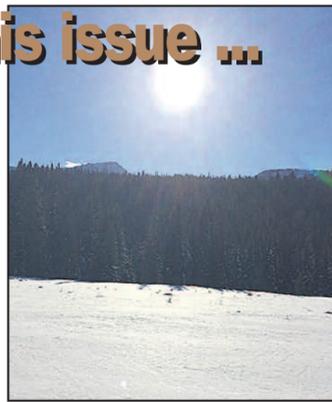


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County celebrates success of broadband initiative



NIKI TURNER PHOTO

More than 50 people representing various town, county and state departments involved in some way with the broadband project attended a celebratory gathering Tuesday at the Fairfield Center in Meeker.

By **NIKI TURNER**
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RBC | The county threw a party Tuesday to celebrate the success of the broadband initiative. Rio Blanco County Internet Technology Director Blake Mobley was quick to point out that the project is not complete.

None of the commissioners who threw their weight behind the project have internet service at their homes yet. Neither does Mobley. They're awaiting the arrival of spring, like many others, for fiber connections or the wireless towers to be completed.

"I think these three gentlemen have been excellent stewards of public funds," Mobley said of the current board of county commissioners: Jon Hill, Jeff Eskelson and Shawn Bolton. "Even though they drove this project, they don't have it (broadband) yet. They have been great visionaries and provided great

leadership."

Rio Blanco County has good reason to pat itself on the back.

"We are the fastest internet county in Colorado, to my knowledge," Mobley said, and "one of the fastest in the nation."

Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) representative Chantal Unfug described the project as "a milestone, not just for you, but for us and for the whole state. We've been impressed with the way you've handled this. You are really lighting up the community and everyone is watching you." DOLA provided significant grant funding to subsidize the project.

Rio Blanco County Commissioner Shawn Bolton praised Mobley's work.

"We hired Blake (Mobley) mid-2014. We gave him two months to come up with a plan and he did it."

The plan required a mill levy override, which 80 percent of voters in the county approved.

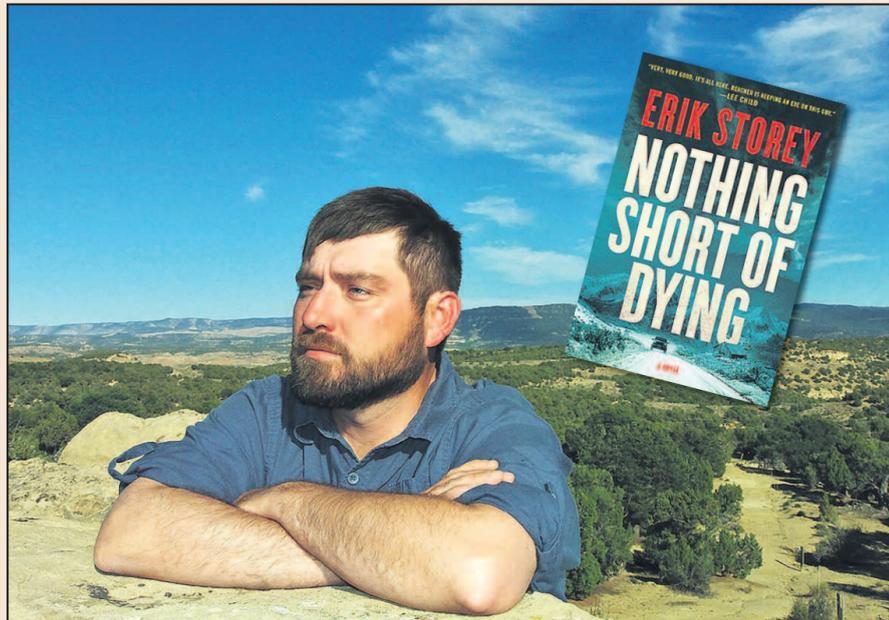
"This will be the biggest economic driver that's ever hit this county," Bolton said.

Meredith Marshall from the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade also had praise for Mobley, saying, "I've been bragging about him all across the state."

Marshall shared some of the results of a "resiliency study" performed by their office to examine why some communities are thriving and others are not. She cited the broadband project as an investment that will pay off for the county through industry diversification.

"The more varied you are the stronger you will be. Broadband does this for you. It strengthens existing businesses and attracts new ones," Marshall said.

Pursuing economic development through broadband access will continue through the state's Blueprint 2.0 initiative, a grant awarded to the county to further pursue industry diversification.



COURTESY PHOTO

A Rangely High School alumnus, Erik Storey's debut novel, "Nothing Short of Dying," has received rave reviews from bestselling authors and reviewers like the *New York Times*. The book is set in northwestern Colorado. The former Rangely resident now resides in Grand Junction with his wife and two children.

Former Rangely resident's debut novel gets rave reviews

By **NIKI TURNER**
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RANGELY | "I got really lucky," is how former Rangely resident Erik Storey describes the release of his first novel, "Nothing Short of Dying."

It's more than luck, though, based on the response from fellow authors and book reviewers.

Jeffery Deaver, No. 1 international bestselling author of "The Bone Collector" and "The Coffin Dancer" calls Storey "a born storyteller."

Lee Child, creator of the Jack Reacher series, described Storey's book by saying, "Very, very good. It's all here."

And the *New York Times* book review stated, "The tough-as-they-come hero [is the creation of] a first time novelist who really knows how to handle himself in these thickets...Storey knows and loves this rugged territory."

That "rugged territory" where the story takes place is Storey's childhood stomping grounds: northwestern Colorado, particularly Rangely and the Piceance Basin.

"It started with the land," Storey said. "I wanted to write something about our part of the country. There's not a lot of stuff written here."

Storey, who moved to Rangely with his family when he was 4-

years-old and was graduated from Rangely High School in 1997, is intimately familiar with the area. His family has a cabin on Piceance Creek where he still spends time during the summer. He grew up hunting, fishing, camping and enjoying the great outdoors.

Storey describes himself as "more of a reader than a writer" while he was growing up in Rangely. "I wrote some short stories,

Inspired by literary characters like Allan Quartermain, the hero of H. Rider Haggard's series written in the late 1880s, and Lord John Roxton from Arthur Conan

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BOOKS THE CAT...



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

Meeker Public Library's mascot, Books, prowls the library stacks on a snowy afternoon.

Strategic marketing plans for Meeker and Rangely released

By **PAT TURNER**
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RBC | What's the purpose of a brand? In agriculture a brand separates one man's cattle from another man's cattle by marking them in a way that sets them apart from all the others. In commerce, when a brand is known for being good or unique, people will begin to seek out that product.

In conjunction with the county's economic development plan, the county hired Atlas Advertising in 2016 to help create "brands" for Meeker and Rangely, along with updated marketing strategies for both towns.

These marketing strategies will give both towns a "bigger focus" and "a cohesive marketing message,"

according to Rio Blanco County Economic Development Coordinator Katelyn Cook.

The tagline for Rangely is "Way Outside of Ordinary" and the tag line for Meeker is "Room to Roam."

We live in a beautiful landscape with many opportunities for outdoor recreation. Promoting that is a way to attract more tourists, which would help our local businesses and our economy. But who's going to come here if they don't know what we have to offer? Some may resist the idea of attracting tourists to the area, but tourism dollars provide opportunities for us to improve the very amenities we love about our towns and seek to protect.

The marketing plans are spread over a three-year timeline and include economic development (pri-

marily focused on diversification of the economy), local engagement and tourist attraction objectives for both communities.

The complete plans are available for the public on the county's website (www.rbc.us) in the Economic Development section under community marketing strategies. As "local engagement" will play a big part in the success of this venture, residents in both communities are encouraged to read the plans and see where they can find places to get involved.

"Everyone is endeavoring to work together to help promote the county as a whole and to cross-promote events and assets. We believe that we have a tremendous opportunity to develop the tourist industry in our area but it's not just going to happen on its own," Cook said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Meeker 4-H Enrollment Night and Sledding Party.** Jan. 5 from 4-7:30 p.m. at Paintbrush Park and the RBC Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Call 878-9490 for more information.

■ **Family Ice Fishing Day** Jan. 7 from noon to 4:30 p.m. at Lake Avery. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Super Snowday Swim Lesson.** Free swim lesson from 10-10:30 a.m. Jan. 7 at the Meeker Rec Center pool. Day-of registration from 9-9:45 a.m. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Blitz Membership** starts at 5 a.m. Jan. 1 at the Meeker Recreation Center. Get your annual membership for 50 percent off from Jan. 2 through Jan. 15. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **PIGS.** 1:30 p.m. at the Meeker Rec Center multi-purpose room on Jan. 9. Featured film: "Forsaken." Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be Jan. 9. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Community ladies are meeting** to make grocery bag mats for the homeless. Mondays 1-4 p.m. at 600 Main St. Anyone interested can attend. Used grocery bags are greatly needed. Please drop them off at 600 Main St. in Meeker.

■ **A free legal clinic** for parties who have no attorney, will be featured from 2-3 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Meeker Public Library at 490 Main St. 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 claims, veterans issues and civil protection orders. Please contact the Meeker Public Library at 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet. The next clinic date is Jan. 11.

■ **Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge.** Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. at MHS gym for ages 7-14 (as of April 30, 2017). Free dribbling, passing and shooting basketball competition. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. at Kilowatt Kerner. Bring your sewing machine and project.

■ **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MES Gym. Adults 18+ invited to volleyball open gym. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Game Day** for adults 50+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshments. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Pickleball Open Gym** from 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the admin gym for adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

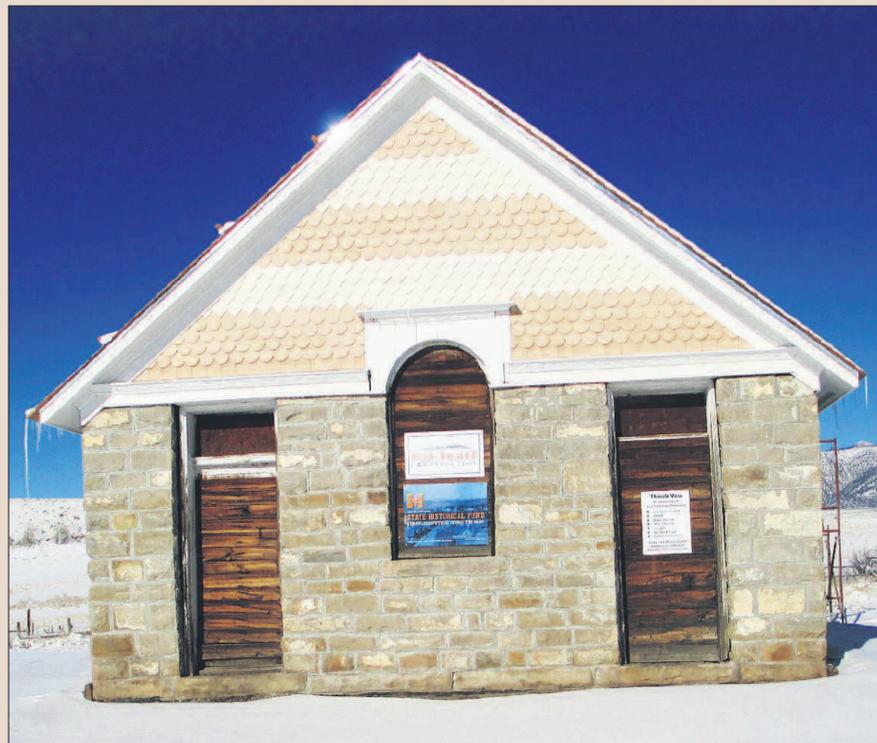
■ **Adult Open Gym Basketball.** Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the MES gym. Adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

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

■ **Gentleman's Club** meeting at 10 a.m. each Thursday morning at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

Please send calendar items to calendar@theheraldtimes.com before 5 p.m. on Monday.

RESTORATION ...



The exterior restoration work has been completed on the historic Coal Creek School. The Rural School Project is asking people to join their 125 Challenge to complete phase two of the renovation by the fall of 2017, when the school will be 125 years old.

Coal Creek School starts '125 Challenge'

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Coal Creek School is happy to start 2017 with the completion of its exterior restoration and ready to begin the Coal Creek School 125 Challenge. The school has been successfully weather-proofed for the winter.

The stone walls have been restored to their original 1892 appearance. New trusses have been installed to reinforce the original trusses, a cedar roof has replaced the old metal and asphalt roofs, and the gable ends and trim have been restored. The brick chimney that would move when touched was dismantled, cleaned and rebuilt. It was sealed to keep all flying creatures from making it their home again. Insulation has been installed in the

ceiling so in the future the school may be used year round for events and tours.

The Rural School Project team would like you to join us in the Coal Creek School 125 Challenge. Phase II has already started with windows being rebuilt, electricity being installed and the interior walls being restored. Our goal is to do Phase II with local donations of your talents, time, money, materials, supplies, grants and fundraisers. Our objective is to open Coal Creek School, which is part of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society, by the fall of 2017 when it will be 125 years old. It

will be used as an educational, interpretative center for school children, visitors and community events.

Please come at 1 p.m. on Jan. 8 to the Rio Blanco County Historical Society luncheon and meeting at the Old West Heritage Culture Center to hear more about the Coal Creek School 125 Challenge, ask questions and find out how you can participate in preserving our rural school history.

For more information contact any of the team members: Janet Clark, 878-4628; Marge Rogers, 878-4752; Martha Cole, 878-5326; Ellen Reichert, 878-5678.

Meeker Police Dept. trained to administer life saving overdose reversal drug

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Meeker Police Department received training to administer Narcan to suspected overdoses through a nasal spray. Each officer carries Narcan in their patrol vehicle. Meeker Police is one of just a few agencies who have received this training on the Western slope. Narcan, or naloxone, is a fast-acting drug that is used to reverse an overdose of opiates.

NARCAN does not harm people who have not overdosed on opiates. Opioids are pain-reducing drugs, and include hydrocodone drugs such as Vicodin, oxycodone drugs, morphine, codeine, fentanyl and illegal drugs such as heroin.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, these are considered habit-forming drugs.

Opioids are listed as the main cause of drug overdose deaths by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. In Colorado in 2016, there were more deaths caused by opioid overdoses than homicides.

Beyond illegal narcotics users, Narcan can be used to save someone who accidentally overdoses on a prescribed opiate.

For people reluctant to report an overdose, Colorado law states that a person shall be immune from arrest as well as prosecution for certain conditions, such as;

- 1)The person reports in good faith an emergency drug or alcohol overdose to law enforcement, 911 system or to a medical provider;
- 2)The person remains on scene until appropriate personnel arrive;
- 3)The person identifies themselves and cooperates with appropriate personnel; and
- 4)The offense arises from the same course of events from which the emergency drug or alcohol overdose event rose.

STOREY: Second novel underway

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Doyle's series "The Lost World." Both characters are adventurers, hunters, outdoorsmen.

"Most of the characters are spies or ex-military," Storey said of his chosen genre. "I wanted to do something different." And so Clyde Barr—hunter, adventurer and sometime soldier of fortune—came to life.

Storey said he writes mostly during the winter months, while his wife Stephanie, also a former Rangely resident, teaches school. In the summer he took seasonal jobs, most recently spraying weeds in Meeker. The couple have two children, age 10 and 3, and after six years back in Rangely recently moved to Grand Junction.

It took Storey four years to finish the first book, then a year and a half of submitting his manuscript to agents—at least 50 of them—followed by submissions to publishers.

Simon & Schuster offered Storey a two-book contract and a "pretty hefty" advance, which is a remarkable feat for a debut author. "Nothing Short of Dying" was released in August 2016. The second book in the series, which Storey is working on now, is expected to release in August 2017.

He's hoping Clyde Barr will find a place in the hearts of the readers, because he has "probably 20" situations he'd like to put the character in for future stories.

On his writing schedule, Storey said he aims to complete 1,000 words a day when he's working on a project, and does most of his writing late at night after his kids have gone to bed.

His biggest surprise in the publishing journey? "Writing is a solitary thing. But once you get published you have to go talk to people... that was a big shock."

Storey's advice for aspiring writers? "Keep reading, support the library. If I can do something this big from Rangely, they can do it, too. You don't have to be from a city. Writing can happen anywhere. You can write anywhere. Rangely is a great place to grow up and get out in the outdoors to be inspired. It inspired me."

For links to purchase "Nothing Short of Dying," or to learn more about Storey's writing journey, visit his website at www.erikstorey-books.com.

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Love for animals becomes a full-time cottage industry for Meeker woman

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER I Amy Budd loves animals. She loves them so much she has devoted the last 15 years of her life to creating nutritious pet food she mixes and packages in her Meeker home and sells wholesale to retailers and online to individual consumers.

She gets USDA quality proteins from a company in Greeley, Colo., and dehydrated, organic, non-GMO vegetables from a company in Wisconsin that also provides vegetables to two chefs in New York. In her garage, she creates veggie blends and packages them for shipping.

"It's all human food," she said. The meat is served raw because

the live enzymes in the meat trigger the animal's digestive process.

"If you look in a cat's mouth or a dog's mouth, they have canine teeth for tearing meat. Cats, especially, are carnivores," she said.

A Meeker transplant (she's originally from Wyoming) Budd said she can't count the number of animals she has adopted, fostered or rehomed during her lifetime. After graduating from college in Wyoming with a degree in animal sciences, Budd went to work in a veterinarian's office.

"It was a good thing," she said. After a year she realized she didn't want to be a vet. But she couldn't get away from animals.

Among other things, including a successful stint as a Mary Kay cos-

metics consultant, she started teaching horseback riding lessons. One year she decided to bake homemade "horse cookies" for her horse clients. Their response was so favorable she added dog cookies to her menu and began selling them, and researching and learning more about animal nutrition and raw food pet diets.

Budd describes herself as "a square peg in a round hole," saying she enjoys learning new things and reinventing herself and her business.

Despite some bumps in the road, in 2016 her company, the Big Bear Pet Company, made a prestigious list on truthaboutpetfood.com. The site, created by pet food advocate Susan Thixton, provides an annual list of pet food providers considered safe and healthy. Budd made the 2017 list, too, and business has blossomed. Her products are available online at www.bigbearpet.com



NIKI TURNER PHOTO

Meeker resident Amy Budd has spent the last 15 years creating and selling nutritious pet food products for dogs and cats from her home.

NEWS BRIEFS

4-H enrollment and sledding party Jan. 5

MEEKER I Current and new 4-H members join us Jan. 5 from 4-7:30 p.m. for sledding and tubing at Paintbrush Park followed by chili and hot chocolate at the RBC Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Please bring your own sled. The CSU extension agent, 4-H program director and local 4-H leaders will be on hand to answer questions. For more information call 970.878.9490

ERBM family ice fishing day Jan. 7

MEEKER I The ERBM Recreation & Park District Family Ice Fishing Day will occur on Saturday, Jan. 7 from noon until 4 p.m. at Lake Avery. The ice is ready. For more information, please contact ERBM Recreation & Park District at 970-878-3403.

Historical Society annual meeting Jan. 8

MEEKER I The annual membership meeting for the Rio Blanco County Historical Society will be held Sunday, Jan. 8, from 1-3 p.m. at the Old West Heritage Culture Center in Meeker (517 Park Ave.). There will be a luncheon, annual reports, and the election of officers. The historical society board will provide soups and breads. Everyone is welcome bring a salad or dessert to share.

Snowmobile club meeting Jan. 9

MEEKER I The White River Snowmobile Club will be meeting Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Mexican House. The meeting will include welcoming new members and planning the 70 mile White River Rumble race.

CNCC registration for spring classes open

MEEKER I Registration is open for Spring 2017 and many January classes are starting very soon. Basic computers (Jan. 10); important for anyone with computer questions. Machine quilting (Jan. 11); individualized instruction and a fun time. Computer programming (Jan. 12); credit or non-credit opportunities. iPad basics workshop: learn the basics for navigation on tablets and bring your questions. Oil painting (Jan. 18); don't miss this fun with a talented local artist. Cottage food safety training (Jan. 19); want to operate a food business from home? Photography (Jan. 26); new camera for Christmas, or just need to take better pictures, come on down! Senior tuition discounts available. Call 878-5227, email iris.franklin@cncc.edu, or stop by the CNCC office on Tuesday or Wednesday at 345 Sixth St. for more information.

Meeker Education benefit Jan. 29

MEEKER I On Jan. 29 (the Sunday before the Super Bowl), the Meeker Education Foundation will hold its third annual benefit dinner and auction. The evening's proceeds will help fund the foundation's grant award program for the coming school year which provides staff/student grant awards for academic/activity enrichment opportunities and classroom needs. Thanks to the community's generous support, the program has enjoyed success. To date, last year's effort, combined with a Fairfield Trust grant and additional donations, has put \$61,985 into our schools' classrooms during the current school year. The awards have purchased textbooks, curricular materials and other supplies. The 2017 event will feature student entertainment and displays, live and silent auctions in addition to a good meal. Watch for more details in the New Year and plan to join the fun on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Rangely Chamber's Crab Crack Feb. 11

RANGELY I The Rangely Area of Commerce will host their annual Crab Crack on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Weiss Center's Colorado Room at CNCC. Tickets go on sale Jan. 9 to chamber members and can be purchased at the chamber office at 255 E. Main St., Suite A. Tickets will go on sale to the public Jan. 23 if any are left.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

The pursuit of happiness

By NIKI TURNER
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doesn't just happen, it's a choice, an active attitude of acceptance of facts and situations as they are, not as you want them to be.

As I walked to work Monday I was cold, tired and had blisters on my heels from a New Year's Eve snowshoe-

ing excursion. About halfway between home and office I noticed birds overhead. At first I thought they were just our nasty turkey vultures returning to their roosts, but they had white tails. I watched a bit longer. A pair of bald eagles, circling, spinning, before they headed back toward the river. It was a moment of "happy" I recognized and carried with me to the office. Oddly, my January calendar picture is of two bald eagles.

Maybe so many people are discontented and disillusioned because we've tried to define happiness as a consistent state of being when it's

actually a disjointed series of moments when we are aware of our surroundings. We've limited our happiness to the end result: reaching the goal, crossing the finish line, achieving the dream. Perhaps happiness isn't writing "the end" on a goal, perhaps it's the moments along the way.



My husband and I headed up County Road 8 on New Year's. We checked out snowshoes at the rec center, something neither of us had ever tried before, and headed for Marvine Creek and the yurt. It's about a mile and a half each way from the parking area, and halfway in I had blisters. (I'll be refilling the moleskin supply in the yurt's first aid kit on our next venture.) What a unique little excursion we have available, just miles away. It's worth the trip. Kudos to the White River Nordic Council. You do good work.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Meeker schools receive high score

By CHRIS SELLE
Special to the Herald Times



Chris Selle

MEEKER I The purpose for which schools exist is to help students learn. Given this truth, how do we determine the level of student learning occurring in the Meeker School District? Student learning cannot be simply reduced to a singular number or grade. While this may be convenient, we must use multiple sources of information to truly evaluate student learning and to determine if we are meeting the district's mission statement which includes the phrase, "students learn those skills necessary to become well-informed citizens and contributing members of society."

The most concrete assessment of student learning comes through test scores. Test scores alone cannot provide a comprehensive view of student learning, but they do provide valuable information. The Colorado Department of Education annually releases a District Performance Framework (DPF) for each school district in the state. The DPF contains a score derived primarily from the tests required by the State of Colorado (PARCC, PSAT, SAT, etc...).

It also incorporates some post-secondary readiness information. School districts are placed in one of five "accreditation" categories, depending on their DPF score. For 2016, the Meeker School District scored enough points on the DPF to be Accredited with Distinction, which is the highest possible category. The entire DPF can be found at meeker.k12.co.us.

As mentioned, this document does not tell the entire story of learning in our school district, but it is a great accomplishment achieved by our students and staff.

In addition to the state tests, we give other tests to help us measure student learning. The DIBELS measures are used at the elementary level to measure student's proficiency in

reading. MAP tests are used to determine student's proficiency in mathematics, reading, and science in kindergarten through 11th grade. With both DIBELS and MAP testing, students in the

Meeker School District consistently show achievement at or above national averages and show strong academic growth through the school year. Combined with state assessments and teacher generated assessments, these tests give us an indication of student's ability to read and write proficiently as well as think critically and problem solve. These are essential skills for students to become productive citizens.

Phenomenal opportunities for student learning also occur in our elective and extracurricular programs that cannot be measured through testing. Anyone in our community that has attended concerts, plays, or extracurricular contests can clearly see teamwork, perseverance, and self confidence built through these activities. The development of citizenship, creativity, and problem solving is evident through student artwork, industrial arts projects, technology integration and positive behavior and attendance recognition. These examples are merely a sample of the types of activities, and the associated learning, present in our school district which cannot be measured through test scores. While the assessment of learning in these areas will never be as concrete as test scores, these skills are also critical for students to become productive members of society.

Ultimately, how well we prepare students for their chosen endeavors following graduation is the true test of learning. The district accountability committee, through direction from the school board, has engaged in a process to gather this information from Meeker graduates. The sources of information regarding student learning already evident in our school district, combined with what I believe we will find through graduate surveys, gives me further reason to proclaim I am proud to be a Meeker Cowboy!

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GUEST EDITORIAL

What would a sage grouse do if a sage grouse could do anything?

By JAY SULLIVAN, PH.D.
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Dec. 29 *Herald Times* carried an article in which the BLM is seeking comment on a plan to improve Greater Sage Grouse habitat. The article stipulated that juniper and piñon trees were a cause of the decline of the Greater Sage Grouse populations in Western Colorado. It may be one of the causes of Grouse decline but the story is much bigger.

In the spring of 2016, Dr. Asem Bakkar, Reed Kelley and I went in search of a Greater Sage Grouse Lek. Dr. Bakkar is a surgeon. Reed Kelley holds a Master's Degree from Duke University in environmental science. I have a Ph.D. in social science research from the University of Denver. I'm also a wildlife artist.

Our rendezvous was before dawn at the Meeker Kum 'n' Go. A weather front was moving in from the south. Winds were fierce. Kelley made the offhand comment that the birds would probably be at the lek site because they were pretty committed to it. What he didn't say was why they were committed.

The Greater Sage Grouse lek is the bird's mating ground. Every year the birds return to the same location to mate. The females hold strong fidelity to the males and return to the same location year after year to mate with the same male. Each male at the site establishes his territory by defending a "bubble" from which he drives all other male contenders. The closer to the center of the lek the higher in the hierarchy rises the male's status.

The word lek is a Swedish word. It's meaning is to engage in pleasurable play without boundaries or rules. Leks cross boundaries. Although lekking is most prevalent among avian species, lekking behavior is found in insects, amphibians, and mammals as well. Hence the definition, "A lek is an aggregation of males that gather to engage in competitive displays that may entice visiting females who are surveying prospective partners for copulation." (Wikipedia)

The drive to the lek site was about

45 minutes north from our rendezvous. I was driving, Kelley was navigating and Bakkar was entertaining us with some interesting tales of how certain surgeries are accomplished, how modern surgery is developing new and better techniques as well as some insights into different global cultures. As the sun rose and daylight began to reveal the early morning migrations of deer, elk and antelope our conversation shifted to what makes us different from the animals.

Bakkar forwarded the observation that our ability to think sets us apart from the animal. We all agreed that the more we are out in nature and observing wildlife while hiking or hunting we have increasing respect for the animal's ability to react to situations. Whether it is in their nature, learned behavior or an ability to reason animals do some amazing things to ensure their survival. Bakkar mentioned that one of his skills that he attributes to his grandmother that makes him a surgeon is his ability to sew. He is a tailor stitching people together. His medical education and life experience give him the tools to be an excellent surgeon.

But it is our connections to one another that bring us together to create societal, cultural and community relationships that ensure our survival. A part of our thinking is the belief that growth is good for our financial futures. Surgeons, for example, provide a service. In performing that service surgeons need the support and assistance of others. Hospital staff, medical suppliers, facilities all benefit from the surgeon's skills. As consumers it is rare that we pay for only one thing. On a daily basis we pay for the necessities of food, clothing and shelter along with transportation. It is a largely accepted belief that growth produces more resources with which to purchase not only necessities but things we want as well.

If growth is good for our financial future is it not also good for the future of a Greater Sage Grouse? Imagine the impact, for example, of residential building and energy development

on the populations of the Greater Sage Grouse. Residential building and energy development have caused the greater sage-grouse population to decline from 16 million 100 years ago to between 200,000 and 500,000 today.

In a series of Nevada studies, artificial nest predation experiments were conducted. Artificial nests experienced 100 percent mortality with the loss of 1,400 eggs in 200 simulated nests in two weeks in one study, 84 percent of the nests were destroyed in three days in another study, while just 3 percent of the nests were destroyed in 10 days in an area of significantly better cover.

This decline in population has a domino effect. What, and perhaps who, does the Greater Sage Grouse support. Is the bird like a surgeon? Those dependent on the Greater Sage Grouse are those that inhabit the same territory. Perhaps a good beginning is in the answer to the question of who eats chicken? Predator species include coyote, bobcat, American badger, falcons, hawks and eagles prey on adults and juveniles. Crows and ravens and magpies consume juvenile birds. Coyotes, ground squirrels and badgers are the most important mammalian nest predators. Among bird species, magpies and ravens commonly prey on Greater Sage Grouse nests.

Greater Sage Grouse are a popular game bird. Therefore we should also include hunters among the predators that plague the bird. Mortality due to hunting is generally considered to be compensatory and replaceable, where until mortality reaches a "threshold value," it has no effect on population levels. Data are not available to suggest that closed or restricted hunting seasons will materially affect overall population levels on their primary range.

The Greater Sage Grouse is listed as a species in decline. Its populations are not growing. Each year fewer birds can be found. The largest impact



JAY SULLIVAN ARTWORK

This drawing of a Greater Sage Grouse shows the pointed tail feathers and inflated chests of the male while strutting in the lek.

is from loss of habitat. It may not be too much longer before we can no longer see the Greater Sage Grouse play without boundaries, put on mating displays or even feed those who like chicken.

There is a tremendous amount that we can do. Action needs to be defined by what Asem Bakkar observes is our human ability to think. Reaction without careful consideration of impacts within and across species does more harm than good.

Can you think like a Greater Sage Grouse? Perhaps it sounds funny to think that to create effective positive change we need to consider the question, "What would a Greater Sage Grouse do if a Greater Sage Grouse could?"

Included in this story is a drawing of the Greater Sage Grouse. It will reflect what we have enjoyed seeing 300 booming Greater Sage Grouse with pointed tail feathers and inflated chests strutting in the lek.

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The Decalogue

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

[God] wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. (Ex. 34:28)



Dr. J.D. Watson

HAVE you ever wondered why most of the ten commandments are phrased in the negative? Why do they persist with that incessant, off-putting, "Thou shalt not"? The answer, of course, is that they presuppose man's naturally sinful condition, that "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jer 17:9). Why have many in our day worked so dili-

gently to remove the ten commandments from our courts of law? Simply because they do not want to face God's perfect religious, moral, and ethical standard, for it condemns them before court is even in session.

The Moral Law, therefore, stands forever as the very foundation of right behavior, that which we can never keep perfectly, since we are still in the flesh (Rom. 7), but ever strive to emulate. No one is (or ever has been) saved by keeping any law, including the Moral Law (Rom. 3:20; Gal. 3:11; cf. Matt. 19:16-26), but obedience of God's Word (Jn. 14:15, 23; 1 Jn. 2:1-5), which includes holiness of life (Eph. 4:24; 1 Thess. 4:3, 4, 7), is again proof positive of genuine salvation. In our fallen condition, the Law only showed us our sin and need for the Savior (Rom. 3:20; Gal. 3:19-25), but it now serves us by outlining how we are to live.

The ten commandments are referred to as such here in our text (and Deut. 10:4) using the Hebrew *dābār* (1697H), which means a word or speech and is a general term for God's revelation. This can be literally translated as "the ten words" (the Decalogue) because they are exactly what God said.

As is commonly observed, the Decalogue is di-

vided into two parts. The first part consists of four "words" that address what man's relationship should be to the one true God. In turn, then, the first "word" brings us face-to-face with the *object* of worship, the second reveals the *manner* of worship, the third reinforces the *reverence* of worship, and the fourth specifies the *time* of worship. The second part of the Decalogue goes on to outline what our relationship should be to other men. We see there one "word" concerning family relationships and five "words" about community relationships.

To make all this even easier for us to assimilate, we are indebted to one commentator's wonderful summary of the Moral Law in ten actual words: "(1) religion, (2) worship, (3) reverence, (4) time, (5) authority, (6) life, (7) purity, (8) property, (9) tongue, and (10) contentment." We will build on these in our next few studies, examining the same three principles for each: the OT *commandment*; the NT *counterpart*; and the combined *confrontation*.

My Dear Friend, none of us has the ability to keep even one of God's commands, but, thankfully, God has promised: "I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes . . . and do them" (Ezek. 36:27).

Scriptures for Study: To prepare for our study, read Exodus 20:1-26.

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The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners presented \$125,000 to the White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts to offset the 83 percent revenue loss the districts learned they would face in 2017 after a taxing error coupled with reduced property tax valuation was discovered. From left to right: Callie Hendrickson, Scott Robertson, Jeff Eskelson, Jon Hill, Shawn Bolton, Gary Moyer and Chris Colflesh.

Conservation program applications available

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Apply NOW, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will accept and process applications for enrollment in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), the nation's largest conservation program.

NRCS has made several updates to the program this year to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natural resources. New methods and software for evaluating applications will help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These new tools also allow producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process.

"This year, the Conservation Stewardship Program provides even more opportunities for conservation and greater flexibility at the local level to prioritize resource concerns and conservation approaches," says NRCS Chief Jason Weller. "State and locally customized CSP tools will improve the

customer experience during application evaluations."

NRCS offices have begun processing applications for the program, with sign-up running through Feb. 3, 2017. People interested in the additional opportunities the updated CSP will offer can find information on the new CSP portal, located at www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp. This one-stop shop, which provides information to help producers determine whether CSP is right for them, will be continually updated as more information becomes available. Changes that producers can expect to see include nearly double the enhancements and conservation practices offered and better reporting tools to tell producers the results of their conservation efforts on their land.

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, ecologically-based pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat—all while maintaining active agriculture production on their land. CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and new management techniques such as precision agricul-

ture applications, on-site carbon storage and planting for high carbon sequestration rate, and new soil amendments to improve water quality.

CSP is for producers who are already established conservation stewards, helping them to deliver multiple conservation benefits on working lands, including improved water and soil quality and enhanced wildlife habitat. Information about CSP, including national and state ranking questions and enhancement descriptions, is available at nrcs.usda.gov/csp. Producers interested in the program should visit their local USDA Service Center to submit an application, 351 Seventh St. in Meeker.

Since 2009, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect more than 400 million acres nationwide, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water, and enhancing wildlife habitat. For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this administration, visit medium.com/usda-results.

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Western Exposures welcomes new broker

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Western Exposures Realty LLC proudly announces that Carolyn Plumb has joined its team as an associate broker. Plumb has successfully owned and operated three retail businesses and been the co-owner and treasurer of Lumberco, Inc. with holdings that included a lumberyard and Ace Hardware Building Material Center. She held the position of chief financial officer for 26 years. After many years in the building industry, Plumb has a proficient knowledge of commercial and residential real estate.

While running their commercial business, Plumb and her husband also owned and operated a ranch in Eagle, Colo., for 10 years. For the past 15 years, they have managed their cattle ranch in the Maybell



Carolyn Plumb

and Meeker areas that includes a big game hunting operation.

Plumb realizes that purchases for homes, land and ranches are perhaps the largest investment people will make in their lifetime. Firsthand knowledge of the details of these purchases is very important and she is looking forward to assisting in these acquisitions. She is pleased to be an associate broker with Western Exposures Realty LLC with her longtime friends, Onea and Michelle Miller, and her grandson, Alex Plumb, who is also an associate broker at the company.

OBITUARY

Ervan Lee "Hank" Watson II

Feb. 9, 1945~Dec. 31, 2016

Ervan Lee "Hank" Watson II, 71, of Electra, Texas, passed away Dec. 31, 2016. A memorial gathering will be held in Meeker, Colo., on Jan. 14 at noon at the Fairfield Center with a potluck lunch to follow.

Hank was born Feb. 9, 1945, in Electra, Texas, to the late Ervan Lee Watson and Clara Rose Watson. The family moved from Texas to Craig, Colo., when Hank was 12 years of age, where he attended Moffat County Schools.

Most of Hank's life he worked in the oil and gas industry, retiring in 2012 from Koch Gas Plant. (formerly South-Tex Treaters Gas Plant) He enjoyed hunting, fishing, singing and playing guitar. Hank and his wife Karla Watson lived in Meeker for 12 years.

Hank was preceded in death by his grandson Sheldon Strange and



Hank Watson

father Ervan Lee "Buster" Watson. Survivors include: his wife Karla Watson of Electra, Texas; sons Royce (Rebecca) Watson of Craig, Colo., Robert (Vickie) Watson

of Wichita Falls, Texas, Kurtes (Rachael) Watson of Wellington, Colo.; daughters Lisa (Matt) Benson of Iowa Park, Texas and Connie Greenlee of Fruita, Colo. His mother Clara Rose Watson of Craig, Colo., brothers Dennis (Patty) Watson of Craig, Colo., and Jody (Dora) Watson of Fruita, Colo. Hank was loved by 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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New commissioners to be sworn in Jan. 10

RBC I The two new county commissioners, Jeff Rector and Si Woodruff, will be sworn into office Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center. The Jan. 9 county commissioners meeting will be the last meeting for outgoing commissioners Jon Hill and Jeff Eskelson.

Rector hopes to keep focus on economic development and diversification

Herald Times Staff

RANGELY I Jeff Rector will represent Rio Blanco County's District 3 when he takes Jon Hill's seat on the board of county commissioners after narrowly defeating Hill in the Republican primary last year.

Rector isn't the first member of his family to serve as county commissioner. His mother, Democrat Peggy Rector, was the first woman ever to be elected to the county commissioners. She served from 1987 to 1991, and has been described as a "dynamo."

Despite his mother's influence, Rector was never interested in politics.

He decided to run for commissioner because he feels like "it's his turn to serve."

Rector brings years of business experience to the table and a head for numbers, as well as a family history where his parents, one a Democrat and one a Republican, were always "reaching across the aisle."

Rector went to work for his father in the oilfield during the summer months at the age of 11. At 18 he went to work for one of his father's competitors, a decision his father later said was probably "good for him."

Rector later owned and operated



Jeff Rector

the Suzuki/Polaris motorcycle store in Grand Junction. In 2002 he bought his parents' business, DUCO Well Services. He believes his business acumen will serve him well in helping lead the county forward.

In spite of—or maybe because of—his years of experience in the oil field, Rector is a proponent of diversifying the local economy.

"We need to find some diversity from energy so we don't have to base all our good times on natural gas and oil prices. We need to find something that will provide an even keel," he

said.

He cited a Chevron proposal in 1979, wherein Chevron offered to provide the natural gas to operate commercial greenhouses in Rangely. He would like to revisit that idea as a commissioner.

He's also a strong proponent of the Wolf Creek Reservoir project, and wants to "stay on top of" the broadband initiative.

"Until the (current) commissioners started this process I didn't really understand how important it (broadband) was to me," he said, adding that the broadband project's potential for economic development is substantial.

Rector hopes to promote greater transparency on the board.

"Everybody is trying to get through their meetings so fast. All the business is being done behind the scenes, and that's not right. If you make stuff public where people can see it and not jump to conclusions it keeps you out of the doghouse," he said.

While he is ready to make some changes, Rector praised the current board for the work they've accomplished.

"I think these guys did a pretty good job, they got a lot of things moving and tried to streamline some things."

Spending, transparency priorities for Woodruff as commissioner

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER I Si Woodruff has been at the heart of local and county affairs for 40 years. He started at the Meeker Police Department in 1977. He served as the Rio Blanco County Sheriff for 12 years, stepping down two years ago in January with the intention to run for Rio Blanco County Commissioner. He did just that in 2016, beating incumbent Jeff Eskelson in the Republican primary election with 63 percent of the vote.

On Jan. 10 Woodruff will be sworn in as commissioner along with Jeff Rector.

When he announced his intention to run for commissioner in February 2016 Woodruff said his goal was to change the county's spending habits.

"The priority would be to quit spending our funds and prepare as best we can for tougher times, as we did in the '80s," Woodruff said in a Feb. 5, 2016, article in the *Herald Times*.

His priorities haven't changed since the election.

"We need to complete the courthouse project, the fiber project, the fairgrounds project," he said. "Then we need to look at the money and see



Si Woodruff

"Shawn Bolton is not the only commissioner. There are three, and the three of us together will make the decisions," Woodruff said. "Bolton asked that all decisions be discussed, but whether we (the commissioners) agree or disagree, we all vote unanimously, so that the record doesn't show one commissioner or another as being against something. I'm not going to do that."

With regard to the planned economic development projects, specifically the proposed Outdoor Adventure Center, Woodruff said, "If you ask me if I support it, my answer today is 'no.' That's not saying you can't change my mind, but I want a lot more information."

Woodruff mentioned a Dec. 20 article in the *Daily Sentinel*, in which the organizers of the new Cameo shooting range in DeBeque Canyon near Palisade said they hope the range will attract 50,000 visitors a year. "How are we going to compete with that?"

He believes the public is tired of not being informed, and intends to change that, saying he will be available to every citizen and every county employee "with no repercussions."

"There's a lot for all of us here. I want to work together with everyone."

where we sit."

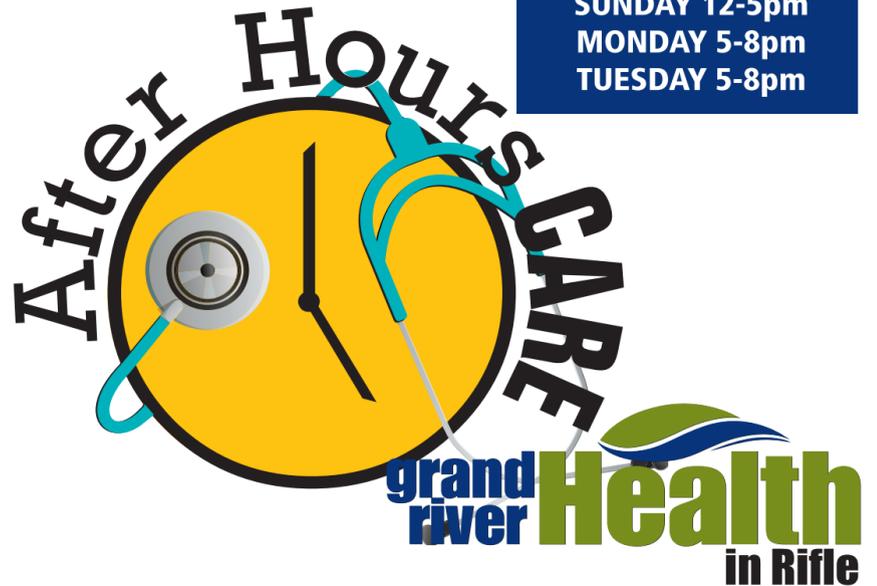
Woodruff believes it's time to rein in what he perceives as uncontrolled spending and make decisions that will protect the county's fiscal future.

"We can work together to share employees while still providing the same quality of services, but save money."

He's also looking forward to more transparency and cooperation on the board, and between the board and other departments and the public.

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Dr. Casey Aquirre grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, and attended the University of Utah. He then attended medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Aquirre completed his residency at the Southern Colorado Family Medicine in Pueblo, CO where in 2012 he became Board certified in Family Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Aquirre and his wife (Ashley) and their three children (Jacobson 7, Grady 5, Kason 3) are excited to call the Western Slope of Colorado their home.

Dr. Aquirre enjoys practicing preventive medicine and osteopathic manipulations. He has an interest in sports medicine and providing IMPACT testing and educating youth and coaches about concussion awareness. Dr. Aquirre speaks Spanish fluently.

Outside of medicine, he considers his greatest accomplishment to be his family. He enjoys everything involving family time, alpine skiing, snowboarding, hiking, camping, trail runs, or anything having to do with the outdoors. He is an avid baseball fan and enjoys going to MLB baseball games. He is excited to bring his enthusiasm for life and medicine to his patients here on the Western Slope.

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County high school sports return to play after break

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
bobby@theheraldtimes.com

RBC I The defending state champion Meeker Cowboys wrestling team will open the 2017 portion of the season tonight when they host the Grand Valley Cardinals in a dual match starting at 6 p.m. All of the Rio Blanco County basketball teams, boys and girls, will play away from home Friday before both Meeker and Rangely host games Saturday.

Meeker and Rangely's wrestling teams will compete in the Tournament of Champions in Vernal, Utah, starting Friday. Meeker coach J.C. Watt said defending state champion Casey Turner will wrestle for the first time this year and he is excited to get started.

"Casey will wrestle this weekend," coach Watt said of the senior Cowboy. "We had a great break and should be ready to go."

The lady Panthers have the best record so far of the county's basketball teams at 5-1, while all the others are currently at 2-3.

"We have had a nice start to the basketball season and we are pleased with the progress of the team as a whole, excited to see how much we can continue to improve," Rangely girls' coach Quentin Kent said. "We know league play will be a challenge but we are excited for it. We have enjoyed the preseason schedule where we played teams we won't see in league play, everyone has contributed and now we are excited for league play to see where we stand in the conference."

The Rangely teams will open 2017 in Hayden, Friday, then host the Rams from Oak Creek (Soroco) Saturday.

The Meeker boys and girls will play in Kremmling Friday against the West Grand Mustangs, then host Hayden Saturday. Meeker girls' first-year head coach Jamie Rogers is excited to get started after the Christmas break.

"I'm so excited to start the regular season, this will be our first 2A opponent and the kids looked at practice over the break," coach Rogers said about her first league games. "It will be a great game to start with, as West Grand has always had a competitive team."



Meeker boys' basketball coach Klark Kindler is pictured with several of his players running sprints during a recent practice. The Cowboys will start league play Friday in Kremmling, then host the Hayden Tigers Saturday.

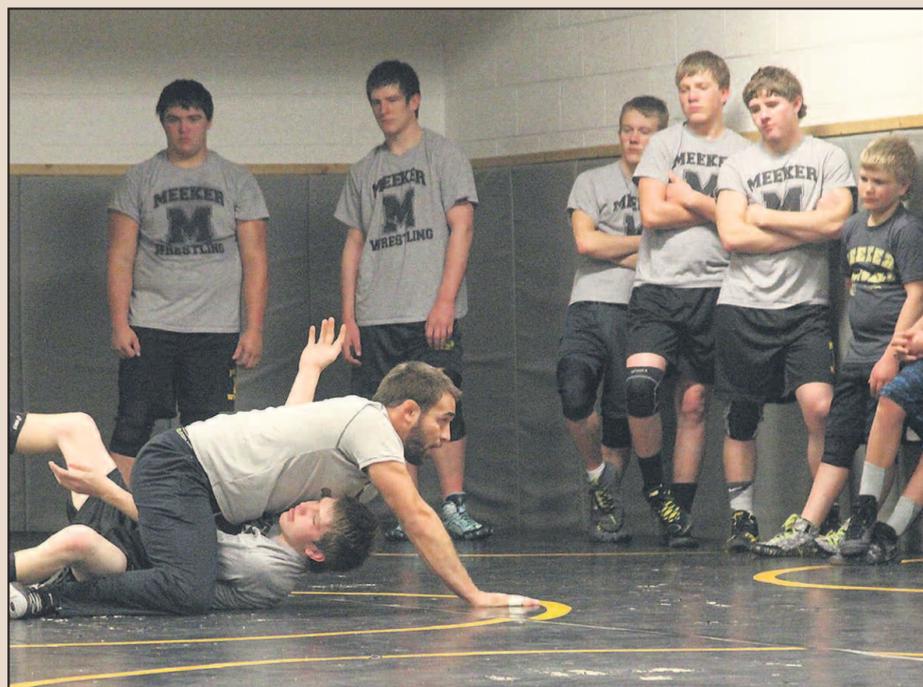


Several members of the Meeker girls' varsity basketball team smile for the camera before a recent home game in the White River Electric Cowboy Shootout. The lady Cowboys are 2-3 under first-year head coach Jamie Rogers, who will coach her first Northwest League game Friday in Kremmling as her team plays the West Grand Mustangs then host the Hayden Tigers Saturday, starting at 1 p.m.



Rangely senior Lindzey Thacker starts a fast break, followed by teammates Katelyn Brown and Sidney Shaffer during a game in the 2016 WREA Cowboy Shootout. The lady Panthers are currently 5-1 and will start league play Friday in Hayden then host the Rams from Oak Creek (Soroco) Saturday in another Northwest League contest.

COWBOYS HOST GRAND VALLEY TODAY AT 6 P.M....



Former Meeker High School graduate and four-time NCAA Division I All-American Joe LeBlanc offered a free wrestling clinic to wrestlers of all ages in Meeker. More than 25 wrestlers took advantage of the opportunity during the Christmas break. Meeker wrestling fans can watch Colorado's 2A defending state champion Cowboys wrestle tonight at home against the Grand Valley Cardinals, with the first matches starting at 6 p.m. The Cowboys and the Rangely Panthers will wrestle in the Tournament of Champions in Vernal, Utah, Friday and Saturday.



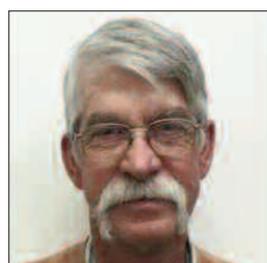
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As Eskelson's term as county commissioner comes to an end, we thank him for the projects he has contributed to, which include construction of the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, the county-wide broadband project, and much more.

WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

The following information is a weekly review of the calls for service reported to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

Dec. 19-25
The dispatch center received a total of 329 incoming and placed 85 outgoing phone calls, received 15 9-1-1 calls and 30 calls for Meeker PD. These calls resulted in 86 calls for service, 61 for the Sheriff's Office, 24 for Meeker PD, six calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue and seven for the Colorado State Patrol. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with multiple agency response). A total of five accidents were reported throughout the county. The Sheriff's Office conducted 14

traffic stops issuing six citations and eight warnings, while the Meeker PD had two stops issuing one warning and citation. Agency assists totaled 11, five for the Sheriff's Office and four for MPD.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Deputies included four animal calls, six assists with Colorado State Patrol, five business checks, two citizen assists, four motorists assists, two traffic accidents and one warrant arrest.

Meeker Police Department calls included five animal calls, three citizen assists, three motorist assists, two traffic accidents, one juvenile problem and two VIN inspections.

There was one arrest and the Detentions Center currently has 10 inmates.

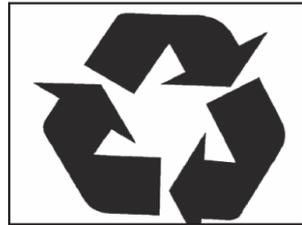
There were six assists to Colorado State Patrol four involving accidents with minor or no injuries.

There were no DUI arrests.

YURT AT MARVINE...



New Year's Eve offered the perfect conditions for a trek to the White River Nordic Council yurt on the Marvine trail. Visit the group's Facebook page for information and details about upcoming events. The White River Snowmobile Club grooms the trail for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.
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Jan. 6 @ Hayden, 7 pm
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Jan. 6-7 @ Vernal, Tournament of Champions



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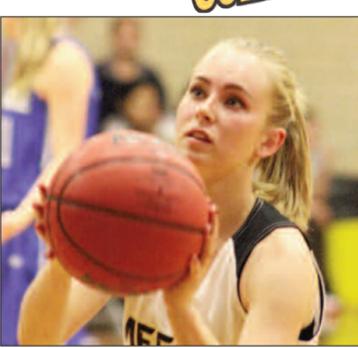
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GIRLS BASKETBALL
Jan. 6 @ West Grand (Kremmling), 5:30 pm
Jan. 7 @ HOME v. Hayden, 2:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL
Jan. 6 @ West Grand, 7 p.m.
Jan. 7 @ HOME v. Hayden, p.m.
WRESTLING
Jan. 5 @ HOME v. Grand Valley, 6 pm
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago

■ We have noted that many business houses whose cry is "Patronize Home Trade," send out to some big jobbing house for their stationery, etc., and in the meanwhile, the home newspaperman becomes a John D. Asterbilt from fighting Montgomery Roebuck & Co. and boosting home trade.

■ On Monday, Mr. Moulton received a telegram announcing the death, at Omaha, on the preceding day, of Victor B. Caldwell, president of the Hugus company. Mr. Caldwell represents the interests of his wife—the oldest daughter of the late J.W. Hugus, in the Hugus Company

■ Half of success is in seeing the significance of little things. — Henry F. Cope

■ The habit of taking cold: With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

■ The editor is still on the sick list—so the "Devil," who is in charge, makes no excuses or apologies for any shortcomings that may be apparent in this issue.

■ The sick list in Meeker is becoming as large as a European

casualty list.

■ The Oldland boys are up from the ranch to take in the Christmas dances.

The Meeker Herald — 75 years ago

■ Rio Blanco County's "Fabulous Whirlwinds" recently found an offer made by a Denver band contractor hard to turn down. The five-piece band was offered an engagement to play nightly at Vail Village for the winter season (Dec.-April). The five boys had to turn thumbs down on the offer as Ronnie Brenton, student at Rangely High School, must complete his senior year. Other members of the group are Bobby Coy, Frank Sizemore, Wayne Joslin and Alan Cook.

■ Rio Blanco County's first elected woman county treasurer, Mrs. Doris Warren, took the oath of office from County Clerk and Recorder Sue Mantle.

■ Jane Holmes, Mary K. Villa and John Villa hosted a teenage party for their classmates in the rec room at the Charles Holmes home Sunday evening. Approximately 25 young people enjoyed the first evening of the New Year dancing to music by platter recordings and participating in fun-filled games.

■ An article in the Weekly Oil

and Gas Journal of Dec. 18, setting forth the status of the oil shale industry as seen by J. Wade Watkins, director of petroleum research and coauthored by Harry R. Johnson, Bureau of Mines petroleum engineer, believes the shale oil industry will become a fact by 1976.

■ I am sure most everyone in town would like to thank those responsible for providing outdoor recreation in the form of skiing, ice skating and sledding this winter. The ice pond down at city park and the sledding hill on Pine Street were in use almost constantly during the Christmas vacation. The biggest attraction was the ski slope on Nine Mile. The tow line had so much business, skiers were standing in line to go up the hill.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ Driving just five miles per hour slower will help us save over two million gallons of gas a day and reduce our dependence on unreliable sources of oil.

■ Larry Hayes 609 series, which included games of 226 and 210, highlighted this past week's bowling scores at the White River Bowl.

■ Five moose are now roaming the mountains 13 miles west of

Creede and another 20 are expected to join them in February.

■ Accompanied by their daughter Pegge Halandras, biology major at CU in Boulder, who is home for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Halandras and the Chris Strate family drove into Denver where they joined in the holiday festivities at the home of their mother, Peggy Strate.

■ The staff at Sleepy Cat are still hosting holiday dinner parties, serving 204 the weekend before Christmas. Friday, in addition to local people, groups included personnel and spouses with TCI Cable Vision of Craig, Tim Dole's party and Colowyo. Saturday night's party groups were: American Northwest Realty of Craig, Meeker Post Office, Sanitation District and Tolley's of Rangely.

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

■ Opening his office here in March will be Dr. William A. Anderson of Denton, Md.

■ Contractor Joe McPhail completed a \$3,600 contract for the park restrooms the week. The fine factory-painted steel building is located near the center of the park for accessibility to the baseball diamonds as well as the rest of the park. The building includes two rest

rooms, outside lights and drinking fountain and is designed to avoid damage from vandals to a great extent.

■ How will the world be fed in the year 2000 with an estimated 6.1 billion people? C.W. Cook, chairman, General Foods Corporation, speaking at the 71st Congress of American Industry in New York, said, "The driving force of our private enterprise organizations can, and must, be brought increasingly to bear on this vital problem..."

American agribusiness has the skills to do the job, in partnership with government ... And if American's food industry, from farm through distribution, is to take on the formidable task of carrying know-how around the world, then some major revisions will have to be made in some alarming and growing concepts not prevalent in Washington as to how free enterprise works best.

■ Mark G. Danielson of Rangely received his gold second lieutenant bars and his college degree at Colorado State University. He will be a navigator assigned to Mather AFB, Sacramento, Calif.

Rangely Times — 25 years ago

■ The candidates are coming. Probably not to Rio Blanco County or Rangely but for the first time there will be a presidential primary in Colorado.

■ Adolph Coors Company annually pumps more than \$928 million of economic vitality into the Colorado economy.

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Mon.	Jan. 9 - Chicken Nugget, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	Mon.	Jan. 9 - Chicken Alfredo w/ Pasta, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water JR/SR HIGH AL A CARTE: BBQ Pork Sandwich
Tues.	Jan. 10 - Hamburger/Chips, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	Tues.	Jan. 10 - Pepperoni Pizza, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Taco Bar w/ Toppings
Wed.	Jan. 11 - CHOICE DAY - Lasagna/Yogurt Special, Breadstick, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk	Wed.	Jan. 11 - Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Baked Potatoes
Thurs.	Jan. 12 - Cheese Toast, Tomato Soup/Crackers, Veggie Sticks, Fruit, Milk	Thurs.	Jan. 12 - Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Potato Chips, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Pepperoni Pizza

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Town Administrator
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concerning the Residential (R) Zone District is amended to include the following additional subsection:
Section 401.1 District R
(a) Intent
This residential district is intended primarily for residential dwellings and their related accessory uses. For lot size, set-backs and other dimensional and parking requirements see Article V.
(b) Permitted Uses
(1) One, two, and multi-family dwellings; must meet requirements of Article V.
(2) Accessory uses.
(3) Public buildings and uses.
(4) Schools, parks and churches.
(5) Home occupation.
(6) Individual Mobile Homes: must meet requirements in Article IV, Section 401.2.
(c) Uses by Special Review. The following uses may be permitted by special review pursuant to Section 301.2 of this Ordinance, as amended:
(1) Travel Trailers.
Section 2. That subsection (c) of Section 401.4 of Ordinance No. 60, concerning the Commercial (C) Zone District, is amended to read as follows:
Section 401.4 District C
(c) Uses by Special Review. The following uses may be permitted by special review pursuant to Section 301.2 of this Ordinance as amended:
(1) Residential Dwellings, including the placement of mobile homes and manufactured homes.
(2) Travel Trailers.
INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, held on December 13, 2016.
TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO
By: Richard Blakley, Mayor
ATTEST: Tamara Long, Town Clerk
Publication Date:
January 5, 2017
Trustee Karen introduced, read and moved the adoption of the ordinance titled
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 60, THE TOWN'S ZONING ORDINANCE, BY AMENDING SECTION 401.1 TO PERMIT TRAVEL TRAILERS AS A USE BY SPECIAL REVIEW IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND BY AMENDING SECTION 401.4 TO PERMIT TRAVEL TRAILERS AS A USE BY SPECIAL REVIEW IN THE COMMERCIAL ZONE DISTRICT.
WHEREAS, the Town of Dinosaur enacted Ordinance No. 60, a comprehensive zoning ordinance for the Town; and
WHEREAS, Section 901.1 of Ordinance No. 60 provides that the Town Council may, on its own motion, or on petition of an interested property owner, amend, supplement, or change Ordinance No. 60 upon a four-fifths (4/5) favorable vote of the Town Council; and
WHEREAS, public notice has been given as required by Section 901.2 of Ordinance No. 60; and
WHEREAS, a public hearing on said application was held on December 13, 2016 as required by Section 901.2 of Ordinance No. 60; and
WHEREAS, the Town Council finds and determines that the proposed text amendment set forth below is desirable and necessary for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the public.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO:
Section 1. That Section 401.1 of Ordinance No. 60,

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Town of Rangely
January 10, 2017 - 7:00pm
Agenda
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
Joseph Nielsen, Mayor
Andrew Shaffer, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Hatch, Trustee
Trey Robie, Trustee
Ann Brady, Trustee
Andrew Key, Trustee
Tyson Hacking, Trustee
1.Call to Order
2.Roll Call
3.Invocation
4.Pledge of Allegiance
5.Minutes of Meeting
a.Approval of the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting.
6.Petitions and Public Input
7.Changes to the Agenda
8.Public Hearings - 7:15pm
9.Committee/Board Meetings
a. Personnel Committee Meeting 12/13/2016
10.Supervisor Reports - See Attached
11.Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update
12.New Business
a.Discussion and Action to approve the November Financial Summary.
b.Discussion and Action to approve the December Check Register.
c.Discussion and Action to approve the Special Event Permit for the Rangely Chamber of Commerce for the Crab Crack on February 11, 2017.
13.Informational Items
14.Scheduled Announcements
a.Rangely District Library regular meeting January 9, 2017 at 5:00pm.
b.Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2017 at 12:00pm.
c.Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting January 9, 2017 at 6:00pm.
d.Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2017 at 6:30pm.
e.Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2017 at 7:00pm.
f.Rio Blanco County Commissioners meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2017 at 11:00am.
g.Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2017 at 12:00pm
h.Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2017 at 12:00pm.
i.Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District December is scheduled for January 25, 2017 at 12:00pm.
j.Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2017 at 6:00pm.
15.Adjournment
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Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Monday, January 9, 2017 Rio Blanco County Justice Center 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.

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Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.

11:00 Call to order:
•Pledge of Allegiance

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- Changes or additions to the January 9, 2017, Board Agenda
- Approval of the January 9, 2017 Agenda **Consent agenda for January 9, 2017**
- Consent-1. Consideration of the Special Board Meeting for Certification of Levies and Revenues held on December 22, 2016.
- Consent 2a_ Financial Management Report December 2016
- Consent-2b_ DHS EBT Register and Warrant Registers December 2016
- Consent 2c_ Motor Vehicle Publication List December 2016

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- Consent 2d_ Treasurer's Publication List December 2016
- Consent 2f_ Treasurer's Monthly Report December 2016
- Consent 3_ Approval of an Application for a Multi-jurisdictional Community Development Block Grant for the Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program, Project No CDBC 17-050, between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Mesa County and Garfield County, and the Department of Local Affairs. (Chairman Signs)
- Consent 4_ Approval of the 2017 EMPG-LEMS Annual Program between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. (Chairman Signs)
- Consent 5_ Approval of the Rio Blanco County Assessor's Quarterly Abatement Report December 31, 2016. (No Signature Required)
- Consent 6_ Approval of Amendment No. 1 to AAA Grant Award 17-11-16 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, for the benefit of the Rio Blanco County Department of Social Services, and the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Colorado, increasing the award amount from \$48,200.00 to \$54,986.00. (Chairman Signs)

General Business:
•Business 1_
Bid Opening:
•Bid Opening 1_
Bid Awards:
•Bid Award 1_ Notice of Award to Urie Trucking for the Lower White River Pest Control District for the Tamarisk/Russian Olive Removal Project.
MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:
•MCA 1_ Approval of an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and a Urie Trucking for the Lower White River Pest Control District for the Tamarisk/Russian Olive Removal Project, in an amount not to exceed \$68,539.20.

•MCA 2_ Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the State of Colorado Department of Human Services for the 2017 Colorado Works Program and the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program for the period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. (Chairman Signs)
Resolutions:
•Resolution 1_
Other Business:
•Road & Bridge Monthly Update – Dave Morlan
•Public Comments
•County Commissioner Updates

Adjourn

The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.

The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2017 in Rangely at the County Annex Building.

Please check the County's website for information at <http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9570 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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Year 2017 Blasting Schedule
Colowyo Coal Company L.P. hereby publishes the following blasting schedule for the 2017 year.

1. Identification of blasting areas: During the 2017 year, blasting will be conducted within the following areas:
T3N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado
W1/2 of Section 3,
E1/2 of Section 4,
All of Section 9,
W1/2 of Section 10,
All of Section 17,
E1/2 of Section 19,
All of Section 20,
NW1/4W1/2 of Section 21
T4N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat County, Colorado
S1/2 of Section 16,
SE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 20,
W1/2NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4 of Section 21,
All of Section 22,
W1/2 of Section 27,
NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 29,
All of Section 30,
NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 31,
W1/2 of Section 34
T3N, R94W, 6th P.M., Moffat County, Colorado
W1/2NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 1,
All of Section 2,
E1/2E1/2 of Section 3,
N1/2N1/2 of Section 11
T4N, R94W, 6th P.M., Moffat County, Colorado
S1/2 of Section 25,
S1/2 of Section 26,
E1/2 of Section 34,
All of Section 35,
All of Section 36
2. Time of blast: Blasting operations will be conducted daily between sunrise and sunset.
3. All mine roads to blast areas will be blocked at least ten minutes prior to the blast by manned vehicles having radio communication with the Blasting Foreman. The blast areas will be cleared by the Blasting Foreman.
4. Audible Warning Signals:
Before blast signal: Four series of three short sirens, then four series of three long sirens.
After blast all clear signal: The Blasting Foreman will check the blast and report the all clear to barricade crews, followed by a single, long siren.
5. Blasting may not be conducted at times different from those announced in this blasting schedule except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or Operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. CF 17.11.1

Published: January 5, 2017
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County Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Court Address: 209 East Main Street, Rangely, CO 81648
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:
Adult: Stacy Adele Hansen
FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Stacie Adele Hansen

Case Number 2016CC0007
Public Notice is given on December 20, 2016, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court. The Petition requests that the name of Stacy Adele Hansen be changed to Stacie Adele Hansen.
Karen S. Wilczek, Clerk of Court
By: Jlyn Wren, Deputy Clerk
Publish: December 22, 29, 2016 and January 5, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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NEW EDEN PREGNANCY CARE SERVICES - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Thursdays, 12p-5p, 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcps@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and Thursdays, 1p-yp, 219 Sunset Avenue, Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

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.

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

SAFEHOUSE

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

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

The Rangely Food Bank is open on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

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

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.

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 Grace Baptist Church (144 S. Stanolind Ave.). Join us! For more information, call Heather Zadra at (970) 629-9937.

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

Rangely Victim Services

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

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE
January 2017

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below:
1/5 Bus in town/Grand Junction
1/6 Bus in town
1/7 No bus
1/8 AM bus
1/9 Bus in town
1/10 Bus in town
1/11 Bus in town/Foot clinic
1/12 Bus in town/Rifle
1/13 Bus in town
1/14 No bus
1/15 AM bus
1/16 Bus in town
1/17 Bus in town
1/18 Bus in town/Blood pressure clinic
1/19 Bus in town/Grand Junction medical
1/20 Bus in town
1/21 No bus
1/22 AM bus
1/23 Bus in town
1/24 Bus in town
1/25 Bus in town
1/26 Bus in town/Craig
1/27 Bus in town
1/28 No bus
Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments (970-878-9368). Please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM.

NOTICE OF EXCHANGE PROPOSAL
Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties
Serial No. COC-76595

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office, 220 East Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641. Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering a proposal to exchange lands pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended. Proponent of the exchange is Buffalo Horn Properties, LLC. The proposed exchange of surface estates only would convey 16 parcels of Federal lands totaling approximately 3,806 acres in Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties for two non-Federal parcels in Rio Blanco County and one parcel in Moffat County totaling 4,035.77 acres.

The Federal lands proposed for exchange are described as follows:

Parcel C-1 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 4, lot 6.

T. 4 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 28, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4;

sec. 29, E1/2NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and SE1/4;

sec. 32, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4;

sec. 33;

sec. 34, S1/2SW1/4 and W1/2SE1/4.

The area described contains 1,759.57 acres.

Parcel C-2 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 4 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 30, lot 6, NW1/4NE1/4, and SE1/4NW1/4.

The areas described aggregate 117.31 acres.

Parcel D-3 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,

sec. 4, that part of lot 4 lying west of the ridge line;

sec. 5, that part of lot 1 lying west of the ridge line.

T. 3 N., R. 94 W.,

sec. 32, E1/2SE1/4;

sec. 33, that part of W1/2NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4 lying west of the ridge line.

The areas described aggregate an estimated 323 acres.

Parcel D-4 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 26, lots 7 and 8.

The area described contains 40.01 acres.

Parcel E-1 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 17, lot 6.

The area described contains 20.17 acres.

Parcel E-2 (Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 17, SW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 19, E1/2NE1/4, and that part of W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4 lying east of Gray Hills Ridge Road (BLM Road 1710);

sec. 20, N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 29, NE1/4, and that part of N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4 lying east of Gray Hills Ridge Road (BLM Road 1710).

The area described contains an estimated 751 acres.

Parcel E-3 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 9, SW1/4NW1/4.

The area described contains 40 acres.

Parcel F-1 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,

sec. 7, lots 8, 18, and 19.

The area described contains 35.32 acres.

Parcel F-2 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 35, SW1/4SE1/4.

The area described contains 40 acres.

Parcel F-3 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 36, S1/2SE1/4.

The area described contains 80 acres.

Parcel F-4 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 1, NE1/4SW1/4.

The area described contains 40 acres.

Parcel F-5 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, and S1/2SE1/4;

sec. 3, SE1/4SE1/4.

The area described contains 240 acres.

Parcel F-6 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 12, N1/2NW1/4.

The area described contains 80 acres.

Parcel F-7 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,

sec. 5, NW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 6, N1/2SE1/4.

The area described contains 120 acres.

Parcel F-8 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 36, SW1/4NE1/4 and SE1/4NW1/4.

The area described contains 80 acres.

Parcel G (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 96 W.,

sec. 2, lot 7.

The area described contains 39.62 acres.

The Federal lands described above have been segregated from appropriation under the public land and mineral laws for a period of five years. The BLM proposes to convey surface estate only, subject to valid existing rights. In exchange, Proponent will convey the following described non-Federal land to the United States, subject to valid existing rights:

Parcel A-3 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 97 W.,

sec. 17, SW1/4NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4.

The area described contains 280 acres.

Parcel A-5 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 96 W.,

sec. 30, lots 7 and 8, and E1/2SW1/4;

sec. 31, lots 5, 6, and 7, and E1/2NW1/4.

T. 3 N., R. 97 W.,

sec. 25, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4;

sec. 26, S1/2SE1/4;

sec. 27, E1/2SE1/4;

sec. 34, NE1/4NE1/4;

sec. 35, NE1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4;

sec. 36, NE1/4, NW1/4, SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4.

The area described contains 1,920.51 acres.

Parcel B (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 18, SW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 19, lots 3 and 4, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;

sec. 20, SW1/4NW1/4;

sec. 30, lots 2, 3, and 4, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;

sec. 31, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, and NE1/4NW1/4;

sec. 32, NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4.

T. 2 N., R. 96 W.,

sec. 25, SW1/4 and SE1/4;

sec. 36, NW1/4NE1/4 and N1/2NW1/4.

The area described contains 1,835.26 acres.

Anticipated public benefits of the land exchange include acquisition of public access between the Windy Gulch and Black Mountain Wilderness Study Areas and disposal of Federal lands that are difficult and uneconomic to manage with limited or no legal access. The non-Federal lands contain habitat for greater sage-grouse and are located within an important landscape for cultural resources. This exchange would be completed on an equal fair market value basis based on approved appraisals. The exchange is in conformance with both the White River and Little Snake Resource Management Plans.

An environmental analysis and other required resource reports will be prepared in order to determine whether to approve the exchange. Interested parties may submit written comments, including notification of any liens, encumbrances, or other claims relating to the lands being considered for exchange. Comments submitted via facsimile or e-mail will only be considered if the full name and mailing address of the commenter are included. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made

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RADINO & CHUCKWAGON
Please call before 9:00a.m. day of meal
878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated. Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.

(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)
Friday, 1/6: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, green beans/mushrooms, fruit mix
Monday, 1/9: Pork chops or roast, broccoli rice casserole, seven layer salad, apple crisp
Tuesday, 1/10: Pizza, tossed salad, applesauce, kidney beans, orange juice
Wednesday, 1/11: Mac, cheese & ham, green beans w/red pepper & zucchini, tomatoes &

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corn, pineapple
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change.
1/5/17

AUCTIONS

Estate Auction, Saturday, January 14th, 10:00 AM, 248 Thistle Drive, Grand Junction, CO . 1988 24' aluminum gooseneck stock trailer, riding mower, hand & power tools, work bench, 4 hog panels, 8x10 playhouse, MULTIPLES of antique furniture, glassware, clocks, jewelry & boxes, rugs, collectables, cowboy hats, various wagon wheels & yard art, china, bells, spoons, glass shoes, etc. modern furniture, 3 beds dressers, pots-pans-dishes-gardening, towels &

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bedding, small appliances, 10'x12' gazebo, glass blocks, fiesta dishes, pictures, etc. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service, 970-260-5577. See web www.cpauction.com "Call us about a sale for you"

CHILDCARE

Tender, loving care. Babysitting in my home, day or night. Carol 970-620-0917.

ELDER CARE SERVICES

Would like to provide in-home care service, to include light housekeeping, appointments and shopping. (970)620-0917.

ELDER CARE SERVICES

Teamwork Networking LLC is working with Medicaid, private and long term care insurances to provide in Home Care. If you or a loved one needs help (any elder, or disabled adults or children on Medicaid). We Care and can help you get connected with the help you need. Email teamwrknetworking@gmail.com or call 970-274-8086

LAWN AND GARDEN

Emerald City Lawn Care
Snowblowing. Free Estimates. Insured (970) 220-2040

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: Set of keys near the clock on Main St. May claim at Rio Blanco Herald Times Office.

SADDLES & TACK CARE

Saddles cleaned and oiled. Some repair work. New latigos, saddle strings, stirrup leathers, etc. Pack outfits. Call Greg (970)878-4500 or (970)462-6525

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.

MOTORCADE: MISC.

Trailers, hitches, flatbeds, toolboxes, trailer service and truck accessories. We are a "one stop shop" truck and trailer outfitter. B&W gooseneck hitches \$597 installed. Pine Country Trailer Sales, Grand Junction. 1-800-287-6532.

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-28**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 31, 2016, 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) ADRIAN L DUNTON and KRYSTLE M DUNTON UNIFIRST MORTGAGE CORPORATION COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY May 22, 2009 Rio Blanco May 22, 2009 295854 \$166,920.00 \$154,754.86

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 BLOCK 75 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO Also known by street and number as: 1276 HILL STREET, MEEKER, CO 81641. **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, 03/01/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meekeer 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.

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• 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: 11/01/2016
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531 David R. Doughy #40042 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092
Eve M. Grina #43658 Kelly Murdock #46915 Lynn M. Janeway #15592
Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Sheila J. Finn #36637
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 16-013189
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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**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-27**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 24, 2016, 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) Jody A Atchley and Ramona C Atchley Mortgage electronic registration System, Inc., as nominee for Bank of the West, a California State Banking Corp. Bank of the West, a California State Banking Corp. August 14, 2013 Rio Blanco August 15, 2013 306886 \$136,482.00 \$130,388.42

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DATE: 10/25/2016
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Erin Robson #46557 Holly Shilliday #24423 Iman Tehrani #44076
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # 16-746317
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**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-26**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 5, 2016, 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) Ronald E Odom Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Bay Equity LLC RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation January 15, 2015 Rio Blanco January 16, 2015 309641 February 11, 2015 309774 \$95,340.00 \$93,518.02

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.** THE EAST NINETY FEET OF LOT 9 BLOCK H WHITE ADDITION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED MAY 16, 1946 AS RECEPTION NO. 69900 TOWN OF RANGELY, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO STATE OF COLORADO Also known by street and number as: 118 W Bell St, Rangely, CO 81648. **THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

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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, 02/01/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meekeer 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.

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• 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;

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DATE: 10/06/2016
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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