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2013 was good year of progress in Meeker

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MEEKER I It was a busy year for the Town of Meeker and, according to Town Administrator Scott Meszaros, a number of small projects were completed and some large-scale changes for the future were initiated.

"Besides infrastructure projects and sidewalks in 2014, the town staff will be handling numerous projects to the scale that Meeker has not seen for many years," he said.

"The conveyance of the Main Street Building (the old elementary school) to the county was a financial move by the town that made a lot of sense," he said. "Many of the upcoming projects will bring additional revenues, jobs and opportunities that will strengthen our tax base."

"The year 2013 was a good year for the town," Meszaros said. "But 2014 should be a busy and exciting year."

Meszaros pointed to eight major accomplishments and activities carried out by the town during 2013:

■ He pointed to the town's continued support of local businesses and the development of tourism by providing funding to the Meeker Chamber of Commerce to assist with the cost of the full-time director.

■ Second, he pointed to the "Main Street Building" being donated to Rio Blanco County for a potential requested use as a new justice center and commons area in the core of downtown Meeker.

"This was a goal in the Comprehensive Plan," Meszaros said.

■ Third, he pointed to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant to the town for \$825,000 for the combined infrastructure project that partners the town with Pioneers Medical Center, Rio Blanco County, Meeker Fire Protection District, Meeker Sanitation District, the Cemetery District and the Colorado Department of Transportation to provide water and sanitation services to the new Pioneers Medical Center complex, Curtis Creek and potentially out to County Road 15.

■ Also, Meszaros noted that SGM Engineering completed the design, surveys and the CDOT process for the Market Street Sidewalk Project.

"This project should commence in the spring of 2014," he said. "This will be done on the north side of Market Street and be a multi-year project to put sidewalks on both sides of Market Street, from opposite the BLM/Forest Service Building, down the north side to the west end of town and then back to the same area to the east end of town on the south side of Market Street."

"The first phase this spring should run from the east side of town to Fourth Street," he said.

■ The city was also able to replace several IT components and personal computers for the Meeker Police Department and the Public Works staff.

■ Another of the accomplish-

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Snow continues to pile up around the county as seen here Monday at the intersection of Sixth and Main streets in Meeker. Some areas received another nine inches of snow recently. Already the county is off to a quick start on the new precipitation year with more than 25 inches in some parts of the surrounding mountains.

Precipitation during 2013 tops annual average by 1.88 inches

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MEEKER I Precipitation in Rio Blanco County surpassed its annual normal depth in early November and finished 2013 nearly two inches ahead of the average annual measurement for the area.

The .94 inches of precipitation

reported at Meeker Airport in December 2013 was actually down by .17 of an inch from the annual monthly average, but that amount put the county ahead of the average annual precipitation recorded for a year by 1.88 inches — at 17.94 inches compared to an average of 16.06 inches. That high amount is in

comparison with 2012, when a total of only 9.16 inches of precipitation was reported for the year.

As of Monday, there were 23 inches of snow reported at Burro Mountain, 12 inches at Bison Lake and 29 inches at Trappers Lake, the three closest sites indicative of area snowfall.

{2013} was busy year for Meeker, Rangely, RBC

Big projects got under way in the first half of 2013

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RBC I A Dec. 20, 2012, notice from Kent Walter, field manager of the Bureau of Land Management's White River Field Office in Meeker, sent to all BLM grazing permittees (more than 85), drew a large crowd to the Rio Blanco County exhibition hall on New Year's Day. According to grazing advisory board member

Mike Lopez, stock growers would like justification for why the letter was sent to all permittees and they want Walter to withdraw the proposed decision and meet with permittees individually before implementing "temporary changes" in grazing uses to include "a minimum 50 percent reduction in grazing use from June 1, 2013 through Feb. 28, 2014," as part of the Notice of

Proposed Decision reads. T. Wright Dickinson, president of the Colorado Cattleman's Association, and Wyoming attorney Dan Frank suggested all stock growers protest and request a meeting before the Jan. 7, 2013 deadline "to avoid any bad final decisions."

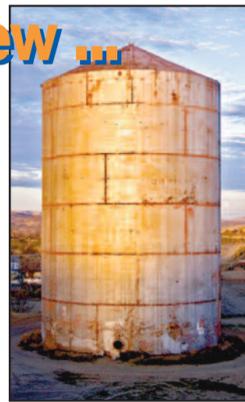
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Sarah Ward of Rangely finished the Boston Marathon in a time of 3:57.46, before the bombs exploded.

Year in review ...

From making music in an old tank in Rangely to determining the future for the old elementary school in Meeker to the 50th anniversary of Colorado Northwestern Community College and three Meeker teams making it to the DestinationImagination (DI) nationals, the first six months of 2013 were busy in Rio Blanco County. Starting on Page 1A and continuing on pages 6A, 8A, 9A and 10A, we take a quick look back at the first six months of 2013.



Rio Blanco County hires chamber director to head economic development

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RBC I Rio Blanco County has hired a Meeker woman to be the new county economic development director, working closely with the county, Meeker and Rangely town governments and the chambers of commerce in the area to increase economic development throughout the county.

Katelin Cook, who has been executive director of the Meeker Chamber of Commerce for nearly three years, will fill the new position of county economic developer, effective Jan. 13.

Shawn Bolton, chairman of the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners until Jan. 13, when Commissioner Jon Hill of Rangely will become chairman, said of Cook's hiring, "I think it's a good deal; there are lots of good programs at the state level that we can now tap into that will help us," Bolton said. "This can all work to make us a factor in the state's future actions toward economic development."

"Katelin will work closely with Alise Ackerman from DOLA (Colorado Department of Local Affairs) and Carrie Linker of the governor's office of economic development, and these are the top two people in the state who can help us out," he said. "This is something we had to do to get this county moving forward to bring new businesses, corporations and growth to Rio Blanco County."

Cook is married to Dewayne Cook, who works with Ducey Electric. She is also a present trustee on the Meeker town board, serving a second term in office.

"I am very excited about this opportunity and I believe it is a good step forward for Rio Blanco County," Cook said. "I have always been interested in economic/business development, and I like the thought of helping the county and the communities become more self-sufficient."

"I already have some good state contacts, but most importantly, our sources will widen greatly, and by working with all the entities in the county, we can work both the public relations and development components without duplicating efforts," she



Katelin Cook

said. "The entities within this county can't afford a full-time chamber of commerce director and an economic development association on their own, so this one office will be able to help the county, the towns and the chambers to work more in collaboration with each other to the benefit of each other."

Cook was graduated from Colorado Mesa College in 2007 with two bachelor of business administration degrees with special emphasis in two areas, marketing and management, both of which she graduated with cum laude honors. She is also a 2012 graduate of the Ford Institute for Community Building and its leadership program and a 2013 graduate of the Stronger Economies Together (SET) technical training assistance. (SET is a regional economic development program incorporating Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties and several of the area towns, chambers of commerce, economic development corporations and private partners.)

She has also been highly active in community groups and events, including: membership in the Wagon Wheel OHV Club; membership on the United Way/Human Resource Council advisory committee from 2011 to present; a Future Farmers of America/Friends of Meeker FFA volunteer from 2011 to present; a mem-

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Early morning fire does damage to Rangely home

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RANGELY I A house fire broke out early Monday morning south of Rangely, severely damaging the home and resulting in a female living at the residence being taken to Rangely District Hospital with minor injuries, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office reported.

The Rangely Police Department reportedly received a 911 call at 3:26 a.m. on Monday in reference to a residential fire at 53000 Highway 139, south of Rangely. Three units from the Rangely Fire Department, the Rangely Ambulance Service, Moon Lake Electric and Target Trucking were dispatched in addition to a Rio Blanco County sheriff's deputy.

According to the RBCSO, the residence is owned by Billy and Terri Williams.

Arriving on the scene, the deputy reported heavy smoke and flames coming from the roof.

A female living at that residence was reportedly transferred to the hospital by ambulance with minor injuries.

Five units continued on at the scene until 10 a.m., the RBCSO reported.

The fire is still under investigation by the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and Rangely Fire Department.

According to Mike Cook of the RBCSO, there was heavy damage to the roof but the home itself was not a total loss.

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BRIEFS

Pioneers Home Health foot clinic Tuesday

MEEKER | Pioneers Medical Center Home Health will be offering the monthly Foot Clinic at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Pines Apartments, 875 Water St., in Meeker. A certified nurse assistant will trim toenails, provide skin care and check blood pressure. Persons found to have circulatory or foot problems will be referred to a physician. Please call 878-9265 to schedule an appointment.

Mental Health First Aid course in Rangely

RANGELY | Rangely District Hospital will offer a "Mental Health First Aid" course Jan. 15-16 in Rangely. The course runs Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for an eight-hour training certification. The course teaches participants a five-step action plan to assess a situation, select and implement interventions and secure appropriate care for the individual. Participants address risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments. Check out www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org for more information on this program.

MEEKER: '14 to be busy

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ments noted by Meszaros was enhancing the town's Recycling Center using funds from the Yampa Valley Data Partners.

"This streamlined the recycling operation to include an enclosure of the processing center, adding additional enclosed storage, the purchase of a new forklift and putting a recovery system in the floor to assist in compacting materials with reduced hands-on labor," he said.

■ Another improvement completed during 2013 was the utilization of a 50 percent match with the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC), the construction of the stone monument at Ute Park.

"The only thing left there is for the local sheepdog people to put up the sign on the monument that Ute Park is home of the Meeker Sheepdog Classic," he said. "That ought to really add to the appeal of the park and it will be a great plug for the classic to outsiders driving through who don't know about the classic."

■ And the last of the major projects, Meszaros said, was the town's participation in the Stronger Economy Together (SET) project, a regional economic development program involving Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties as well as the numerous towns, chambers of commerce, economic development corporations and private partners."

"This project brings all the towns, counties and groups together under a united flag to work for improved economic development in the entire area instead of each entity working for

ECONOMIC: 'I'm excited'

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ber of the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials board of directors from 2010 to present; a member of the Meeker High School Consumer and Family Studies advisory committee from 2007 to present; lead community organizer for the 2012 Capitol Christmas Tree Committee in 2011-12; a judge at the Rio Blanco County Fair 2011-2012; and a judge at the local, district and state levels of the Family Career and Community Leaders of America from 2007 to 2009.

"I expect this to be quite a challenging position," Cook said. "Meeker and Rangely need different things. We in Meeker have no railroad access to this part of the county, and that limits business, and we are off a major highway."

"Rangely needs more housing and they seem to be really wanting broadband access while Meeker needs more area to bring business in, and it needs a larger, more-ready workforce than Rangely," she said. "On the other hand, both towns are in a beautiful settings and the livability of the area is unmatched."

"We have good water, we have a good power supply, we have great recreation opportunities and we have a variety of activities that can be done inside and outside during the entire year," she said. "We have lots of federal lands and we have great cooperation between the government/chamber entities on both ends of the county. We definitely have some plusses over some of the more-populated counties just because we aren't as populated."

Cook will be working closely with an advisory board that has yet to be determined, Cook and Bolton said.

The board will consist of at least one representative from the county, representatives of the towns and of the chambers of commerce and other members yet to be determined, Cook and Bolton said.

itself," Meszaros said.

The town of Meeker will also hold an election with several changes looking likely.

Mayor Mandy Etheridge is term-limited out of office. Trustee Regas Halandras is term limited out as a trustee but is eligible to run for mayor if he chooses.

Trustee Rodney Gerloff is up to re-run if he wishes to retain his respective seat, and Trustee Bryce Ducey was appointed to the seat in 2013, so he will need to run in April to retain his seat.

"This could mean that four of your seven board members may be replaced, depending on their decisions to run or the results of the April election," Meszaros said. "I personally would hope to see all of them continue, but term limitations and the dedication of personal time as well as the duration of the commitment is a lot to ask of anyone."

"Any registered voter who has lived here for 12 months may run for mayor or trustee," he said. "Typically, the mayor is someone who has served as a planning commissioner or trustee, but that is not a requirement."

If no one submits a petition to be mayor, then following the election, the board of trustees would vote to appoint one of themselves to serve as mayor until the next regular election in 2016.

"So it looks like it is going to be a good busy year ahead of us," Meszaros said. "I think it will be an exciting year for Meeker and I am looking forward to the challenge of getting a number of things accomplished."

Cook said efforts will take off quickly in January, when the board will be formed and the board members outline the direction they wish to proceed.

"I believe we will be getting great assistance through Denver and through the people I have worked closely with through the chamber," Cook said. "We are already getting those in Denver to recognize the existence of Meeker and Rangely."

"I believe Denver is actually excited about this position being created," she said. "Now they will have someone to deal with, and there are a lot of things we can look at that we couldn't deal with before — such as a small business incubator system, which would help existing and new businesses get a foot up when needed to start a business or when an existing company needs help to sustain business — and this can all be done with and alongside the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC)."

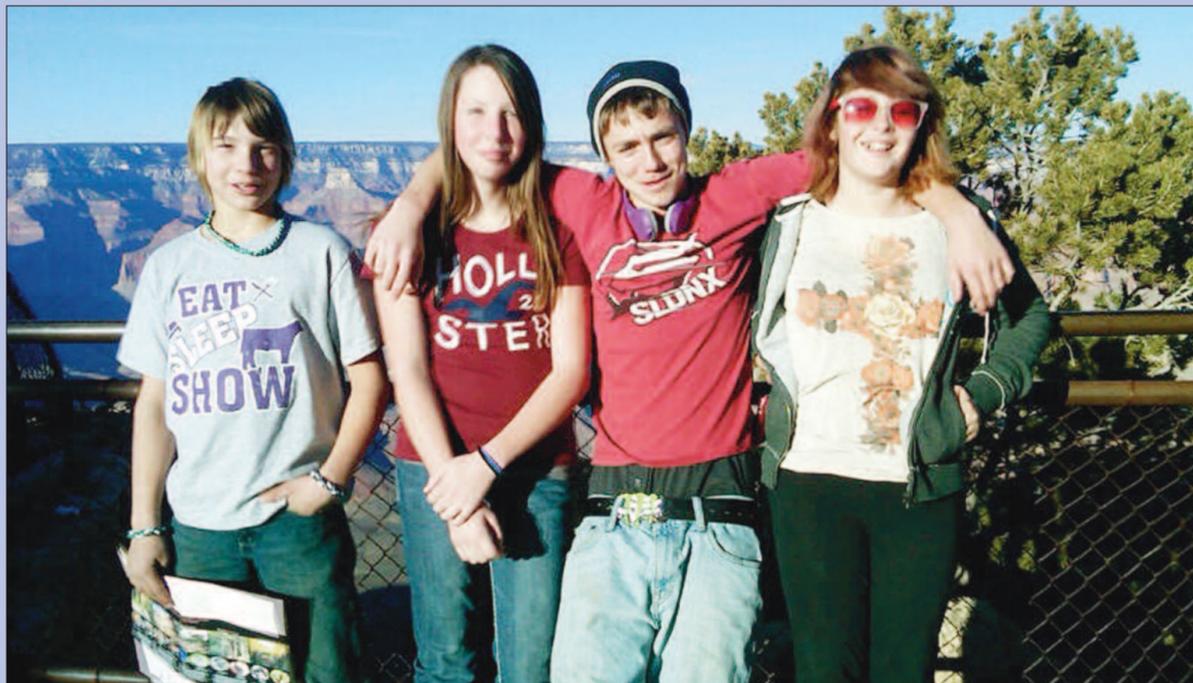
Cook said one of biggest challenges will be to balance the unknown expectations of the public with reality.

"A lot of this will be new to me," Cook said. "We will have a meeting in January, when we will all sit down and see what direction everyone wants to go — be it all in one direction or if everyone wants to head their own way."

"Rio Blanco has a much broader budget than a chamber of commerce," and the tough job will be to see what everyone wants to do and to utilize that money for the best overall benefit of the county," she said.

Cook has been executive director of the Meeker Chamber of Commerce since 2011. Prior to that, from 2009 to 2011, she was owner of DC Outfitters LLC in Meeker. From 2007 to 2011, she was an escrow officer with Rio Blanco County Abstract Co. in Meeker while also being an adjunct/associate faculty member at Colorado Northwestern Community College in Meeker.

ARIZONA STOCK SHOW ...



These four members of the Panther County 4-H Club in Rangely stopped by the Grand Canyon during their trip to the 66th annual Arizona National Livestock Show in Phoenix. From left are: Tristan Hall, Raelynn Norman, Trevor Austin and Destinee Bland.

Rangely 4-H team members place in Phoenix

By **BONNIE LONG**
Panther Country 4-H Leader
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The temperatures were wonderful in Phoenix for the 66th annual Arizona National Livestock Show. The Panther Country 4-H Junior Livestock Judging Team of Trevor Austin, Tristan Hall, Destinee Bland and Raelynn Norman, all of Rangely, placed ninth overall in team standings from approximately 16 junior and 24 senior teams.

Three members of the team were "pretty beat up" on a class of "Wether Dams" and "Xbred Heifers." The wether dams stood hunched up in the shade and moved

Communications Center at RBCSO now on Facebook

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office Communication Center has launched its new Facebook page.

Dispatchers will be posting in real time 24 hours a day, 7 days a week about current events, restrictions, community warnings, road closures and a general synopsis of major incidents occurring in Rio Blanco County.

The public is encourage to "Like" the Facebook page if interested in notifications of postings and can converse with the communications center if they have questions. This does not replace calling 911 or the sheriff's office directly for emergencies or any services provided by the sheriff's office.

To report any non-emergency situations occurring within Rio Blanco County, please call the sheriff's office, the Meeker or Rangely police departments as appropriate according to the location of the incident you are reporting.

The public can visit the Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/RBSO911Communications or by searching for "Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office 911" on the Facebook search engine.

The Facebook page also contain website links such as COTrip, the state road conditions website, the Colorado State Patrol accident/reporting website, other county law enforcement, U.S. Forest Service maps and more. CodeRed the reverse 911 notification system used by Rio Blanco County also has a link.

Community residents can sign up their cell phones and any Internet-based phone by clicking on the CodeRed logo or by calling the RBCSO directly at 878-9600 if you do not have internet access.

There is also a mobile app that is a free download for iPhone and Android subscribers. It will allow town/county residents the ability to view all active alerts for the entire country. This ability was previously limited to a 500-mile radius of the subscriber's current location and has since been expanded to a 5,000-mile radius.

little, causing some doubts in their minds. The Xbred heifers were all pretty gorgeous and just a tough class to break apart, except for one youngster, Trevor Austin. While Trevor's reasons for his judging were middle of the road and Bland and Norman out-talked him, Austin he placed in all classes of livestock.

Austin walked away as Arizona National Livestock Show Junior Judging Champion, and he is pretty proud of his new buckle.

While in Phoenix this team of four was invited to compete in the College of Southern Idaho 4H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest in April in Twin Falls.

The team has decided to see what happens in Cortez on March 15

before committing. Reasons need to be worked on and grades need to be checked at school.

There will be a livestock judging information meeting Jan. 23 at the 4-H Western Annex Building in Rangely. This meeting will inform the members and their parents about the upcoming season and the new rules about maintaining a report card without any "Fs," responsibility for paperwork, dry-cleaning their suits and how ranking will be run. New junior coach Kaylee Mecham will be welcomed and she will be set up with her 8- to 10-year-old beginners.

Schedules for practices and contests will also be handed out and information on Kentucky and who is going and how to earn one of those

remaining spots will be available.

On Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Weiss Center on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus, the judging team will do a presentation for beginning or curious 4-H livestock members and their parents on selecting a good project animal. They will start with animal health and go into confirmation and end with what paperwork is needed for the fair.

Please attend if you need any assistance in locating animals or have questions about how to do a better project. If you have any questions, you can contact the CSU Extension Office at 878-9499 in Meeker or Bonnie Long at 620-0697 in Rangely.

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Rio Blanco County Historical Society notes '13 successes

By ELLENE MEECE

President RBC Historical Society
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I In spite of the cold and snow, an excellent group gathered at Kilowatt Korner in Meeker on Sunday for the Rio Blanco County Historical Society Annual Meeting.

After a luncheon of hot soups, homemade breads, salads and desserts, the annual meeting proceeded with President Ellene Meece presenting the 2013 annual report via PowerPoint with lots of photos, accomplishments and stats, which included being debt free going into the new year. This hard-earned feat was enthusiastically applauded by the members.

Other accomplishments included: maintaining the White River Museum, being open seven days a week year round (except for three holidays); attracting a growing group of volunteers who were acknowledged with an Appreciation Open House in November; continuing upgrades to the museum to protect artifacts and attract more visitors; videoing numerous oral history interviews; expanding historical education for the public through three historical presentations (Pioneer Women of RBC, Stories of the Parish and Homesteaders of RBC); partnering with MACC to bring an Abraham Lincoln re-enactor as a cultural historical event for the community and schools; and partnering with ERBM Recreation Center to provide a successful History Camp during the past summer for the children.

The committee reports covered Milk Creek Battlefield Park Committee (Joe Sullivan, Steve Wix, Tom Allen, Tony Weiss, Trudy Burri and Gayle Rogers) with Joe Sullivan present to add some history to how this venture began and its progress to date; the Rural Schools Research Committee (Martha Cole, Marge Rogers, Janet Clark, Ellen Reichert, Artie Parr, Sally Eatherton) recognized for completing five years of research, creating tour loops for 37 rural schools in Rio Blanco County, developing signage at each site with valued assistance from the county, publishing and distributing professional print products with these tours, adding information to the RBCHS website, adding Coal Creek School to the County Historic Register; and beginning the preservation process for the first school in Rio Blanco County that is still standing on its original location.

Meece presented a plaque to three members who were present, with a collage of the brochures, appreciation text and photo of the committee.

The Website Archiving Computer Committee reported the purchase of a new camera to digitally archive our collections and a new website to feature these collections, education programs, historic sites and dedicated

space for each of the rural schools with maps, information and stories.

The community events RBCHS participated in this past year were Range Call with a booth, Bank Robbery Re-enactment and tour to Milk Creek; a Community Appreciation Day booth; the RBC County Fair with an education exhibit that took grand prize; the Meeker Sheep Dog Classic with a booth selling books and homemade bread; and the Mountain Valley Bank Fall Festival with a bake sale and the organization's famous root beer floats.

The number of annual visitors this year to the White River Museum was 3,145 with 1,021 of those being students.

The election of officers and board members were voted by acclamation and the new board for 2014 is: President Ellene Meece, Vice President Gayle Rogers, Secretary Sue Hicken, Treasurer Trudy Burri, Re-elected board member Patty Anderson and newly elected board member Chad Shepherd. The remaining board members are Joe Sullivan, Tony Weiss, Hallie Blunt and Chris Uphoff.

The RBCHS thanks Sparky Pappas for her many years of being on the board and for her continued support on committees and activities into the future.

Finally, the 2014 goals were presented with the overall goal to be the No. 1 asset in our county and region. The organization plans to do this by adding the White River Museum complex to the registered historic sites, adding educational kiosks to Milk Creek Battlefield Park, digitally archiving our collections with photos and stories for the new website, editing and archiving our video oral history that has been captured, initiating themed tours and events to the museum, completing the next Lighting and Exhibit Project — Phase 3/Room 6, developing Heritage Tourism (the No. 1 economic driver in Colorado) by acquiring the adjoining 3,000 square-foot building to our property (old mortuary) for historical presentations and a research center, and participating in the Heritage Rendezvous, a Western Slope event, with an exhibit of our story of Milk Creek Battlefield Park (Feb. 14-May 3) at the Museum of the West in Grand Junction.

The final slide in the presentation read, "Thank you for joining us in this journey in 2014!"

The RBCHS invites the community to come along as well. The RBCHS offers several membership levels and each one adds an appreciated support. The new category this year is Business Patron for a \$100 annual membership with acknowledgement on our website and a one-time newspaper acknowledgement.

Any donations, volunteer involvement or event participation helps us continue to be an organization dedicated to impacting the success of the Rio Blanco County — and its legacy.



RBCHS ...

During the annual meeting of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society on Sunday this presentation was made to the Rio Blanco County Rural School Research Committee and its members, from left, Martha Cole, Janet Clark, Marge Rogers and Ellene Meece.

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Rangely holds county trails meeting

RBC I A public meeting will be held tonight in Rangely to accept public input about expansion of the Wagon Wheel Trail System throughout Rio Blanco County.

Today's meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the WRBM Recreation Center in Rangely. A similar meeting was held Wednesday night in Meeker.

Rio Blanco County is inviting the public, and 4-wheel and OHV enthusiasts, to attend this meeting and provide input for a future trails system network.

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Herald Times: A look back at past year, looking forward

By SEAN McMAHON
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This is a good time of year to look back at the 10 months I have been here as editor of the *Herald Times* — the good and bad of it all — and to look forward to what is upcoming in 2014 to hopefully bring improvements to the publication and to make it easier for residents of Rio Blanco County to get information into the paper.

There has been good news in the paper as well as bad, but that is what makes up a community — certainly one as diverse as Rio Blanco County.

There have been boo-boos and blunders as well, and I take full blame for those with only the excuse that I have met so many people in Meeker and Rangely in the last 10 months and names do sometimes get messed up with folks I have known in other places. Two names I feel especially bad about messing up — more than they will ever know — are Lion of the Year Mark Rogers and (repeatedly, I understand) the name of county Road and Bridge Director Dave Morlan. There have been others as well, and I apologize for those equally.

I admit there are two errors I absolutely hate making and that is to mess up someone's name and to screw up someone's obituary.

I know to err is human, but it disappoints me as much as the person or the family when that happens, and, Steve, you don't have to be embarrassed for me. I feel bad enough even

though there are a lot of long-time locals who did not know about the pheasant farm up County Road 8.

It does take time to learn a community: the sacred cows, the movers and shakers, places not to go, the prima donnas and the good ol' folks, etc.

In my nearly 40 years of journalism, I have learned that a reporter or editor needs to be in a community for at least a year before they stop making really stupid mistakes. I would have hoped that would not be the case here, but there have been exceptions. Those I can only learn from and work to not make those mistakes again.

Here's hoping for a better 2014.

Residents and groups around the county have been sending press releases and photos, club meeting briefs, etc. via email to the newspaper at editor@theheraldtimes.com for quite some time. We have also had off and on computer problems that have been embarrassing to us and a hassle for those who have sent the releases to the paper without having them make it to print.

I have started asking folks to send the photos, press releases, briefs and notices of upcoming events to both of the addresses I check regularly. If possible, I would request that emails be sent to editor@theheraldtimes.com and sean@theheraldtimes.com just to cut the chances of a problem in half. I would also make it very clear

that we are interested in your group or club news, your major family news and accomplishments (graduations, deaths, marriages, etc.) and someone calling or emailing us school news. After all, we can't cover something at the school if someone doesn't let us know about it. The more advance notice given to us, the better. It also isn't a bad idea if you don't see me at an event to call me after and send a photo or two you might have taken.

This becomes particularly important during the school year and during the summer, when there are often many things going on at the same time, such as during Range Call or the Rio Blanco County Fair in Meeker or during Septemberfest in Rangely.

We at the *Herald Times* want to cover as many events as possible and will try to do a better job.

There are always problems with scheduling conflicts, and I am working on a resolution to one problem in particular, which is better coverage of the Meeker Town Council and the Meeker School Board meetings as both groups meet the same days at the same times.

I am also looking for a person with previous newspaper experience to cover the Rangely Town Board, the Rangely School District and the Rio Blanco County Commissioners



when they meet in Rangely.

An email or a phone call to me at 878-4017 in Meeker or 675-5033 in Rangely is an easy way to get ahold of me and ask any question or to let me know what is coming up. I won't always be able to cover everything, but an attempt will be made. Be assured, it isn't a personal thing, and, if it doesn't work out the first time, don't give up on us.

One thing we can all agree on is that Rio Blanco is a beautiful place with some awesome scenery, abundant and varied wildlife and some spots of true wild nature.

There are flowers in bloom, elk having a standoff with the family vehicle, unmatched storm photos this past several months and just a number of things at the county fair, Septemberfest, the Fall Festival, school plays and presentations, Range Call, the county fair, the Meeker Sheepdog Classic, etc., that lend themselves to great photos.

I would be glad to run good photos sent in by area residents and readers if those photos show a bit of why we live here. From kids playing on the swings in a park to a heavy snow wreaking havoc on our towns and outbuildings, these are photos that are best shared — to the enjoyment of those here now and in the future.

We need those photos in high resolution (preferably at least 1 megabyte) and with words from you as to what the photo is all about as well as the full name of the photographer and a phone number I can call if

I have any questions.

The ideal newspaper belongs to the entire county and its purpose is to serve the entire county, not just a certain sector of its residents. I would hope residents around the county would join in and help us better serve both sides of the county, and maybe by understanding each other a little bit better, some of the Meeker-Rangely rivalry can be eliminated.

Deadlines are another area of concern.

The deadline for briefs and stories of upcoming events should be in the *Herald Times* hands by noon on Monday. Monday afternoon is spent finishing up stories from within the office and the correspondents as well as editing, rewriting and handling photos that come into the paper from local residents and other locations.

Happenings that are not known in advance such as obituaries, major accidents, crimes, etc., have a deadline of about 10 a.m. on Tuesday. That gives me until noon to get all the stories together and be ready to start assembling the paper at noon.

That deadline is pretty inflexible except for truly major happenings such as shootings, prominent local deaths, local public officials resigning, etc.

A phone call to me is the easiest way to find out if any late event can make it. Routine news and upcoming events that were known to be coming up for quite some time will not break the deadlines. But we have been pretty flexible in the past and hope to be in the future — with serious breaking news.

Now to change the subject a bit, it hasn't gone unnoticed the number of individuals and businesses that seem to hit the streets right after a large snowstorm in Rangely or Meeker.

Early in the morning after a good snow, it seems that many if not most private vehicles on the streets are OHVs or four-wheel drive SUVs pushing snow out of the main traffic routes, and then they move to the off-main-drag neighborhood streets getting rid of problematic drifts and cleaning up many of the hill streets so cars can get through.

Phil Mass of Family Automotive plows the entire alley between Fifth and Sixth streets between Main and Market streets in Meeker and he makes certain there is a turn lane off of Sixth so drivers can get to his business, the drive-through at the bank and even into the backside of the Meeker Motel/Cafe.

But he is only one of many individuals and businesses that do the same thing so that by mid- to late-morning, many of the major streets and inclines are navigable without problems.

This is, once again, a great example of community and one of the reasons Rio Blanco County, Meeker and Rangely are good places to live. They are filled with good people ready and willing to help out.

The Broncos won the first game with the Chargers, employing a great game plan.

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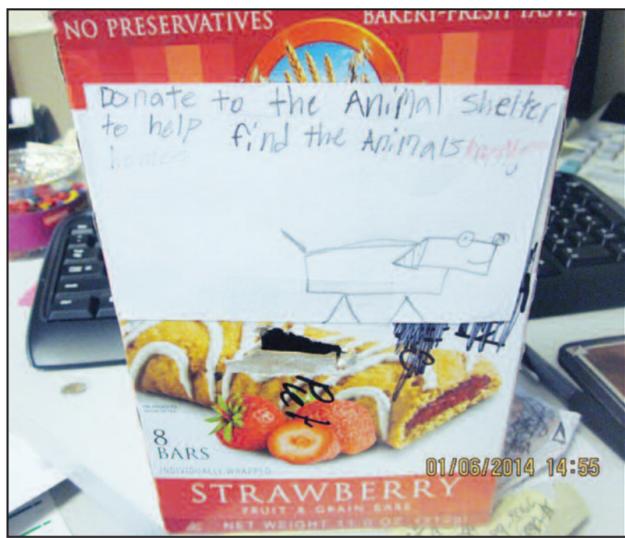
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Thanks for love of animals at shelter

Dear Editor:
The Rangely Animal Shelter animals and staff would like to thank Kadence Wagner of Rangely for her big heart and love for animals. Kadence and her mother came to the shelter and presented us with this donation box that Kadence made. It is full of money and the notice on the front says Donate to the Animal Shelter to help find the animals' homes.

You are a very special person, Kadence, and we are proud to have you in our community. Kadence wants to volunteer, but she is not old enough yet to volunteer on her own, so her mother said she would come with her. We are looking forward to seeing her.

Vicky J. Pfennig
Senior Grant Developer
Code Compliance Officer
Animal Shelter Manager
Town of Rangely

Letter of ironies

Dear Editor:
Irony 1: We are told not to judge all Muslims by the actions of a few lunatics. But, on the other hand, we are also encouraged to judge all gun owners by the actions of a few lunatics. How is that supposed to work? Irony 2: The Food Stamp Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is proud to be distributing this new year the

greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever to 47 million people as of the most recent figures available in 2013. Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, asks us to "Please do not feed the animals." Their stated reason for the policy is because "The animals will grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to take care of themselves."

Tom Kilduff
Meeker

WINDOW: Go Broncos!

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game with a lousy game plan. Let's hope they learned something from the second game and that

Peyton Manning has another great performance, not a repeat of the lethargic performance against the Chargers last time. Go Broncos!

REVIEW: Bountiful Baskets now serving county

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■ When it comes to purchasing fresh produce for around one-third the grocery store cost, count Rangely and Meeker residents in.

That's what the Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op brings to Rio Blanco County participants every other Saturday.

■ A controversial proclamation made by the City and County of Denver regarding the potential connection between protecting the supply of water pulled from the Colorado River Basin for the Front Range and the future of oil shale research, development and production sparked a speedy response from Rio Blanco County's commissioners.

As one of their final official actions in 2012, the Rio Blanco County commissioners unanimously approved a proclamation in response

to the City and County of Denver.

■ Nine dancers from Meeker traveled to Florida during Christmas break to perform with 300 dancers and 500 high school band members during the halftime show of the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla.

■ A reception for outgoing Rio Blanco County commissioners Ken Parson and Kai Turner was held Monday, the day before commissioners-elect Jon Hill and Jeff Eskelson were sworn in by RBC Clerk Nancy Amick.

■ Rangely District Hospital staff began providing some services at its new facility Saturday afternoon after the building passed a final inspection and received its certificate of occupancy Friday.

Hospital staff transferred long-term care patients and inpatients to

their rooms around noon on Saturday, while the emergency room and most ancillary services opened around 2:30 p.m., RDH Chief Executive Officer Nick Goshe said.

■ A Rangely business owner lost her inventory and employment but was left with the remaining loan when a fire burned the building housing The Patch Supplies, an oil-field supply business, on New Year's Day.

■ Jock Waylon Thacker, 21, who was charged with robbery and theft of Mountain Valley Bank in Meeker last spring, appeared in court Jan. 4 only to have his case continued until June 2013.

■ After an investigation by the Ninth Judicial District Attorney's Office, a judge has ordered the Town of Rangely to conform its election

process and procedures in future elections to comply with all constraints and requirements of the Colorado Municipal Election Code for the next eight years.

■ A component of a fire suppression system relief valve at the Western Rio Blanco Recreation Center failed Thursday night, causing flooding in the building's weight room, racquetball courts and a storage closet.

■ The Rocky Mountain Area of Chevron's Mid-Continent Business Unit gave \$20,000 to the RE-4 school district at its board meeting Jan. 15. Chevron operations supervisor Luke Allred and plant operations supervisor Kelly Brown presented the check, which will help fund an upper-level math and science faculty

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY WARRANTY DEEDS ~ December 2013

December 2013 TRANSACTIONS

Seller: Larry G Summers
Buyer: David G and Bruce G Summers
Description: LOT C REMARKS PAPOOSE CREEK SUMMER HOME GROUP 217 COUNTY RD 75
Transaction Price: \$10,000.00

Seller: Susan D Wilson
Buyer: David G and Bruce G Summers
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Transaction Price: \$10,000.00

Seller: Tyrel Bosick Deceased per rep Jeanette Bosick
Buyer: Paul E and Kim L Tucker

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Buyer: SLI Associates LLC
Description: SUBDIVISION/MAP HARVILLE MINOR SUBDIVISION 281288 REMARKS 39087 HWY 13
Transaction Price: \$245,000.00

Seller: Wheeler Ranch LLC
Buyer: Elk Creek Ranch Development Inc.
Description: SUBDIVISION/MAP ELK CREEK RANCH PUD AMENDED 297923 LOT 19, 60
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Seller: Russell S Stevenson

Buyer: Floyd Dale Smith
Description: SUBDIVISION/MAP TOWN OF MEEKER REMARKS 781 12TH ST
Transaction Price: \$3,000.00

Seller: Michael G and Tracy L Hayes
Buyer: Eric J and Jean M Peterson
Description: SUBDIVISION/MAP HUME MINOR SUBDIVISION RE-SUB LOT 2 293637 LOT 2A, 2B REMARKS EAST RIO BLANCO AVE
Transaction Price: \$35,000.00

Seller: Laura D Lancaster
Buyer: National Residential Nominee Services Inc.
Description: SUBDIVISION/MAP HILLCREST SUBDIVISION AND ADDITION 162563 LOT 45 REMARKS 236 RIDGE ROAD
Transaction Price: \$217,500.00

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Description: SECT 25 TWN 1S RANGE 93W REMARKS 269 COUNTY RD 57
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Seller: Arlene E Fritzlman Revocable Living Trust
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Tues.	Jan. 14 - Hashbrown Egg Bake, Veggies, Muffin Square
Wed.	Jan. 15 - Cheese Pizza, Steamed Broccoli, Seasonal Fruit, Pudding Cup
Thurs.	Jan. 16 - Meatball Sub, Salad, Pears
Fri.	Jan. 17 - Chicken Pot Pie, Applesauce, Carrot Coins

RANGELY
School Lunch Menu
WEEK OF JAN. 13-16, 2014

Mon.	Jan. 13 - Herb Chicken, Roll, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
Tues.	Jan. 14 - Nachos, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
Wed.	Jan. 15 - Lasagna, Roll, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
Thurs.	Jan. 16 - Sub Sandwich, Tator Tots, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

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Our Sovereign God (3)
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ACCORDING to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will (Eph. 1:11). While there is a certain overlapping of God's omnipotence and sovereignty, they are not the same thing. God's omnipotence has to do with His nature, what He is. Sovereignty has to do with His purposes and work, what He does. In fact, as one theologian submits, "The sovereignty of God is not an attribute, but a prerogative of God arising out of the perfections of His nature." This draws our attention to three basic theological truths. While we have already noted one ("preservation," Jan. 19), consider two others.

First, the decrees of God. While the two greatest historical confessions of faith—*The Westminster Confession* (1646) and *The London Baptist Confession* (1689) are virtually identical on this point and state it wonderfully, preceding both of those was *The London Baptist Confession of 1644* (Article V) "God in His infinite power and wisdom, doth dispose all things to the end for which they were created; that neither good nor evil befalls any by chance, or without His providence; and that whatsoever befalls the elect, is by His appointment, for His glory, and their good (Job 38:11; Is. 46:10,11, Ecc. 3:14, Ex. 21:13; Prov. 16:33, Rom. 8:28)."

Our text is wondrous: God does all that He does according to the **counsel of his own will**. While **will** (which Paul all uses back in verse 5) is *thelēma*, a desire that proceeds from one's heart or emotions, **counsel** is *boulē*, which speaks more of conscious deliberation and consideration that is free from emotion. God does not act arbitrarily; He does not act according to whim. He acts with deliberate purpose to the praise of His glory (v. 14).

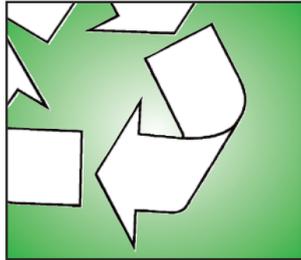
So, mark it down: whatever happens in the world, no matter how insignificant it appears to be, happens for a reason and happens at God's decree. Whether He *decreed* that something would happen or whether He *decreed to allow* it to happen, all events occur as a result of God's sovereign purpose.

Second, the providence of God. Providence simply means that God continuously fulfills His original plan, purpose, and design through the events that occur in the universe. In short, providence is God's decrees in action.

Most Christians believe in the providence of God though they might not know it. How often have each of us looked back on something that happened years ago and realized that it happened for a reason? At the time we did not understand, but we do now. That is God working providentially. Think now of all the things you will encounter in your Christian walk. Why will they occur? To lead you to the ultimate purpose God has for you.

Scriptures for Study: Read each of the verses in the London Confession above, noting what each declares about God's decrees. What does Proverbs 16:9 assure us of concerning the providence of God? You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is the expository preaching of God's Word. Please visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

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REVIEW: Morris named Citizens of the Year for 2012

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position, to Rangely Junior-Senior High School principal Berry Swenson Tuesday night.

■ The Pioneers Medical Center board of directors is excited to announce they have selected a location to build the new medical facility. The Meeker Terrace property adjacent to the Meeker airport has been chosen as the future home to Pioneers Medical Center, Meeker Family Health Center and the Walbridge Memorial Wing.

■ After a year of work on engineering and design aspects to modify its water treatment plant, the Town of Rangely began demolition and construction for the first phase of that renovation Monday, Jan. 14.

■ The Northwest Colorado Broadband Local Technology planning team met Jan. 15 in Craig. The team is chaired by retired Moffat County Commissioner Audrey Danner. Representatives of a number of broadband fiber optic cable private sector service providers were present along with local government representatives, telecommunications consultants, information technology directors and community-based broadband coalition representatives.

■ Rio Blanco County commissioners unanimously approved a Special Use Permit (SUP) for Mercury Towers to construct a 105-foot wireless telecommunication tower on private property owned by Joe and Kelly Conrado.

■ When Rangely animal shelter manager Vicky Pfennig learned that Cesar Millan, made famous by the National Geographic Channel's show "Dog Whisperer," would be in Salt Lake City last Friday, she wasted no time gathering people to attend the show with her. Irene Kilbaine from the Meeker Cat Coalition, Susan Turgeon, Fern Arnn, and Pfennig watched Millan work with two dogs, one with food aggression and the other with toy aggression, who changed their behavior when Millan approached them without

emotion and communicated what he wanted.

■ Cushioned black chairs flank the walls of a waiting room at the Early Education Center. A dark wood desk stands in the corner, phone and computer placed neatly on its surface in anticipation of future calls and emails.

Across the hall from the waiting room is the "baby boutique." Soon, shelving will give order to stacked diapers, polka-dotted sleepers and fleece blankets.

It's all coming together in the three-room suite housing Rangely's New Eden Pregnancy Care Services, scheduled to open in March.

■ Gerald and Twila Morris were named the Citizens of the Year for 2012 by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce at the organization's annual business meeting and awards ceremony held at the Fairfield Center Feb. 1. Alicia and J.C. Watt accepted the award for the Large Business of the Year, while Dean Hubble and Peggy Shults accepted the award for Rio Blanco County Abstract Company after they were named the Small Business of the Year.

■ Development is moving forward on 16 lots in a new subdivision approximately one-half mile west of Parkview Elementary School.

An annexation last spring allowed Rio Mesa Resources, owned by Mike Hayes, to develop the 95-acre site

■ After more than 300 people finished off 600 pounds of crab legs at the annual Crab Crack, sponsored by the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce last Saturday, awards were announced by emcee Tim Webber and presented by RACC executive director Brooke Loshe. Rangely Auto Parts was named the Business of the Year and the flowers and plaque were accepted by owner Brad Casto. Amorette Hawkins accepted the award on behalf of the Rangely Public Library named the Community Service Organization of the Year and Kelly Brown accepted the award for Chevron USA being named the Industry of the Year for



A new Spartan statue was part of CNCC's 50th anniversary.

the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce.

■ Wild horses eat hay meant for Cripple Cowboy Cow Outfit cattle. Ranchers say the horses complicate their efforts to care for the land and earn a livelihood, especially in a drought year. White River field office manager Kent Walter said that the agency has conducted horse gatherings in recent years and that landowners need to submit written notification of trespassing horses to the BLM.

■ Commissioners also signed a proclamation in defense of the Second Amendment to the

Constitution of the United States.

"Whereas, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that 'A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed,' read the first paragraph of the resolution signed by commissioners Shawn Bolton, Jeff Eskelson and Jon Hill.

The proclamation quoted president Thomas Jefferson, "The strongest reason for the People to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, protect themselves against tyranny in government."

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By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER | Ten teams ranging from third- to eighth-grade participated in the fourth annual Hoops for Charity three-on-three basketball tournament Monday, benefiting local charities.

"It was a great day of basketball and all of the teams played well," said Nicole Dupire of the ERBM Recreation and Parks District, sponsor of the event. "The event raised \$300 for local charities."

There were seven divisions and championships were won by the Thunderbolts, which included, Regan Mobley, Sarah Kracht, Hailey Knowles and Aspen Merrifield (pictured top left). The Thunderbolts chose Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue as the team's charity.

Peter Hanks, Liam Deming, Zagar Brown and John Hampton Hightower (top right), were the Sparkling Warriors, who won the boys' third- and fourth-grade division, playing to benefit the Meeker Streaker.

"The Four AmiBros," pictured bottom left, included Brennan Ibach, Elijah Deming, Jake Shelton and Cole Rogers, who played for the Meeker Animal Shelter. They won the fifth- and sixth-grade division.

The best team on the Meeker High School court was Team Walsh, consisting of Barone Middle School classmates Trapper Merrifield, Stephen Walsh, Valentine Rosas and Logan Hughes, who won the seventh- and eighth-grade division, playing for Hope West-Meeker.

Other champions included "The Magnificent Four," consisting of Megan Shelton, Kristen and Cassandra Luce and Ellie Anderson, who played for Horizons in the fifth- and sixth-grade girls' division.

"Shots," which included Taylor Dodds, Katlyne Brown and Riley Pertile, won the girls' seventh- and eighth-grade division playing for the Meeker High School Scholarship Fund.



BMS, RMS girls open season at home

By **HALLIE BLUNT**
Special to the Herald Times

Fortunato and Rozilynn Witherall, who are eager to begin another successful season.

RBC | Middle school basketball girls in Meeker and Rangely will open their seasons at home Saturday.

The Rangely Panthers will host Steamboat Springs, starting at 9 a.m. The eighth-grade team will put their undefeated junior high record to the test with coaches Mark Skelton and Jeremy Lorhy. The seventh-grade girls will be coached by Jess

On Saturday with games scheduled to start at 9 a.m. The eighth-grade girls are coached by Kris Casey and the seventh-grade girls are coached by Tom Knowles. The coaches are extremely excited about the outstanding participation of both grades this season as there are nearly 40 kids out for the two teams. They are certainly ready to test their skills on Saturday.

Fundraiser set for Meeker Community Wrestling Club

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Meeker Cowboy wrestling team will host Grand Valley tonight in the first home meet of the season.

The Cowboys will host the defending state champion Paonia Eagles Jan. 17 and Wendell's Wondrous Wiener Wagon and Watt's Ranch Market will host "Plates for Non-Profits," with proceeds benefiting the Meeker Community Wrestling Club, with support from the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.

Once a month, a local restaurant will host

"Plates for Non-Profits." A portion of the restaurant's sales that day will go to a local non-profit organization.

On Jan. 17, enjoy coffee and breakfast sandwiches at Cuppa Joe, then hot dogs, chili dogs and hamburgers from 11-1:30 p.m., in the parking lot of Watts Ranch Market. All lunch sales will be donated to the Meeker Community Wrestling Club.

You can also enter the drawing to win two free tickets to the dual wrestling meet that night at Meeker High School between No. 1-ranked Paonia and No. 2-ranked Meeker.

Panthers beat Rattlers for third time

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"Ready for the ride"

RANGELY | For a third time this season, the Rangely Panthers boys' basketball team has played and beaten the Little Snake River Rattlers, most recently, a 59-48 home victory to start the new year. The Panthers now enter a tough four-game stretch, both at home and away, against league opponents.

The Rangely boys opened the 2013-14 season with a four-point (59-55) victory against the Rattlers in the first round of the WREA Cowboy Shootout, then another four-point victory (50-46) in Baggs, Wyo., a week later, before last Saturday's meeting in Rangely.

"Playing and beating a good team like Baggs three times in a season is nice for a change, and I really think that in this final game, our balanced attack helped us," head coach Eric Hejl said. "Overall, I really thought this was one of the most complete games we've played so far. We have been pretty balanced with our scoring this season, and Saturday was Colt's (Allred) turn to lead the way."

Rangely junior Allred led all scorers with 20 points, the most any Panther has scored in a game this season.

"We had a good matchup with him inside, and our guards did a good job of getting him the ball," Hejl said. "We also got solid contributions from the trio of seniors as well, with Cameron (Enterline) staying consistent, putting up 15 points and helping control the glass and Connor (Phelan) and Andrew (Morton) just picking their spots and being efficient, athletic scorers for us and bringing what they always bring defensively."

The Panthers led 15-11 after the first quarter, then scored another 15 in the second to led by 12 at halftime. The Rattlers were two shy of matching Rangely's 13 points in the third quarter and although they outscored the Panthers 19-16 in the final quarter, it was too little, too late for the team from Baggs.

"We had a few small stretches where our defense didn't have quite the intensity we like to see, but, when they had to get stops, they got stops and that's what it takes," coach Hejl said.

In addition to Allred's and Enterline's scoring, Morton added nine, Phelan eight, Mitchell Webber four and Kaulan Brady made a three-pointer.

The Panthers play four league games in the next seven days, as they host Paonia on Friday, then travel to Hotchkiss on Saturday, then on to Meeker on Tuesday before returning home to host the West Grand Mustangs next Thursday.

"We have been able to have a little suc-



MATT SCOGGINS

It was RHS junior Colt Allred's turn to step up and lead the Panthers to victory, which he did, scoring 20 points against the Little Snake River Rattlers.

cess so far, and it's been fun for sure," Hejl said. "These next four games ... are going to be the real test to see where we stand within the league."

"The most important game is always the next one, so right now we are focused on Paonia, which definitely gives us plenty to focus on by themselves. Hopefully, we can have a productive week of practice and be ready for the ride."



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COLT ALLRED, JUNIOR Rangely High School

Allred led all scorers in the first game of 2014 against the Little Snake River Rattlers and also led the team with seven rebounds.

TEAM WALSH Meeker, Colorado

Team Walsh, consisting of Trapper Merrifield, Stephen Walsh, Valentine Rosas and Logan Hughes, dominated the competition in the fourth annual Hoops for Charity, three-on-three basketball tournament. The four Barone Middle School eighth-graders played for the newly established hospice, Hope West.



REVIEW: Meeker Airport closed for seven months; Rangely gets new banners

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■ “Overwhelming,” Kathy Sizemore said of the community support given to the her family and the second annual “I Ride With James” Poker/Fun ride held last Sunday, where a Polaris youth snowmobile was given away to Kevin Brown, who pulled a royal flush for the best hand for the grand prize, which his grandkids Kael and his sister Jayden Overton-Linsacum enjoyed. Kathy and her husband Mike, lost their son James “on the mountain” two years ago and since have organized events to raise funds benefiting the local Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue and two scholarships, for a local boy and girl planning to attend a trade school. “They don’t fill out an application because James’ sister Abigail told me James would never fill one out,” Kathy said with a smile.

■ An eight-year investigation by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has culminated in U.S. District Court Judge Christine Arguello sentencing Dennis Eugene Rodebaugh, 72, owner of D & S Outfitters of Meeker, to 41 months in federal prison.

■ Tala Atoafa is the 20th Eagle Scout in Meeker to receive his award since the first Eagle Scout award was presented to Meeker Scouts beginning in 1948. He joins his friend Collin Cochran and his brother Alema as Eagle Scouts. Less than five percent of all Scouts earn the Eagle Scout award.

■ Meeker High School activities director Brett Steinacher, a member of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) wrestling committee, shook hands with Meeker freshman TJ Shelton before presenting him with his gold medal and championship bracket at the 2013 Colorado State Wrestling Championships. Shelton is the first freshman from Meeker High School to win an individual state wrestling title.

■ When Colorado Northwestern Community College anatomy and nutrition instructor Sarah Ward ran her third marathon last May and won the women’s division, she knew her time had qualified her for the Boston Marathon.



Heavy snow in all parts of Rio Blanco County was a newsworthy subject throughout 2013.

■ The Meeker girls’ basketball team won the District 5 championship last Saturday in Paonia, after defeating the host team 61-58 and will host the Region 5 tournament this weekend at Grand Junction Central High School. Playing on Meeker’s first girls’ district championship team are (front) Megan Parker, Taylor Neilson, Aly Ridings and Deena Norell, (back) Katie Dinwiddie, Jamie McLaughlin, Sydney Hughes, Bailey Atwood, head coach Greg Chintala, Kacey Collins, Piper Haney, Amanda Kendall, assistant coaches Mike and Karen Dinwiddie and Kaysyn Chintala.

■ The Rio Blanco County commissioners gave architect Jim Lichty until April 22 to come up with cost comparisons on building a new justice center on county courthouse property in Meeker versus building a new justice center at an alternate location.

■ Seven teams entered and five teams participated in the ninth annual White River Community Association Buy-Fly White Fish tournament held last weekend on the White River. From left: Jarrod Nay won the individual “high point” award and was on the winning team with Chris Hutchins, Mason and Mark Scritchfield. The purpose of

the tournament is threefold: raise money for the sustainability of the historic Buford School, to secure the white fish for the annual Community Fish Fry (scheduled for June 8) and to provide a fun and competitive opportunity for the community. The judges were Bailey Franklin, Loretta McCoy, Shawn Welder, Jesse Dorner, Jeanne Newman and Jon Wangnild.

■ Musicians are working to save “the tank,” an unused water storage tank west of Rangely near County Road 41. The space, which musician and composer Bruce Odland calls “a sonic wonder of the world,” has captured unique reverberations of sound for more than three decades. If Friends of the Tank can raise \$42,000 by the end of March, the group will restore the tank for community use and education and as a recording space for musicians around the world. To find out more or donate to the cause, search “Save the Tank” at www.kickstarter.com.

■ Meeker’s Steve Harman won the annual Carl Rector Memorial Cribbage Tournament sponsored by Silver Sage RV Park. The tournament was held at the Elks Lodge in Rangely and featured 17 players. Harman defeated Tim Webber in the championship game. NAPA Auto Parts and Rangely True Value

Hardware were the prize sponsors for the tournament.

■ Approximately half of Rangely’s new town banners have been installed along Main Street while the rest will be placed during the next week, Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius said. The new year-round banners, designed by Northern Lights Display, were a \$7,500 capital project paid for by the town’s economic development fund. Weather damaged many of the seasonal banners previously used, Brixius said.

■ Starting April 8, Meeker Airport will be closed for approximately seven months while Rio Blanco County carries out two projects to widen the runway and increase the size of the apron for the larger planes using the airport.

■ When Pastor Jasper Whiston of Bible Baptist Church in Rangely left the parsonage the afternoon of March 17, he didn’t expect to return and see a 3x16-foot chunk of the church’s metal roof lying in the parking lot. High winds tore the section from the roof and rolled several other pieces up, damaging some of the fascia and drip edge. Whiston said he was thankful the roof didn’t fall during or after the church’s morning service. Bible Baptist will obtain an

insurance adjustor’s report before moving forward with necessary repairs.

■ When the Meeker Town Board next tends to business on April 4, the face of long-time Meeker resident Bryce Ducey will take his seat for the full meeting as the newest member of the board of trustees.

■ A new tanker/pumper truck for structure fire suppression and rescue is in active service after passing its final inspection at the Rosenbauer manufacturing plant in Sioux Falls, S.D., earlier this month.

The truck’s arrival at the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District (RRFPD) preceded a ceremony on March 20, formalizing Shell Oil Co.’s \$150,000 donation to help pay for two new district fire trucks — the tanker/pumper and a ladder truck. The second truck will arrive from the Rosenbauer plant in May.

■ It was recently announced by the Professional Golfers Association (PGA), Colorado Section, West Chapter, that local golf professional Jim Cook will be awarded the 2013 Warren Smith Award at the annual spring meeting in April in Grand Junction. Cook will start his 21st season as a golf professional when the Meeker course opens April 1.

■ Congressman Scott Tipton lent a sympathetic ear to environmental concerns voiced by board members of the White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts on Thursday.

■ Snowpack and precipitation levels are low in the White River Basin and there is some concern at this time, a local U.S. Forest Service official said Friday.

“We are paying attention closely,” said Ken Coffin, the district ranger in Meeker for the Blanco Ranger District of the White River National Forest. “The snowpack and precipitation have a huge impact on us. We are deeply concerned about the growth of the trees and the upcoming fire season. A dry spring could mean big trouble for summer.”

■ Dave Satterwhite, left, and Jason Steiner shook hands on Monday to close the deal on the sale of Stage Stop Meat Market & Deli in Meeker. Steiner opened Stage Stop in 2006, and he sold the operation to the Dave Satterwhite family of Craig.

■ The “Save the Tank” campaign may be over, but the task of saving the tank is just beginning.

One year ago, the empty 60-by-30-foot water tank west of Rangely, a recording and performance space for musicians and composers for more than three decades, looked like it would be sold and taken down.

By Sunday night, the three-week Kickstarter campaign launched by several of those musicians had raised \$46,126 donated by 751 supporters worldwide. The initial fundraising goal was \$42,000.

■ The Rio Blanco Historical Society’s “Pioneer Women of Rio Blanco County” program drew more than 70 persons Sunday to enjoy the telling of tales dating back at least decades in county history.

■ Rainy spring weather didn’t keep Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) bull riders from earning top honors at the inaugural Spartan Showdown Rodeo over the weekend. Freshman Brice Osborne (Rifle, Colo.) and sophomore Coty Cornia (Woodruff, Utah) split for first place in the long go competition before tying for first place overall, CNCC head rodeo coach Jed Moore said. Osborne and Cornia, who are currently in the running for two of three College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) qualifying seeds, learned this week they rank first and twenty-first in the nation in bull riding based on current points standings at www.collegerodeo.com.

■ The board of trustees of Rio Blanco RE-1 Meeker School District voted unanimously after an executive session on Thursday night to offer current superintendent Susan Goettel a new one-year contract. Goettel was appointed acting superintendent of the school district from 2010 to 2011 and was named superintendent in 2011. She was administrative executive assistant in the Meeker School District from 2008 to 2010.

■ Colorado Northwestern Community College President Russell George recognized Rangely sculptor Kyle Stewart at the culmination of CNCC’s 50-year anniversary celebration Tuesday afternoon. The ceremony dedicated Stewart’s Spartan sculpture, the time capsule and pedestal, and four benches in

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RANGELY PANTHERS

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RHS Mens’ & Ladies’ Basketball
1/10 @ HOME vs. Paonia 4, 5:30, 7pm
1/11 @ Hotchkiss - 1, 2:30, 4
1/14 @ Meeker - 4, 5:30, 7
1/16 @ West Grand - 4:30, 6

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

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



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MHS LADY’S BASKETBALL
1/9 @ HOME vs. Plateau Valley - 3:30, 5
1/10 @ HOME vs. Hotchkiss - 4:30, 6
1/11 @ Paonia - 1, 2:30, 4pm
1/14 @ HOME vs. Rangely - 1, 2:30, 4

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

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

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



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honor of the college's history and future. CNCC Student Government formally named the sculpture "Agesilaus" and the surrounding space "Sparta's Walls" after the Spartan king's response that Sparta's walls were its soldiers, much as CNCC's students are its "walls." The time capsule will be placed and sealed in the pedestal later this week.

■ Not without controversy, all three of Meeker's school principals received offers for one-year contracts Tuesday night from the Meeker School Board.

■ Joshua Cochran, an eighth-grade student at Barone Middle School has been chosen for a rare opportunity to meet U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor will be addressing students, and Cochran will be among 100 students invited to meet and greet with the Sotomayor prior to her keynote address that evening.

■ Roughly 170 people attended the annual Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation fundraising dinner Saturday at the Weiss Activities Center on campus. The amount of money raised at the event, which included dinner, a no-host bar and an auction, was \$39,646, which goes to the foundation. Several awards were presented and gifts given by CNCC President Russell George, who emceed the event.

■ Just short of two years on the job, Rio Blanco County Administrator Kimberly Bullen turned in her resignation to the county commissioners on April 8 in Rangely, with the resignation becoming effective Friday. "I gave my two weeks notice, and I will be leaving here proud of some things that have been accomplished and frustrated over some others," Bullen said. "I suppose I could say I felt very frustrated knowing that the commissioners and I had the same vision for the future, just a disagreement on how fast to move forward and the manner in which to move in that direction."

■ The After Birth Ball was a great success Saturday night in Meeker as the Freeman E. Fairfield Center was filled with people partying and dancing to the country-western sounds of Coy Keithley and the band Straight Shot. The event was hosted by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Shell Oil, Williams Energy, Enterprise Products, WPXEnergy and Encana Natural Gas.



Three teams from Meeker made it to the DestinationImagination Global Finals last year.

■ Meeker School District (MSD) began in January to develop a new strategic plan aimed at attaining academic excellence, improved facilities and gaining an inventory of available resources.

■ Three Meeker Destination Imagination teams qualified for the Global Finals in Knoxville Tenn., in May. The third-grade team is in the front row; the fifth-grade team in the middle row; and the sixth-grade team in the back row. Meeker has three of the four teams representing the Western Slope as members of Team Colorado.

■ Authorities said restaurant owner, Francisco Peralta-Cabral, 44, of Meeker, known as "Pancho," was the U.S. head of the drug-dealing operation with tentacles across the Western Slope, including ownership of the Los Koras Mexican restaurant in Meeker.

Meeker Police Chief Robert Hervey said Tuesday that for several

months the Meeker Police Department had been working with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency on a major drug investigation. He added that on April 23 that investigation resulted in the arrest of Peralta-Cabral.

■ A John Deere 350D excavator tore down the old Rangely District Hospital and Rangely Family Medicine building at South White Avenue and Eagle Crest Drive. The demolition began last week and will continue for the next month, Alpine Demolition owner Steve Mitchell said. The company is taking the debris, some of which Mitchell said

will be recycled, to the Meeker landfill and will use dirt from a local ranch to fill in the holes.

■ After 17 months, the project to increase access to recycling in Rio Blanco County is a reality at the newly improved Town of Meeker Recycle Center.

Residents are urged to bring recyclables to the newly remodeled center, which now accepts No. 1 and No. 2 plastics along with cardboard, newspaper, white paper and aluminum cans.

■ Sarah Ward of Rangely crossed the finish line at the Boston

Marathon with an unofficial time of 4:03.16 and an official time of 3:57.46. She finished the race several minutes before two bombs detonated near the finish in Boston. She was five blocks away at the time and described "booms" that sounded like thunder.

■ More than 70 residents filled the Meeker Town Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday night to voice concerns at a public hearing about the town turning over the old elementary school to Rio Blanco County for use as the new justice center. It was nearly unanimous among audience members that they didn't want to see the old under-used building torn down and removed from its location.

However, Town Administrator Scott Meszaros stated that asbestos problems and structure deficiencies would mean millions of dollars in expenditures just to bring it up to current code without any remodeling, something town officials are reluctant to do.

■ Upgrades at Ute Park and sidewalks for east Market Street are the two chief projects planned by the Town of Meeker in the next several months. First is a new stone monument planned for Ute Park that will identify the park and contain a wooden attachment that identifies the park as "Home of the Meeker Classic" sheepdog championship trials, which occur annually over Labor Day weekend.

■ Rangely District Hospital is

cutting employee hours, leaving positions vacant and increasing marketing efforts for long-term care and assisted living facilities after a four-year recession and an energy industry bust cycle continue to drive admissions, out-patient procedures and clinic visits down, CEO Nick Goshe said. Hospital statistics, which have been steadily declining for more than three years, were projected by feasibility studies to have emerged from recession numbers by the time the hospital's new building opened. Goshe said the impending move and implementation of an Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system made cutting back impossible before now.

■ Teachers at Meeker High School are not particularly happy with teaching, preparation and discipline issues at the school, according to the 2013 TELL Colorado survey, yet they are satisfied with other issues. The Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) Colorado survey is an anonymous statewide survey of licensed, school-based educators regarding teaching, preparation and discipline conditions at their school.

■ Teachers at Barone Middle School are considerably happier with conditions at that school than teachers were in last week's look at Meeker High School. In fact, Barone (BMS) teachers were happier with

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teaching, preparation and discipline issues at the school than at many Colorado middle schools represented in the 2013 TELL Colorado survey.

■ Rio Blanco County operator Ron Willey uses an 872 John Deere, all-wheel-drive, fully-chained, road grader with an A-pow to break through the snow on the Colorado Flat Tops Trail Scenic Byway at approximately mile marker 44 on Monday. "This is the best part of the job," Willey said. County Road and Bridge Director Dave Morlan said the "goal" is to have Ripple Creek Pass open by Memorial Day weekend. Willey broke through and over the top Tuesday, then was headed to do the same on Burro Mountain.

■ A piece of Rangely history came down when the structure popularly known as the "Peacock

Building" was demolished last week. Another form of history, a car museum, will take its place.

■ Eight current teachers were issued class reassignments at the Meeker School Board meeting on May 14, and the trustees also announced there were two new hires in the district for the 2013-14 school year.

■ Meeker's T.J. Shelton flew across the finish line to win the 100-meter dash Saturday in Denver at the 2013 Colorado State Track and Field Championships, held in Jefferson County Stadium. Rangely senior Colton Coombs (second from right), who ran against Shelton all season, finished fourth. Shelton finished second at the state meet in the 200 and anchored the 4x100 relay, which earned a bronze medal.

■ Teachers at Meeker Elementary School are very happy

with some aspects of working at the school, yet equally upset with other conditions, stating notable dissatisfaction with leadership and chances for professional development.

■ After resigning from his position last week, Rangely School District Superintendent Todd Cordrey said he and his family will return to Brighton, Colo., where he will consider whether to continue in K-12 education or further his real estate business.

Cordrey was the RE-4 superintendent for two years.

■ Joseph Duane "JoD" Stults was presented with the Eagle Scout Award, which is scouting's highest honor, at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on May 18 at the Rangely First Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Stults is a member of Boy Scout Troop 189, sponsored by the Rangely LDS Church.

OBITUARY

Maryellen Brubaker

Jan. 28, 1930 ~ Dec. 19, 2013

Maryellen Brubaker, 83, died at home in Grand Junction, Colo., on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013.

Born Jan. 28, 1930, in Kingman, Kan., to Floyd and Florence Sparks Closson, she attended Kingman High School and later earned a Library Science degree from the University of Utah. She married Robert (Bob) Brubaker on July 20, 1947.

In 1950, Maryellen and Bob moved to Meeker, Colo.; to Cortez in January 1970; and they moved to their farm north of Lewis in 1977. They relocated to Grand Junction in September 2013. Maryellen was librarian at the Cortez Public Library from 1971 until she retired in 1999.

Maryellen was member of the Cortez United Methodist Church, the American Library Association (ALA), and the Cortez chapter of the PEO. She will be especially remem-

bered for her years as head librarian, her love of reading and introducing many children to books through Children's Story Hours at the library and surrounding schools even after retirement. She also enjoyed hosting many special community programs at the Cortez Public Library. Maryellen was a three-time recipient of the ALA's John Cotton Dana Library award and also recognized as the Colorado Librarian of the Year.

Survivors include her husband, Bob, of Grand Junction; their five children: son Steve and Myra Brubaker of Des Moines, Iowa; son Mike and Sue Brubaker of Hayward, Wis.; son Chris and Sandy Brubaker of Grand Junction; son Corey and Tina Brubaker of Lincoln, Neb.; daughter Tricia and Brian MacInnes of Albany, Ore; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



Maryellen Brubaker

Maryellen was preceded in death by her brother, Clarence Closson of Kingman and her sister, Marjorie Swingle of Tulsa, Okla.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. on Jan. 11, 2014, at the Cortez United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a memorial fund for the Cortez Public Library, honoring Maryellen. The Maryellen Brubaker Donation Account has been established at Vectra Bank, 350 W. Montezuma Ave., Cortez, Colo., 81321 or Vectra Bank, 499 28 1/4 Rd., Grand Junction, Colo., 81501.

Driving under the influence of marijuana illegal throughout Colorado

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I As marijuana becomes available for recreational use throughout Colorado, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) remind motorists that it is illegal to drive while impaired by marijuana.

Similar to alcohol, there is an established impairment level in Colorado of five nanograms of active tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) — the active psychoactive component of marijuana — per milliliter of whole blood. Driving while impaired by any substance is illegal and unsafe.

"There are some who do not feel

that marijuana can impair driving, but it does," said Darrell Lingk, director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. "Marijuana affects reaction time, short-term memory, hand-eye coordination, concentration and perception of time and distance. And just like alcohol, people driving while impaired by marijuana can receive a DUI."

According to the Colorado Judicial Branch, there were 24,742 DUI and DWAI cases filed in 2012 throughout the state of Colorado. Upon a DUI conviction, a person must undergo an alcohol and drug evaluation completed by the probation department within The Colorado Judicial Branch. The Colorado

Department of Human Services (CDHS) collects data from the alcohol and drug evaluations, which show that out of 23,519 evaluations in 2012, evaluators note that marijuana was involved in 1,045 evaluations.

CDOT has been working alongside the marijuana industry and other state and local agencies for the past six months to develop policies and education efforts to inform marijuana users about the dangers of driving while impaired.

"We've had a seat at the table as CDOT and others determine how best to educate the public on safety issues, providing insight into how best to get the message out that impaired driving is illegal and dangerous," said Mike

Elliott, executive director of the Medical Marijuana Industry Group. "CDOT and the industry want to stress the importance of using this newly legalized drug in a safe manner."

"We're trying to gather as many facts as possible about marijuana-impaired driving to give us a baseline on the current situation in Colorado to better inform and educate the public on this issue," said Amy Ford, director of communications at CDOT. "Recreational marijuana is a new liberty afforded to Coloradans 21 years old and older, and we urge people to be responsible by not driving impaired."

Colorado law enforcement officers are trained in the detection of

impairment of alcohol and drugs; and many are specially trained Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). Colorado's Express Consent Law requires any driver to consent to a chemical test if a police officer has reasonable grounds to believe that person is driving under the influence or their ability to operate a motor vehicle is impaired because of alcohol, drugs or both.

Any driver who refuses to take a chemical test will immediately lose their driver's license and will be classified a persistent drink driver. Consequences of refusal include one year driving license revocation and mandatory ignition interlock for two years and alcohol education and thera-

py classes as specified by law.

In addition to driving impaired, it is also illegal to consume or display marijuana on any public roadway, to have marijuana in the passenger area of a vehicle in an open container, container with a broken seal, or if there is evidence marijuana has been consumed. These laws are in place to ensure the safety of all users of Colorado roadways.

"From the perspective of law enforcement, the legalization of recreational marijuana hasn't changed the DUI law. If you drive high, you will get a DUI," said Colonel Scott Hernandez, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Officers are trained to detect impairment of all substances."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Rangely
The Rangely Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday January 14, 2014 in the Court Room of the Rangely Municipal Building at 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado for the First Reading on the following:
Ordinance 684 (2013)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 13.04.130 (A) AND (B) AND 13.12.170 OF THE RANGELY MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT REVENUES TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS.
All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.
BY: Lisa Piering Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: January 2 and 9, 2014
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY
2014 CATTLEGUARDS AND WINGS
REQUEST FOR BID
PROJECT NAME
2014 Cattleguards and Wings. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for supplying 13 each 8-foot Cattleguard Sections, 6 each 12-foot Cattleguard Sections, and 3 pair of Cattleguard Wings.

BID DOCUMENTS
Bid Documents shall be available at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second St., Meeker, CO 81641 on January 9, 2014.
COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE
Clint Chappell, Road & Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Any questions regarding this bid are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Thursday, January 24, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the above fax number.

DELIVERY AND PAYMENT
Material shall be delivered by April 1, 2014. Alternate delivery schedules will be considered. Bid price shall be F.O.B. Meeker, Colorado. Payment shall not be made upon delivery. The county's regular accounts payable schedule shall be followed.

BID SUBMITTALS
Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2014 Cattleguards and Wings Bid" written on the sealed envelope. **Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6, 2014. No bids shall be received Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 9. Hand-delivered bids will be accepted until 11:00 A.M. on date of bid opening. Do not depend on overnight delivery.** Mailing and hand-delivery address: RBC Commissioners, P.O. Box i, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641.

BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public

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at 11:15 A.M. on Monday, February 10, 2014 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, P.O. Box i, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641. Bids submitted after 11:00 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.
BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
Dated: January 9, 2014
By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman
Publish: January 9 & 16, 2014
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Rangely
The Rangely Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday January 14, 2014 in the Court Room of the Rangely Municipal Building at 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado for the Second Reading on the following:
ORDINANCE NO. 683 (2013)
AN ORDINANCE REPLACING SECTION 261

Year 2014 Blasting Schedule
Colowyo Coal Company L.P. hereby publishes the following blasting schedule for the 2014 year.

- 1. Identification of blasting areas:** During the 2014 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,
All of Section 4,
All of Section 9,
W1/2 of Section 10,
SW1/4, N1/2 of Section 15,
All of Section 16,
All of Section 17,
E1/2 of Section 19,
All of Section 20,
W1/2 of Section 21
T4N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat County, Colorado
E1/2W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4 of Section 22,
W1/2, N1/2NE1/4 of Section 27,
E1/2SE1/4 of Section 28,
E1/2SW1/4, E1/2 of Section 33,
W1/2 of Section 34,
- 2. Time of blast:** Blasting operations will be conducted daily between sunrise and sunset.
- 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. All mine areas are fenced for livestock.
- 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.
- 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.
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RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Session
Johnson Banquet Room
Monday, January 13, 2014
12:00 noon
AGENDA

- 1.0 Call Meeting to Order
- 1.1 Changes to the Agenda
- 2.0 Consideration of Previous Minutes
- 2.1 Approval of the Monday, December 9, 2013 RJCD Regular Session Meeting Minutes
- 3.0 Action/Discussion Items
- 3.1 Business
 - a. Board tour of the Rector Building to observe renovation status
- 3.2 New Business
 - a. Resolution 2014-01 to Set Board's 2014 Meeting Date, Time and Place

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b. Resolution 2014-02 to Set Board's 2014 Agenda Posting Places
4.0 CNCC College Report-Russell George
5.0 Payment of RJCD Bills-Linda Gordon
6.0 Other
7.0 Adjournment
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**Board of County Commissioners
Monday, January 13, 2014
Meeker, Colorado
Tentative Board Agenda**

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.

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 a.m. Call to order:
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Changes or additions to the January 13, 2014 Tentative Agenda
•Approval of the January 13, 2014 Agenda
Consent Agenda completing business for 2013:

•Consideration of the December 20, 2013 Budget Hearing Minutes
•Consideration of the Board Minutes of December 23, 2013

•Motor Vehicle Publication Listing for December 2013
•Treasury Publication List for December 2013
•Financial Management Report for December 2013

•Financial Transactions for DHS for December 2013
•Letter of Intent to purchase software
Business for January 2014:

•Election of Chairman and Chairman pro-term for 2014
•Appointment of e911 Board Member
•Representative and Alternate(s) to the AGNC Board
•County Investment Policy Committee Member

•Setting of Regular Meeting Days for Board Meetings
•Setting of Official posting for Board meetings
Resolutions:

•Consideration of Resolution designating Banks as depositories for Rio Blanco County Funds
•Consideration of a Resolution selecting the newspaper for official county publications
•Resolution adopting the Rio Blanco County Emergency Management Severe Weather Plan

Contracts and Agreements:
•Alpine Xerox Agreements for Xerox Copier Purchase and Maintenance Agreements for Public Health/Social Services and Assessor/Treasurer
•Agreement with Reilly Johnson for Architectural Services for the Justice Center Project

•Memorandum of Agreement and Offer to Purchase Property for the Meeker Airport from the Berry Group
•Temporary Construction Easement Agreement.
Other Business:

•Monthly Update-Road & Bridge Director Dave Moran
•County Commissioners Updates
•Public Comment

**1:15 p.m. Hearing: Flood Plain Regulations
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 January 27, 2014, in Meeker at the County Administration Building. Please check the County's website for information at www.co.rioblanco.co.us/departments/commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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**AGENDA
RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (TOWN COUNCIL)**

**Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014
***** 7:00 P.M. *******

Council Chambers - Municipal Building

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting

A. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2013. (Submitted)

6. Petitions and Public Input

7. Changes to Agenda

8. Public Hearings (7:15)

A. Public Hearing Liquor License Renewal for Kum & Go.

B. Public Hearing Liquor License Renewal for WRB Park & Rec Golf Course

C. Public Hearing Special Event for Rangely Chamber of Commerce Crab Crack

D. SECOND READING Ordinance #683 of the Town of Rangely replacing section 261 of the Rangely Municipal Code, entitled "Standards for Floodplains and Floodways", of the Town of Rangely, Colorado.

E. FIRST READING Ordinance #684 of the Town of Rangely Amending Sections 13.04.130 A and B and 13.12.170 of the Rangely Municipal Code to increase the water and wastewater rates to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of water and wastewater enterprise funds.

9. Committee/Board Meetings

10. Supervisor Reports-See Attached

A. Alden VandenBrink-Update on Headworks Improvements and Repairs at WWTP

B. Mike Englert-Update on Public Works and Building & Grounds Activities

11. Report from Officers

A. Town Manager Update

a. Parks Agreement

12. New Business

A. Discussion and Action to Approve Liquor License Renewal for Kum & Go.

B. Discussion and Action to Approve Liquor License Renewal for WRB Park & Rec Golf Course

C. Discussion and Action to Approve Special Event Liquor License Rangely Chamber Crab Crack

D. Discussion and Action to Approve November 2013 Financial Recap

E. Discussion and Action to Approve December 2013 Check Register

F. Discussion and Action to Approve Ordinance #683 of the Town of Rangely replacing section 261 of the Rangely Municipal Code, entitled "Standards for Floodplains and Floodways", of the Town of Rangely, Colorado.

G. Ratification of phone poll to move forward with Town Hall Capital Project to remodel the Main Lobby Restrooms. (See Attached Materials Estimate for the Project)

H. Discussion and Action to approve the most current parks agreement for the transfer of Hefley Park, Camper Park, Energy Park and East End Park to the WRMPRD.

I. Discussion and Action to secure traffic engineering design for new interchange at the corner of Stanolind and W. Main in order to better accommodate pedestrian traffic and eliminate some of the paving expense.

J. Discussion and Action on Headworks Capital Spending recap covering repairs and improvements.

13. Informational Items

14. Scheduled Announcement-Local Board meetings - January 2014

A. Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for Dec 17, 2013 at 6:15 p.m.

B. Rangely District Library regular meeting Dec 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

C. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for Dec 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

D. Rural Fire Protection Dist board meeting is scheduled for Dec 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

E. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting Dec 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

F. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy Dist board meeting is cancelled for December 2013

G. Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for Dec 19, 2013 at 12:00

15. Adjournment

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

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

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
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Alanon Thurs. 7 p.m. 878-5655

Rangely Victim Services

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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. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117. All services are confidential.

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

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

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

Veterans Service Offices

Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker.

878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.
Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

For XC Skiing & Snowshoeing See:

White River Nordic Council at Facebook
For Grooming Reports, Events & Info

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****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

FRIDAY, January 10: Roast beef, scalloped potatoes, green casserole, apricot peach compote and french bread.

MONDAY, January 13: Smothered chicken, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, and applesauce waldorf salad.

TUESDAY, January 14: Hamburger goulash, 5 bean salad, hot fruit compote and pears.

WEDNESDAY, January 15: Chicken cacciatore, steamed pasta, chopped spinach, tossed salad and fresh fruit.

FRIDAY, January 17: Beef barley soup, wheat crackers, CA blend vegetables, and pineapple gelatin mold.

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

THE GIRL Scout Troop #3634 will have a lock in for Middle School students January 17th at the new 4-H Building starting at 6 p.m. \$20 per person. Call Dawn at (320) 223-4351 for questions & info.

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Rio Blanco County HR at 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 970-878-9570 ADA/EOE

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Pioneers Medical Center Home Health will be offering the monthly **Foot Clinic on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pines Apartments, 875 Water St.** A certified nurse assistant will trim toenails, provide skin care, and check blood pressures. Persons found to have circulatory or foot problems will be referred to a physician. Please call 878-9265 to schedule an appointment.

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

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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

GIANT STEP in Rangely has an upcoming opening for an Early Childhood teacher. You must have required state qualifications. Inquire at 246 East Main.

HOUSEKEEPING: The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking two Housekeeping Representatives. This is a full time benefited position; hiring range \$11.80 to \$14.40/hour. Duties include, but are not limited to: general cleaning and light maintenance duties of district facilities as assigned by the Park and Facilities Manager. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or GED, read, write, speak and understand English, be available to work various shifts, primarily evenings and weekends. A completed ERBM Recreation

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

& Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. 970-878-3403. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center. Complete job description is available upon request. Applications will be accepted through Monday, January 22. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

THE *Rio Blanco Herald Times* is looking for a part-time freelance reporter with newspaper experience to cover Rangely's school board and town board meetings as well as occasional county commissioners' meetings. If interested, call Editor-Sean McMahon at 878-4017 or 675-5033, or contact him at sean@theherald-times.com

Lifeguards: The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking applications for part time lifeguards. Lifeguards are trained professional rescuers who ensure the safety of patrons by preventing and responding to emergencies in and out of the aquatic facility. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older; know how to swim; be available for daytime shifts, early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts; and be available a minimum of 12 hours per week. As part of the interview process, candidates will be asked to swim 300 yards using crawl stroke and breast stroke, perform a brick dive in the deep end of the pool and tread water for 2 minutes. Candidates do not need to hold a lifeguard certification card as we will train selected candidates on site. Lifeguards are also responsible for performing maintenance and inspection of the facility on a daily basis; reporting any unsafe conditions or equipment to the supervisor(s); monitoring pool water chemistry and filling out required records and reports.

Salary range \$9-\$11/hr. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd., Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 970-878-3403. Applications will be accepted through January 23, 2014.

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Featured Property of the Week

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

- ◆ NEW! 642 12th Street Cute and Clean Bi-level, VERY motivated seller ..\$165,000
- ◆ 1394 Ridge Road, move in ready, 3 bdrm, 2baPRICE REDUCED! \$265,000
- ◆ 1343 Sage Ridge Rd - New 3bdrm home, full basement\$219,000
- ◆ 1246 Cleveland Street - Tri-level home, clean, move in ready\$160,000
- ◆ 517 Park Avenue - COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, PRIME location\$170,000
- ◆ 1217 Main Street - Great starter home, 15000 SF corner lot\$149,500
- ◆ 242 Park Ave. - large site, 2+ bdrm home, large shop\$145,000
- ◆ Garfield St. Townhouses- 5 unitsSALE PENDING! \$299,900-\$49,900
- ◆ Vacant Lot - 1280 Garfield, includes water tap. Make Offer\$25,000

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
1407 Silver Sage Road - 4 BD, 3BA, custom-built home with 3 car garage and panoramic views, one of the highest quality homes in Meeker. \$439,000

1145 Michael Cr. 3BD, 2BA home located in a quiet neighborhood with garage and rec room. \$204,000. SHORT SALE, MAKE OFFER

855 5th St. 5 BD, 2BA home with good location, new roof, windows, carpet, wood flooring, siding etc. ... large lot. \$200,000

1045 Lance Cr. - 5 BD, 2 BA home with custom garage and large yard on a quiet cul-de-sac, \$198,500

769.5 Pine Street - Private 3BD/2BA remodeled home with stainless steel appliances, wonderful shaded porch, chain link fence, garage and storage shed. \$179,000

780 11th Street - Remodeled 3 BD, 2 BA bi-level home with fenced yard. \$167,900

1170 Cleveland Street, large home with full basement, family room, rec room, carport, nice trees. \$158,900

1007 Wall St., 3BD, 2BA home with large back yard, deck and garage. \$145,000

1160 Main Street - 3BD/1 BA home with new siding and roof. Walk out basement, wood burning stove and fenced backyard. Lots of space for the price! \$119,000

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
439 Agency Drive - Magnificent 4 BD, 3 BA log home on 6+ acres. New barn, high end appliances and amazing views, just minutes from Meeker. \$525,000

3778 RBC Rd. 13 - 35 acres with water rights, hay field, pastures and beautifully remodeled 4BD, 2BA home. \$369,000

281 RBC Rd. 57 - Beautiful log home with 3 BD, 2 BA on 1.4 acres. 10 miles east of Meeker on the Flat Tops Scenic By-way. \$324,000

NEW 264 Love Lane, 3BD, 2BA stucco home with metal shop and 5 stall horse barn on 4.39 acres. Great Location. \$275,000

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

20285 RBC Rd. 8 Spacious home on 1.7 acres, located 20 miles up the White River. \$249,900

Papoose Creek Cabin - Fantastic get away cabin up the White River. \$65,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
317 East Market St. - 4.25 acres including a Commercial Building, large workshop and 3 acre vacant lot with highway frontage. \$975,000. Open to Offers!

680 Water St., 19 unit apartment complex with 17 storage units on 4 lots with open park area. Some have been remodeled and are very comfortable. \$650,000

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

4 Lots in Cross L Estates - Possible owner finance. \$70,000 - \$75,000. \$250,000 for all

6.79 acres Cross L Estates - Irrigated hay meadow, domestic water, electricity & views. Time to build a new house! REDUCED to \$65,000

1095 Pinyon Street - Fantastic views of the valley. \$60,000 for all 3 lots!

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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

*NEW 1425 Mountain View Rd.-4 BR, 3 BA home on a private lot with amazing views. Well maintained. \$189,900.

*NEW 146 Garfield- Unique commercial property or ? Loading dock, workshop, small apartment, storage. \$100,000

*NEW 560 5th St- Great Rental Property -Lg family home or can be a 2, 3, or 4 plex, big shop. \$175,000.

*NEW 910 Water St. Space 6- Very nice doublewide in trailer park, 3 BR, 2 BA, new carpet, appliances. \$59,000

*1369 Juniper Rd.-Beautiful home on 2 large lots, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, attached garage, landscaped w/ sprinkler system, covered patio. \$275,000 REDUCED! Also a 3rd adjacent lot available @ \$35,000

*917 4th St.- Beautiful 5 BR, 3 BA home on 2 quiet, private lots. Basement, garage, trees. REDUCED to \$260,000.

*830 Water St.-3 BR, 2BA one level home, fenced corner lot. Garage. Move in ready. \$175,900

*585 Cleveland St.- 3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every area! Private fenced back yard, shop, big carport, trees. SCHEDULE A SHOWING. \$449,000

*970 9th St.- 4 BR 3-1/2BA two story log home, large lot, carport. \$169,000 REDUCED!

*939 Park Ave.-4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jetted bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. \$234,900 SALE PENDING!

*11 East Main St- 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. REDUCED \$193,500

*562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000 MAKE AN OFFER!

*643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$129,000. PRICED REDUCED!

*NEW 864 Hill St.-4 BR, 2 BA home. New windows, stucco siding, detached garage \$170,000 SOLD!

*145 5th St-Log home, 4 BR, 1BA, large deck, heated garage with shop area \$145,000 SOLD!

RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...

*NEW 1190 CR 63 - 376 Acre Hunting & Grazing Property-12 mi. E. of Meeker, 3 BR, 2 BA home, borders Oak Ridge state hunting land. Cattle grazing land. Creeks, ponds. \$1,100,000.

*12916 CR 8-Great vacation home or year around living, river views, 35 acres, garage, outbuildings, private setting. This is a must see one of a kind property! \$400,000 SALE PENDING

*1161 CR 8- 5 acres, river view, remodeled 2+BR 2 BA, carport, deck, A/C, new heating system. \$349,000

*950 CR 14- Mountain cabin 26 miles up river. 2 BR, 1 BA with great views, in the woods. \$289,000.

*13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$360,000

*4637 CR 8- 77 irrigated acres, 2 story home, barns, shop, sheds, hay pastures, good water. \$690,000.

*River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000

*2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, Beautiful setting! \$65,000 REDUCED

*710 Shaman Tr.- 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000

*24530 County Rd. 8- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000

*40 Acres up South Fork- Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access. HUNTING. \$585,000.

*13051 CR 8- 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. \$435,000.

*850 County Rd. 10-32 acres with 2 log homes, 2 wells, 2 septic systems, 2 electric meters, shop, garage, fenced, pond. Near the river, Lake Avery, and great hunting. \$695,000 SOLD!

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

*NEW 145 Garfield- commercial building w/ apartment, loading dock, over 3,000 sq. ft. \$100,000

*109 Market St.-3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location Next to new Family Dollar Store \$299,000

*Rifle, CO-9 vacant lots near City Hall & new theater, excellent investment opportunity. \$1,800,000.

*Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 3/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, cafe, living quarters. REDUCED \$130,000.

*Silt, CO- 15 Acre River Front Commercial- 1-70 frontage road, just off of Silt exit, next to Holiday Inn Express. Excellent visibility & access. Utilities to boundary. Water rights. \$950,000.

*304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000

*265 6th St.- Commercial building, high traffic location 2,332 sq. ft. \$65,000 SOLD!

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

*County Rd. 8- mile marker 29 1/2, amazing 29 acre parcel with a driveway, building site, water rights & more, borders BLM & National Forest \$349,000

*Juniper Rd.- large lot in Sage Hills. \$35,000

*860 Shaman Trail- 5.5 acre lot just east of Meeker, Ute Terrace Sub., town water, awesome views. \$80,000

*Ridge Estates- 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. Prices starting from \$75,600, 1 mile south of town.

*359 Love Lane-5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000

*River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good horse sites, river. \$150,000.

*Several nice building lots on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000.

*20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$63,000

*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4: 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great site. REDUCED TO \$79,000.

*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 5: 35 acres, good pond, pasture. Partially fenced. \$83,000.

*Little Beaver Estates- Two 35 acre lots bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000, Lot 12 SOLD!

*Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$100,000

*1187 Park Ave- 2 corner lots, zoned for multi-family, lots of trees. Town Ditch. \$65,000.

*879 Pine St.-11,250 Sq. ft. lot, great neighborhood, nice building site. \$28,000

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- ◆ 3103 Moffat County Rd 104, Skull Creek Flats, Dinosaur, 1,792 sf single family home w/ 360 sf addition, all on a total of 30 acres, numerous out buildings, include 1200 SF pole barn and finished 1008 SF frame built garage. \$219,000
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121 Foothill Dr. Updated home 3Bd/1.75 Bath 2 car garage Built in 1946 1,797 sq ft \$168,400

1101 Tanglewood Ln. Well kept 3Bd/2 Bath Built in 1982 1,512 sq ft \$169,900

226 Morrison Ave. Bi-level next to park 3Bd/2 Bath 1,686 sq ft 960 sq ft garage \$183,000

208 Hillcrest Cir Spectacular views 3Bd/1.75 Bath w/sauna Built in 1983 1,960 sq ft \$185,000

1524 La Mesa Beautifully updated home. 3 BD/2 Bath. 1544 sq. ft. 2-car garage. \$219,000

236 Ridge Rd. Beautiful 3 Bd/2. Bath home. 2,803 sq. ft. \$240,000

1380 La Mesa Cir. Gorgeous home 3Bd/2 Bath built in 2006. 1932 sq. ft. \$249,000

COMMERCIAL

111 Foothill Dr. 6 plex Great Investment Property \$350,000

313 W. Main St. 1,920 sq. ft. Commercial Building \$129,900

DINOSAUR

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

LOTS/LAND

3 lots in Ridgeview Sub. Various Prices

Skull Creek Estates Approx 5 1/2 acres \$25,000

Redwood Estates Approx 1/2 acre building lot \$28,000

2 Fantastic Lots La Mesa Sub \$50,000 each

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HWY 64/River Rd Exceptional Hwy frontage & Development potential, 18.97 acres \$289,000! 3.47 acres \$261,000

2842 Shale Dr. Lot size 2.479 acres \$38,000

1265 La Mesa Close to BLM \$40,000

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