for a long time," said Meeker Chamber Director and Meeker: Project 45 director Stephanie Kobald. "We were told we couldn't make it work with CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation). But there are other towns in the Main Street group that have the same problem [of the highway going through town] and they have signs."

When Meeker: Project 45 received a $2,500 minigrant from the Department of Local Affairs, couples with an $850 match from the town, the group decided to tackle the sign project.

The design of the signs and placement plan was completed in March 2017, and the group submitted the permit to CDOT in Fall 2017, after "borrowing" Rangely town planner Jocelyn Muller for her traffic engineering skills. CDOT approved the permit in May 2018.

The Project 45 group then sought support for funding the project from multiple groups and organizations, including the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC), the Town of Meeker, the Meeker Library District, the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, the Meeker Cemetery District, and Rio Blanco County, totaling (including the original grant and match) $34,850.

"All these people came together, and when that happens you can get things done," Kobald said. She also acknowledged property owners who were willing to accommodate the signs on their properties, including Ol' Crows Liquor, Northwest Auto and the Blue Spruce Inn.

The 13 signs, which incorporate the official Meeker logo, were installed last week, directing traffic to trails, the golf course, the cemetery, historic downtown and the museum, the library, parks and the White River, the fairgrounds, recreation center and schools.

"Placement was based on visitor destinations," Kobald said.

The project isn't quite finished, however. "We're still short about $2,500," Kobald said. "Donations are welcome."

2018'S TOP FIFTEEN STORIES

1. Cabin Lake Fire
2. Fatal crash south of Meeker on Hwy 13
3. Wilson Creek Fire
4. Indian Valley Fire
5. Seely Fire
6. Highway 13 Fire
7. The Club No One Wants to Join—Editorial
8. Cabin Lake Fire #2
9. Ethan Turner Obituary
10. Red Canyon Fire
11. Fatal Rangely Shooting
12. 2018 Election Results
13. Meth Bust Leads to Multiple Arrests
14. Post Office is the Last Mile in Customer Service
15. Erik Striegel Proves Drug Recovery is Possible

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WINTER EDITION

Openings on a variety of RBC boards and panels

Interested parties are asked to apply by Jan. 23

By REED KELLEY
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RBC I The Board of County Commissioners will be making annual appointments and re-appointments to at least 10 boards and other panels at their Jan. 28 meeting in Meeker. Boards that have terms now expiring include the Building Board of Appeals, Citizen Review Panel, Columbine Park Board, Council on Aging Board, Fair Board, Fairgrounds Management Board, Historical Preservation Board, Planning Commission, Rangely Cemetery District Board and Weed Management Board.

In a series of articles starting this week, the *HT* will review the purpose and function of each of these panels, members whose terms are expiring and whether or not those members will be seeking reappointment. The BOCC urges anyone interested in appointment to any of the upcoming vacancies to complete the county's application form and get it back to the county by Jan. 23. This application can be obtained from Laura Smith, county human resources director, at the courthouse or online at the county website, rbc.us, under "Government, Boards and Commissions."

■ BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Building Board of Appeals consists of three voting members and one alternate. The terms of one member and the alternate expire this month. The board serves as the board of review under state law to consider special requested exceptions to the terms of Rio Blanco County building codes in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the code. The group is also entitled to recommend amendments to the codes.

Qualifications for membership on the panel include being a licensed professional engineer or architect, a building contractor or superintendent of construction, or qualified by experience or training to evaluate building construction matters. The panel meets as needed.

Current Board of Appeals members are Jerry Belland, Brian Prater, Luke Renninger. David Cogswell is the alternate. Belland's and Cogwell's terms are expiring. Terms are for three years.

■ CITIZENS REVIEW PANEL

The Citizens Review Panel is required of the county by state child welfare law. This panel, which meets only as needed, is intended to provide a forum for grievances concerning any conflict in the conduct of county human services department personnel performing their duties.There are no term limits and no set number of members.

The current panel has four members: David Smith and Amy Chinn, both appointed in 2016, and John Scott and Brenda Beaudette, appointed in 2017. Qualification for panel membership include being representative of the community, having demonstrated personal or professional knowledge and experience with children, and not being an employee or agent of the state human services department or any county department. At least one member of the panel must be a parent of a minor child at the time of his or her appointment.

■ COLUMBINE PARK BOARD

The Columbine Park Board makes recommendations to the park facility director and the county commissioners in matters pertaining the operation of Columbine Park in Rangely. The board is composed of five members, each serving a three-year term. Current board members are René Harden, Diane Sizemore, Jay McLaughlin and Kerri Knight with one vacancy. The terms of Harden and Sizemore are expiring. The vacancy is for a term expiring in 2020.

The Columbine Board has been meeting every third Wednesday of the month in the evening.

OPENINGS:

- Building Board of Appeals *(see article for more info.)*
- Citizens Review Panel *(see article for more info.)*
- Columbine Park Board *(see article for more info.)*
- Council on Aging
- Fair Board
- Fairgrounds Management Board
- Historical Preservation Board
- Planning Commission Board
- Rangely Cemetery District Board
- Weed Management Board

The HT will review the purpose of each of these boards in this and upcoming editions.

TO APPLY:

Complete an application form and return by Jan. 23 to RBC's Human Resources department. Applications are available from Laura Smith, RBC's HR Director, at the courthouse or online at rbc.us under "Government Boards and Commissions."

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Adults 18–54	$375	$187.50	$40.63	$15.63
Adults 55–74	$225	$112.50	$34.38	$9.38
Dual Adult	$500	$250	$45.84	$20.84
Family	$600	$300	$50	$25

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101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641
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ERBM

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Meeker Public Library** is hosting a Friday craft class for middle school through high school teens. Each Friday in January will feature a jewelry making class beginning at 1 p.m. Space is limited to 10 participants. Call or come in to sign up now. 970-878-5911

■ **TOPS Open House** Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), a national non-profit weight loss group, is having an open house event Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 5-6:30 p.m. in meeting room one at the Rangely Community Medical Health and Wellness Center. Let us help you with your weight loss goals.

■ **ERBM Membership Blitz** Jan. 2-Jan. 15. Stop by or call the Meeker Recreation Center to purchase your annual membership at 50 percent off normal rates! Ends Jan. 15, 2019 at 8:30 p.m., no exceptions. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403

■ **Family Ice Fishing Day** Jan. 5. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Avery. Bundle up, grab your fishing rod and join ERBM and CPW for a day of ice fishing at Lake Avery. Free lunch will be provided and there will be a drawing for a wide variety of prizes. ERBM Recreation & Park District. 970-878-3403

■ **New Year New You Fitness Classes Start** Jan. 7 at the Meeker Recreation center. Check out the group fitness classes for the new year! Details at www.ERBMRec.com ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Toddler Thursday at WRBM** Jan. 8, 9 to 11 a.m. at the Rangely Rec Center for toddlers and their adult(s). $2 per child. Keep your little ones active indoors as the weather turns colder with age-appropriate exercise and play including tumbling mats, age-appropriate sports equipment and an inflatable slide.

■ **Little Basketball at the EEC Gym in Rangely** Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-7 p.m. for first and second graders. Improve your basketball skills! Please bring clean shoes. $25 per person, 12 minimum. Starts Jan. 7. Call WRBM at 675-8211 for more info.

■ **Adult volleyball meeting** Jan. 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Rangely Rec Center. League begins Jan. 14 at Parkview emelentarion. All ages welcome. $115 per six-man team, $75 per four-man team. Four-team minimum. Deadline Jan. 9. Please carry in clean shoes and do not park in the fire lane. Call WRBM at 675-8211 for more info.

■ **Junior basketball for third-sixth graders** Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Runs Jan. 7-30 at Rangely High School. $25 per person, minimum 12. Deadline Jan. 7. Please bring in clean shoes. RHS basketball players will volunteer to help coach. Call WRBM at 675-8211 for more info.

■ **Ballet dance classes** for three to six-year-olds start Jan. 7 at the Rangely Rec Center. $25 per person per month. Recital in May. Mondays and Tuesdays, 3-4 year olds 4-4:30 p.m., 5-6 year olds 4:30-5 p.m. Min 5/ max 10. Deadline Jan. 18. Call WRBM at 675-8211 for more info.

■ **Learn to swim at the Rangely Rec Center starting Jan. 8.** Mondays and Tuesdays, $30 per session. Min 3/max 6. Register by Jan. 4. Preschool lessons (3 to 6 year olds): level one 4:30-5 p.m., level two 5-5:30 p.m. Mommy & Me classes (6 mos.-3 years) 5:30-5:50 p.m. Contact Camilla Kennedy at 675-8211 to determine level.

■ **Projects in Grocery Sacks** Jan. 11, 1 to 4 p.m. in the MRC MP Room. Adults 19 and older are invited to bring their yarn projects for an afternoon of crocheting, conversation and refreshments. ERBM Recreation & District 970-878-3403.

■ **Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge** Jan. 11, 9 a.m. at MHS Gym. Youth ages 6-13 are invited to participate in this free challenge to show off their dribbling, passing and shooting skills. Forms available at www.ERBMRec.com. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Cardboard Derby** Jan. 12, 9:30 a.m. at Paintbrush Park. get your boxes gathered and engineerd into the perfect cardboard sled and participate in the annual cardboard derby! A free breakfast will be served. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Storytime at the Rangely Regional Library** Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

■ **Meeker Lions Club** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 290 Fourth St. New members are always welcome. It's a great way to give back to the community and spend time with a fun group of people.

■ **Tiny Open Gym** Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the admin gym. Bring your 1 to 4 year olds to this free open gym to burn off some energy. Runs through Feb. 26 (no session Jan. 1.) A gym supervisor will be present, but will not lead organized activities. Max three children per parent/caregiver. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Rangely Community Resource Pantry** open Mondays from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

■ **The Rangely Moms Group** meets the first Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S. Sunset Ave.) to help connect moms in our community. Any moms who have newborn through elementary aged children are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. Childcare is provided. The first meeting is free. Subsequent meetings are $5. Scholarships are available if needed.

■ **Gentleman's Group** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Adults 50+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. No session Jan. 1. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meetings every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Meeker Assembly, Fourth and Market Street. Meeker Council of Churches.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). All interested readers are welcome to join in the fun. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Children's Story Hour** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Game Day** for adults 50-plus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshment, conversation and a game of cards.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Wendll's.

■ **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** (18+): Tuesdays at MES gym. 7:30-9 p.m. through Feb. 26 (except Jan 1.) ERBM Recreation and Park District. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ **Adult Open Gym Basketball** (18+): Wednesdays at MES gym. 7:30-9 p.m. through Feb. 27. ERBM Recreation and Park District. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 1-9 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

■ **Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park.

■ **Tootsie Care Day** has joined with Pioneers Hospital Home Health Foot Clinic. To help reduce confusion, Vicki will be at MVCC on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, to trim toenails of anyone who has trouble with the task. Please call PMC Home Health 970-878-9265 to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

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VISIONARY BROADBAND

NEWS BRIEFS

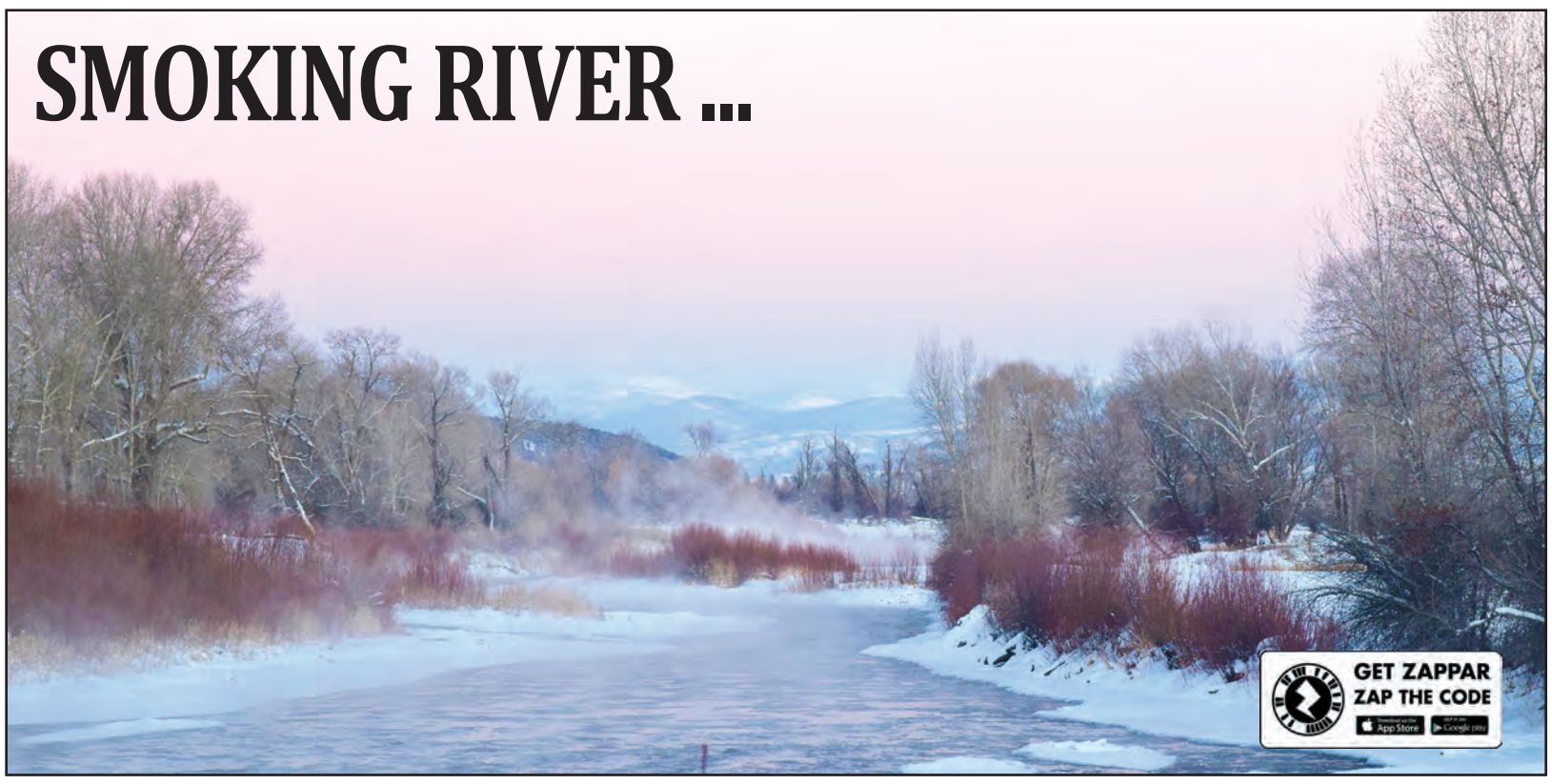
History Colorado grant workshop Jan. 8

RBC | The History Colorado State Historical Fund wants to help you earn grant money for historic preservation and archaeology projects that matter to you and your community. Attend a free grant workshop at the Museum of Northwest Colorado in Craig on Jan. 8 from 3-5 pm to learn about the State Historical Fund program. Go to www.eventleaf.com/shfoutreach20-01 to register or contact Preservation Outreach Coordinator Megan Eflin at hc_shf@state.co.us or 303-866-2887.

CNCC January Community Education

RBC | Just a reminder that Spring 2019 classes begin next week. Jan. 8—Basic computer for anyone needing a little help in becoming more computer savvy. Jan. 9—Machine quilting for newbies or anyone needing help to finish projects. Jan. 10—Watercolor painting with John Kobald. Great class for those with new interest or already talented. Jan. 14—QuickBooks for new learners or those needing help with specific areas of the program. Jan. 16—Oil painting by Maym Cunningham for anyone interesting in learning this art medium. Register online at cncc.edu, degrees and program, community education, Meeker classes. Click at left on registration form. Stop by the office at 345 Sixth St. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, or call 970-878-5227.

SMOKING RIVER ...



CAITLIN WALKER

The new year got off to a frigid start, with temperatures dropping well below zero at night and highs only in the single digits on New Year's Day. Things are expected to warm up by the weekend. Download the free Zappar app and scan the code for a moment of zen.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC AT MEEKER PUBLIC LIBRARY

490 Main St.
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Wednesday
January 9, 2019
2 to 3 p.m.

A free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney will be featured from 2 to 3 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Meeker Public Library.

By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small clains, veterans issues and civil protection orders.

PLEASE CALL 970.878.5911 TO BE ADDED TO THE SIGN UP SHEET

Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable

Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Roundtable Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2018

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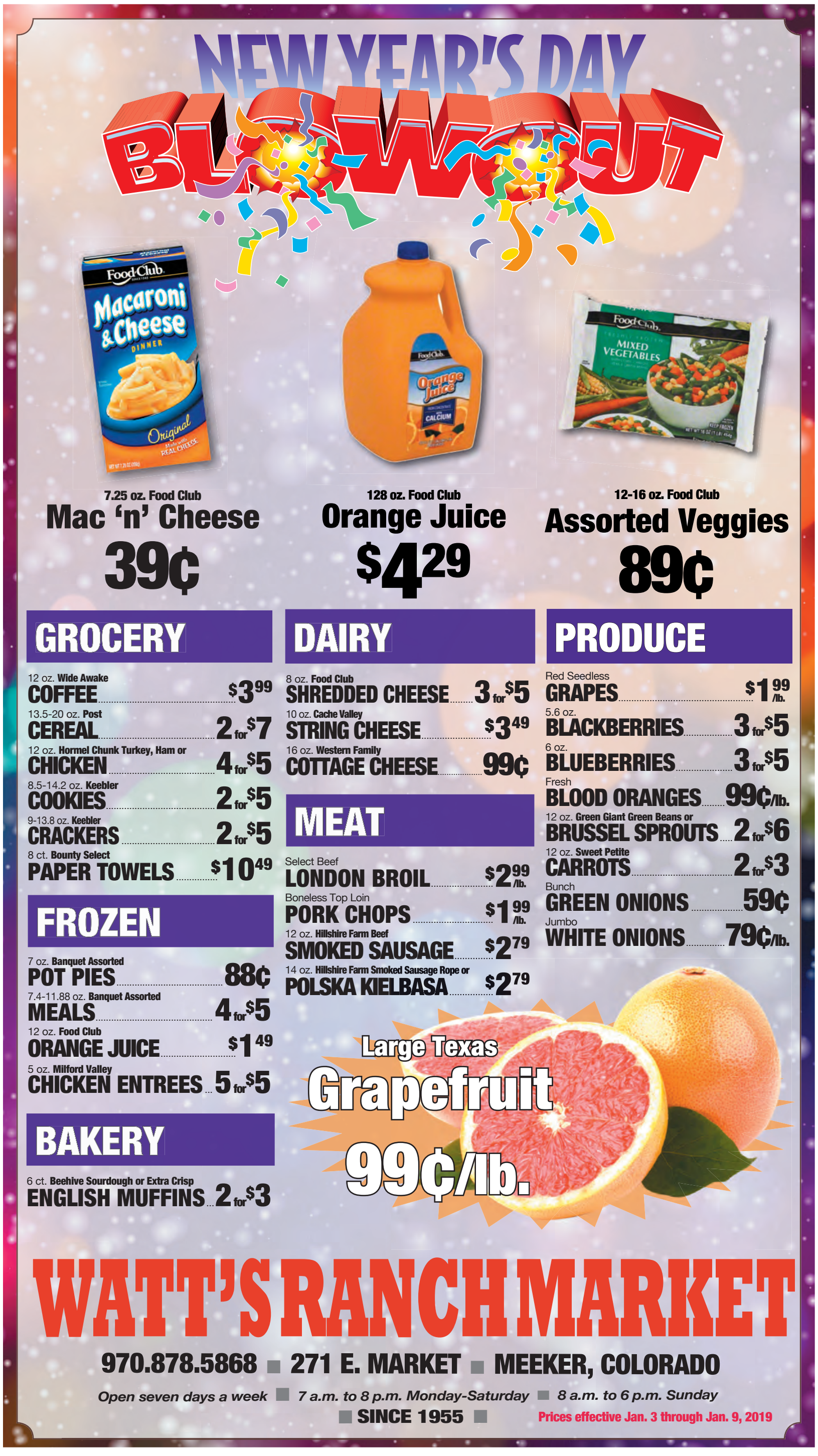

EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Ten easy ways to make our communities even better in 2019

By NIKI TURNER
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1 Read the newspaper. Informed citizens make better community members. (FYI: an in-county subscription to the print edition will save you almost 25 percent off the single copy price and you get the online edition for free.)

2 Attend public meetings and participate in community events. Hold your elected (and appointed) leaders accountable for wise governance and oversight of your tax dollars. Voting is just the beginning of a citizen's responsibility.

3 Be kind to your neighbors. Be kind to people in customer service jobs. Be kind to people who don't look like you, or who look just plain weird. Be kind to people who are older than you, younger than you, vote differently than you or believe differently than you. OK, let's simplify, just be a kind, considerate human being in all your interactions, both in person AND online.

4 Pick up trash, even if it's not yours. If you see trash in the street, at the park, on the sidewalk, or in the mountains, pick it up and throw it away in a proper trash receptacle. Only toddlers refuse to pick things up because they aren't the ones who dropped it.

5 Don't let your dogs run loose. It's not safe for your dogs, for other people's pets, or for random pedestrians. If you can't be a responsible dog owner and keep your dog contained, do the right thing and find the critter a better home. Oh, and pick up after your pets, too.

6 Stay home when you're sick and wash your hands regularly. Haphazardly spreading your germs is inconsiderate and potentially deadly to the elderly, the very young and people with compromised immune systems. Who wants that on their conscience?

7 Stop driving like a selfish jerk. There were 600 traffic fatalities in Colorado in 2018. The chief of the State Patrol attributed them to selfish driving, e.g., driving carelessly, driving under the influence or driving while distracted. Wear your seatbelt, obey the speed limit, don't drink and drive, and stop checking your phone when you're behind the wheel.

8 Practice self-care. Get counseling or therapy if you need it (in the words of my dear uncle, everyone needs therapy). Eat right. Exercise. Go get a massage. And, on the same note, look out for each other. If you see someone struggling, offer to lend a hand. The healthier we are as individuals—physically, mentally, emotionally, etc.—the stronger our communities are as a whole.

9 Support local businesses. Are you going to pay a couple bucks more? Maybe. But you're going to save gas, mileage on your car and your time. What's that two hours in the car worth to you? At least check and see if a local business has the item or service you need before you decide to shop out of town or online. It's part of being a good neighbor and a participating member of the community. And local businesses? Local advertising will reach the people most likely to ring the bell on your shop door and support another local business—the newspaper—at the same time.

10 Practice random acts of kindness throughout the year. Put it in your planner, or on your calendar, to do something nice for someone "just because" at least once a month. It doesn't have to be fancy or expensive. It can be as simple as helping someone carry their packages out of the Post Office, shoveling someone's sidewalk or leaving a note wishing someone a good day on their windshield.

Chamber open house Jan. 8

By EMMA VAUGHN
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MEEKER I The Meeker Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center at 710 Market St., is hosting an open house Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Executive Director Stephanie Kobald, Marketing and Tourism Coordinator Kathy Hockett and Administrative Assistant and Membership Coordinator Kris Deines will be on hand to discuss chamber member benefits and how to customize and utilize those benefits for individual businesses. Chamber members can also renew memberships and pick up their 2019 Meeker calendars. There will be a drawing to win membership benefits. Appetizers and desserts are provided from Chamber members Blanco Cellars & The Little Cheese Shop and Ma Famiglia's.

It will be an opportunity to get to know new chamber employees Hockett and Deines and welcome them into—or back into, in Deines case—the community. Hockett will be reviving the marketing and tourism position with her previous experience as a parks and recreation director and longtime substitute teacher. She has a lifetime of familiarity in Northwest Colorado having lived in Rifle, Craig and Hayden and is looking forward to making her home here in Meeker. She loves that it's a place that's family oriented and where the people genuinely care for each other.

"Meeker is a wonderful small town that has a lot of great things going for it and many wonderful activities to offer. I just want to help and be a part of this wonderful community. As the new tourism and marketing coordinator, it is my goal to promote Meeker and all it has to offer, including businesses, tourism, recreation, events and more. I would like to give other people the experience of community that Meeker has given to me," Hockett said. In her free time she enjoys her two adult children, OHV riding, snowmobiling, country music, scrapbooking and rustic crafts.

Kris Deines is the other new face at the chamber. She and her husband Chad moved back into the area last summer. Her husband graduated from Meeker High School and the Deines previously lived in Meeker for four years after getting married. They've been away 21 years but it's always been a place they have wanted to come back to, so when the opportunity presented itself they did just that.

"We love Meeker and are so happy to be back. It's been great," Deines said. She organizes the Meeker Market events along with other events throughout the year. She also coordinates the chamber's membership services and helps businesses utilize all of the benefits the chamber has to offer. They both enjoy exploring in their Razor and being outdoors, entertaining and spending time with family and friends.

FAST FACTS
WHO: Meeker Chamber of Commerce
WHAT: Open House to meet the new employees, renew your membership, win membership benefits, and enjoy appetizers and desserts
WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
WHERE: Visitor Center, 710 Market St., Meeker

MILLENNIAL MUSINGS

Untangling the tales of my ancestry

By CAITLIN WALKER
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RBC I Happy New Year! I've officially swapped my Facebook habit for an obsession with genealogy, triggered by a do-it-yourself DNA kit I got for Christmas.

That's right, I paid $60 for someone to tell me I'm about as white as they come—the fact that I turn the color of a radish after 10 minutes of sun exposure apparently doesn't qualify as "hard evidence." I've been tracing my family's long trek from Ireland, England, Wales, the Netherlands, Germany, Scotland and France to the United States and on into Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana and more.

My first and favorite discovery was a digitally scanned photograph of my paternal grandparents being crowned Snow Ball King and Queen at a Christmas formal at Glenwood Springs High School. It's weirdly wonderful to see the bright young faces of people you've only known and loved the older versions of.

Other fun discoveries include official proof of my "Colorado native" status with ancestors dating back to the 1800s, as well as confirmation of the "five Irish brothers came over on a boat" story one great-grandpa was fond of telling. (His other favorite thing to do was encourage my parents to "get married and make some more Turner boys!" I still remember sobbing when the youngest of the four of us was born and it was yet another boy. Thanks a lot, great-grandpa Ralph.)

I've run into some trouble tracking down the lineage of the five brothers (and three sisters, whom great-grandpa Ralph failed to mention). I know that after their father, Christopher, died in Ireland, they, along with their mother Jane, headed for the U.S. The youngest of the children, Thomas, was just 3-years-old.

Can you imagine? I only have half the kids she did, and I can't even make it from here to the grocery store without mass preparation. Picking up my whole life after being recently widowed and leaving my family and friends to cross an entire ocean on a boat? Heck to the no.

I'm not sure if they all came over at the same time or in stages sometime around 1865, but they ended up in Indiana. Four of the brothers and all of the sisters appear to have settled down and stayed near family. They got married, had children, dutifully (if sloppily) filled out their census reports (thanks, guys!) and died after relatively long and hopefully happy lives.

The last brother, however, a John C. Turner, mysteriously vanished after he arrived in the U.S. and apparently died in Mexico City about 30 years later in his early 40s. Rather suspicious, if I do say so myself.

Tracking down 20 generations of dead ancestors is probably not the "real human connection" I've been looking for after my recent social media hiatus, but there's just something so reassuring (maybe I'm just being morbid) about tromping through the annals of history, finding Anns and Marys and Elizabeths (so many Elizabeths) and Williams and Johns from hundreds of years ago. They lived and they loved and they recycled the same five to 10 names for their offspring and then they died (lest we get too stuffy, I'll add an "It's the cirrrrcle of liffeeeee" reference from the Lion King here.) And you know what? Life kept right on going, all the way to the shiny new year of 2019.

It's strangely comforting. Finding out that your grandma's mildly drunken ramblings about inbreeding were probably true, however? Much less so. (Just cousins, though, several generations back, and it was 19th century Kentucky, so who's surprised, really?)

The point is, we're all eventual footnotes on a genealogical chart, and that's if we're lucky. Maybe we shouldn't take ourselves so darn seriously.

OBITUARIES

Sue Hicken

April 10, 1949 ~ Dec. 25, 2018

Sue Hicken

Sue Hicken was born April 10, 1949, in Kemmerer, Wyo. and passed away in Seattle, Wash., on Dec. 25. She lived most of her life in and around Denver, Colo., but moved to Meeker in October 2006.

In August 2017 she got her heart's desire and moved to Tacoma, Wash., to be near her daughter, Michele, and her family, husband Aaron and son Logan. Sue's son Zack moved from Colorado with her so she had reached her ultimate dream, being surrounded by her family.

In Meeker, Sue was very active in the Rio Blanco Historical Society as secretary. She also served for many years as an election judge.

She always enjoyed different crafts, but eventually put her talents to creating stained glass. Many people in Meeker have her work hanging in their windows. She was also our family historian and spent many hours compiling our genealogy. Through her hard work we have been able to trace a number of our lines back to Europe. She was the granddaughter and great-granddaughter of pioneers and immigrants.

Sue loved to travel and was always ready for a road trip whether it was to Como, Colo., to look for an ancestor's grave or overseas to see a different country. It didn't matter, she was ready to go. When her kids were young, she was a member of the Colorado Historical Society and all three often went on archeology digs on the front-range.

Sue loved the wild horse herds on Piceance, the birds in her yard and the deer who made her yard their home. Everyone who knew her knew how hard she had worked on her beautiful yard here in Meeker. So, too, in Tacoma did she love sitting on her patio enjoying the birds and the gorgeous spray of flowers in her new yard.

However, the most important part of her life was her children, Michele and Zack. Her grandson, Logan, now 3, became the absolute star of her life. She loved him to the moon and back. She was never happier than when she was with her family be it hiking, lounging on the beach or enjoying their company at home.

Although in overall good health, she was struck down with a massive brain aneurysm on Dec. 23. She is survived by Michele, Aaron, Logan, Zack, two sisters and a brother. Her family asks that in lieu of flowers, people donate to the Rio Blanco Historical Society, P.O. Box 413, Meeker, Colo., 81641 or Piceance Mustangs, P.O. Box 1379, Meeker, Colo., 81641.

Renita Lazzell Ablott

Aug. 27, 1956 ~ Nov. 27, 2018

Renita Lazzell Ablott, 62, passed away on Nov. 27, 2018, in her home. She was born on Aug. 27, 1956, in Rock Springs, Wyo. She attended Manila High School where she graduated in 1974. She married Kenneth Slaugh, and together they had three children. They divorced in 2001. She married Christopher Ablott in 2003 in Parachute, Colo. Renita was a musician, an artist and a crafter. She loved the outdoors, especially camping and arrowhead hunting. She loved her family fiercely. She was always there with a cup of coffee and words of wisdom whenever life got hard.

Renita Ablott

She is survived by her parents, Katherine Brown and Richard (Buck) Lazzell; a brother (Shane) and a sister (Marsha); her four children Anna, Justin, Mandy and Josey; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is already greatly missed.

Her family will be holding a celebration of life at the 4-H building at the Meeker, Colo., Fairgrounds on Jan. 12, 2018, beginning at 11 a.m. For memorial donations, please contact Mandy Richardson at 970-942-3178.

School Lunch

MEEKER:
Jan. 7-10, 2019

RANGELY:
Jan. 7-10, 2019

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Yogurt special, hot ham and cheese, raw veggie medley, fresh fruit, milk	WEDS. JAN. 9	Not available by press time
BBQ rib sandwich, mixed veggies, fruit cup, milk, Rice Krispy treat	THURS. JAN. 10	Not available by press time

The Rio Blanco County Lunch Menus are sponsored by the Herald Times.

TOP ZAPS OF 2018

The *Herald Times* introduced a new feature called Zappar in July 2018 to bring augmented reality to our readers. Here are last year's top zaps.

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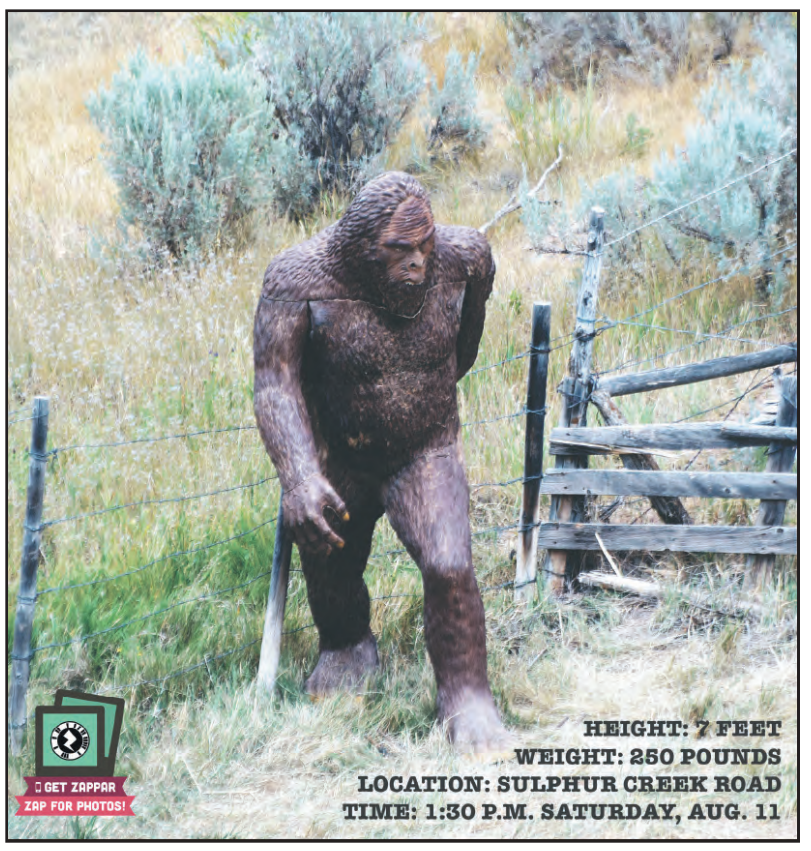

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Timothy (2)

By Dr. J. D. Watson
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you . . . (Phil. 2:19–24)

■ **Dr. J.D. Watson**

THE Apostle Paul's *third* recommendation of Timothy to the Philippian believers was that he was *courageous*. This principle is implied by Paul's observation of those with the opposite attitude: **For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's** (v. 21). **Seek** is *zēteō*, to seek after, look for, strive to find. Especially significant in this word is that the will is at the heart of the seeking (e.g., Matt. 13:45; 26:16; Lk. 15:8). While there were certainly those in Rome, as Paul mentions, who were preaching the Gospel, they were doing so with "envy and strife . . . [and] contention" (Phil. 1:15–16), that is, jealousy, contention, and rivalry. In short, they were preaching with selfish motives. But Timothy's willful, courageous, single-minded choice was to **seek Christ**.

Fourth, we see that Timothy was *confirmed*. Paul called upon his readers to recall: **ye know the proof of him** (v. 22). **Proof** translates a much neglected word in our own day, *dokimazō* (1381), to test, pronounce good, establish by trial. A related word, *dokimos* (1384), was originally used as a technical term for coins that were genuine. This underscores, of course, the principle of discernment. John used it, for example, in 1 John 4:1, where it's translated "try": "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." Timothy, therefore, had proven qualifications. So important was this that Paul would write to Timothy a few years later and list the very specific requirements for those in leadership (1 Tim. 3:1–14).

Fifth, we note that Timothy was *compliant*: **he hath served with me in the gospel**, Paul testified (v. 22). **Served** is *douleuō*, to be in the position of a servant, to serve in subjection and obedience. Perhaps what should strike us most here, however, is the word **gospel**. This is that critical word *euaggelion* (English "evangelism"), the good news. We are to serve the Gospel, not our own agendas, people's felt needs, cultural relevance, or anything else. "The gospel of Christ" alone "is the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16).

Sixth and finally, we rejoice in the fact that Timothy was *committed*, a fact that is implicitly implied in all five of the other features. Paul hoped to send Timothy immediately (v. 23) simply because he knew of Timothy's complete and unhesitating faithfulness to the task. We read elsewhere of Timothy, in fact, "For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church" (1 Cor. 4:17).

Let us each examine ourselves and ask, "Am I the kind of servant Timothy was? Am I agenda-free and committed solely to the Gospel? Am I ready and willing to serve the Lord immediately anytime, anywhere?"

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses tell us about commitment: Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:57–62; Luke 14:26?

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Donated equipment from the Denver Broncos and Shield 616 includes two bullet "rifle" proof vests, helmets, first aid kits and carriers to be used in case of active shooter, barricade suspect, high risk warrant entries and more.

Broncos donate equipment to Meeker Police Department

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | "Earlier this year, Denver Bronco Von Miller was moved to action by the deaths of three Colorado's sheriff's deputies and the number of mass shootings across the country. Miller rallied the rest of his team and decided it was time for the Broncos to show tangible support for the local law enforcement agencies who selflessly serve across Colorado," according to a statement from the Broncos and Shield 616.

Shield 616 is an organization that helps equip first responders with gear for necessary, advanced active shooter/crowd control situations, and provides a support group for first responders. Gear is donated, and replaced every five years at no charge to any first responder or department.

The Denver Broncos and Shield 616 raised $200,000 in five days and dispersed the funds to 31 different law enforcement agencies and fire departments throughout Colorado.

The Meeker Police Department is one of the agencies chosen to receive lifesaving equipment, including two bullet "rifle" proof vests, helmets, first aid kits and carriers to be used in case of active shooter, barricade suspect, high risk warrant entries, etc.

> **"The equipment is very expensive, and is very appreciated."**
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> *~ Phil Stubblefield*
> *MPD Chief*

"The equipment is very expensive, and is very appreciated," said Chief Phil Stubblefield.

Meeker School District set to sell bonds, design group meets Jan. 7

By REED KELLEY
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MEEKER | The Meeker Board of Education (Board) and School District start off the New Year with the exciting challenge of selling their approved bonds and initiating the actual building phase of the high school renovation and new bus garage project.

DESIGN ADVISORY GROUP TO MEET

The board, with district superintendent Chris Selle, established a rather large Design Advisory Group for the projects in November. This group met three times in December and is scheduled to meet again on Jan. 7 at Meeker High School, 5:30 p.m. According to Selle, the work at this meeting, which is open to the public, will focus on the drafted schematic design which has been built around the discussions in the December meetings.

Selle has expressed enthusiasm for the fact that the district continues to carry the mantle of Accredited with Distinction from the State Department of Education and the elementary school has recently earned a Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award. He is especially grateful that the Meeker community has chosen to invest in Meeker students with the passage of Amendment 4A in November approving the new renovation and construction project bonding.

On the side of caution, Selle urges the community to keep flexibility in mind as the whole project moves forward since no doubt, he suggests, delays and unexpected changes in timetables and the like will occur. Selle asks that all keep the overall goal in mind, too, that goal being "to provide an infinitely better facility for our students."

As we've reported earlier, Saul Abrahams is the district's representative overseeing the whole project. He and the district will be working, under contract, with NV5 for overall construction quality assurance, TreanorHL for architectural services, Weecycle as the environmental consultants, and Ground Engineering Consultants for geotechnical work including soil and materials analysis and testing. Contracts with Haselden Construction as the construction manager/general contractor and SGM Engineering for on-call surveying are expected to be perfected later this month.

NEW HIRES AND RESIGNATIONS

Last month, the board approved new hires of Kathy Hockett and James Anderson as certified substitutes. They also accepted resignations, effective at the end of the current school year, of kindergarten teacher Jackie Meyer, former superintendent and current coordinator of academics Mark Meyer, Maria Beckington as the high school Spanish teacher, and Lynn Laman as a bus driver and substitute. Selle has also stepped down as middle school assistant wrestling coach in order to give more attention to the construction project.

The board meets next in work session on Monday, Jan. 14, and for their regular monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 28, both at the district administration building at 7 p.m.

DESIGN ADVISORY GROUP (DAG) MEETING

WHO: Advisory group for the design of Meeker's new high school, open to the public
WHAT: Follow-up to discuss drafted schematic design
WHEN: Jan. 7, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
WHERE: Meeker High School

Colorado Health Insurance Exchange open enrollment period ends Jan. 15

RBC | The Colorado Health Insurance Exchange open enrollment period ends Jan. 15. Individuals and families can purchase health insurance for the 2019 calendar year.
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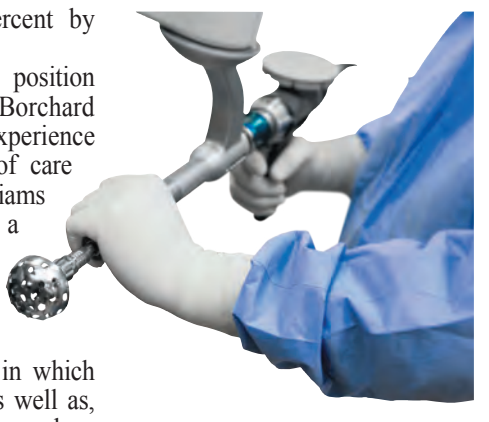
New robotics arm at PMC

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | "As the Chief of Staff at Pioneers Medical Center, I am excited about blending the incredible talents of Dr. Kevin Borchard with the great technology of Stryker Mako Robotics. This combination is going to take the orthopedic care at Pioneers to new levels," said Pioneers Medical Center Chief of Staff Chris Williams, M.D. In January, Dr. Borchard will begin using the Mako Arm Assisted Surgery System with his patients.

Over the past several months Pioneers staff has been researching the feasibility and opportunities to invest in the growing field of orthopedics. One in seven Americans suffer from an orthopedic impairment. Total knee replacements in the United States are expected to increase 189 percent by 2030.



Dr. Kevin Borchard will begin using the new Stryker Robotics Mako Arm Assisted Surgery System this month.

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"Pioneers is in a unique position to take advantage of Dr. Borchard and his fellowship-trained experience to further develop the level of care offered here in Meeker," Williams said. The Mako Robotics is a robotic Arm Assisted Surgery System that enables surgeons to have a more predictable surgical experience. It is a tool that enhances the preciseness in which the surgeries are performed, as well as, increases patient safety. A tremendous value the robotics brings to the surgery happens before the surgery itself. Through CT-based 3D modeling of bone anatomy, surgeons use the Mako System to create a personalized surgical plan and identify the implant size, orientation and alignment based on each patient's unique anatomy creating a customized design of the replacement knee or hip pieces. This facilitates ideal implant sizing and positioning that can result in a more natural feeling joint following surgery and more rapid recovery than traditional joint replacement surgery. During surgery, Dr. Borchard can validate that plan and make any necessary adjustments while he guides the robotic-arm to execute that plan.

"It's exciting for Pioneers to be an early adopter of this technology," Williams said.

TAG meeting sets stage for continued algae study

By REED KELLEY
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NEXT MEETING:

WHO: Algae Study Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

WHAT: Follow-up meeting to review USGS 2019 Scope of Work

WHEN: Jan. 8, 2019, 1 to 4 p.m.

WHERE: RBC Sheriff's Office Training Room, Meeker

RBC I TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM MET DEC. 14

Callie Hendrickson, executive director of the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts, kicked off the Dec. 14 meeting of the USGS-led Algae Study Technical Advisory Group (TAG). Representatives from some 13 local, state and federal government agencies plus one citizen's group, Trout Unlimited, comprise the group. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss apparent results of the study to date and focus on possible changes in the scope of work for USGS going into the study's second year.

USGS research principals Michael Stevens and Natalie Day (Grand Junction and Moab, Utah), highlighted preliminary indications of nutrient level concentrations as well as "flux" trends, based on river sampling and review of data back to 1999. They explained that concentrations were point sample (water column) values while flux values show how much of a given nutrient is delivered downstream over a period of time.

Indications are that during the 18-year period studied, nitrogen concentrations downstream of Meeker were actually lower, probably due to improved water treatment by the Meeker Sanitation District. Values during high water months upriver were definitely greater with more nutrients being carried downstream—perhaps by as much as 13 percent. The big surprise, Day reported, is phosphorus loading. So much so that any algae growth would not be limited by there not being enough phosphorus. Nitrogen source testing has been frustrated, and may be prevented, by there simply not being enough nitrogen present to do the isotopic analysis USGS had planned.

TEMPERATURE INCREASES EARLIER IN YEAR CONCERNING

Temperature data is also interesting, even though the sampling consistency of temperature data over time is a challenge. It appears temperatures are up only very slightly for the normal highs of August, but they are up significantly earlier in the summer season and for a longer period of time. USGS plans to further analyze the data and intensify their sampling for this in 2019. It was noted that these temperature changes appear quite compelling.

Dissolved oxygen tests definitely showed higher highs and lower lows, partially confirming greater in-stream biomass activity (metabolism). The green algae bloom in the river this past summer did not develop to the degree it has in the last few years, but a second bloom of some extent in August did surprise researchers. The extent of the green algae *Cladophora* in the river system was much greater than expected as the algae was found to some degree at every test site, even those further upriver that were supposed to be reference sites for no *Cladophora*.

The USGS team discovered a greater mix of other (non-green) algae and both aquatic and terrestrial mosses, making the whole system more complicated than perhaps expected and creating the need to do more taxonomic evaluations this coming year. Other topics suggested for greater attention in 2019 were increased water quality sampling, peak flow and scouring analysis.

USGS also identified the need for more photographic work to be done by local personnel in order to record algae changes. Efforts to record these types of changes by remote cameras in 2018 were not successful.

Day suggested the phosphorus loading could well be from increased regional aridity in recent years, being deposited by prevailing winds in the higher forest and snowpack. She commented that this is nearly a global phenomenon, not limited to the White River Basin.

RIVER DISTURBANCES TO BE LOOKED AT MORE CAREFULLY

In response to continued concern about nutrient loading due to disturbance from dredging and other river manipulation, USGS indicated they have looked at that question and intend to look at it more carefully. Also mentioned by USGS was that one landowner had requested that sampling data from their stretch of water not be used, so that data has been withdrawn.

Long-standing local River Watch Program coordinator Dr. Bob Dorsett commented that given the lower flows, the consistently higher and longer-lasting high temperatures, with peak run-off being 22 days earlier than on average 50 years ago, it's apparent we are definitely suffering from the effects of climate change with which we are rather stuck, but that we have to do what we can to counteract.

Tory Eyre, local Colorado Parks and Wildlife fisheries biologist, reported that CPW had engaged in increased biological testing and surveillance on the river, in cooperation with USGS and Trout Unlimited, but that their data will not be fully processed until perhaps April. Eyre did mention increased algae presence in one locale where mosquito spraying had occurred.

The Lake Avery releases, he reported, dropped Avery levels by more than 7-½ feet, but that the lake level had already recovered to a large degree. The temperature extreme for the summer was reported to be almost 80 degrees (on July 22) at Meeker's Circle Park while the flow level dropped to just under 18 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the Wakara Bridge on Aug. 16, during the daily release of 20 cfs from Avery. Twenty cfs is supposed to be the minimum flow for the White here. There is a question of whether or not the colder but nutrient-loaded water from the bottom of the Avery dam might have played a role in the secondary bloom in August.

TAG MEETS AGAIN JAN. 8

Hendrickson cataloged the ongoing issues identified in the meeting and said the TAG will continue to review the 2019 Scope of Work for the USGS study—a task she expects them to complete by March 1. A follow-up meeting of the TAG in this regard has been set for Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1-4 p.m., in the Sheriff's Office training room in Meeker.

First year expenditures for the study were budgeted to be about $120,000 and are planned to be about $139,000 for 2019. A big piece of the 2019 money, some $41,000, is coming through the Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable. TAG member Alden Vanden Brink, Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District manager of Rangely, and Roundtable co-vice chair, commented that the Roundtable has been very impressed with how quickly and significantly the collective county group here had jumped on the algae issue.

Some 13 individuals representing 11 of the 14 TAG member organizations, a couple staff and 10 various members of the public attended the meeting. County commissioner Jeff Rector, who represented RBC on the TAG for this meeting, said he feels the TAG has done a great job and that he hopes carrying on the USGS study with a revised scope of work in 2019 will turn up some answers for 2020.

EMMA VAUGHN PHOTO

Members of the Rio Blanco Stitchers displaying some of their handiwork. (Left to right) Luanne Stromer, Sue Irwin, Amanda Schmidt, Connie Hughes, Peggy Shults, Linda Jones, DC Collins, Melinda Parker, Jan Keller, Stephanie Oldland and Barbara Phelan.

Helping others one stitch at a time

By EMMA VAUGHN
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MEEKER I The Rio Blanco Stitchers met Dec.18 at the Meeker Public Library to make receiving blankets and lap quilts for a couple of the group's selected charity projects. From early in the afternoon to late that night 12 ladies worked tirelessly to bring joy and comfort to beneficiaries from the newest stages through the latter stages of life. Their primary task that day was making receiving blankets for a Wichita, Kan., orphanage at which Melinda Parker's daughter Christie Wheeler volunteers. Wheeler had shared with the group the orphanage's need for new blankets.

This isn't the first time the Rio Blanco Stitchers have gathered to contribute to a good cause. They are also known to donate lap quilts for all the HopeWest-Meeker patients and new residents of the Walbridge Wing at Pioneers Hospital.

"We have given at least 100 comfort quilts for the people and their families in our community," says group founder Jan Keller. The group has been meeting since 2004, after Keller and her husband moved to Meeker and wanted to join a group similar to one she sewed with in Wyoming. Each year since HopeWest-Meeker started they also donate a Christmas quilt to the annual HopeWest Foundation Gala for the silent auction. Some of Keller's favorite projects over the years have been friendship quilts where they exchanged either squares or strips of fabric and used the same pattern, resulting in very unique quilts. The group usually meets on Tuesdays with anywhere from 18 to 20 sewers and quilters with various degrees of skill. All are welcome to join and the group enjoys catching up with one another while giving back to their community one stitch at a time.

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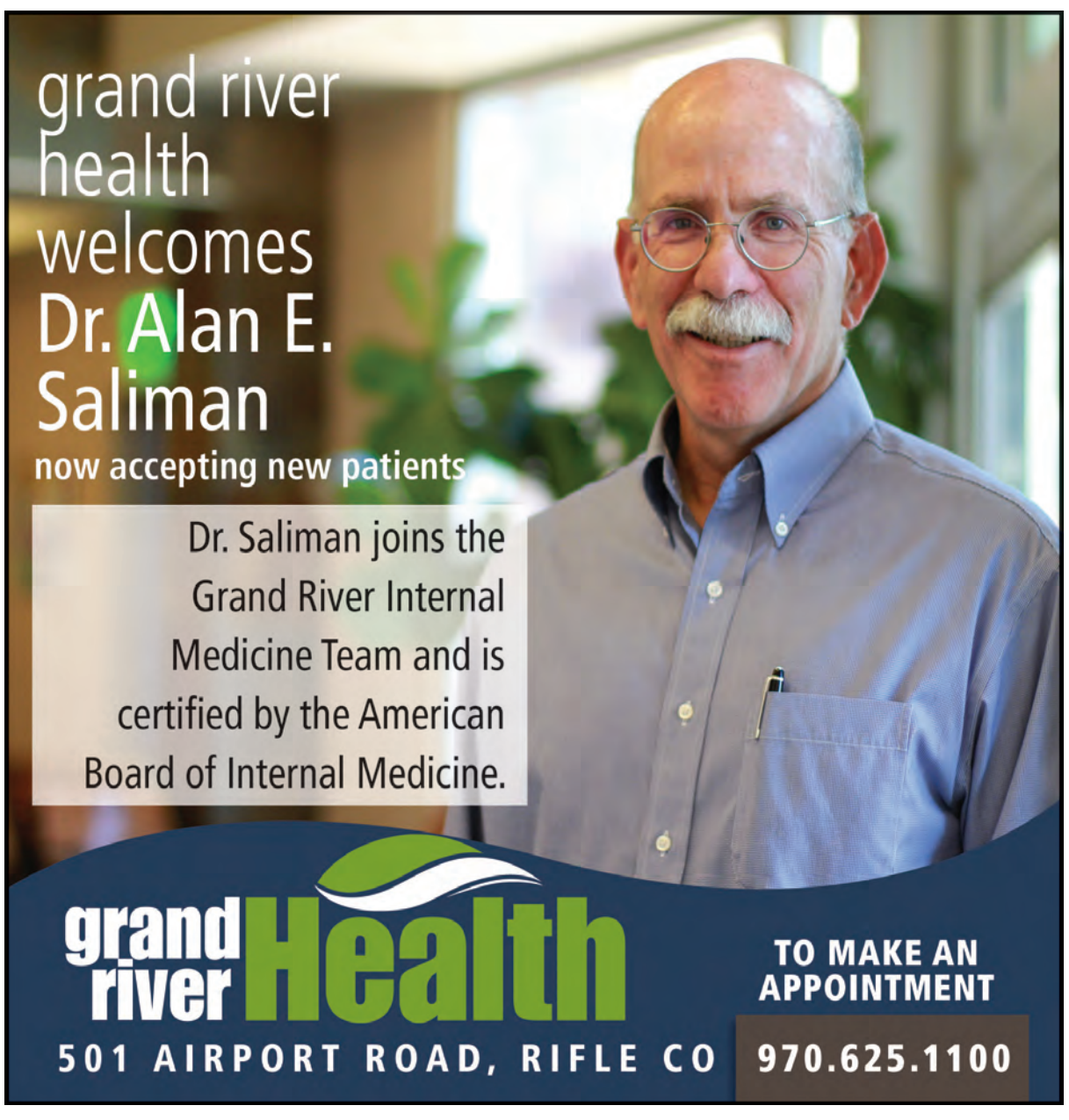

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■ On Saturday evening, Dec. 30, 1893, to the wife of David Smith, a daughter. Mother and child are doing nicely, while David is being besieged with the usual congratulations, in which *The Herald* most cordially joins.

■ Bill George of Powell Park, is now a full-fledged member of the bear hunters' club, having killed one of the largest specimens of the bear family (a few days ago) ever seen in this county, thereby asserting his right to membership in the above named organization. We also learned that Bill is somewhat of a lion hunter too, having killed one in a novel way the other day. He followed the puma up a tree and grabbing its tail wrapped it three times around the trunk of the tree, in which position he held the candal appendage until he could reach his revolver when he dispatched the lion. C.L. Walrad, who witnessed the contest, says it measured 13 feet 9-3/4 inches from tip to tip.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

■ Our battleships literally eat paint. The initial-color requirements for a new battleship cost about $25,000 which is the price of about 100 tons of the kind of paint the navy uses. In addition to this, it is customary to repaint the different parts of a ship two or three times a year. This brings the annual outlay in paint for the entire fleet to $1,000,000.

■ The present king of Sweden is said to be the only monarch ever known to wear eyeglasses on state occasions. In point of fact, both eyeglasses and spectacles are very rare among royalties of today. This certainly is true of our own royal family, says the *London Chronicle,* no living member of which employs any aid to vision. There was a time when Queen Victoria would not allow anyone wearing spectacles to appear before her at court.

■ It is youth and not learning that usually make young people smart—in their own estimation.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

■ 1968 will go down in economics histories as "the year of the great boo-boo." Early it was recognized that the economy was overheating…that a cooling off was necessary to prevent runaway price boosts and the inevitable aftermath of recession. The government opted for a fiscal "wet blanket" to smother the inflationary fires…and belatedly the surtax on personal and corporate incomes was enacted, effective mid-1968. But the boom rolled on.

■ Jim Cook, senior quarterback of the 1968 Meeker high school champion football team, is one of the 101 football players named to the North and South squads for the annual All-State games in Pueblo in August. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. K. James Cook.

■ Next Tuesday afternoon, Rio Blanco County's two new County Commissioners will take their oath of office and join Commissioner Hugh Caldwell as the three men who will guide the county along its path of progress the next four years. The public swearing in ceremony will be performed by County Clerk and Recorder Sue Mantle at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan 6, in the county commissioner's room. Charley Bloomfield, commissioner district No. 3, and Jay Rector, commissioner district No. 2, were elected to their first four year term of office in last Novembers general election. The two men replace Bill Murray and Ivo Shults, present county commissioners. Murray declined to run for office while Shults was defeated in the primary race. The third member Mr. Caldwell will be starting his 31st consecutive year as commissioner for Rio Blanco County.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

■ Twenty members of the Meeker Chorale sang in Denver on Dec 18, participating in the annual Victorian Christmas Walk. Meekerites traveling over included sopranos Rhonda Hilkey, Raeanne Crawford, Lila Cox, Ethel McCarthy, Bobbie Jo Tucker, Lee Ann Merritt, Bonnie Coryell and Rosemary Hilkey; altos Melanie McKee, Pat Robinson, Mary Strang, Lee Jirak, Elaine Jordan, Mary Washburn, and Stacey Hoyes; basses Art Cox, Ed Jirak and Van Merritt; and tenors Stan Cook and Barbara Doneker.

■ Since the Division of Wildlife area deer management plan has been made available to the public a few local guides and outfitters have expressed concerns the DOW was intending to drop the deer population below what the area has been able to sustain in past years. In the Data Analysis Unit D-7 plan, DOW officials decided to change their current objective of a 75,000 deer population to 67,500-or to what the current population has been for the last year or so. Another objective of the DOW is to change the sex ratio from the current 17.4 buck to 100 does and 50 fawns per 100 does, to 20 bucks per 100 does ad 60 fawns per 100 does.

■ Although the total pupil count for the district has dropped this year, large numbers of students in certain areas are causing a few headaches for the Meeker School District. Grouped into two sections this year instead of three as in previous years, third-grader teachers find themselves working with 27 students apiece at present, and when crowded into the small elementary school classrooms, "It's not the best of situations," explained building principal Bill Ertmer.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

■ Hailey Smith was recently awarded a scholarship to attend the U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. The scholarship was awarded by the U.S. Space an Rocket Center, on the basis of teacher recommendations, grades and student essay. Hailey also received a first-place award in the National Math Olympiad. Hailey is 11-years-old and lives in Sandy, Utah. She is the granddaughter of Faye Thompson Real and the great granddaughter of Stella Thompson of Rangely and the late Carl Thompson. She is also the great-granddaughter of Dorothy Real of Rangely and the late James Real.

■ "Historically, winter is the most hazardous time for coal mine explosions," said Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich. "This winter we are redoubling our efforts to reach every mine operator and mine in the country with the message: these tragedies can be prevented." Last December, eight Virginia miners lost their lives in an explosion. Recently, a mine explosion in Kentucky claimed another miner's life.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

■ For the world at large the prospects for a happy new year in 1969 are at least no worse than they were a year ago. For many they would appear to be even brighter. Insofar as Rangely is concerned, this is a prosperous, busy community, a pleasant place in which to live. With prospects for a new post office, city-county building, plans for oil shale development and the nuclear test during the next 12 months, we can look forward to an even happier 1969.

CPW fee increases for 2019

Parks pass and camping permit fee changes effective Jan. 1, 2019

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I This is the first increase to park entry fees since 2010. Key park entrance fee changes are listed below.

■ **Daily Vehicle Pass $8-9**
At Cherry Creek, Chatfield, and Boyd Lake State Recreation Areas, and Eldorado Canyon State Parks each daily vehicle pass is $9 (An additional Cherry Creek Basin Water Authority fee of $1 applies for Cherry Creek State Park.)

■ **Individual Daily Pass $4**
Applies for any person entering Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area , Barr Lake, Crawford, Colorado State Forest State Park, Eldorado Canyon, Elkhead Reservoir, Harvey Gap, Highline Lake, James M. Robb—Colorado River, Lory, Pearl Lake, Rifle Gap, Rifle Falls, Stagecoach, Steamboat Lake, Sweitzer Lake, Sylvan Lake, Trinidad Lake, Vega and Yampa River State Parks, except those entering the park in a motor vehicle with a valid annual parks pass or state parks annual hang tag pass.

■ **Annual Affixed Vehicle Pass $80**

■ **NEW! State Parks Annual Hang Tag Pass $120**
State parks annual hang tag passes are issued to individuals, not vehicles, and can be moved between vehicles. Only one vehicle at a time can use an annual hang tag pass.

■ **Dog Off-leash Daily Pass $3**

■ **Dog Off-leash Annual Pass $25**
The price of the annual Columbine Annual Pass and Centennial Annual Pass will remain $14 per pass, and commercial daily pass costs also remain unchanged in 2019.

Camping permit fees also change beginning Jan. 1. Rather than having a single pricing structure statewide, parks now have the flexibility to set prices for campsites based on historical occupancy and demand, and other camping opportunities in the area. Campers should use the CPW Park Finder to see camping permit fees at individual parks when planning camping trips in Colorado's state parks in 2019. Several parks are now using a reservation-only system, which means reservations must be made to hold a campsite; self-service permits are no longer valid.

SPORTS

RBC wrestlers start 2019 in Eagle Valley

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
Special to the Herald times

RBC I Both Rio Blanco County wrestling teams will start the 2019 part of the season in Eagle Valley this Saturday, as the Panthers and Cowboys continue their quest to qualify for the state tournament in February.

"This is a good tournament because it has some tough competition," Rangely Head Coach J.C. Chumacero said about the field of 24 teams from all classifications, including 5A defending state champion Grand Junction.

"The tournament will also show me how much dedication the guys had over break, during the no contact rule," coach Chumacero said.

Coach Chumacero said all 10 of his wrestlers should be on the mat Saturday, if they all stay healthy and he said, "I am excited to get back on the mat and I think the guys are too."

> "After Christmas is the time to really focus ... "
>
> *~ J.C. Chumacero*
> *Panthers Head Coach*

Meeker Cowboy head coach J.C. Watt is also excited to start wrestling and said Eagle Valley is a "good after-break tournament."

"We have some kids moving to different weights and we'll get to see some good teams in Eagle Valley," coach Watt said. "We will continue to work hard and keep trying to improve.

"After Christmas is the time to really focus and the matches start becoming much more important," coach Chumacero said. "We hope to keep improving as a team and individuals."

GAYLE ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

Above, Rio Blanco County's JV wrestlers face off at a December tournament. Both Meeker and Rangely's varsity teams will kick off the 2019 season in Eagle Valley this Saturday.

MEEKER SPORTS SCHEDULE

WRESTLING
Jan. 5 @ Eagle Valley
Jan. 10 @ Grand Valley

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Jan. 5 @ HOME v. North Park
Jan. 11 @ Caprock Academy
Jan. 12 @ Edwards 4 p.m. Vail Christian
Jan. 17 @ HOME v. Little Snake River

BOYS BASKETBALL
Jan. 5 @ HOME v. North Park
Jan. 11 @ Caprock Academy
Jan. 12 @ Vail Christian
Jan. 17 @ HOME v. Little Snake River

RANGELY SPORTS SCHEDULE

WRESTLING
Jan. 5 @ Eagle Valley
Jan. 11-12 @ HOME, Rangely Tourney
Jan. 19 @ Rifle

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Jan. 8 @ HOME v. Olathe
Jan. 11 @ Vail Christian
Jan. 12 @ Plateau Valley

BOYS BASKETBALL
Jan. 8 @ HOME v. Olathe
Jan. 11 @ Vail Christian
Jan. 12 @ PVE v. Plateau Valley

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL
Jan. 10 @ HOME v. Craig
Jan. 12 @ PVE v. Steamboat Springs

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It's About Time!

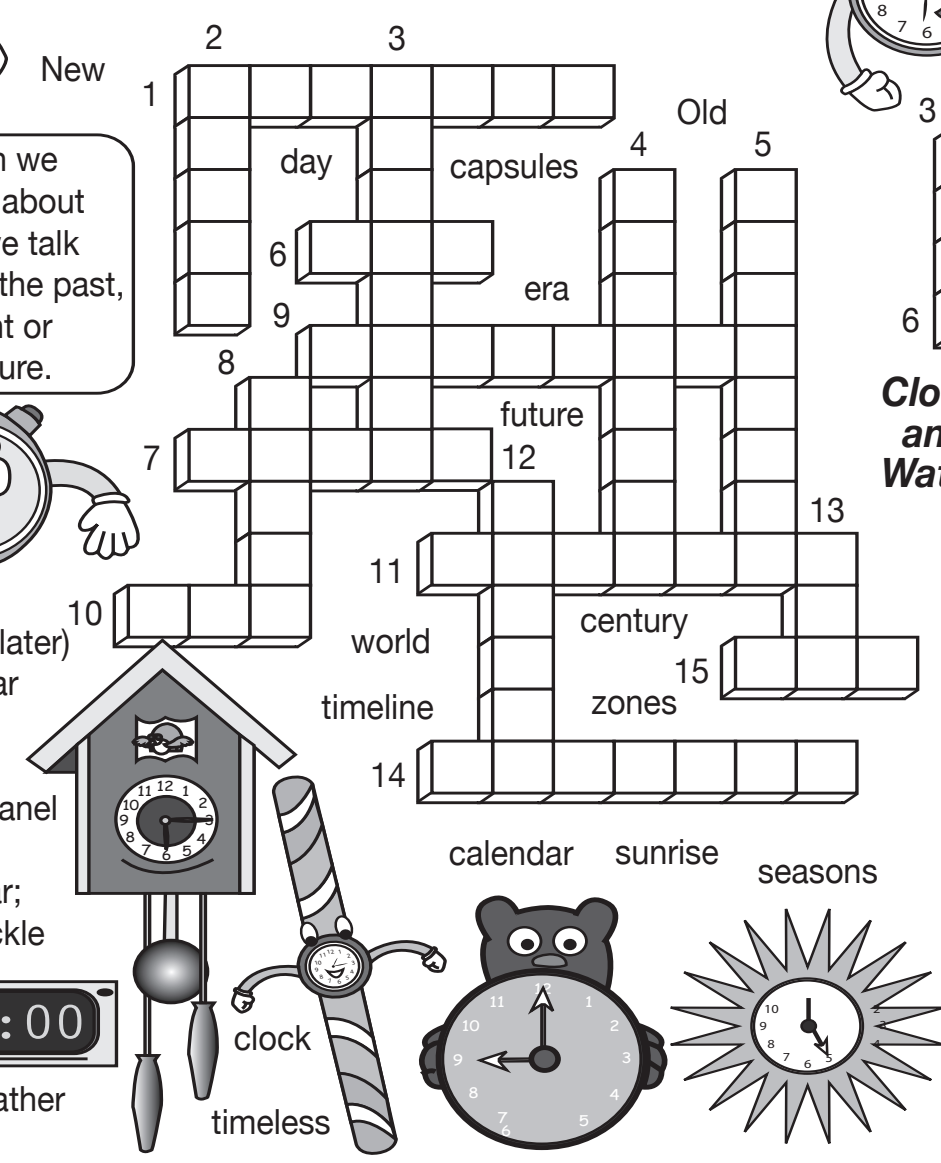
It's time to get the grandfather clock checked and oiled. It's a beautiful way to tell time, but most of the day I use a wristwatch or cell phone.

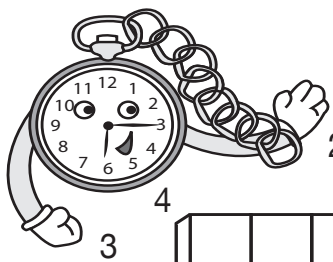
Sunrises and sunsets are natural ways to mark time.

When we speak about time we talk about the past, present or the future.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. one hundred years
2. common way to tell time
3. shows events in order of when they happened
4. tool to keep track of activities, days and months
5. fun way to capture a moment in time (item is dug up later)
6. Baby _____ Year is full of energy to start the year
7. there are 24 time _____ throughout the world
8. _____ clock shows what time it is anywhere on the planet – often shown by a series of clocks on a panel
9. something that isn't affected by the passage of time
10. _____ Father Time is tired after working all year; he is often shown with a long beard, sundial and sickle
11. the start of each morning, dawn
12. time that has yet to pass
13. period of time marked by important events
14. parts of the year that mark the temperature and weather
15. twenty-four hours





Clocks and Watches

Many kinds of clocks and watches have been invented through the years. A watch was even made for engineers to help them run the trains on time.

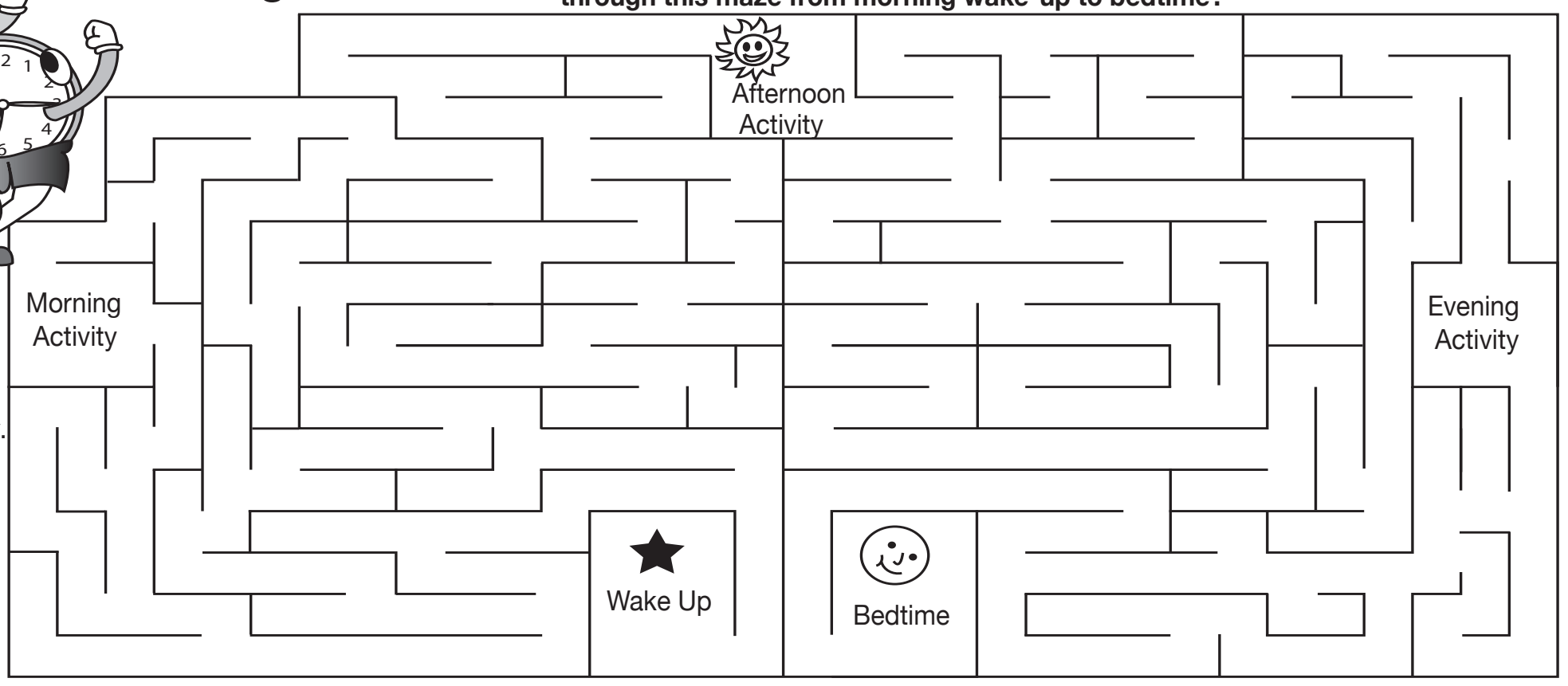
Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle:

1. _____ clock, tall standing clock with swinging pendulum
2. _____ watch, timepiece you can wear to school
3. _____ watch, great for measuring races
4. _____ watch, can be underwater without being damaged
5. _____ clock, hangs on the wall and sings a song every hour
6. _____ watch, often on a chain and kept in a small pouch on vest

A Race Against Time!

Every day is packed with chores, activities and fun. **Can you find the shortest way through this maze from morning wake-up to bedtime?**

1. Start at the star ★ wake up to a new day!
2. Next, find your way to the *morning activity*.
3. Then, go to the *afternoon activity*.
4. Travel along to your *evening activity*.
5. Finally, end your day at *bedtime*!



Time Talk

Match up each saying about time to its meaning:

A. a race against time
B. all the time in the world
C. waste of time
D. time flies
E. time out
F. it's feeding time at the zoo
G. a stitch in time saves nine

1. not worth the effort
2. a break in the action
3. doing a task well now can save effort later
4. group of people eating in a noisy, untidy way
5. life moves quickly
6. rush to beat a deadline
7. plenty of time

A. there's no time to lose
B. time is up
C. pressed for time
D. not given the time of day
E. give a hard time
F. time to call it a day
G. have a whale of a time

1. cause someone trouble
2. no time left
3. stop working on something
4. enjoy yourself
5. be rushed to do something
6. you need every moment
7. not getting attention

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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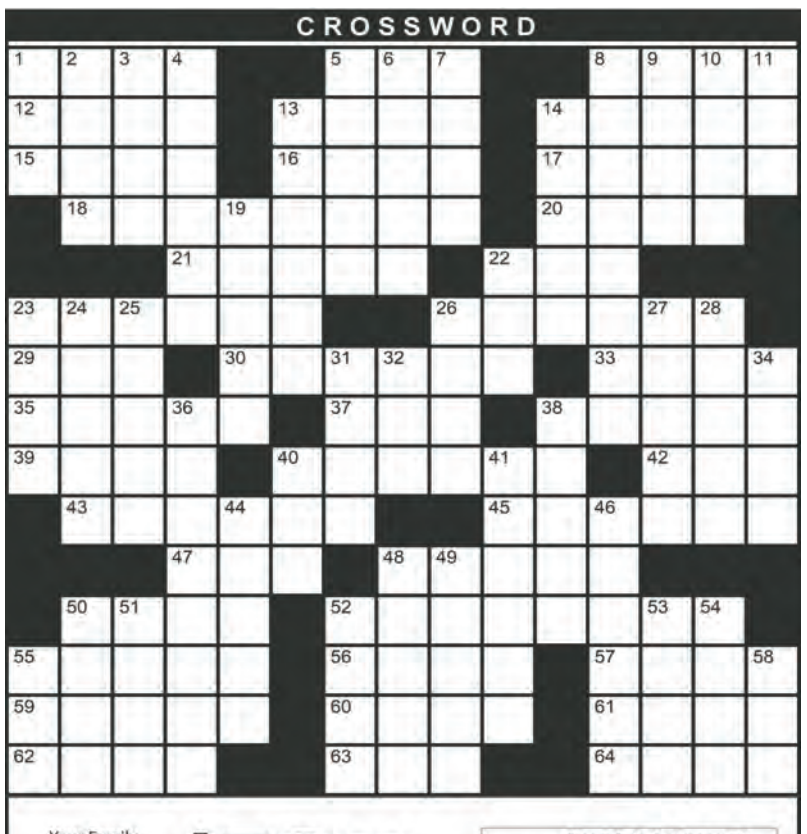

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THEME: WINTER FUN

ACROSS
1. Most populous continent
5. Mayan language
8. *Bumpy winter transport
12. Spiritual leader
13. Ledger entry
14. In a cold manner
15. Deodorant's target
16. African chieftain
17. Asiatic wild dog
18. *Used in fun winter fights
20. Overnight lodgings
21. *Whoville's ____ beast
22. Tropical constrictor
23. E.B. White's Little
26. What siren does
29. Not a thing
30. Bear the expenses of
33. Between larva and adult
35. In a fitting way
37. Neighbor of Ger.
38. Up and about
39. Unadulterated
40. Excessive protection
42. Middle-earth creature
43. No balance due
45. *Winter Gathering spot
47. Resident uncle?
48. Diarist Anne
50. *Christmas pudding raisin
52. *Done with #8 Across
55. "Fahrenheit 9/11" filmmaker
56. *"The stump of a ____ he held tight in his teeth..."
57. Pout
59. Machu Picchu mountains
60. Snaky swimmers
61. Wild swine
62. Words from Wordsworth
63. Kind of humor
64. Southern stew staple

DOWN
1. Gone by
2. Wash froth
3. Fe
4. Light display
5. Cass Elliot and Michelle Phillips
6. Like a crooked kilt?
7. Lime-rich soil
8. *Hot chocolate add-on
9. One with biggest share
10. Olden-day elbow-related measurement, pl.
11. Do after tie
13. Formal discussion
14. "Bite the bullet," e.g.
19. Verbose
22. BeyoncÈ, a.k.a. Queen ____
23. Finger move
24. *Angler's accessory
25. U in UV
26. Uber alternative
27. Your own teacher
28. Sudden stream
31. Box office failure
32. *Hot Buttered ____
34. St. Louis monument
36. Time for relaxation, pl.
38. Change, as in U.S. Constitution
40. "____'s the word"
41. Grey's fifty
44. Female sirs
46. Hands on hips
48. Marketing give-away
49. Email option
50. *Hockey turf
51. Ore deposit
52. Expel
53. E-reader brand
54. ____ gum on a list of ingredients
55. Zedong of China
58. Major time period

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IRS, FWT/Med, $1,321.66
FPPA & D & D, Monthly Contributions, 724.52
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Sav on Propane, Propane, $859.84
N. Austin, extension cords, Xmas supplies, $609.06
Tire Pros, Tires, $647.96
WestWater Engineering, Sewer project, $14,712.00
FedEx, Postage, $46.38
CIRSA, Insurance, $6.87
Prater's Plumbing & Heating, Fixed Heater, $144.25
Petty Cash, Gift Cards & bonuses, $2,000.00
NAPA Auto Parts, Battery, wiper blades, chain saw blade, $199.20
Rio Blanco Herald Times, Invitation to bid, $44.16
Rangely True Value, Heater, pump for samples, $118.98
Dan's Tire, Tires, $300.00
Pinnacol Assurance, Workers Comp, $584.00
Town of Dinosaur-Petty Cash, Postage, drug test, fax,, $92.75
Mountainland Supply Company, Parts for water tap, $44.89
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: $42,289.27
Published: January 3, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE
Rio Blanco County is accepting proposals to provide services to develop a feasibility study for an Outdoor Recreation Entrepreneur Center (OREC) Business Incubator and proposals to provide services to develop a marketing strategy to promote the Rio Blanco County Broadband Network. More detailed information may be obtained by contacting: Katelin Cook (970) 878-9474 or Katelin.cook@rbc.us, 555 Main Street, PO Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641. If utilizing HAND DELIVERY, proposals should be delivered to the Historic Courthouse, Third Floor, Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room, 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641, no later than Monday, January 14, 2019, 11:00 AM MST, to be considered. If utilizing U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, please address to: Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, PO Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641. Proposals mailed through the U.S. Postal Service must be received no later than Friday, January 11, 2019, 5:00 PM MST, to be considered.
Posted on Rio Blanco County Website (www.rbc.us): December 20, 2018
Posted on BidNet.com: December 19, 2018
Published: January 3, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Shirley Z. Taylor, who is also known as Shirley Taylor and Shirley Zina Taylor,
Deceased
Case Number 2018 PR 30021
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado on or before April 22, 2019, or the claims may be forever barred.
John Etchart and Sheryl Etchart
Co-Personal Representatives
c/o James D. Osborne, #5642
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 381
Craig, Colorado 81626
Published: December 20, 27, 2018 & January 3, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Work Sessions
Meeker High School
550 School St
Meeker, CO 81641
Design Advisory Group (DAG) Meetings
DAG Meeting #4 - January 7, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.
The discussion topic will be design input on the new Meeker High School and Meeker School District Transportation Center.
Published: December 27, 2018 & January 3, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
January 9, 2019
REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office,
265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado
1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. New Business
A. Posting of Public Notice
B. Special District Association Dues
C. Meeker Chamber of Commerce Membership
6. Old Business
A. Plant Manager Report
B. Office Manager Report
7. Attorney
8. Board
A. Reports
B. Delinquent Accounts
C. Approve Current Bills
9. Adjourn
This agenda is subject to change without further notice.
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.
265 8th Street.
Published: January 3, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF MEEKER
ORDINANCE NO. 01-2019
AN ORDINANCE REGARDING APPROVAL OF A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, LOCALLY KNOWN AS CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS
WHEREAS, The Town of Meeker is authorized under C.R.S. §31-32-101 et. seq. and other applicable law to grant one or more non-exclusive, revocable franchises to construct, reconstruct, operate, and maintain a cable system within the boundaries of the Town; and
WHEREAS, per Ordinance No. 3, Series 2002, dated May 21, 2002, the Town's current cable television franchisee is Bresnan Communications, LLC, locally know as Charter Communications ("Charter"), which has made application to the Town for renewal of its cable franchise; and
WHEREAS, per C.R.S. §31-32-101 et. seq., the first reading on this Ordinance was January 2, 2019 and the second reading and public hearing was held on January 15, 2019, and following these meetings affording due process to all interested parties, the Town has determined that it remains beneficial to the Town to continue a non-exclusive cable television franchise with Charter and has determined that Charter's plans for operating and maintaining its cable system continue to be suitable for the Town; and
WHEREAS, a proposed new Franchise Agreement between the Town and Charter has been prepared, a copy of which is marked as "Exhibit A" (available at Town Hall), attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and
WHEREAS, the notice has been duly published regarding Charter's request to continue its franchise as provided by Colorado statute, the review and approval of the proposed Agreement complies with the requirements of C.R.S.§31-32-101 et. seq., and the public has had adequate notice and opportunity to comment on Charter's proposal to continue to providing cable service within the Town; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town and its residents to grant a cable franchise to Charter upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the proposed new Franchise Agreement.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEEKER, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:
1) The Cable Franchise Agreement between the Town of Meeker, Colorado and Charter, in the form attached to this Ordinance as "Exhibit A" (available at Town Hall), is approved, and the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute such Franchise Agreement on behalf of the Town.
2) The Town Board finds, determines and declares that it has the power to adopt this Ordinance pursuant to C.R.S. §31-32-101 et. seq. and other applicable federal law, rules and regulations.
3) This Ordinance shall be published and become effective as provided in C.R.S. §31-32-101 et. seq.
Notice of the introduction and first reading of this Ordinance was published in the Rio Blanco Herald times on December 13, December 20 and December 27, 2018.
FIRST INTRODUCED AND READ on January 2, 2019.
TOWN OF MEEKER, Regas K. Halandras, Mayor
ATTEST: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
A public hearing on the second reading of this Ordinance will be held on January 15, 2019, with notice published for two weeks in the Rio Blanco Herald Times on January 3, and January 10, 2019.
Published: January 3 and 10, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Rangely
January 08, 2019 - 7:00pm
Agenda
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor
Andy Key, Mayor ProTem
Trey Robie, Trustee
Luke Geer, Trustee
Tyson Hacking, Trustee
Matt Billgren, Trustee
Rich Garner, Trustee
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting
a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of December 11, 2018
6. Petitions and Public Input
7. Changes to the Agenda
8. Public Hearings - 7:15pm
9. Committee/Board Meetings
10. Reports From Council
11. Supervisor Reports – See Attached
a. Jocelyn Mullen
b. Janet Miller
12. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
13. Old Business
14. New Business
a. Discussion and action to approve the Special Event Permit for the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce Crab Crack on February 9, 2019
b. Discussion and action to approve the liquor license modification of premises application for Loaf'n'Jug
c. Discussion and action to approve the December 2018 Check Register
d. Discussion and action to approve the November Financial Summary
15.I nformational Items
16. Board Vacancies
a. RDA/RDC Board Vacancy
b. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy
17. Scheduled Announcements
a. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019 at 12:00 noon
b. Rangely District Library Board meeting January 14, 2019 at 5:00pm
c. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting January 14, 2019 at 7:00pm
d. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019 at 12:00 noon
e. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for January 17, 2019 at 7:30am
f. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2019 at 11:00am
g. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2019 at 7:00pm
h. Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2019 at 12:00 noon
i. Rangely School District Board meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2019 at 6:15pm
j. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm
k .Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2019 at 6:00pm
18. Adjournment
Published: January 3, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 18-10
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On October 23, 2018, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.
Original Grantor(s): Vinson J Beatty
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, INC., Acting Solely as Nominee for Lender, Intermountain Lending.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
Date of Deed of Trust: August 23, 2006
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: August 23, 2006
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 285952
Original Principal Amount: $52,530.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: $43,723.36
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Lot 7, less the South 3 feet thereof, Block B of Leech Addition to the Town of Rangely, According to the Plat thereof filed December 20, 1948 as Reception No. 76541
Also known by street and number as: 308 S Grand Ave, Rangely, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/20/2019, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 1/3/2019
Last Publication: 1/31/2019
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times
NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.

● A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

● A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

● IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

● IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 10/23/18
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Heather Deere #28597 Toni M. Owan #30580
Halliday Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd., Suite 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155
Attorney File # 18-840751
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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11:00am
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Meeker is accepting bid proposals for a new patrol vehicle for the Police Department. The vehicle should be a new 2018 OR 2019 4-door SUV. Bid Specifications and/or general information may be obtained at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker CO 81641 or at Townofmeeker.org, or by calling 970.878.4100
Bids will be accepted at the Meeker Town Hall until Thursday January 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
The bid will be awarded at the regular Town of Meeker Board of Trustees meeting on February 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any and all informalities, and the right to disregard all non-conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Contract award and preferences will be based upon the Town of Meeker personnel Policy & Procedures Manual.
BID SPECIFICATION SHEET 2018 OR 2019 POLICE VEHICLE
1. Four door SUV, silver in color with gray or black interior
2. Six Speed automatic transmission with column gear shift
3. Heavy duty suspension with good all season M/S tires and a full sized spare
4. Radio, CD player and air conditioning
5. Heavy duty battery or second battery for accessories
6. Spot light on driver's side
7. Cloth seats seats in front, vinyl seats in back
8. Heavy duty rubber flooring with floor mats up front
9. V-6 or V-8 engine
10. Wiring for grille/headlights/taillights and side lamps
11. Horn/siren circuit wiring
12. Inside rear door handles, locks and window switches with disable feature
Published January 3 and 10, 2019
Rio Blanco Herald Times

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 18-09
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:On October 22, 2018, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.
Original Grantor(s): Tyler Lambros and Catherine Lambros
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for AMCAP Mortgage Ltd. dba Major Mortgage
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust: October 31, 2017
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: November 01, 2017
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 315488
Original Principal Amount: $157,102.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: $156,058.35
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
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LOT 5 OF REPLAT OF LOT 1, BLOCK B OF UTAH OIL SUBDIVISION FIRST AMENDED PLAT AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 3, 1982 AS DOCUMENT NO. 207544, TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 220 River Road, Rangely, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/20/2019, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 1/3/2019
Last Publication: 1/31/2019
Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times
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DATE: 10/22/18
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Courtney Wright #45482 Eve Grina #43658 Holly Shilliday #24423
Jennifer Cruseturner #44452 Jennifer Rogers #34682
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # 18-840751
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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Attention Rio Blanco County Veterans: Veterans may be eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel costs to receive VA medical care. If you do not currently receive VA travel compensation please contact the Rio Blanco County Veterans Service offices. Rangely: John 'Hoot' Gibson, 970-878-9695. Meeker: Joe Bob Dungan, 970-878-9690. Travel compensation is made possible through the Veterans Trust Fund Grant and VFW Post 5843.

The VFW, American Legion, and their Auxiliaries will meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM at 290 4th St. For further information call (970) 878-5326.

Rangely Victim Services- An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. **Non-emergency call 629-9691 . Emer- gencies call 911.** Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

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

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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 Rangely Food Bank is open on Saturdays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Rio Blanco Herald Times accepts cash, checks and all major credit cards. Call 970-878-4017 with your classified ad or subscription renewal or email accounts@ht1885.com

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Meeker Housing Authority Board of Directors meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00.PM at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 7 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

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.
Women's NA/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m., St. Timothy's.

What is a public notice?

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife is now accepting Management Proposals for hay production on Piceance Creek State Wildlife Area. Hay production and limited grazing will take place on the Dry Fork Unit located along Rio Blanco County Road 22. Information is available to all interested parties at the Meeker CPW Service Center located at 73485 Hwy 13. You can also contact Assistant Area Wildlife Manager Mike Swaro at (970) 942-8275.
12/20-1/3

The Rangely Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church ((207 S Sunset). Join us! For more information, call Britt Campos at 801-589-4803.

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

The Church at Meeker
Non-denominational
Sunday Mornings 10:30
1032 Jennifer Drive
Pastor Rich Ford
970-943-3243

New Eden Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals.
Meeker: Thursdays, Noon to 5 p.m. , 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117
Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

CAMPERS/RVS

28' camper. Asking $800 obo. Parked at the Thornburg turn off. Please call 970-314-5923.
12/6-1/3

ELDER CARE SERVICES

★★★★★
Western Slope In-Home Care, serving all of Rio Blanco County. We are a small local home care company with large care giver teams, providing personal care and home making services. We help with small jobs, such as once a week or periodic jobs, to big 24 hr jobs in the clients home. Free consultations, no contract. #970-878-7008

GUNS

Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 380 pistol. Mint condition in original box and zipper case. Less than 100 rounds fired. $325. 970-404-1238

HELP WANTED

BANK OF THE SAN JUANS
DIVISION OF GLACIER BANK
ONE BIG HAPPY LITTLE BANK

Full Time Customer Service Representative/Teller
Meeker
Bank Happy. Work Happy. Right Here. We are looking for a professional individual with strong customer service skills and cash handling experience to join our team. Banking experience is a plus. Excellent benefits. Apply online at www.glacierbancorp.com. Bank of the San Juans is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
1/3-1/10

HUNTING

Browning compound bow with sights, 12 arrows, 2 quivers, 2 stabilizers, 2 mechanical releases and hard case. $350. 970-404-1238

MISCELLANEOUS

ASK ABOUT OUR CNC MACHINING Can't get a metal part? We can make all kinds of parts. We have CNC Machine equipment, lathe and tooling to do the job. Contact Phil at Family Automotive and Machine. (970)878-5606.

RENTALS: MEEKER

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

Studio Apartment, fully furnished, all utilities paid. $500 month. Damage deposit $250. 970-220-2150

Clean and updated 2BR apartment in quiet neighborhood in Meeker. Near 4th and Garfield. All utilities included. Hot water heat, off street parking, great front porch on an upstairs unit. A/C available. $650/month + deposit. Call 720-635-4098
1/3-1/31

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD apartments, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. $595 per month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 321-2777.

SPACIOUS 2BD/1BA apartments available immediately. Owner pays trash, sewer, water and heating. Coin operated laundry on-site. $550/$600 monthly. 970-756-4895.

Clean, quiet, 2 BDR/1BA apartment, NP. $425 per month + deposit. Call 970-260-8844 or 970-878-5265

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

AVAILABLE NOW: retail space in the center of Meeker at 6th and Main in the historic Hugus Building. Includes over 5000 square feet and loading dock in the alley. This former general store has Main Street display, windows, antique ceiling, freight elevator, built-in cupboards and 1910 era show cases. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

RENTALS: RANGELY

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- **Relief Control Room Specialist**
- **Relief Radino Driver, Rangely**
- **Transfer Clerk/Office Assistant**
- **Treasury Clerk, Meeker**

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- **Citizens Review Panel**
- **Columbine Park Board**
- **Council on Aging Board**
- **Fair Board**
- **Fairgrounds Board**
- **Historical Preservation Board**
- **Planning Commission**
- **Rangely Cemetery District**
- **Weed Management Board**

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Two 5ac. lots, Strawberry Patch Rd. – Ponds, fence & electricity. **$56,500** ea.
33 lots, Sanderson Hills – Great bldg sites. **$29,000**/ea. or **$25,000**/ea. in pkgs of five.
2 lots, Silver Sage Rd. – Two building sites. **$45,000** for both.

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975 Market St. – Commercial Property located with prime corner location on Highway 13 **$250,000.**
Brontosaurus (Hwy. 40), Dinosaur – Lg. Building. **$155,000.**
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*564 7th St.- Large 2 story home, big lot, fenced yard, shop. $215,000. *SOLD!*
*871 10th St.- 4 BR, 2 BA home. Family room, living room, fireplace, garage. $199,900. *SOLD!*
*1007 Wall St.- Nicely updated 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. 2 car garage, fenced yard. $175,000. *SOLD!*
*223 Main St.- One-quarter block. 3 BR, 2 BA home, Tree 1 BR, 1 BA cabins, garage, sheds. $349,000. *SOLD!*

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...
*92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. $175,000.
*210 CR 75- Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. $55,000.
*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. *REDUCED!* $400,000.
*439 Agency Dr.- 6 Acres, beautiful 2 story log home, 2 car garage. Horse barn/shop. $483,999. *SOLD!*
*517 Agency Dr.- 4.77 irrigated acres. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car garage, 36'X72' horse barn. $515,000. *SOLD!*

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...
*92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. $175,000.
*2101 Meath Dr.- 35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. $89,900.
*TBD CR 13- 35 Acres, 4.5 miles south of town. Fenced, borders BLM on 2 sides. Great home site. $189,000.
*1751 Bright Water Lane- 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistern. Borders BLM. 14 miles west off of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. $375,000.
*2 Large Multi-family Lots in Sanderson Hills, near Rec Center. Zoned MR-A. $140,000 for both, or sold separately.
*5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & viewsl. $75,000.
*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. $400,000. *REDUCED!*
*100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. $1,395,000.00.
*5 Acres 16 miles up CR 8. Great views overlooking the river. $169,000. *SOLD!*
*12924 CR 8- 5 Acres with River, great fishing. Vacant land, 13 miles upriver, awesome views. $149,000. *SOLD!*

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Ridge Estates Subdivision - Full 26 Lot Package. $999,000
Elk Mountain Inn - 21 Room Motel, Bar & Restaurant, Courtyard. $975,000
Wyatt's Sports Center & Residence - Fully Remodeled, Privacy. $790,000
5086 Rd. 7 - 55 Acres, 5BD/3BA, 40'x64' Shop. $479,000
1287 Market St. - Multi-Use Commercial Building w/ 4 Lots. $455,000
6321 Rd. 7 - Spacious 3+BD/3BA home on 10+ Acres. $365,000
8617 Rd. 8 - SOLD
793 Cedar Street - SOLD
175 5th St. - Log Home or Office, Large Corner Lot. $266,500
TBD E. Market St. - 7.46 Acres, Multi-Use Opportunity. $249,000
830 Main St. - Remodeled 4BD/1.75BA, Garage. $244,000.
345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres, Potential for 12 Building Lots. $216,000
760 5th St. - 2+BD/2BA, attached garage, shed, views! $209,000
112 Main St. - Historic Brick Home, Cottage, Corner Lot. $207,000
560 5th St. - Conveniently located 5+BD/3BA Home & Shop. $199,000
109 Market St. - 0.5 Acre HWY Commercial Lot. $199,000
764 Pine St. - SOLD
1259 Garfield St. - Nicely remodeled 2BD/1BA. $146,000
1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot. $149,000
461 12th St. - SALE PENDING
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