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Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Monday, Jan. 21

## Borchard loses county attorney appointment

2-1 vote leaves many with questions

By EMMA VAUGHN  
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**RBC |** What started as a typical county commissioners' meeting with newly elected Commissioner Gary Moyer, returning Commissioner Si Woodruff and newly appointed Board Chair Jeff Rector at the helm, turned into something of an event as the meeting progressed, leaving many in attendance scratching their heads about what they had just witnessed.

During the business portion of the agenda involving the reappointment of various county positions—including County Attorney Kent A. Borchard, County Finance Director Janae Stanworth, County Road and Bridge Director Dave Morlan and County Director of Human Services Barbara Bofinger—Woodruff had started to make the motion when Rector asked Woodruff to read each one individually for separate votes, starting with the appointment of County Attorney Kent A. Borchard. Commissioner Moyer seconded the motion and Borchard's reappointment was taken to a vote. Woodruff voted for and Moyer and Rector voted against appointing Borchard for 2019. Borchard appeared to be taken aback, along with others in attendance. He later told the HT that he was hurt and "as shocked as everybody else in the room."

Borchard, who has been the county's attorney for 10 years, was planning to retire at the end of 2019. He said he was looking forward to training the new hire who was budgeted to take over most of the Department of Human Services (DHS) cases to help free his time for other county business. Currently there are 10 local Department of Human Service cases and one court of appeals case for which Borchard is the attorney, with two of those cases scheduled to be in court this Friday.

Asked what the plan is for replacing Borchard, Rector said, "We're putting a contractual attorney in place in the next couple of days, and then we'll go through a process and take the next steps."

Borchard said he is ethically obligated to continue these court cases and there would have to be a motion in the court to remove him as the attorney if it comes to that. As it stands now he will have to handle those cases on a contractual basis if that's something the commissioners will entertain.

Asked what's going to happen to the 10 DHS cases and the children involved in those cases, Moyer said the commissioners will find a contractual attorney and that, "Anybody is replaceable."

Asked why the change was handled in this way and Borchard was not made aware of their plans, or given the option to retire early, Rector and Moyer responded that it was a "clean cut" this way.

"We knew he was planning to retire, and we decided it's time for a change," Rector said. Moyer added that he felt there were things that were more of a priority with federal land issues and that every elected official has an expectation of their staff to be on board with what they are trying to do.

Woodruff, who voted in favor of Borchard's reappointment, asked his fellow commissioners later during the meeting if he understood correctly that they "just didn't reappoint Borchard?" Moyer responded with, "That is correct."

Later asked for comment on what had transpired, Woodruff said, "What was done was foolish. There was no thought put into it. It was very disrespectful and rude. And we three commissioners represent an entire county. I think what happened is some people made some decisions and didn't understand the role of the county attorney. It's DHS, it's easements, it's other day-to-day legal matters. This is not what we were elected to do. We've got 10 little kids that we are supposed to take care of."

Woodruff further specified that he was not aware of any previous discussion about not appointing Borchard and stated that the main issue with dismissing Borchard in this way is whether the county will be able to find a full-time local attorney they can employ, or if they'll be limited to someone who is only available by phone, "at \$300 an hour."

The county submitted a help wanted ad including an attorney position to the HT on Tuesday.

"I was as shocked as everybody else in the room."

~ Kent A. Borchard  
Former RBC Attorney

"We knew he was planning to retire, and we decided it's time for a change."

~ Jeff Rector  
RBC Commissioner

"What was done was foolish."

~ Si Woodruff  
RBC Commissioner

## SNOW MUCH FUN ...



COURTESY PHOTO

ERBM Recreation and Park District hosted the annual Cardboard Derby on Saturday, Jan. 12 at Paintbrush Park. The hill was filled with cardboard creations as they slipped, crashed and flew down the hill to the finish line. Elijah and Bella Brey (above) captured the fastest time and the golden traveling cup with the "White River Runner." Full results from this year's derby are below.

### MOST CREATIVE:

- 2 years and under: Maddie Miller
- 3 to 4 years: Cora Rasdale
- 5 to 7 years: Carson Blunt and Miles Franklin
- 8 to 10 years: Serena Robinson
- 11 to 13 years: James Robinson
- 14+ years: Kendra Ward

### RACE CHAMPION:

- 2 years and under: Maddie Miller
- 3 to 4 years: Aiden Grabner
- 5 to 7 years: Melanie Hatcher
- 8 to 10 years: Elijah Brey
- 11 to 13 years: Bradley Parish and Bow Muxlow
- 14+ years: Kendra Ward
- Family/Group: Elijah and Bella Brey

### FASTEST TO FALL APART:

Girl Scouts 95

### BIGGEST WIPEOUT:

Dom Grabner

### GOLDEN CUP/FASTEST TIME:

Elijah and Bella Brey

## Rangely resident publishes first novel

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RANGELY |** Kandis Dotson, granddaughter to June and Ken Dotson, attended high school in Rangely, but moved to Texas during her junior year. Her grandparents lived in Rangely for more than 50 years, and her father was born and raised in Rangely.

"I moved back [to Rangely] in March of 2017 with my twins," Dotson said via email.

This year she published her first novel on Amazon.

"I have always loved to write and started this story when I was in the sixth grade," she said. "This story has gone through tons of rewrites. When I would write, it was only for myself. My boyfriend, Shent Mills, pushed me to get published."

Finding a literary agent, which was once a prerequisite for

publication, proved difficult. "What I had written was not what any of them were looking for at that time. They all told me that they loved my story but it wasn't what they were looking for and to keep trying," Dotson said.

After some research, Dotson decided to self-publish her novel, "HOPE: Hold On, Pain Ends," through Amazon. She found editors, designed her own cover and did her own formatting.

The book's back cover copy describes the story: "Unwanted by her father, beaten by her boyfriend, and abandoned by her mother, 17-year-old Cameran was sent to live with her best friend, Nick, in Hillcrest, W.V., for the summer to get away from her abusive ex-boyfriend, Tyler. Her world got flipped upside down when she discovered she would not be going back to Miami after the summer. She was happy where she

was until Tyler showed back up in her life.

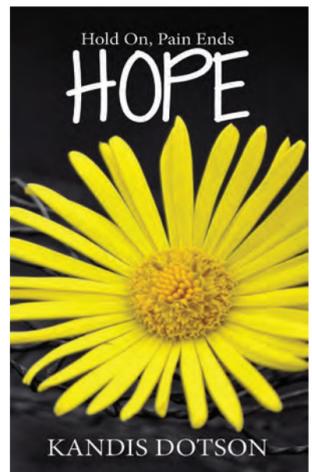
Forced to move to New York with her father, Cameran's world would come crashing down around her. She knows if she can just hold on until she turned 18, she could move back to Hillcrest and everything would be the way it was and she would be happy again.

But with her ex-boyfriend living next door and he being on her father's good side, would Cameran ever be able to get back to the way things were before?"

Dotson's new release is available on Amazon.com in paperback and ebook versions.



Kandis Dotson



COURTESY PHOTOS

Dotson's first novel, "HOPE: Hold On, Pain Ends," is now available on Amazon.com.

## WEATHER



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

■ **Youth Open Gym Basketball** begins Jan. 18 at the MES gym. K-12th grade boys and girls are invited to the free youth/teen open gym program. K-eighth graders will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. and ninth- 12th graders will meet from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. for unorganized basketball time. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Cribbage Tournament** Jan. 27, 1 to 6 p.m. at the Meeker VFW. Bring your own board and 20 for entry. Percentage of tourney proceeds will go to the top three winners and the remainder will be donated to the VFW. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Mending Hearts** grief support group offered free of charge by HopeWest. Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the VFW building, 298 4th Street, Meeker. Each group begins with grief education and is followed by a small group discussion. Topics include: understanding grief and loss, coping skills, dealing with emotions of grief, adjusting to new roles. For more information contact Solveig Olson at 878-9383.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email events by 5 p.m Monday to [calendar@ht1885.com](mailto:calendar@ht1885.com)

# COUNTY BEAT



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**RBC | Local Access Internet** (LAI), one of the former service providers for county broadband, was the first topic of discussion at the workshops prior to the Jan. 14 commissioners' meeting. Communications Director Cody Crooks asked the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) if they wanted to pursue the findings from the audit that was done on LAI last fall. County Attorney Kent Borchard explained that because LAI was set up as a limited liability company (LLC) the county could only go after the assets of the company to try and regain the \$10,124 LAI owes to the county according to the audit results. Considering that plus the cost of the audit, it was advised that it would be "fruitless" at this point since LAI is now closed. Commissioner Rector stated that he would tend to agree and Commissioner Woodruff said he will support the decision but he doesn't like it. Crooks went on to explain that at least from a networking aspect the new company, Visionary, seems very transparent.

■ **Phone system transition**  
IT Director Dylon Merrill updated the BOCC on transitioning the county's phone system from Fast Track and CenturyLink over to Digium, which will save them about \$300 to \$400 a month in long distance fees. They originally were not going to switch over so soon but there have been increasing issues with the phone system recently.

■ **Historical Society update**  
Teresa Reed and Bob Amick from the Rio Blanco County Historical Society gave an annual report of their activities and involvement in the community last year. New staff members and new groups were created to further preserve the history of Rio Blanco County and an official gift shop has been added to the museum with official shirts and mugs available for purchase. Signs are currently being designed for the Milk Creek Battle Site and installation and xeriscaping will begin in the next few months. They are anticipating a dedication with the unveiling of the signs.

■ **Economic Development Dept.**  
Economic Development Coordinator Kaitlin Cook updated the board on the International Sportsman's Expo trade show in Denver. The letter to the Bureau of Land Management from the BOCC for the Internal Proposed RMPA-Travel Management Planning Process is complete and they discussed who the board wanted to send that to. A possible move of the Colorado Workforce Center's Rangely office from CNCC into the COLO building, opposite the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce, was discussed. Facilities Maintenance Director Eric Jaquez discussed the logistics of that move and how the building is already set up for the transition.

■ **Fair Board approves bylaws**  
Fair Board Officers Alex Plumb, Quentin Smith, Karen Arnold and Ty Gates were in attendance to go through the final approval of the

Fair Board bylaws with the county attorney and BOCC.

■ **Predator control**  
Commissioner Si Woodruff updated the board on the Woolgrowers organization approving 55 hours of flight time for Rio Blanco county ranchers to use at a discounted rate for predator control. The billing would be done by Wildlife Services and the county would act as a funding pass through.

■ **Public Health Dept. goals**  
Public Health Director Julie Drake shared ideas on how to run the Board of Health meetings within the required statutes and with examples of what other counties are doing. She also shared some goals she's set for the year such as exploring the cost and benefit of privatizing some programs or using contractors. She said she feels like some of the programs would be better served in the nonprofit or private sector rather than a government entity. Other goals included improving budget transparency; attending more hospital board meetings; understanding more about the environmental impact on health of living in a predominantly agricultural-based community; and researching creative health insurance options or ideas in partnership with the county for these ranchers and self-employed individuals who have extremely high deductibles.

■ **Other business**  
The regular BOCC meeting followed the workshops. The BOCC appointed Commissioner Jeff Rector as the Board Chair, Commissioner Si Woodruff as the Chair Pro-Tem, Woodruff as the e911 board member, Rector and Commissioner Gary Moyer as the representative and alternate, respectively, to the AGNC board for 2019, and appointment of Rector as the County Investment Policy Committee member.

Denied appointment of Kent A. Borchard as the county attorney; approved County Finance Director Janae Stanworth, County Road and Bridge Director Dave Morlan and County Director of Human Services Barbara Bofinger. Appointed Woodruff as the representative to the Northwest Transportation Planning Commission, the appointment of Laura Smith as the county representative to the County Health Pool Designated to Receive Billings and General Correspondence. And approved the appointment of Rector as the Northwest Workforce Representative.

Final contractor settlements that were approved were Schofield Excavation Inc., for the 2018 Bachmann Pit Crushing Project, in an amount not to exceed \$11,706 and Moody Construction and Sons, Inc., for the 2018 Wray Gulch Landfill Cell A Construction Project, in an amount not to exceed \$11,653.

Bids were opened for the preparation of a local hazard mitigation plan with eight proposals from various contractors. Emergency Management Coordinator Ty Gates will review each bid and get back to the board with recommendations at the Jan. 22 meeting in Rangely. Bids were also opened for the Rio Blanco County Broadband Marketing Project and Outdoor

Recreation Entrepreneur Center Business Incubator Feasibility Study with six bids between the both of those. Economic Development Coordinator Kaitlin Cook will review those bids and get back to the BOCC with her recommendations as well.

A motion was made to award the 2019 Rio Blanco County Columbine Park Exercise Pens Project to Ulrich Barns of California Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$14,130.

Under MOU's, Contracts and Agreements it was approved between the BOCC and the Rangely Junior College District for the purchase of a Kubota RTV1100C, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Approved between the BOCC and the Rangely Cemetery District for the purchase of a dump truck, in an amount not to exceed \$41,035.00. Approved between the BOCC and the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District for the purchase of Wildland Brush trucks, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Approved between the BOCC and the Rangely School District for the purchase of a school bus, in an amount not to exceed \$64,000. Approved between the BOCC and the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District for the water storage project (Wolf Creek), in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. During the public comment period of this motion landowner Craig MacNab asked the board to delay their decision until the Division of Water Engineers says this project has met the burden of proof that it will be a beneficial use. His main argument was that project seems to be putting the cart before the horse and we should know more before we invest another \$50,000 on top of the nearly \$1 million already spent. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved an agreement for services between the BOCC and Melanie Hendershott, MS, RD, CSO, to provide dietetic services for the White River Roundup Senior Nutrition Program in an amount not to exceed \$3,500. Approved an agreement between the BOCC and Ulrich Barns of California Inc. for the 2019 Rio Blanco County Columbine Park Exercise Pens Project in an amount not to exceed \$14,130. Approved an agreement for receipt of Court Security Grant Funds between the BOCC and the Colorado Judicial Department in a grant amount not to exceed \$10,426. Sheriff Anthony Mazzola addressed the BOCC and thanked them for approving this and explained that it was to pay for personnel to run court security and that retirees and former law enforcement officers Rob Baughman and Mike Washburn would be coming on board to do so.

Capping off the meeting was the approval of Resolution No. 2019-01, a Resolution of the BOCC designating banks as depositories of Rio Blanco County Funds. Approval of Resolution No. 2019-02, a Resolution of the BOCC designating the *Rio Blanco Herald Times* as the Official Newspaper for County Publications as Required by Law and approval of Resolution No. 201903, a Resolution of the BOCC establishing County Administration Office Hours for 2019.

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# More snow needed to make up last year's deficits

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** After a below normal December, Colorado's snowpack is approaching a pivotal point during the winter. Snowpack in the Yampa, White and North Platte basins is above normal at 104 percent of the median. Precipitation for December was 64 percent of average and water year-to-date precipitation is 101 percent of average. Reservoir storage at the end of December was 97 percent of average compared to 117 percent last year. No forecasts are available for January.

"The middle of January typically marks the midpoint of reaching the annual snowpack peak across the state of Colorado," said Brian Domonkos, hydrologist with the USDA's Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service. Recent snowfall rates will need to pick up considerably for all of Colorado's river basins to come close to a normal snowpack for streamflow runoff. In particular, southwestern

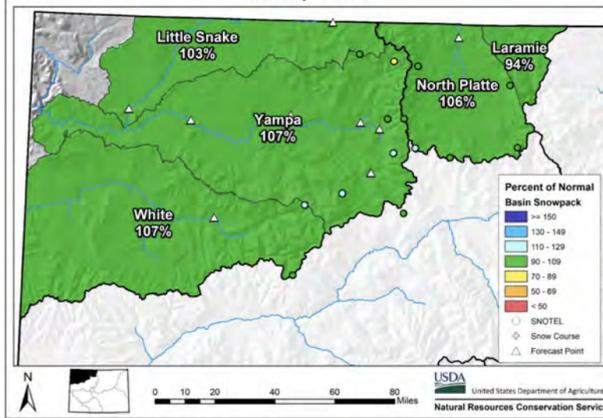


Colorado needs to make up deficits from last year's shortage of snowpack and depleted reservoir storage.

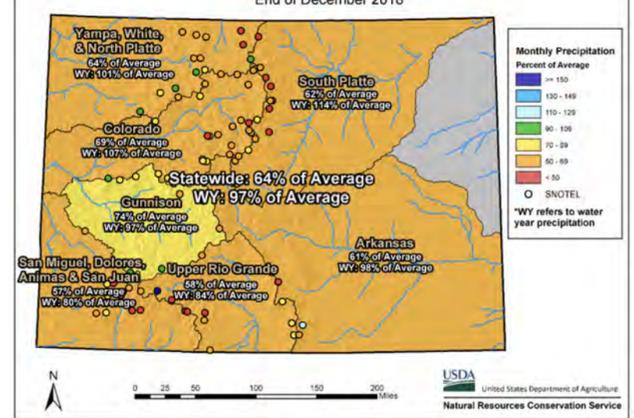
Statewide reservoir levels are below normal for this time of year at 81 percent of normal.

For more detailed information about mountain snowpack refer to the Jan. 1 Colorado Water Supply Outlook Report. For the most up to date information about Colorado snowpack and water supply related information, refer to the Colorado Snow Survey website. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/co/snow/waterproducts/supply/>

Yampa, White, and North Platte River Basins Snowpack and Streamflow Forecasts  
January 1, 2019



Colorado Monthly Precipitation Summary  
End of December 2018



Statewide, monthly precipitation at the end of December was 64 percent of average in Colorado, but "water year precipitation" (WY) is at 97 percent, with the Yampa, White and North Plate basins at 101 percent. Reservoir levels remain below normal for this time of year at 81 percent of normal. Significant snowfall will be needed in the next few months to come close to a normal snowpack for streamflow runoff, particularly in the southwest.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### New community ed classes this Feb.

**RBC |** Spring 2019 classes are off to a great start with more choices beginning in February. Feb. 4—smart phone workshop for anyone struggling with your device. Feb. 5—Microsoft Word is a review of basic skills and more complex functions on your computer. Feb. 7—digital photography will teach you to take wonderful pictures of our fantastic surroundings. Feb. 18—social media marketing will help you develop strategies to market your business on social media platforms. Register online at [cncc.edu](http://cncc.edu), degrees and programs, community education, Meeker classes. Click at left on registration form. Stop by the office at 345 Sixth St. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, or call 878-5227.

### Nieslanik named to President's List

**MEEKER |** Meeker's Samuel Nieslanik has been named to the Gonzaga University President's List for fall semester 2018. Students must earn a 3.85 to 4.0 grade-point average to be listed. Gonzaga University is in Spokane, Wash.

### Henderson completes Sea Year training

**MEEKER |** Midshipman John C. Henderson, son of Kristen and George Henderson, of Meeker recently completed Sea Year training at the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) at Kings Point, N.Y. Henderson was nominated to the elite federal service academy by Congressman Scott Tipton and is a graduate of Meeker High School.



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**RBC HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND LUNCH**

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**2 p.m. Sunday January 20, 2019**

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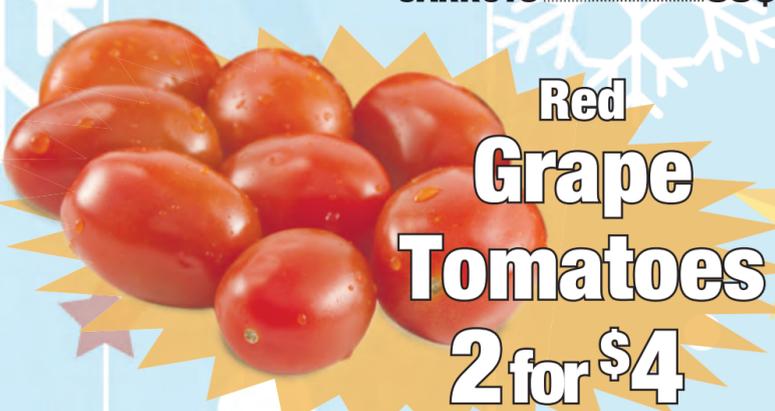
Roma **TOMATOES** ..... 99¢/lb.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Open meetings demand open discourse

By NIKI TURNER  
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Are the commissioners, returning and new, abiding by Colorado's Open Meetings Act, aka the "Sunshine Laws"? Based on video and audio recordings, and comments from all three commissioners after Monday's meeting, it would appear that two of our county commissioners made a decision about the future of the county attorney without including the third commissioner in the discussion.

Colorado's open meetings law states, "... all meetings of two or more members of any state public body where any public business is discussed must be open to the public. A gathering of a quorum or three or more individuals of a local body constitutes a meeting. Emailed messages discussing pending actions constitutes meetings and are subject to the law."

On a board of three, two members constitutes a quorum. Commissioner Woodruff has stated he was unaware of plans to dismiss Borchard's appointment, while commissioners Rector and Moyer were in agreement both in the meeting by their votes and in comments made after the meeting, that "we" decided it's time for a change.

So who is "we"? Did that "we" include all three commissioners? If so, how was one of the three unaware of the decision to be made on Monday about the county attorney? Where are the records of the discussion between the commissioners? It didn't occur in a public forum, and that's contrary to the open meetings laws that help protect the freedoms and governmental representation we hold so dear.

This isn't the first time I've been concerned about where and when the commissioners are discussing board business and making decisions, and I'm not the only person who has raised a red flag. When I first covered commissioner meet-



ings as a reporter, every meeting involved substantial discussion, in public, on every agenda item. That was back when Joe Collins, Forrest Nelson and Ken Parsons were in office. Their discussions were quite spirited, and when you left the meeting, you knew exactly where each commissioner stood on each issue and why.

Upon returning to the role of reporter two years ago, I was flabbergasted by the tens of thousands of dollars of expenditures being pushed through on the "consent agenda," and board meetings that only lasted 20 or 30 minutes. Convenient? Sure. Correct? Questionable.

I appealed to the board for the consent agenda practice to be curtailed, and they complied, but there is still little to no discussion on any agenda items. The item is read, the board moves to approve, and that's that, end of story. Questions about items have been answered with brief descriptions, but there's no discussion among the board. This should be a point of concern.

When and where are our elected officials reviewing and discussing these decisions, if not in a public forum? It would appear that somewhere outside of a public meeting, whether by email, telephone or in person, these items have been reviewed and a course of action agreed upon. Surely each commissioner has a personal opinion on at least a few agenda items that should be shared and discussed in the official public meeting. It's hard to believe they're all in perfect agreement on every item. (I don't even agree with myself with that kind of regularity. Do you?)

All of our commissioners need to have opportunity to speak up on every agenda item during noticed public meetings before decisions are made. Their voters deserve that

much. Backroom political maneuvering has no place—legally or ethically—in local politics.



To my horror, a newly-minted state representative has—on day one of the state legislature—reintroduced last year's vetoed bill to allow counties to report just once a year on their financials, and that only by including a link to their online report, to "save money" for counties. That adds up to about \$200 a month for RBC, just so you know.

For everyone who has tried to look up a government report in the last three weeks, the notion is laughable. Want to be frustrated? Trust your government to provide you with publicly accessible information online, only to get a "404 Not Found" or a "not updated during the shutdown" or just a page that hasn't been updated in years.

Studies have proven that when communities lose their local papers, they pay for it (literally) in higher interest rates on bonds for capital projects like new schools. (Want the links to that information? Email me.)

So here we go again, asking you to contact our revolving door of state legislators and tell them, again, that letting the fox watch the henhouse is not a good idea.

Communities that lose their local paper have horror stories of government corruption, because no one knows what's going on. Citizens deserve easily accessible, frequently updated information about where their tax dollars are going. Besides, all that information is already on the internet in Colorado, thanks to a website developed and supported by the Colorado Press Association, where public notices are uploaded by local newspapers upon publication.

What kind of games are these counties playing that they don't want folks to see their check registers every month?

GUEST COLUMN

Climate models and global warming

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Special to the Herald Times



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**RBC** In this article, I summarize scientific consensus on the state of the global climate and explain the basis for climate predictions. Climate projections are based on computer models, and few people in the general population understand how the models work. If there's been a failure in climate science, perhaps it is this: climate science understands the trends in the global climate, but we haven't done a very good job explaining the models by which we came to that understanding.

Two major reports published in the last few months summarize scientific consensus on climate: the updated Intergovernmental Panel (IPCC) report analyzes the effects of a 1.5 degree Celsius (about 2.7 degree Fahrenheit) rise in average global temperature, and the Fourth National Climate Assessment from the U.S. Global Change Research Program analyzes effects on ecosystems, agriculture, infrastructure and the economy.

**Who writes these reports? What is their purpose? Why can we believe them?**

Last week I described the process of science by which we study climate and the effects of climate change. Many thousands of independent scientists, working in different places all over the world, study questions of particular interest to them. Some study ant colonies in the rainforest. Others study cichlid fishes in the great lakes of Africa. Others study ice volume on Greenland. The climate research community comprises thousands of scientists asking questions about how the planet works. Their findings are published only after rigorous review by experts in the field, and their findings are accepted only after they have been confirmed by other scientists.

Every four years a panel of climate scientists and policy experts in the United States, mandated by Act of Congress, review the latest reports from scientists in the field and update their recommendations for policy makers in Congress and the executive branch. Their findings are published as the "National Climate Assessment." Also every four to five years the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) convenes for the same purpose but with a wider audience. The IPCC includes more than 400 climate scientists and policy experts from all over the world. They review the most recent research and updated climate models, and their reports provide guidance for governments all around the world.

**The latest reports from IPCC and the National Climate Assessment warn of impending severe disruption to ecosystems, to agriculture and to infrastructure.**

The most recent IPCC summary, released in October 2018, is based on review of more than 6,000 published research studies by many hundreds of climate scientists all over the globe. It finds that the climate is changing more rapidly than anticipated and that even a rise of 1.5 degrees Centigrade above pre-industrial average global temperature will very likely result in catastrophic disruption

to ecosystems, water supply, and agricultural productivity. A change of that magnitude also very likely will result in more extreme weather events (stronger hurricanes, more intense rainfall, etc.), increasing extreme heat events and heat deaths, larger and more intense wildfires, and emerging infectious diseases, among other potential catastrophes. Previous assessments have used 2 degrees Celsius as the benchmark for projections; 1.5 degree Celsius warming is our near future. We have about 12 years, given current trends, to re-align the world economy to net zero carbon emissions.

The Fourth National Climate Assessment, published in November 2018, presents the same picture with specific reference to the United States. Following are quotations with summary findings from the Assessment. The particulars, with links to the primary research, are available online (U.S. Global Climate Research Program, 2018).

Climate change creates new risks and exacerbates existing vulnerabilities in communities across the United States, presenting growing challenges to human health and safety, quality of life, and the rate of economic growth.

Without substantial and sustained global mitigation and regional adaptation efforts, climate change is expected to cause growing losses to American infrastructure and property and impede the rate of economic growth over this century.

Communities, governments, and businesses are working to reduce risks from and costs associated with climate change by taking action to lower greenhouse gas emissions and implement adaptation strategies. While mitigation and adaptation efforts have expanded substantially in the last four years, they do not yet approach the scale considered necessary to avoid substantial damages to the economy, environment, and human health over the coming decades.

The quality and quantity of water available for use by people and ecosystems across the country are being affected by climate change, increasing risks and costs to agriculture, energy production, industry, recreation, and the environment.

Impacts from climate change on extreme weather and climate-related events, air quality, and the transmission of disease through insects and pests, food, and water increasingly threaten the health and well-being of the American people, particularly populations that are already vulnerable.

Ecosystems and the benefits they provide to society are being altered by climate change, and these impacts are projected to continue. Without substantial and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions, transformative impacts on some ecosystems will occur; some coral reef and sea ice ecosystems are already experiencing such transformational changes.

Rising temperatures, extreme

heat, drought, wildfire on rangelands, and heavy downpours are expected to increasingly disrupt agricultural productivity in the United States. Expected increases in challenges to livestock health, declines in crop yields and quality, and changes in extreme events in the United States and abroad threaten rural livelihoods, sustainable food security, and price stability.

Our nation's aging and deteriorating infrastructure is further stressed by increases in heavy precipitation events, coastal flooding, heat, wildfires and other extreme events, as well as changes to average precipitation and temperature. Without adaptation, climate change will continue to degrade infrastructure performance over the rest of the century, with the potential for cascading impacts that threaten our economy, national security, essential services and health and well-being.

Coastal communities and the ecosystems that support them are increasingly threatened by the impacts of climate change. Without significant reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions and regional adaptation measures, many coastal regions will be transformed by the latter part of this century, with impacts affecting other regions and sectors. Even in a future with lower greenhouse gas emissions, many communities are expected to suffer financial impacts as chronic high-tide flooding leads to higher costs and lower property values.

Outdoor recreation, tourist economies, and quality of life are reliant on benefits provided by our natural environment that will be degraded by the impacts of climate change in many ways.

The assessment notes that people living in poverty and, especially, native peoples are disproportionately affected by climate change because they live in more vulnerable areas, rely more heavily on ecosystem services, and lack the resources to adapt.

As summarized by the IPCC and the National Climate Assessment, there is no doubt among scientists that climate change is real. It is human-caused. And it threatens human existence as well as the planet's web of life.

**Projections of future climate are based on climate models that analyze and extrapolate measurements from field research all over the globe.**

How is it possible to predict future climate? Why do IPCC and NCA say we've got about 12 years to re-engineer the world economy?

Measuring global temperature and precipitation is straightforward; put thermometers and rain gauges all over the planet and record those measurements year to year over decades and centuries. Comparing present climate to the distant past requires more sophisticated tools. Tree rings take us back hundreds or thousands of years. Ice cores, which record year to year accumulation of snowpack and the gases trapped in the snow, can take us back hundreds of thousands of years. Lake and ocean sediments with layers of foraminifera push the record back hundreds of thousands to millions of

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years. And other proxies can take us back even further. Such studies have been replicated all over the planet, and they show that the present climate is changing faster than at any time in the historic or geologic record (Royal Society, 2018).

■ **OK, but how do we know that warming isn't just part of a natural cycle? And how can you predict the climate into the future? We still aren't very good at knowing whether or not it will snow next week. Here's where you have to understand the climate models.**

Climate models are computer programs that replicate temperature and precipitation (and other climate data) in mathematical equations. Climate models, like other scientific models, are then tested by real world experiment and observation.

First a word on the word, "model." Scientists often borrow terms from the general vocabulary but assign them specific meaning. And often times that scientific meaning may not correspond to the general usage of the term. "Model," in science, refers to a set of mathematical equations that capture the behavior of a natural system. A good model accurately reproduces how nature behaves and allows scientists to predict the outcome of experiments. That's the test of the model: do the results of actual experiments agree with the model's predictions? A good model passes all the experimental tests thrown at it. Newton's model of gravity, for example, the formula above accurately reproduces the

$$F_g = \frac{-G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

measured gravitational forces in our solar system and enables us to calculate the rocket forces needed to send spacecraft to the moon and to the distant planets. Another example, the logistic equation (below) accurately models the growth of populations, be it a population of E.coli bacteria in a test tube or a population of caribou on an island in the Bering Sea.

The rate of growth of a population

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{rN(K-N)}{K}$$

of size N depends on the unrestricted growth rate r and the carrying capacity of the environment K.

Modern science builds models from data then tests those models by experiment and observation. Climate models are scientific models under the definition above. The equations are more complicated because earth's climate system includes many more variables than just the handful of variables in Newton's laws or the logistic model. Climate models include contributions from incident solar radiation, earth's rotation, heat transport by convection, the heat capacity of ocean water, reflectivity of ice and snow, atmospheric CO2 concentration, cloud cover and more. Climate models require many hours of computation on supercomputers. We have the computers. We have the models. And they work. Like other scientific models, climate models have been tested rigorously against observation and experiment.

How on earth do you do that? Test the predictions of a climate model against the actual results of an experiment? You can't experiment with planet earth.

Well, it turns out you can. Here's the trick: reset the clock in your computer. Tell the computer it's the year 1900. Give the computer all

the climate data it needs from the records for that year. Solar radiation, snow cover, jet stream track, concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, etc. Then let the model run, updating from year to year 1901, 1902, '03, '04... Output the model's calculated temperature and precipitation for those years. Compare with the actual weather-station records. See if they agree.

The best available models are pretty much spot-on. They successfully retrace known climate. Temperature and precipitation graphs generated by the models for the 20th century track the actual records. The models also have successfully reproduced the effects of unanticipated events such as the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo. And they have successfully predicted otherwise unanticipated patterns of global warming such as the dramatic increase in Arctic temperatures. (See Skeptical Science, 2018). So we have considerable confidence that they can predict future climate. And it's those models that provide compelling evidence it is human activity, particularly our use of fossil fuels, that drives current global warming. Run the models without oil and gas and coal combustion and you get steady global temperatures. Run the models with the addition of fossil fuel combustion and the models reproduce the rising temperature trend that we actually see.

The climate is warming rapidly. That is absolutely clear in the records. And it's warming because of human activity, particularly the addition of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. That is absolutely clear in the models and in the observations testing those models.

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# Finding joy in 2019

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Emma Vaughn

**MEEKER I** What do you do when you have company coming over, piles of laundry everywhere, dishes in the sink and absolutely no motivation whatsoever to tackle the ever looming and neverending chore monster? There is the old trick of throwing the clean laundry in the closets or hiding dirty dishes in the oven and hoping and praying your guests don't unintentionally set the beast loose with a crash and a bang as it comes falling down on their heads. Or the less popular option of actually cleaning (which I guess if you're going to put some energy into hiding it you might as well just do it right in the first place, my mother would be so proud).

My usual go-to trick to jump start my OCD is to watch an episode of "Hoarders" and contemplate whether I can stall the chore monster or if it will overrun my chaotic life and you'll be watching me on a new season in the not-so-distant future. One afternoon, while lazily sitting on the couch thinking the third cup of coffee would do the trick (after previously telling myself the second cup was the key), I stumbled on a Netflix show called "Tidying Up with Marie Kondo." Kondo is a popular author and organizational guru and her KonMari method of cleaning—which most of you have heard of from all the buzz of her book, "The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up"—blew up in popularity a few years ago. Full disclosure: I did not jump on the bandwagon right away, as I like to check out things when they spark my interest and when something is that popular I can stubbornly hold off on checking it out just because. Instead I was one of those people who knew of the book

and it's catchy summary of getting rid of things that only bring you joy. I regularly used the joke that if I implemented her KonMari method there would be no vegetables—among other unpleasant but necessary things—in my house. However, my curiosity got the better of me and I started the first episode with a plan that at the very least I might find a few helpful tricks. Who isn't a sucker for good before-and-after photos?

Let's just say the Jan. 1 Netflix release date was genius. This weird time period that is supposed to be about the "New Year, New You" is pretty much just awkward baby steps into the new year, exhausted by the marathon madness of the holidays, trying to get back to a normal schedule, get children back in the rhythm of school, taking down Christmas decorations and feeling emptiness after it's all been packed away. Not being able to put a finger on what exactly is missing is what Kondo hits squarely on the head. The focus is on simple joy. Looking around after I've put away decorations, I feel empty. It's the kind of emptiness that comes from the lack of objects connected to my Christmas memories. Like how the smell of pine reminds me of my family trudging into the snow the day after Thanksgiving to find the perfect tree and then decorating the tree with my children. Or the twinkle of the lights and remembering the way my now 9-year-old daughter stared at them in amazement as an infant. Each little detail, smell or

sound stirs long-forgotten memories tucked away in the attic of my mind that are taken down and dusted off only once a year. I think what we miss the most in the other 364 days is that feeling that no matter what is going on in the world, our work or our personal lives is that there is a shared sense of joy, a celebration where we honor the past and celebrate the present.

And while I'm dragging my feet to take down my own Christmas decorations in hopes of squeezing out every last magical drop of the season I can't help but wonder if being drawn to the joy of these objects is the missing piece of the puzzle I'm craving. Maybe the lesson here isn't to pack it away all until next year but to continue on with that spirit in new ways through each season. I've always joked that I wouldn't take down the Christmas tree but instead decorate it for Valentine's Day, then Easter and the Fourth of July, keeping that visual reminder of the celebration of the next holiday coming up. But while I think it's partly my love for decorating and Christmas trees, I think it's mostly wanting to hold on to the things that matter the most during those times. The air is a little lighter with carols sung in the distance. The warm glow of lights welcome us home to our neighborhoods as we marvel at each other's outdoor displays. The smell of woodstoves burning and crackling in the night as families come home to gather around with egg nog and share timeworn tales doesn't matter as long as we have each other. Watching the community come together in celebration of children's programs and trips to the Walbridge Wing to make sure all are visited even if we may not all be blood. Those things are the reason

I love Christmas and I think the reason this time of year is so hard. I know it wouldn't be as special if we celebrated it year-round, but I think more of its wonderful attributes need to be taken into the new year. There needs to be a reevaluation before we cross that invisible threshold of what we want to keep from the year prior and what needs to stay in the past. An evaluation of what those hard lessons taught us and how we've changed within 12 short months and with what time we have left (and are never guaranteed), we need to be selective and super focused on what's important.

So physically, emotionally and spiritually I encourage all of you to take all the junk out of your physical and ethereal home and place it directly in front of you. Pick up each item slowly, ponder it, think about it and see if it gives you a joyful feeling. If it does then place it into the pile to bring with you into the present. If it doesn't bring you that feeling of joy then thank it for what it's taught you and leave it there in a pile in the past. Unclutter your life in all the ways that you can and hopefully 2019 will be your year of peaceful contentment and unbounding joy, my dear friends.

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## Epaphroditus (2)

By Dr. J. D. Watson  
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Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus . . . (Phil. 2:25-30)



■ Dr. J.D. Watson

In his continuing *description* of Epaphroditus, Paul also notes that this dear brother was a **companion in labor**, demonstrating that they were united not only in *brotherhood* but also in *business*. We are remind here of our Lord's words in the Temple when He was but 12 years old: "I must be about my Father's business" (Lk. 2:49). Likewise these two men were united in their labor of proclaiming the pure Gospel of Christ, just as we should be.

Finally, Paul says that Epaphroditus was a **fellow soldier**, demonstrating that they were also united in *battle*. The Greek here (*systratiōtēs*) is a distinctively military term for "comrade-in-arms." As Paul told the Ephesian believers, we all are to put on "the whole armour of God" (Eph. 2:13-18), for we are, indeed, in a war against spiritual foes, those of false doctrine and its propagators.

*Second*, we notice Epaphroditus' *difficulty*. While laboring with Paul in Rome, Epaphroditus had contracted a serious, life-threatening illness. Why include this detail? Undoubtedly to underscore this dear servant's unselfish and uninterrupted labor even in the throes of suffering. It also teaches some doctrine, however. While some teachers insist there is "physical healing in the atonement," good health is a right the Christian can claim, and sickness is a sure sign of God's chastening. Epaphroditus disproves all that. Here was an inarguably godly and committed Christian servant who, even in the midst of such selfless service, was plagued by an illness that had gone on for several months. This also completely undoes the "miraculous healing" claims of today's "faith healers." Just as Paul did not heal Timothy but prescribed "a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often

infirmities" (1 Tim. 5:23), neither did he heal Epaphroditus. Such miraculous sign gifts, which were irrefutably temporary and always a sign to Jews to prove apostolic authenticity and authority, had already begun to fade away.

*Third*, we marvel at Epaphroditus' *dedication*. As the previous observation makes plain, here was a truly dedicated servant of God. Paul called him a **messenger**. While this is the Greek *apostolos*, "apostle," it is used here not in the technical sense of one who was chosen specifically by Christ to be a witness of His life, teachings, death, and resurrection, rather it is used in the general sense of "one sent forth, a messenger, an ambassador." Paul also called Epaphroditus **one who ministered**, which translates the noun *leitourgos* and is comprised of *leitōs*, meaning of the people, and *ergon*, work. It was used in secular Greek of public officials who performed their public functions at their own expense, although the motive could have been out of vain glory or compulsion instead of patriotism. The godly Christian servant, however, serves out of pure motives and to God's glory, **not regarding his [own] life**.

*Scriptures for Study:* What else do we read about Epaphroditus in Philippians 4:18? How does this "priceless pair" encourage and challenge you?

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# CPW asking for input on deer management plan update

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**RBC I** The management plan for the White River mule deer herd is due for an update in 2019 and Colorado Parks and Wildlife managers say the public's input will be critical in light of significant changes that have affected the herd over the past two decades.

The White River mule deer herd—one of the two largest in Colorado—inhabits game management units 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211 and 231 in Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties.

A 30-day public comment form is available on the CPW website at <https://www.research.net/r/WhiteRiverDeer>. In addition, the public can provide input directly to agency personnel at a public meeting, 6 p.m., Jan. 23 in the conference room of the Mountain Valley Bank, 400 Main St., in Meeker.

"A lot has changed since 1995 when we approved the current plan," said Area Wildlife Manager Bill de Vergie of Meeker. "Chronic Wasting Disease is affecting this herd and we're dealing with significant loss and fragmentation of habitat.

This herd has also gone through severe winters, drought and fires. In addition, there is far more outdoor recreation occurring today, and more people means more traffic leading to more dead deer and an increased danger to motorists. Predation is definitely a consideration as is continuing oil and gas exploration. The next plan will need to account for all these dynamics."

The herd's population objective and male to female ratio are outdated as well, said de Vergie.

CPW generally updates herd management plans approximately every 10 years. Recently, the agency has increased efforts to update older plans—like the White River Herd Management Plan—to bring them current.

"This mule deer herd is one of the most studied herds in North America," said de Vergie. "While research has been ongoing over the past decade, we've put off revising the plan. Now with new data, we can update this plan and implement effective conservation efforts for the next decade."

Because herd management objectives affect everyone, including sportsmen, business owners and

## FAST FACTS

**WHO:** Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
**WHAT:** White River deer herd management plan update  
**WHEN:** 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 23  
**WHERE:** Conference Room, Mountain Valley Bank, 400 Main St, Meeker

residents, the public's participation is encouraged when plans are updated.

"We use science and biology to manage wildlife responsibly, but the public's say is a big part of making management decisions," said de Vergie. "This is not only for hunters. Especially in smaller towns across this region, local economies can be significantly affected by herd management decisions. It's up to everyone to become involved in the process so that we can make decisions the public supports."

# Scripps National Spelling Bee coming back to Meeker in 2019



SUZAN PELLONI PHOTO

These Meeker second graders will compete in the district spelling bee Wednesday, Jan. 23 for a chance to go to state competition.

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Every year, students from all walks of life and from all over the country participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, one of the nation's oldest and most iconic competitions, a tradition 90 years in the making. The 2018 Spelling Bee was the first that the Meeker School District participated in for more than 20 years, and they are thrilled to be bringing it back for its second year.

Elementary school Principal Kathy Collins and teacher Keri Grieser spearheaded the effort to bring the Spelling Bee back to Meeker, feeling that it would provide a unique academic challenge to young students.

The 2018 District Champion, Ainsley Selle, then 12 years old, and runner-up Montey Franklin, 10 years old, dedicated endless hours learning Scripps' 450 school spelling words to compete at the District level. Selle then followed her District win by learning a fresh set of more than 1,000 words to compete at the state level. The practice and training help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, develop correct English usage, and learn valuable time management skills that will benefit them all their lives.

At the state level, the Selle family quickly realized that Scripps National Spelling Bee was not for the faint of heart. Selle and more

than 200 other Colorado students worked their way through written spelling and vocabulary exams, with only 30 students moving on to the next level of competition.

The most serious spellers are even accompanied by coaches, similar to competitors at any other national-level competition. According to the Scripps' website, "On every stage and during every round, family, friends and spectators witness the true journey of the competitors, complete with its ups and downs. Communities rally around each speller, cheering in their victories and sympathizing in their defeat. Through it all, these spellers teach each of us a lesson on true dedication, grit and resilience of the human spirit."

Back for its second year, this year's Bee is sponsored by Steamboat Sotheby's International Realty and Suzan Pelloni, who are delighted to support the event. "These children have exemplified phenomenal dedication," says Pelloni, "and we want to recognize their achievements."

Many of Meeker's first through eighth graders have been busy preparing for the 2019 competition. Last week, more than 150 elementary students took part in the grade-level written exams. Students who received more than 70 percent on that written test moved on to this week's oral exam. The top spellers from each of the grades are then invited to compete in the Meeker RE-1 School District

## FAST FACTS

**WHO:** Meeker School District  
**WHAT:** Scripps National Spelling Bee  
**WHEN:** 6 p.m., Jan. 23  
**WHERE:** Meeker Elementary School Cafeteria

Spelling Bee on Jan. 23. The winner of the District Bee will go on to compete at the state level in March.

Last year's runner-up Montey Franklin is excited to be competing again and has been busy practicing. Montey's mother, Ann Franklin, who is also the Elementary School Librarian, has some words of advice for those preparing for this year's Bee. "Words of wisdom ... practice a lot," she says. "Practice the easy words, even if you know how to spell them. Don't get in a hurry when you are spelling. Say the word slowly before you spell it. Don't be afraid to ask for the word in a sentence or for the word to be repeated. Have fun, and don't be afraid to try."

Franklin adds, "I absolutely love the Spelling Bee, because it publicly recognizes the scholastic achievements of our students and challenges them to do something out of the ordinary. It encourages them to overcome their fears. It helps them learn new words, the meaning of words, and enhances their public speaking skills. I would encourage everyone to come to the spelling bee and support our young students. It is an exciting event that keeps you on the edge of your seat, and you will find yourself cheering for every speller."

Every student who qualifies for the district level spelling bee will be awarded a gift certificate to the Scholastic Book Fair. But at the end of the day, as noted on Scripps' website, "Each speller who participates at any stage of a school, local or national spelling bee walks away with a deeper appreciation for language. They also take away important lessons on hard work and memories that will last a lifetime."

# Slow December for Meeker PD

By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER I** Either it was really cold in December or everyone was in the Christmas spirit, based on the number of calls to the Meeker Police Department.

Police Chief Phil Stubblefield said the department had 160 calls in December. "That's probably the lowest we've had in years. December was really slow for some reason," Stubblefield said. The department continues its search for two new officers.

Public Works Director Russell Overton said water usage is down to normal, and work continues on the well project.

Interim Town Administrator Lisa Cook shared the quarterly treasurer's report, stating, "Every department came in under budget. We didn't spend it all, and we didn't do all the projects we budgeted for, but we turned

out pretty well."

Cook will be officially named as the town's new administrator at the next meeting, according to Mayor Regas Halandras. Amy Tuppy, the current municipal court clerk and administrative assistant, will step into Cook's role as Town Clerk, and the town will be advertising for a part time front desk position.

In other business, the town's board of trustees renewed liquor licenses for Blanco Cellars and Watt's Ranch Market, and approved a franchise agreement with Charter Communications on second reading to allow them to operate a cable television service. Charter, which operates as Spectrum, also offers high speed internet and mobile telephone service, but the town's franchise agreement is limited to the cable television service.

The board will meet with local realtors and representatives from Better City at 6 p.m. on Jan. 22 for a housing workshop.

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# Appointments to be made to county boards Jan. 28.

By REED KELLEY  
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**RBC I** This is the third article in a series reviewing the purpose and function of 10 panels to which the board of county commissioners (BOCC) will be making appointments at its regular Jan. 28 meeting. Each of the 10 boards have vacancies.

The BOCC urges anyone interested in appointment to any of the upcoming vacancies to complete the county's application form and get it back to the county by Jan. 23. This application can be obtained from Laura Smith, Human Resources Director, at the courthouse, or online at the county website, rbc.us, under "Government, Boards and Commissions."

The board opportunities featured this week are the Historical Preservation Board, Planning Commission, Rangely Cemetery District Board and Weed Management Board. Previously, we described vacancies on the Building Board of Appeals, Citizens' Review Panel, Columbine Park Board, Council on Aging Board, Fair Board and Fairgrounds Management Board.

## Historic Preservation Board

The purpose of the Historic Preservation Board is to advise the BOCC on the protection and preservation of the county's historic and cultural heritage. It is a five person, three-year term board which meets only as needed.

Current members are Brian Yaquinto of Rangely along with Janet Clark, Brian Conrado, Sandra Besseghini, and Chris Uphoff of Meeker. The terms of Clark and Yaquinto are now expiring, and Clark has said she is not seeking to re-up. Rio Blanco County Historical Society president Teresia Rose Reed has applied for appointment.

## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission makes recommendations regarding the approval and conditions to the BOCC concerning land use applications and land use text amendments, land use planning regarding major impact reviews, major and minor subdivisions, single lot creations, as well as location and extent reviews. This commission meets as needed, typically the 2nd and 4th Thursday nights of the month.

Three of the seven current members of the commission have terms expiring this month. They are Travis Day, current chair, and Sheryl Little-Myers of Meeker, and Rangely's Adair Norman. Day was appointed to his first term in 2013. Norman and Little-Myers were first appointed to their three-year terms in 2016.

Lee Overton and County Surveyor/GIS Director Leif Joy have applied for appointment.

There is also an open position for which the term would expire in 2020. Current holdover members Ginny Love and John Scott, both of Meeker, are serving terms that will expire in 2020. Meeker's Clint Chappell, whose current term will expire in 2021, has served since 2009. This board works primarily with county community development planning coordinator Rachel Gates.

## Rangely Cemetery District

The Rangely Cemetery District Board makes recommendations for the operation of the Rangely Cemetery District.

Each of the three members are appointed to serve a six-year term. Currently there is a vacancy on this board for a six-year term that ends in 2025. Holdover members are Diane Sizemore and Sharon Brown. This board works with Rangely cemetery manager Matt Grenfell.

## Weed Management Board

The 10 members of the county weed management board are appointed to three year staggered terms. In addition to the 10 appointed by the BOCC, the BLM, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the county extension office have advisory seats on the board. The board provides advice on weed management within Rio Blanco County and makes recommendations for the Rio Blanco County Undesirable Plant Management Plan. The board meets as needed.

According to its bylaws, weed board members are to be residents of unincorporated Rio Blanco County and a majority must own 40 or more acres. They are also expected to possess practical knowledge of weed control.

Current weed board members, according to the county, are J.D. Amick, Hal Pearce, Mark Hafkenshiel, Dave Allen and Mike Lopez of the Meeker area, and René Harden of Rangely. The terms of Amick, Pearce and Hafkenshiel are expiring. There are also four additional vacancies currently. According to the county, Pearce and Hafkenshiel have applied for re-appointment, and Scott Robertson of Rangely, who has previously been a weed board member, has applied.

Matt Dupire, Terry Ivie and Carla Farrand now fill the BLM, CPW, and county extension advisory slots on the board. This board works primarily with county weed control supervisor Jane Turnburke.

To put in an application for one of the board appointments, complete the county's application at <http://co-rioblancocounty.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/1173/APPLICATION-FOR-BOARD-OR-COMMISSION-MEMBERSHIP?bidId=> and return it to the Human Resources Department at the county courthouse, or email [hr@rbc.us](mailto:hr@rbc.us).

## OBITUARIES

### William I. Parker, Jr.

July 25, 1930 ~ Dec. 28, 2018

William (Bill) Ivar Parker passed away Dec. 28, 2018, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was 88 years old. William was born on July 25, 1930, to William and Winifred Parker of Salina, Kan. Bill joined the Navy and served as a Corpsman during the Korean War. After leaving the Navy, Bill attended Oklahoma University.

Bill spent his career in hospital administration and was passionate about health care. He spent most of his career working in small rural hospitals around the country and in Canada but truly enjoyed working with the employees at Rangely District Hospital. One of his proudest moments was bringing St. Mary's Careflight Service to Rangely where he served as hospital administrator in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Bill never met a stranger and had an amazing gift to meet people and make them feel as though they had been long time friends.

Bill had a love for the outdoors and was an accomplished fisherman. He especially loved spending time on the White River near Meeker, Colo. In his spare time he enjoyed tending



Bill Parker



### James Darrell King

Sept. 13, 1948 ~ Jan. 10, 2019

Darrell was born in Vernal, Utah, to JD and Ruth King and grew up in Western Colorado. After graduating from Rangely High School, Darrell entered the Marine Corps. During his military time, he trained with the Navy Seals on his way to becoming a Force Recon Marine. He completed two tours in Vietnam, receiving the Purple Heart for his bravery. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned to Colorado and began a career as a heavy machine operator in the oil and gas industry. Eventually, he left this career and opened a business in furniture refinishing that allowed him to peruse his love of woodworking and art. His passion for life and the outdoors allowed him to live life to the fullest—doing the things we didn't all have the nerve to do. He loved his family more than anything, and he will be missed every day that goes by.

Darrell is preceded in death by his parents, brother Martin King and son James Jesse King. He is survived by his wife Roberta, sisters Fran (Dan) Piland and Laura (Stan) Chafin, daughter Molly (Devin) Reuss, son JD King, and daughter Dante King. Step children Cassie (Mike) Coppersmith, Desare Morgan and Zeke. Grandchildren Sarah, James, Jacob, Liam, Olivia, Ali and Eddie, and many nieces and nephews and their families. A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, Jan. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Riverside building (552 West Main St. A, GJ 81501).

In lieu of flowers please donate to a disabled veteran's charity of your choice or HopeWest Hospice.



Darrell King

### Donna Marie Beckert

Oct. 12, 1944 ~ Jan. 6, 2019

Donna Beckert, 74, was called to her eternal resting place on Jan. 6, 2019. She entered this world on Oct. 12, 1944, in Coffeyville, Kan., born to Merrill Leffler and Helen Marie Inman Leffler. Donna married Jewel C. Beckert in 1978, in LaCrescenta, Calif.

Donna worked as a Soldering Specialist at Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) at NASA. She loved to read and play on her Kindle. She loved crocheting and hunting for heart rocks. She loved to read her positivity affirmation cards and watching television. She loved animals and taking care of them. She adored her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She missed her beloved Jewel.

Donna is survived by her daughters Theresa Johnson (Paul Gowdy), and April Beckert; sons Lawrence Stoudt II, Jeff Beckert (Linda), Kevin



Donna Beckert

Beckert; brother Tom Leffler; grandchildren: Laura Dunkle, Justin Johnson, Trevor Sloan, Garrett Stoudt, Mitchell Stoudt, David Pickett, Chris Pickett, Kevin Pickett, Katie Beckert (Bobo), Samantha

Dee and Jacob Beckert; great-grandchildren: Oliva (Pea) Dunkle, Boden and Oliver Branch, and one on the way.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband Jewel C. Beckert.

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Meeker's 170 pound varsity wrestler Colby Clatterbaugh executed a near-perfect fireman's carry on his Grand Valley opponent, taking him down to his back and pinning him, to help the Cowboys beat the Cardinals 51-24 last Thursday in Parachute. The Cowboys competed in the Tournament of Champions in Vernal, Utah last weekend and will have time to heal, as no competition is scheduled for the weekend.

## Two wrestlers place at Utah tournament

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | The Cowboys wrestled in the Tournament of Champions in Vernal, Utah, last weekend and found the competition as tough as the tournament's namesake. Several Cowboys won matches in the varsity tournament but only two placed. The Cowboys will take a week off to "heal up" according to head coach J.C. Watt, then wrestle Moffat County in a dual Jan. 22, before the Screaming Eagle tournament in Paonia Jan. 26.

Ty Goedert (106), Tannen Kennedy (145), Dax Sheridan (152), Colby Clatterbaugh (170), Kesston Hobbs (182), James Amick (182) and Ridge Williams (195), all won matches in their respective varsity brackets Friday. Kennedy lost in the semifinals but came back to win the consolation championship and Amick finished eighth.

"Tannen wrestled hard but lost to a tough Utah kid before battling back for third," coach Watt said.

"I think our team improved a lot."

~ J.C. Watt  
Head Coach

After being eliminated from the varsity tournament, a JV and second chance tournament were held Saturday where Rowdy Rosendahl (106), Owen Hanneman (106), Kaleb Nielsen (113), Damon Dade (120), Dalton Portwood (126), Carter Strate (126), Charles Curry (126), Tyson Portwood (132), Trinden Powell (138), Cooper Main (152), Jeremy Woodward (160), Brayden Woodward (160) and Reese Harvey (220) all wrestled matches, with all but three winning at least once. Curry placed second in his bracket.

"We got lots and lots of matches in the second chance tournament," coach Watt said. "I think our team improved a lot."



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## Panthers find tough competition at Tournament of Champions

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** | Things did not work out for the Rangely wrestling program to host the Vern Rose Memorial tournament, instead, the Panthers entered the Tournament of Champions in Vernal, Utah, and found the competition.

"We got humbled this weekend in the Tournament of Champions," Rangely head coach J.C. Chumacero said.

Only two Panthers won matches in the varsity tournament Friday but several won matches in the "Second

Chance" and JV tournaments held Saturday. If a varsity wrestler is eliminated Friday, they can enter the "Second Chance" tournament to get more mat experience.

Rangely junior Tytus Coombs, who entered the Tournament of Champions undefeated, won two matches and lost two matches Friday, then won two more matches in the second chance bracket.

Freshman Zane Varner won his first match Friday then was eliminated from the 145-pound varsity bracket but he came back to win two matches Saturday.

"Some guys struggle in big

tournaments and we need to figure out how to break Tytus of this," Coach Chumacero said. "Zane simply lets his emotions get the best of him, he just needs to learn to take a big breath and wrestle smart."

Coach Chumacero said Justin Rusher (152) and Donte Pearce (170) "came up short of getting a win Friday," but both came back with "an attitude" Saturday and earned wins in the second chance.

Braxton Moore (106), Anthony Gardner (132), Brent Cantrell (160) and Dalton Dembowski (195), all "came up short of wins

but continue to wrestle well and continue to improve," Chumacero said.

"I also wanted to thank all of the wrestling parents who put so much work into our home tournament, which unfortunately got cancelled," coach Chumacero said. "They all had so much planned, I hope to get us a home tournament next year."

The Panthers will compete in the Rifle duals Saturday.

"This will be new for us but I expect us to start seeing what kind of wrestlers we will be as the season is nearing an end," Chumacero said.

## Lady Cowboys number one in conference play

By **TIFFANY JEHOUREK**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | Nine games into the season, three conference matches finished and the lady Cowboys basketball team is 8-1 and undefeated in conference play. Friday's game at Caprock Academy, the Cowboys took home a win and started preparing for Saturday's game.

Saturday the team played for the hometown crowd against the Vail Christian Longhorns; another decisive win with a final score of 53-22. Vail has a record of 4-5, and struggled on offense. Tori Lasker and Julia Dinwiddie paved the way with 10 of the 22 defensive rebounds, shutting down the Longhorn offense.

"Defensively the girls played really strong all four quarters," said head coach Jamie Rogers. "They forced bad shots or passes that came away with a rebound or steal."



TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

Julia Dinwiddie performed well both Friday and Saturday.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Senior Gracie Bradfield goes up for a shot in Saturday's home game against Vail.

## Cowboys defeat Caprock Eagles 60-25, 2-1 on the league

By **TIFFANY JEHOUREK**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | With a weekend split between away and home games, the Meeker Cowboys now have a league record of 2-1 and are 50 percent overall. Looking for a win on the road the Cowboys handed the Caprock Academy Eagles a loss on their home turf winning 60-25.

"At Caprock we got off to a great start," said head coach Klark Kindler, "And then slowed down and didn't react well when they changed defenses."

Putting up 26 points in the first quarter, "It was the best start of the season," said Kindler. Scoring was led by Stephen Walsh, and Ryan Phelan and both Walsh and Rogers drained two, three pointers. Defensively, Johnathan Lopez and Phelan led the team grabbing over half of the rebounds from missed Caprock shots.

Vail Christian made the journey on a Saturday for games in Meeker.

The Cowboys couldn't seal the win and lost by 17 points, 61-44. "Saturday was the complete opposite from Friday," said Kindler, "We got down early and missed way too many easy shots and dug a 16 point hole."

The Cowboys only scored two points in the first quarter, but allowed 13. Led by seniors Kale Burke who had a 55 percent field goal completion rate and defensively by Andy Kracht who pulled down eight rebounds, put up double digits in the remainder of the game. The Cowboys battled their way back said Kindler, "We responded well and cut the lead to seven in the third quarter and then did not answer their run or get stops when we needed them."

This is a busy week for varsity basketball with games Thursday and Friday at home, then Saturday traveling to Paonia. Thursday boys JV and varsity have games beginning at 5 p.m., Friday no JV, varsity only against DeBeque, games beginning at 5:30 p.m.



TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

The Cowboys defeated the Caprock Eagles on their home turf last weekend.



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Saturday's home game against Vail Christian ended with a 17 point loss despite the team's best efforts, including #2 Brennan Jensen (above).

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Jan. 19 @ Paonia, JV 1p, V 4p

Jan. 25 @ HOME v. Plateau Valley

## Lady Panthers lose to Vail, crush Plateau Valley



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**Fresh off a win over Plateau Valley, the lady Panthers will take on Caprock Academy in Rangely today.**

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** On Friday Rangely's lady Panthers traveled to Vail Christian for a league match. The Panthers definitely were not at the top of their game, falling behind the Saints at halftime with a score of 19-14.

"We came out and had a good third quarter and were down only two. However, down the stretch losing 34-40," said head coach Jimmie Mergelman.

There were some highlights. "Mary Scoggins and Marlena Miller really stepped up, which will be good for us down the road," Mergelman

said.

The lady Panthers rebounded well and came out on fire against Plateau Valley.

"We had a great second quarter and at the end of two were leading 27-10. The third quarter was well played also holding them to only three points, ending with a score of 40-13. A lot of the younger girls saw quality minutes in the fourth and closed out the game with a score of 46-28," Mergelman said.

The lady Panthers will play Caprock Academy at home on Thursday, and travel to West Grand (Kremmling) on Friday, then travel to Cedaredge Jan. 22.

## Panthers struggle against Saints and Cowboys



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**An away game Friday and a home game Saturday both ended in losses for the Panthers boys team.**

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely boys basketball team traveled to Vail Christian on Friday, Jan. 11, and hosted Plateau Valley on Saturday. Vail Christian took Friday's game 57-34. The Panther's kept pace with an 11-12 first quarter score. Unforced turnovers allowed the Saints to blow the game open in the second quarter and Rangely was unable to answer. Marshall Webber led all scorers with 12 points, Sidney Cole pitched in eight points, and Micah Zenner chipped in six. Sydney Cole and Drew Brannan led the team in rebounds with six and five. The Panthers JV played two quarters and won 12-9. Gabe Polley and Timothy Scoggins each pitched in four points.

Plateau Valley used the combination of their two big men, Stevenson Reynolds and Austyn Vig, to defeat the Panthers 48-28. Rangely trailed 15-25 at halftime.

While scoring woes led to frustration for the Panthers, coach Kyle Boydston said, "We have to keep our heads up and keep working. Vail Christian and Plateau Valley are two of the top teams in our league, so we knew these would be tough games. Overall, defense has been our strength and something we can build on—but we must find a way to limit turnovers and score." Micah Zenner put up eight points, while Sydney Cole led the way with 10. Marshall Webber pulled down six rebounds. The Panthers JV won their matchup 37-28. Timothy Scoggins led all scorers with nine points, followed by Gabe Polley and Ryan Richens with seven points each.

The Panthers continue league play Thursday, Jan 17 against Caprock Academy at home starting with JV games at 4:30 p.m. On Friday, Jan. 18, the Panthers travel to West Grand with JV games starting at 3 p.m.



ERBM STAFF PHOTO

**Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge first place honors. From left, Dexter Chinn, Snowden Williams, Drew Drake, Reese Clatterbaugh, Raegan Clatterbaugh and Gael Rodriguez.**

## Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge Results

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Twenty-one youth participated in the Denver Nuggets Basketball Skills Challenge competition local round hosted by ERBM Recreation and Park District on Friday, Jan. 11. Six youth have captured honors in the Denver Nuggets Basketball Skills Challenge local round and will advance to the sectionals. The following earned first place honors in their respective age groups.

These six winners now move on to sectionals to be held in Fruita on Sunday, Feb. 10. Winners of the sectionals will compete at the state competition in conjunction with the Nuggets game on Sunday, March 16.

The Denver Nuggets Basketball Skills Challenge is a basketball competition that allows youngsters to showcase their talents in dribbling, passing and shooting. It is a youth program of the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association and the Denver Nuggets.

RESULTS	
<b>BOYS</b>	
Age Group	Name
6/7	Gael Rodriguez
8/9	Dexter Chinn
10/11	Snowden Williams
12/13	Drew Drake
<b>GIRLS</b>	
Age Group	Name
8/9	Raegan Clatterbaugh
12/13	Reese Clatterbaugh

## Rangely seventh grade girls basketball update

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The Rangely Panthers seventh grade girls' basketball team hosted Craig last Thursday. The "A" team started off with the lead and held strong the entire game. Defensively the Panthers held Craig to six points or less each quarter. Offensively, Angelina Fortunato was top scorer with eight points, followed by Miley Chism with six and Miah Wren with four. The final score was 22-18 for a victory for the Panthers. The "B" team worked hard as well and clinched the win with a final score of 25-20. Top scorer was Ashlynn Ducey with eight points followed by Allie Coker with six.

On Saturday, the Panther's again had home court advantage against Meeker. The girls held strong and came up successful with a final score of 17-16. Scoring was led by Angelina Fortunato and Jade Miller who both had four points, followed by Miah Wren with three. The "B" team had their first loss of the season but fought hard with an ending score of 20-28. Scoring was led by Lexi Lebleu who had 12 points followed by Allie Coker with six.

Rangely will travel to Hayden on Tuesday, Jan. 15 to face the Tigers.

## Rangely eighth grade girls basketball update

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The girls wasted no time getting into the swing of things as the Panthers hosted the Craig Bullpups Thursday night and then the Meeker Cowgirls on Saturday. The A team had a hard time scoring as they were beat Thursday by a score of 9-28. The second half was a scoring drought as the ladies only hit one free throw. Kyrrah Phelps led with four, Riley Allred had three and Ryann Mergelman and Yaya Terry one each.

The B game came away an exciting 24-22 winner in the second game of the night. The second half was all Rangely as the girls outscored the visitors 22-12. Kastyn Dembowski, Annika Cantrell and Adywen Meeks all had six each while Morgan Ellis, Mackenzie Manchester and Emma Smith had two.

Saturday both squads played well enough to win with the A team starting out the day with a 23-8 victory. Phelps led the way with 11, Dembowski and Mergelman with five each, Allred with two and Kadence with one. The B team notched its second win with a big 27-11 victory. Emma Smith had a great day with 15, Ellis with six, Cantrell with four and Dembowski with two. The ladies traveled to Hayden for games on Tuesday.

## WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

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

Jan. 7-13, 2019

The dispatch center processed 439 phone calls this last week, receiving two 911 calls, answered 43 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 104 outgoing phone calls. A total of 142 calls for service were created, 59 for the Sheriff's Office and 58 for MPD. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with multiple agency responses).

The Sheriff's Office conducted 16 traffic stops and issued two citations and MPD had 16 stops and issuing one citation.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Office included 12 agency assists, four animal calls, two busi-

ness checks, two civil papers served, three civil calls, three motorist assists, three suspicious incidents, two traffic hazards, four VIN inspections, two warrant arrests and one each: citizen assist, disturbance, motorist assist, theft, traffic complaint.

MPD calls included five agency assists, three 911 misdials, two abandoned vehicles, five animal calls, seven business checks, five citizen assists, four code enforcement notices, three suspicious incidents, two VIN inspections and one each: civil, disturbance, motorist assist, traffic accident, traffic complaint.

There were 10 calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue including four medical transfers, five ambulance requests, one assist with Colorado State Patrol on an accident.

There were two assists with Colorado State Patrol.

Rio Blanco Detentions facility booked in six and released three, all by RBSO. There are currently 15 inmates in the facility.

There were no DUI arrests and four vehicle crashes reported in the county, two involving animals and one on Hwy. 139 involving a school bus and two other vehicles.

**MEEKER:**  
Jan. 21-24, 2019

**RANGELY:**  
Jan. 21-24, 2019

Day	Meeker Menu	Rangely Menu
<b>MON. Jan. 21</b>	Chicken tenders, smily fries, veggie sticks, fruit cup, milk	Layer Mexican torte, corn, salad bar with fruit, milk/water, JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE
<b>TUES. Jan. 22</b>	Fajita Chix nachos, corn, fruit cup, milk	Beef macaroni, cheese broccoli, dinner rolls, salad bar w/ fruit, milk/water, JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE
<b>WEDS. Jan. 23</b>	Meeker subs, yogurt special, green beans, choice of cup, fresh fruit, condiments, milk	Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, dinner roll, salad bar w/ fruit, milk/water, JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE
<b>THURS. Jan. 24</b>	Chicken white bean chili, homemade roll, fresh garden salad, fruit juice, milk	BBQ pork on a bun, potato salad, blueberry crisp, salad bar w/ fruit, milk/water, JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE

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# DAYS GONE BY

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■ The Meeker Bank received a new typewriter the other day and now everybody from the manager down to Vic is too busy and preoccupied to say "How-dydo?"

■ Sheriff Searles of Uintah County, Utah, arrived in town in the early part of the week in pursuit of a counterfeiter. He invoked the aid of Sheriff Wilbur, and the officers locating their man on upper Piceance arrested him on Tuesday. They also took Al Redden into custody for trying to interfere with the arrest. Messrs. Wilbur and Searles took their prisoners to Vernal.

*The Meeker Herald  
100 years ago*

■ A Canadian inventor has worked out a new application of thrift in the form of a gas which can be made

from straw. The invention will be of special value in farm communities, as it will enable the farmer to utilize straw that now goes to waste. The gas is made in a three-cylinder retort.

■ Soap and water will prevent a multitude of ills.

■ Tom Kilduff is enjoying the balmy breezes of old Pennsylvania.

■ Billy Cotton is now operating a fine six-mule freight outfit between Meeker and Rifle

*The Meeker Herald  
50 years ago*

■ Four officers and eight directors were elected at the Monday night Range Call, Inc. meeting to start the new year. Vern Wagner, who was president of Range Call for 1968, was unanimously re-elected to head the organization again this year. His fellow officers, all unanimous choices were Dr. Gary Rupp, vice president; Mrs. Suzanne Halandras, treasurer, and Jim

Cook, secretary.

■ Two agencies in the same department of the state government are embroiled in a bitter squabble over proposed acquisition of private lands for big game range as part of a proposed northwestern Colorado water project. The dispute is between the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the State Game, Fish and Parks Department, both under the Department of Natural Resources. So serious have the issues become that Gov. John Love is expected to intercede eventually.

*The Meeker Herald  
25 years ago*

■ In addition to finally deciding on the size and model of the new school bus they will soon be purchasing, the Re-1 school board Tuesday evening took another careful step ahead on their possible remodeling project at the now-empty intermediate school.

With \$322,600 in various grant monies already awarded for the project, it would seem that the district has positioned itself well for the projected \$400,000 expense, but board members want to be very sure that figure doesn't climb unexpectedly, as it does come from a feasibility study revision which is a year old.

■ The students at Barone Middle School were involved in a project of significant magnitude recently which involved the print media. The project: to produce an American Revolutionary era newspaper, complete with interviews with generals, battlefield reports, editorials, classified ads and letters to the editor. About two weeks prior to the composing the paper, students researched the American Revolution, gathering information for newspaper articles and editorials. Each of Ms. Lydia Frederick's social studies classes were given the opportunity as an alternative to the usual test taking, to use what they learned about the

American Revolution and put it into a creative form. This, the revolution era newspaper.

*Rangely Times  
50 years ago*

■ The body of Charles T. Mantle, 75, former owner of the Mantle ranch in Dinosaur National Park, was found stabbed and badly beaten on Jan. 5. He was apparently robbed and killed about 24 hours before his body was discovered. Mr. Mantle had been touring the area of Los Moches, Old Mexico, at the time of his death. He had gone to Mexico for the winter months from the Mantle ranch, a winter vacation he had made annually for the past nine years.

■ Approval of a \$100,000 insured loan by the Farmers Home Administration to develop a golf course at Meeker, Colorado was announced today by Ernest C. Phillips, the agency's Colorado Acting

State Director. The loan to the Rio Blanco Golf Association will finance installation of the 9-hole course, including refinancing of 75 acres of land, club house, equipment and storage shed, as well as legal and engineering fees.

■ There is talk of eliminating violence on TV. Well! There goes the 11 o'clock news.

*Rangely Times  
25 years ago*

■ MARCAL Construction of Rifle to construct an addition to the hospital. As a result, the board will enter into an agreement with Marcal for the sum of \$430,750.

■ The Meeker and Rangely landfills will have new hours starting Feb. 1, 1994. Operating hours for both landfills will be between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The landfills will be closed on Sundays and Mondays.

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**THEME: FACES AND PLACES**

**ACROSS**

- Fraternity K
- \_\_\_\_Jeeves.com
- Civil rights icon
- Think tank output
- Like a dim star
- What pigeon did
- \*Up on compass
- Shakespearean fuss
- Did like goo
- \*On a novelty button
- Decline
- Galley tool
- "Workers of the world, \_\_\_\_!"
- \_\_\_\_-Air in L.A.
- Way off freeway
- \*Pain scale faces, e.g.
- "-zoic" periods
- "\_\_\_\_ good example"
- Xe
- Hokkaido native
- \*Face in a text
- Crescent
- \*Like Jason's or Freddy's face
- October birthstone
- Genealogical plant
- Capital of Taiwan
- "Tosca" tune
- Blunder
- Chopper blade
- One of Indiana's quests
- \*On a prankster's face?
- \*Like one at a haunted house
- Selected
- Water snake
- Prejudiced person
- Macho men
- Pastrami holder
- South American camelid
- \*Like one in front of Taj Mahal?
- Create with cloth
- George to George W.

**DOWN**

- Reunion bunch
- #17 Across, pl.
- Make waves
- BBQ spot
- Masonry unit
- Not home
- \*Like one at a funeral
- Familiar
- \*Face on Mount Rushmore
- Do like goo
- "As \_\_\_\_ on TV"
- Put two and two together
- Cerebral part
- Clear the board
- Doesn't mix with water
- To the required standards, 3 words
- \*In Beauty's magic mirror
- "The Goldbergs" sibling
- Hawaiian veranda
- Memorandum, for short
- Accustom
- Not a gregarious one
- \*On a snob's face
- \*One receiving something unexpected
- A bit cracked
- Hipbone-related
- Monarch bodyguard
- 1 in T.G.I.F.
- Fit for farming
- Deed hearings
- Whale's lunch
- Sound of relief
- Opening page
- A whole bunch
- "Goodness gracious!"
- Top of the Capitol
- Repeated Cuban dance step
- Needle hole
- Makes feathers stick

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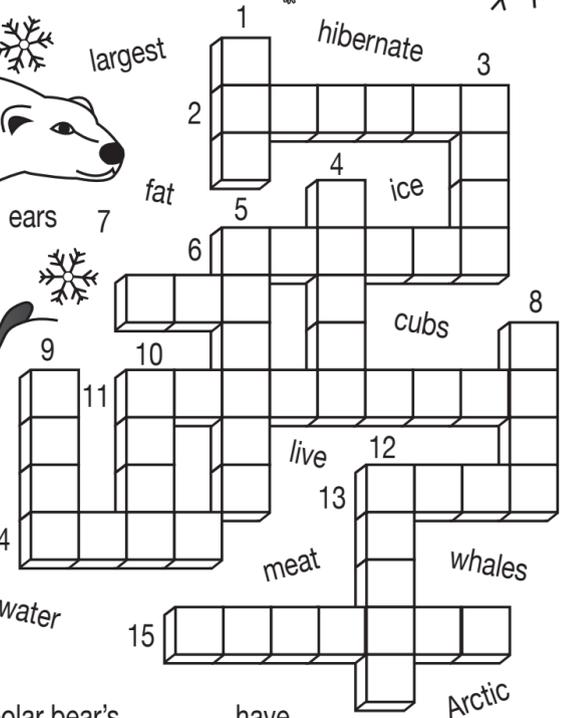
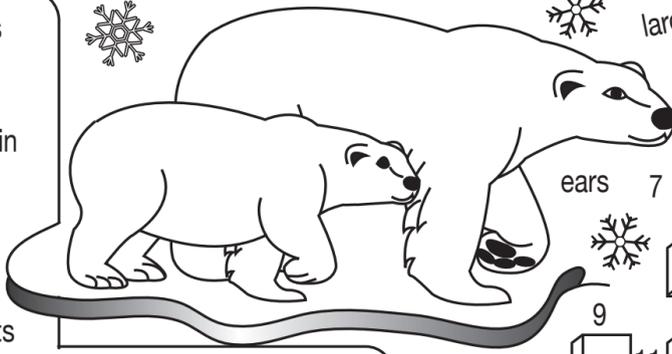
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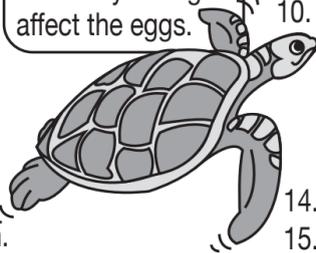
## Studying Earth's Climate

For many years, scientists have been charting the world's changing temperatures. It is natural for some movement of temperatures to occur, but many people wonder how the changes in climate that result will affect animals and people in their habitats and daily lives.

In the coldest northern parts of the world, scientists are studying ice and the way it freezes and melts. Some are also studying the region's polar bears, marine animals that spend most of their time at sea rather than on land. Scientists have seen that the ice that these bears live and hunt upon is starting to melt earlier in the season than it once did. The bears are swimming farther from home to hunt for food (seals) and some are not making it back. Some reports say that polar bears are getting thinner and that more of their cubs are dying. By studying such changes, scientists hope to understand how people can respond to protect themselves and wildlife around the globe.



People check the temperature of the sand at the green sea turtles' nesting area. They want to see if any changes affect the eggs.



### Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about polar bears:

- A polar bear's \_\_\_\_\_ layer can grow up to 4 inches thick. It provides warmth and can keep them from going hungry.
- Polar bears live in the \_\_\_\_\_ region around the North Pole.
- Mothers care for their \_\_\_\_\_ for about 2 1/2 years.
- The "food" or prey for polar bears mostly lives in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The foot of a polar bear is partially \_\_\_\_\_ to help it swim.
- Polar bears have been known to kill Beluga \_\_\_\_\_.
- The loss of \_\_\_\_\_ may push polar bears closer to extinction.

- The bottoms of a polar bear's \_\_\_\_\_ have hair to keep them warm.
- In the wild, polar bears \_\_\_\_\_ 25-30 years.
- The skin of a polar bear is actually black, but its \_\_\_\_\_ makes it look white.
- Polar bears do not \_\_\_\_\_ in the winter like other bears.
- Polar bears can swim up to 60 \_\_\_\_\_!
- Polar bears don't like fruit or vegetables; they mostly eat \_\_\_\_\_.
- Polar bears have small \_\_\_\_\_ so they don't lose too much heat.
- Polar bears are, on average, the \_\_\_\_\_ bears in the world.

## What Conditions Might Change?

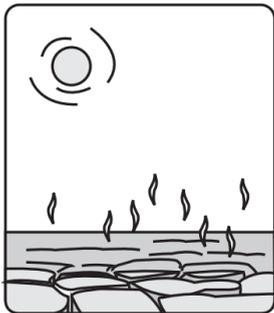
Due to changes in the climate, weather people think that we may have more or stronger...

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Fill in the blanks to spell out some possible changes:



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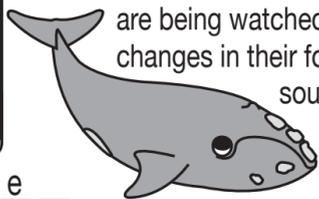
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These water animals have been found swimming many miles farther north than usual. Some people think that rising water temperatures let these animals feel comfortable in areas where they normally would not go.

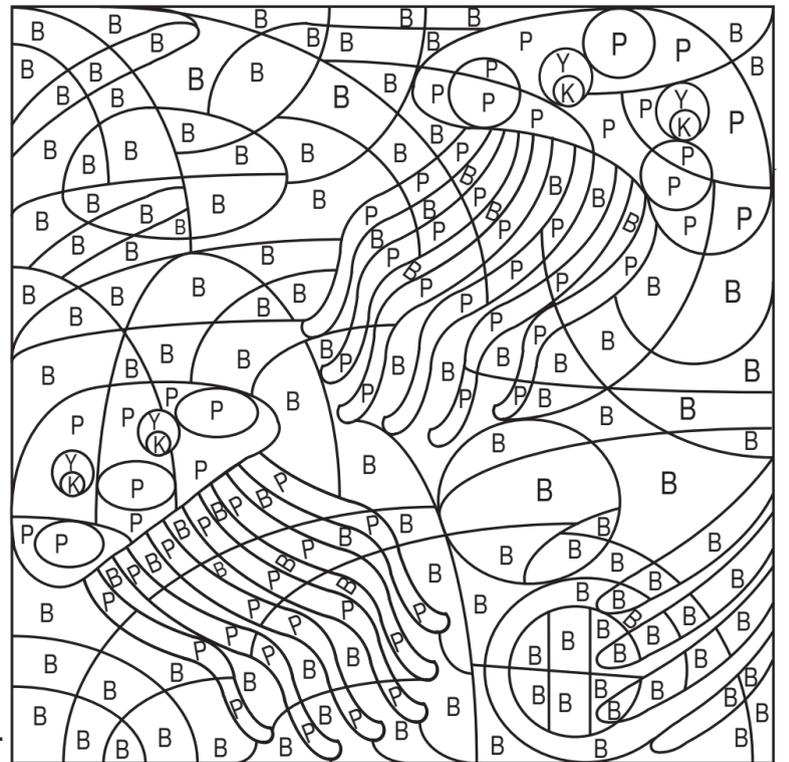
Follow this color key to color in the puzzle to see them:

B = Blue Y = Yellow  
P = Pink K = Black

North Atlantic right whales are being watched for changes in their food sources and their habitat, too.



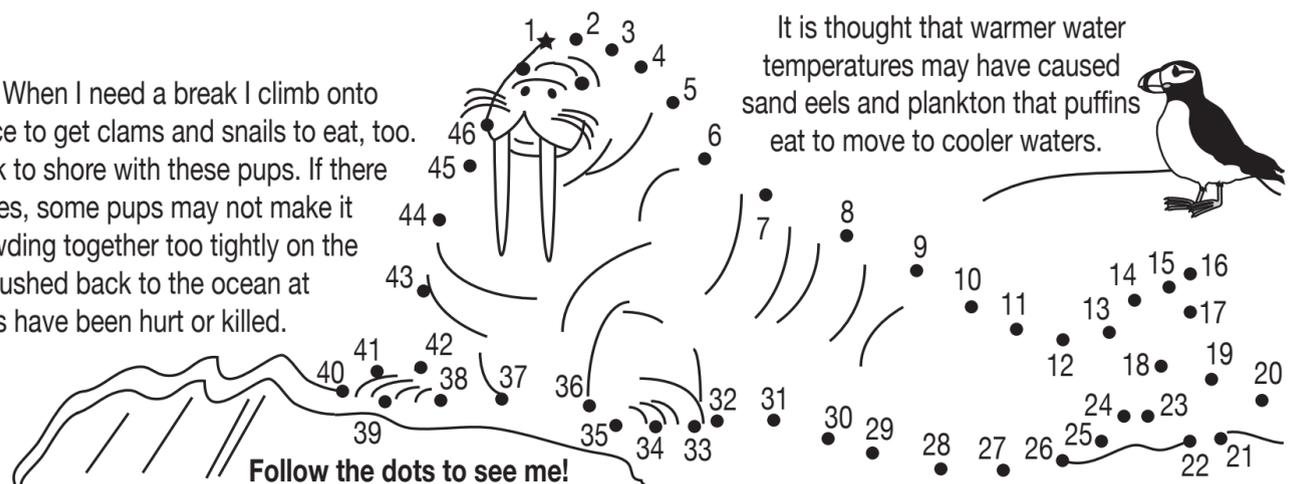
## Swimming Out of School!



## Who Am I?

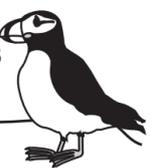
I take long swims in the cold ocean waters. When I need a break I climb onto icy shores or ice floes to rest. I dive from sea ice to get clams and snails to eat, too. We have our babies on ice and then swim back to shore with these pups. If there is less ice and we have to swim longer distances, some pups may not make it to the shore. In some areas we have been crowding together too tightly on the ice. Sometimes, when frightened, we have all rushed back to the ocean at once resulting in a stampede where some of us have been hurt or killed.

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Follow the dots to see me!

It is thought that warmer water temperatures may have caused sand eels and plankton that puffins eat to move to cooler waters.



# Big game season structure topic of Meeker meeting

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**MEEKER 1** Approximately 50 people gathered at Mountain Valley Bank in Meeker Jan. 7 as participants in Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) public involvement meeting about what the five-year big game season structure beginning in 2020 should look like. Rio Blanco County outfitter and CPW Commission member Marie Haskett, and CPW Area Manager Bill deVergie led the presentation, discussion and opinion-testing experience.

About a quarter of the crowd were CPW employees. Many of the rest were involved in the big game outfitting business. The questions posed had been set by the CPW Commission. These questions included what should be the overall

length and timing of the elk, mule deer, moose and bear seasons? For example, should there continue to be only Saturday opening days, or would weekday season starts and increasing break time between seasons help with season structure concerns? Topics that are not being considered at this time, deVergie explained, are bighorn sheep, mountain goat or lion seasons, preference points or resident/non-resident allocation ratios.

In addition to meetings like this one around the state, CPW is providing opportunities to weigh in on the issues via a questionnaire that can be completed online, telephone town halls, focus groups and testimony at commission meetings. CPW urges interested parties to visit the next five-year season structure page of their website at [cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/SeasonStructure.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/SeasonStructure.aspx) or

contact the Meeker Area Office at 970-878-6090. Early process public comment is being compiled through February 4.

Amid growing concern about overcrowding in bow-hunting season, the Meeker group was asked their opinion on the current archery season. By electronic response, the group registered in at 16 percent very dissatisfied, 27 percent somewhat dissatisfied, 23 percent neither, 23 percent somewhat satisfied, and 11 percent very satisfied.

With regard to archery season crowding specifically, 22 percent indicated not being at all concerned, 11 percent somewhat concerned, 13 percent moderately concerned, and 36 percent very concerned, with 18 percent not hunting or involved in archery season.

On their top three preferences for

archery season changes, 25 percent chose limiting all archery elk licenses, 22 percent chose modifying over-the-counter (OTC) either sex licenses to be bull or cow when herd size is below the set objective, 18 percent chose making archery elk licenses OTC with caps (quota sales limits), 13 percent chose limiting all archery cow elk licenses, 12 percent suggested no change, and 9 percent chose making the archery deer season earlier.

Regarding the current deer and elk rifle seasons, 14 percent registered very dissatisfied, 50 percent said somewhat dissatisfied, 9 percent said neither, 16 percent somewhat satisfied, and 11 percent were very satisfied. If modified, the group "voted" 13 percent to keep existing season lengths, 13 percent for keeping the existing number of weekend days, 15 percent for keeping the existing

number of rifle seasons, 40 percent favored keeping or expanding the breaks between seasons, and 18 percent voted to finish all rifle seasons before December.

CPW staff will now compile public feedback to be presented to the commission at its March meeting. Based on commission reaction, a draft structure will be presented for further discussion in June, followed by approval at the July meeting. These meetings, respectively, will be in Denver, LaJunta and Telluride.

Other questions raised last week included addressing the muzzle-loader/archery seasons overlap? Should there be an early rifle bull elk season? Should there be multiple September rifle seasons set for bear, bear combination hunts, or one all-fall bear season? With bear licenses that cover larger areas (more game units)?

An optional second moose season? It was also announced that citizen petitions have been filed asking for unlimited OTC licenses for muzzle-loading elk and pronghorn.

Some participants registered concern that the big game seasons go on for too long. A couple indicating they saw no reason to be hunting cow elk, one way or the other, from August through Jan. 15. Concern was also raised that the rut seasons in general were getting later and later.

Haskett closed the meeting reminding everyone that the commission wants to hear from people—urging participation in this process. Both Haskett and deVergie also reminded everyone of CPW's White River Mule Deer Herd Management meeting to be at Mountain Valley Bank next week, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m.



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**DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 6, COLORADO  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS  
IN WATER DIVISION 6**

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of **December 2018**.

**2018CW3048, RIO BLANCO COUNTY APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL WATER RIGHT (SURFACE)** in Evans Gulch, tributary to the White River, IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY. 1. Applicant: Collins Mountain Ranch LLC, c/o Tim Collins, 100 S. University Blvd. Unit 3, Denver, CO 80209, [tcollins320@comcast.net](mailto:tcollins320@comcast.net). Attorneys: Alperstein & Covell, Cynthia Covell #10169, Andrea L. Benson #33176, Gilbert Y. Marchand, Jr. #19870, Alperstein & Covell, P.C., 1600 Broadway, Suite 1070, Denver, CO 80208, 303-894-8191, [cfc@alpersteincovell.com](mailto:cfc@alpersteincovell.com); [alb@alpersteincovell.com](mailto:alb@alpersteincovell.com); [gym@alpersteincovell.com](mailto:gym@alpersteincovell.com). 2. Name of Structure: Stack Yard Ditch. 3. Legal Description: From the west side of the Stack Yard Pond embankment (WDID 4303298), the point of diversion for the Stack Yard Ditch is described in UTM coordinates (NAD 83, Zone 13) as follows: Easting 254776, Northing 4431156. This point of diversion is located in Section 6, T. 1 South, R. 93 West of the 6th P.M. in Rio Blanco County, and is shown on Exhibit A. 4. Source: Evans Gulch, tributary to the White River. 5. Appropriation. A. Date of Appropriation: August 18, 1988. B. How appropriation was initiated: Diversion and operation of the Stack Yard Ditch from Stack Yard Pond; use of Stack Yard Ditch for irrigation. C. Date water applied to beneficial use: August 18, 1988. 6. Amount claimed (cfs): 1.5 cfs conditional. 7. Uses: Irrigation and stock watering. A. Number of acres historically irrigated: Approximately 60 acres, the extent and location of irrigation is shown in Exhibit A. Legal description of irrigated acreage: The irrigated land is located in the center of Section 6, Township 1 South, Range 93 West, on the Collins Mountain Ranch. [See Exhibit A.] B. Non-irrigation uses: Livestock watering. 8. Name and address of owner of land upon which any new diversion or storage structure or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure or existing storage pool is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored: Applicant.

**18CW3058 MOFFAT AND RIO BLANCO COUNTIES.** Application for Change of Water Rights. Applicant: Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO 81641. (970) 824-1573. Please direct communications regarding this case to: Roger Williams, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Ass'n, Inc., 1100 W. 116th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80234, Phone Number: 303-254-3218, Email: [rwilliams@tristategt.org](mailto:rwilliams@tristategt.org); and Gail L. Wurtzler, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, 1550 Seventeenth St., Ste. 500, Denver, CO 80202, Phone Number: 303-892-9400, Email: [gail.wurtzler@dgsllaw.com](mailto:gail.wurtzler@dgsllaw.com). 2. Name of First Water Right: Milk Creek Ditch No. 1. (A) Legal description: The decreed point of diversion is in the NE/SW of Section 30 in T4N, R92W, 6th P.M., Moffat County. UTM coordinates (NAD 83): Northing 4463268.1 and Easting 265394.9. (B) Source: Milk Creek. (C) Appropriation Dates: 1883-03-10 (2.66 cfs), 1897-12-31 (2.7 cfs), 1951-10-01 (13.64 cfs). (D) Amount: 19 cfs (abs). (E) Use: Irrigation. (F) Amount to change: 19 cfs (abs). (G) Description of change: Applicant seeks to change the use of the Milk Creek Ditch No. 1 to allow industrial use in conjunction with the Applicant's mining operation in addition to the originally decreed uses. Applicant also seeks to allow storage of Milk Creek Ditch No. 1 water in Wilson Reservoir for its originally decreed uses as well as industrial uses. In addition, Applicant seeks an alternate and additional point of diversion for the Milk Creek Ditch No. 1 at the Milk Creek Ditch. In general, the historic place of use for irrigation is: Sections 19 (W/2) and 30 (NW/4) in T4N, R92W, and Sections 23 (SE/4), 24, 25 (NE/4) and 26 (NE/4) in T4N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat County. In general, the proposed additional place of use for industrial use will be at the areas where Applicant is conducting mining operations now or in the future, including lands within the following: Sections: 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36 in T4N, R94W, 6th P.M., Moffat County; Sections: 7, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 in T4N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat County; Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22 and 23 in T3N, R94W, 6th P.M., Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties; Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 30 in T3N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties. (H) Alternate and additional point of diversion is at NAD 83, UTM Zone 13 North (meters) coordinates: Northing 4465720 and Easting 265289. Source of UTM's: Location based on Hydrobase data. Accuracy of location: All coordinates are expected to be accurate to within 200 feet or less. Public Land Survey System (PLSS) coordinates are: NW/4, Section 19, T4N, R92W, 6th P.M., Moffat County, specifically, "[A] point on the west bank of Milk Creek from whence the Corner No. 1, C.E. No. 67, Section 19, T. 4 N., R. 92 W., 6th P.M., bears N 7° 25' E a distance of 408.1 feet." Source of PLSS information: Decree in Case No. 80CW202. 3. Name of Second Water Right: Hulett & Torrence Ditch. (A) Legal description: The decreed point of diversion is in the SW/NW of Section 22, T4N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat County. UTM coordinates (NAD 83) are: Northing 4465313 and Easting 260318.8. (B) Source: Wilson Creek. (C) Appropriation Date: 1885-03-01. (D) Amount: 5.0 cfs (abs). (E) Use: Irrigation. (F) Amount to change: 5.0 cfs (abs). (G) Description of change: Applicant seeks to change the use of the Hulett & Torrence Ditch to allow industrial use in conjunction with Applicant's mining operation in addition to the originally decreed uses. Applicant also seeks to allow storage of Hulett & Torrence Ditch water in Wilson Creek Holding Pond for its originally decreed uses as well as industrial uses. In addition, Applicant seeks an alternate and additional point of diversion for the Hulett & Torrence Ditch at the Wilson Creek Diversion. In general, the historic place of use for irrigation is: Sections 11 (SE/4), 12 (SW/4), 13 (NW/4), 14 (W/2, NE/4), 15 (S/2), and 22 (N/2) in T4N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat County. In general, the proposed additional place of use for industrial use will be at the areas where Applicant is conducting mining operations now or in the future that are described above at 2(G). (H) Alternate and additional point of diversion is at NAD 83, UTM Zone 13 North (meters) coordinates: Northing 4465305 and Easting 260320. Source of UTM's: Handheld GPS device. Accuracy of location: All coordinates expected to be accurate to within 200 feet or less. PLSS coordinates are: SE/NE, Section 21, T4N, R93W, 6th P.M., Moffat County. Distance from section lines: 2,070 Feet S of the N section line and 52 Feet W of the E section line of Section 21. Source of PLSS information: Based on CDSS Map Viewer data. Distances from section lines were cartographically measured from GIS-based digitized USGS/BLM section lines to structure. 4. Landowners: Colowyo Coal Company L.P. or its affiliates, 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO 81641. Maps of diversion points and historic irrigated areas and summaries of diversion records are attached to the Application as Exhibits 1-4.

**2018CW3059 RIO BLANCO COUNTY. APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL WATER STORAGE RIGHT.** 1. Name and Address of Applicant, M/R White River Ranch, LLC, P.O. Box 838, Meeker, CO 81641. All court filings should be directed to: Glenn E. Porzak and Karen L. Henderson, Porzak Browning & Bushong LLP, 2120 13th Street, Boulder, CO 80302, (303) 443-6800. 2. Overview. By this Application, M/R White River Ranch seeks a conditional water storage right for the Sykes Pond. 3. Description of the Water Storage Right. 3.1. Name of Water Right and Structure: Sykes Pond. 3.2. Location: The UTM Coordinates for the centerline of the proposed dam are NAD 83, Zone 13, Easting: 261116.1, Northing: 4418056.5. The source of the UTM information is GPS. This location can also be described as being in the SE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 14, Township 2 South, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M., approximately at a point 1,670 feet from the North section line and 800 feet from the East section line of said Section 14. A map generally depicting this location is attached as Exhibit A. 3.3. Source: West Miller Creek, a tributary of Miller Creek, which is a tributary of the White River. 3.4. Appropriation Date: December 7, 2018. Appropriation was initiated by starting construction on the pond. 3.5. Amount Claimed: 11.00 acre-feet, conditional, with the right to fill and refill continuously when in-priority. 3.6. Uses: Wildlife watering, piscatorial, fire protection, stock-watering, and irrigation purposes. 3.7. Place of Use: Within the pond or on property owned by M/R White River Ranch. 3.8. Pond Dimensions: a. Surface Area of High-Water Line: approximately 1.7 acres. b. Maximum Vertical Height of Dam: less than 10 feet. c. Length of Dam: approximately 320 feet. d. Total Capacity: 11.0 acre-feet, of which 10 acre-feet is expected to be active capacity and 1.0 acre-foot is expected to be dead storage. 3.9. Remarks: The Sykes Pond is an on-channel pond that will have a low-level outlet, an inline water level control structure (Agri-drain type structure), or other means acceptable to the Division Engineer of bypassing all out-of-priority inflow and releasing all out-of-priority storage from the pond. All out-of-priority inflow will be promptly bypassed or released from the pond without consumption. M/R White River Ranch will also provide a stage-area capacity table for the pond at the time it makes the requested water right absolute. (3 pgs + map)

**18CW3060, Rio Blanco County, Colorado.** Application for Well and Surface Water Rights. Applicant: Lunney Mountain, LLC, c/o Edward B. Olszewski, Esq., Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C., P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, (970) 928-9100. Names of Structures: Cox Well and House, Brumback, Ferd's and Cabin Springs. CLAIM FOR GROUNDWATER RIGHT. Cox Well, Permit No. 292311; Legal Description: UTM Coordinates: Easting 266361m Northing 4442193m Zone 13, NAD83 Source of UTM's: GPS Accuracy: 12' +/- . Source: Groundwater tributary to the North Fork of the White River, tributary to the White River. Depth: 60 feet; Appropriation Date: 08/20/2013; How appropriation was initiated: Obtained Exempt Well Permit, drilled & used well; Date water applied to beneficial use: 10/05/2013. Does the well withdraw tributary groundwater: yes; Amount: 15 g.p.m., absolute, Amount claimed: 1 acre-foot, absolute, for livestock and wildlife watering; 1 acre-foot conditional for fire protection, ordinary household purposes inside three (3) single family dwellings, the watering of poultry and domestic animals, and irrigation of up to 1 acre of lawns and gardens, all consistent with exempt Well Permit No. 292311. Uses or Proposed Uses: If irrigation: No. of acres historically irrigated: 0; proposed to be irrigated: 1 acre of lawns and gardens. Applicant does not intend to use this water right to supplement irrigation on an area of land already irrigated under another water right. Legal description of irrigated acreage: Yet to be determined, but within the NW¼ SW ¼, Section 32, T. 2 N., R. 92 W., 6th P.M. If non-irrigation: Livestock and wildlife watering, solar pump, well, pipeline and fire tank, fire protection, ordinary household purposes inside three (3) single family dwellings, the watering of poultry and domestic animals. CLAIM FOR SURFACE WATER RIGHTS. House Spring, Brumback Spring, Ferd's Spring and Cabin Spring. Legal Descriptions: House Spring: UTM Coordinates: Easting 265469m Northing 4443670m Zone 13, NAD83 Source of UTM's: Hand Held GPS Accuracy: 12' +/- . Brumback Spring: UTM Coordinates: Easting 266312m Northing 4443082m Zone 13, NAD83 Source of UTM's: Hand Held GPS, Accuracy: 12' +/- . Ferd's Spring: UTM Coordinates: Easting 266871m Northing 4441482m Zone 13, NAD83 Source of UTM's: Hand Held GPS Accuracy: 12' +/- . Cabin Spring: UTM Coordinates: Easting 264887m Northing 4442697m Zone 13, NAD83 Source of UTM's: Hand Held GPS Accuracy: 12' +/- . Source (for all springs): springs tributary to the North Fork of the White River, tributary to the White River. Appropriation: House Spring: Appropriation Date: 09/30/1998; Date water applied to beneficial use: 06/30/1999. Brumback Spring: Appropriation Date: 06/30/1936; Date water applied to beneficial use: 06/30/1936. Ferd's Spring: Appropriation Date: 07/31/1987; Date water applied to beneficial use: 07/31/1987. Cabin Spring: Appropriation Date: 07/31/1990; How appropriation was initiated (all springs): Formation of intent to appropriate and improvement of structures surrounding springs to divert, capture and use water from the springs. Date water applied to beneficial use: 08/31/1993. Amounts claimed: House Spring: 50 gallons per hour or 0.833 g.p.m., absolute, for domestic uses. Brumback Spring: 100 gallons per hour or 1.67 g.p.m., absolute, for livestock and wildlife watering uses. Ferd's Spring: 7 gallons per hour or 0.116 g.p.m., absolute, for livestock and wildlife watering uses. Cabin Spring: 7.5 gallons per hour or 0.125 g.p.m., absolute, for domestic, livestock and wildlife watering uses. Uses: House Spring: Domestic water supply to 8400 RBC 15, Meeker, Colorado; Applicant developed a spring box, and installed a 1,000-gallon tank and pipeline to serve the domestic needs for the residence. Brumback Spring: Livestock and wildlife watering; Applicant developed the spring and diverts water into a pond for livestock and wildlife watering uses. Ferd's Spring: Livestock and wildlife watering. Applicant developed the spring with a spring box and diverts water into a tire tank for livestock and wildlife watering uses. Cabin Spring: Domestic water supply to 7412 RBC 15, Meeker, Colorado; Applicant developed a spring box, and installed a 1,000-gallon tank and 1,600 foot pipeline to serve the domestic needs for the residence; Applicant also diverts water into tire tank for livestock and wildlife uses. Landowner: Applicant. Applicant prays for a decree of this Court and awarding Applicant the claimed water rights and granting Applicant such other relief as deemed appropriate. (6 pages, incl. 1 map)

The water right claimed by this application may affect in priority any water right claimed or heretofore adjudicated within this division and owners of affected rights must appear to object and protest within the time provided by statute, or be forever barred.

You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of **February 2019** to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$158.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, 1955 Shield Dr. Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487.

MARY ANN NINGER  
CLERK OF COURT  
ROUTT COUNTY COMBINED COURT  
WATER DIVISION 6

/s/ Kimberly A. Marshall  
Deputy Court Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

Town of Rangely  
January 22, 2019 - 7:00pm  
Agenda

- Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)**  
ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor  
Andy Key, Mayor Pro Tem  
Trey Robie, Trustee  
Luke Geer, Trustee  
Tyson Hacking, Trustee  
Matt Billgren, Trustee  
Rich Garner, Trustee
1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Invocation
  4. Pledge of Allegiance
  5. Minutes of Meeting
    - a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of January 08, 2019
  6. Petitions and Public Input
  7. Changes to the Agenda
  8. Public Hearings - 7:15pm

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

9. Committee/Board Meetings
10. Reports From Council
11. Supervisor Reports - See Attached
  - a. Kelli Neiberger
  - b. Don Reed
12. Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update
13. Old Business
14. New Business
  - a. Discussion and action to approve the Preliminary Financial Summary December 2019
  - b. Discussion and action to approve the Liquor License renewal for Kum & Go
  - c. Discussion and action to approve a contribution to Rangely High School for Rowdy Worm
15. Informational Items
16. Board Vacancies
  - a. RDA/RDC Board Vacancy
  - b. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy
17. Scheduled Announcements



## What is a public notice?

*Public Notices inform citizens of the everyday activities of government. From government spending and developing new policies to requests for proposals and hearings about retail marijuana licenses, it is important for people to be informed of actions taken by public officials that affect citizens' everyday lives.*

*Public Notices are essential to a democracy and an informed citizenry. Without Public Notices, citizens cannot adequately make informed decisions.*

*While the Internet is a great resource for information, Public Notices have been and remain the most effective in newspapers.*

*Newspaper are the watchdogs of their local communities and can most effectively monitor the actions of their respective local governments. This not only allows local residents to be informed, but it also forces local public officials to be held accountable. Additionally, Public Notices in newspapers are permanent records that cannot be altered or deleted, and the printed version provides a permanent archive and third-party verification of authenticity.*

Source: Colorado Press Association

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

a. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019 at 12:00 noon  
 b. Rangely District Library Board meeting January 14, 2019 at 5:00pm  
 c. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting January 14, 2019 at 7:00pm  
 d. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019 at 12:00 noon  
 e. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for January 17, 2019 at 7:30pm  
 f. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2019 at 11:00am  
 g. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2019 at 7:00pm  
 h. Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2019 at 12:00 noon  
 i. Rangely School District Board meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2019 at 6:15pm  
 j. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
 k. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2019 at 6:00pm  
 18. Adjournment  
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**Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Rio Blanco County Annex Building 17497 Highway 64 Rangely, Colorado 81648 Tentative Agenda January 22, 2019**

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:
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Changes to the January 22, 2019 Tentative Agenda
- 1) 2)
- C. Move to Approve the January 22, 2019 Agenda including any changes.
2. CONSENT AGENDA FOR JANUARY 22, 2019  
 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.
- A. Move to Approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
- B. Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2019.
3. BUSINESS
- A. None.
4. BID OPENINGS
- A. None.
5. BID AWARDS
- A. Move to Award the Preparation of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to \_\_\_\_\_, in an amount not to exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Move to Award the Cisco EXSI Host Replacement Project to \_\_\_\_\_, in an amount not to exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
6. MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS
- A. None.
7. RESOLUTIONS
- A. None.
8. OTHER BUSINESS
- A. Public Comment
- B. County Commissioners Updates
- C. Move to go into Executive Session with Human Resources for a continued discussion on Personnel issues.
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- A. None.
- 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 28, 2019, at the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Commissioner's Hearing Room, in Meeker, Colorado.. Please check the County's website for information at <http://www.rbc.us/> departments/commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

AMAZON, SPPLY, 4,908.16  
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 BLUE MOUNTAIN INN, PURC SVCS, 125.00  
 BOYKO, SPPLY, 223.27  
 BROWNELLS, FIREARM SPPLY, 233.99  
 CASTLE ROCK MICRO, PARTS, 1,050.66  
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 CENTURYLINK, SPPLY, 92.48  
 CENTURYLINK, PURC SVCS, 468.65  
 CENTURYLINK (LNG DST), LNDLN PHN, 349.89  
 CENTURYLINK (LND LN), PURC SVCS, 467.60  
 CHAPPELL, CLINT, PLNNG CMMTY, 100.00  
 CIVIL AIR PATROL MAG, S&R, 395.00  
 CNCC, CNTRCT SVCS, 2,500.00  
 CMU, TRNNG/DEV, 12,711.09  
 COULTER AVIATION, SPPLY, 1,806.61  
 CNCL OF PETROLEUM, PURC SVCS, 650.00  
 CREATIVE CULTURE, PURC SVCS, 1,472.80  
 DA, TRAVIS, PLNNG CMMTY, 50.00  
 DAY OFFICE, PURC SVCS, 21,067.25  
 DUCEY'S ELEC, PURC SVCS, 75.00  
 DUDE SOL, PRCH SVCS, 2,300.00  
 DUNGAN, JOSEPH, SPPLY, 140.96  
 EAGLE RIVER WASTE, UTL, 1,117.00  
 EMC PLUMBING, PURC SVCS, 2,649.72  
 FARRAND, CARLA, PURC SVCS, 135.71  
 FASTTRACK COMM, LNDLN PHN, 665.87  
 FEDEX, PURC SVCS, 28.05  
 FIBERSTORE, SPPLY, 1,658.91  
 FIRST ADV OCCUPY, PURC SVCS, 80.10  
 GALL'S, UNFRM/CLTH, 711.58  
 GLOCK, FIREARM SPPLY, 270.00  
 GOULD, STACEY, PURC SVCS, 12.00  
 GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, PURC SVCS, 1,620.00  
 GREATLAND CORP, PURC SVCS, 68.35  
 IDENTITY GRAPHICS, PURC SVCS, 2,167.27  
 INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR, PURC SVCS, 15,668.34  
 SARAH JENNINGS, PURC SVCS, 337.16  
 JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE, PURC SVCS, 2,511.00  
 KINSCO, UNFRM/CLTH, 533.38  
 KRACHT, ANN, PURC SVCS, 10.96  
 KRISTINA COUNSULTING, SPPLY, 5,179.45  
 LITTLE-MYERS, SHERYL, PLNNG CMMTY, 100.00  
 LOVE, VIRGINIA, PLNNG CMMTY, 100.00  
 MA FAMILGIA, PURC SVCS, 75.00  
 MCGUIRE AUTO, RPR/MNTC, 199.92  
 MEEKER AIRPORT, CNTRCT SVCS, 3,500.00  
 MEEKER AUTO, SPPLY, 39.85  
 MEEKER DRUGS, SPPLY, 181.46  
 MGM, SPPLY, 63.48  
 MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, 686.00  
 MEEKER, TOWN OF, UTL, 38,080.94  
 MESA PRECISION ARMS, FIREARM SPPLY, 2,961.00  
 MICHELLE COX PHOTO, PURC SVCS, 35.00  
 MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 3,028.74  
 MOUNTAIN AIR MEC, PURC SVCS, 1,450.00  
 MVB-VISA, SPPLY, 14,385.22  
 GARY MOYER, PURC SVCS, 316.10  
 NICHOLS STORE, FOOD SPPLY, 353.94  
 NORMAN, ADAIR, PLNNG CMMTY, 100.00  
 NW COLO CULT CNTR, PURC SVCS, 500.00  
 DAN NYE, TRVL, 155.00  
 onXmaps, S&R, 450.00

PCM-G, PURC SVCS, 944.96  
 PH&S PROD, SPPLY, 315.00  
 PHIL VAUGHAN, CNTRCT SVCS, 9,610.03  
 PMC, PURC SVCS, 326.50  
 PITNEY BOWES RES, PURC SVCS, 534.81  
 POLICE LEGAL SCI, TRNNG/DEV, 840.00  
 PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVE, S&R, 957.92  
 PUBLIC TRUSTEES, PURC SVCS, 200.00  
 QUILL, SPPLY, 67.57  
 QUIMBY & ASSO, PURC SVCS, 4,701.54  
 QYPSYS, SPPLY, 8,459.10  
 RANGELY AUTO, TOOLS, 424.93  
 RANGELY PHARM, SPPLY, 65.00  
 RANGELY, TOWN OF, SPPLY, 20,792.60  
 RANGELY TRASH, UTL, 222.50  
 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 678.20  
 RICHARDSON, FAIN, PURC SVCS, 360.00  
 RB HERALD TIME, PURC SVCS, 1,040.57  
 SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 40.56  
 SERVI-TECH LAB, PURC SVCS, 247.20  
 SHOP 4-H/NATIONAL 4-H, INTR GOV, 933.59  
 SHULTS, TERA, TRNNG/DEV, 112.50  
 STAPLES, SPPLY, 4,509.68  
 STRATA NETWORKS, INTRNT SVCS, 1,016.40  
 TRANE U.S., PURC SVCS, 4,634.00  
 TRANUNION RISK, PURC SVCS, 29.00  
 TURKEY CORRECTIONS, SPPLY, 9.06  
 UNION TEL, PURC SVCS, 547.96  
 UTE CROSSING, PURC SVCS, 812.50  
 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 612.79  
 VALUE WEST, PURC SVCS, 4,520.00  
 VECTORS, PURC SVCS, 3,145.50  
 VOIANCE LANGUAGE, PURC SVCS, 50.00  
 WATT'S, PURC SVCS, 3,395.60  
 WHITE RIVER BAKERY, PURC SVCS, 70.00  
 WHITE RIVER DIST, PURC SVCS, 438.65  
 WREA, UTL, 14,506.94  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 31,209.68  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 52,376.05  
 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 11,773.30  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 30,305.19  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 116,819.31  
 A-1 COLLECTION AGENCY, WAGE ASNMT, 432.82  
 PROFESSIONAL FINANCE CO, WAGE ASNMT, 870.49  
 GENERAL FUND TOTAL: 504,998.02  
**FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 ALSCO, PURC SVCS, 82.86  
 CENTURYLINK, PURC SVCS, 115.18  
 CENTURYLINK (LND LN), PURC SVCS, 84.38  
 HAGGART, JAMES, PURC SVCS, 25.00  
 KENDALL, DARRELL, PURC SVCS, 25.00  
 JIM MAES, PURC SVCS, 25.00  
 MICRO PLASTICS, SPPLY, 164.47

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MVB-VISA, PURC SVCS, 367.05  
 OFFICE DEPOT, SPPLY, 149.20  
 PITNEY BOWES RES, PURC SVCS, 20.13  
 POWER MOTIVE, SPPLY, 904.56  
 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 203.10  
 RBC-R&B PETTY CASH MKR, PURC SVCS, 27.45  
 REINHARD, CRYSTAL, PURC SVCS, 25.00  
 RB HERALD TIME, PURC SVCS, 118.68  
 ROUNTT COUNTY R&B, INTR GOV, 25,840.00  
 SANFORD, DAVE, PURC SVCS, 25.00  
 SCHOFIELD EXCAV, AGGRGT, 11,706.20  
 TRITON ENVIRO, CLVRT, 6,798.97  
 UNION TEL, PURC SVCS, 156.46  
 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 151.96  
 WAGNER EQUIP, MISC EXPC, 7,620.00  
 WREA, UTL, 106.44  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 12,617.78  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 22,863.44  
 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 5,176.50  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 19,025.47  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 58,433.12  
 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL: 172,858.40  
**FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 AMAZON, SPPLY, 298.37  
 CENTURYLINK (LND LN), PURC SVCS, (17.70)  
 GARCIA, ASHLEY, PURC SVCS, 125.90  
 KRUEGER, DR. ALBERT, PURC SVCS, 300.00  
 METROPOLITAN PATH, PURC SVCS, 175.00  
 MOORE MEDICAL, SPPLY, 2,182.53  
 MVB-VISA, PURC SVCS, 736.24  
 NSO-PROF LIAB, MALPRACTICE, 45.00  
 ODLAND, JANICE, PURC SVCS, 385.00  
 PMC, PURC SVCS, 105.00  
 RANGELY DISTRICT HOSP, PURC SVCS, 255.00  
 RANGELY FAMILY MED, SPPLY, 49.03  
 DENISE SHERIDAN, PURC SVCS, 645.00  
 STAPLES, SPPLY, 234.77  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,198.00  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 2,784.24  
 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 550.00  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 2,297.45  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 5,997.05  
 PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL: 18,345.88  
**FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 DIANA ADAMS, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 ANNIE BENNETT, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 TINA COTTRELL, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 NICOLE GARFIELD, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 SPENCER HOFFMAN, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 MICHELLE HUBER, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 CATHY ISNER, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 NIKKI MAYHUGH, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 CHRISTIE OLSEN, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 MELISSA POSTA, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 LAURA RAFN, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 BRENDA ROBERTSON, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 TIA ROWLEY, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 SARAH RUDISILL, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 JULIE SCHOENLEIN, LISW-S, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 DR. ERMAS SELESHI, PURC SVCS, (45.00)

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SARA SUAZO, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 MICHELLE WALKER, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 THOMAS WEIR, PSYD, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 BRITTANY WOLF-BENNETT, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 J. CHRISTOPHER YOUNG, PHD, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 K.D BRYANT, PURC SVCS, (45.00)  
 CENTURYLINK, PURC SVCS, 73.99  
 PITNEY BOWES RES, CNTY EXP, 9.21  
 RYAN TORSELL, PURC SVCS, 30.52  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 4,208.72  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 6,406.50  
 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 1,719.33  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 4,564.58  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 15,282.37  
 AP PAYMENTS, 11,641.87  
 DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES FUND TOTAL: 42,947.09  
**FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 AMBASSADOR BLIND, FFLD, 5,957.65  
 CALIX, BRDBND IMP, 10,225.89  
 COLORADO DOORWAYS, FFLD, 826.92  
 FIRE TEAM SECURITY, FFLD, 510.00  
 LITE IND, BRDBND IMP, 65,119.60  
 SAMUELSON, FFLD, 55.23  
 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL: 82,695.29  
**FUND: USE TAX**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 CENTURYLINK, PURC SVCS, (63.48)  
 CENTURYLINK (LND LN), MKR SFHS, 114.64  
 MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 726.53  
 MORLAN, DEBBIE, PURC SVCS, 328.27  
 MVB-VISA, PURC SVCS, 117.50  
 NICKSON, ANNALIE, PURC SVCS, 84.45  
 NYE, KEVIN, CNSTRCTN, 4,539.26  
 PITNEY BOWES RES, PURC SVCS, 4.23  
 RANGELY, TOWN OF, UTL, 96.12  
 RANGELY TRASH, UTL, 166.00  
 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 12.99  
 RB HERALD TIME, PURC SVCS, 56.25  
 RIO BLANCO WATER CON, RB WTR CONSV, 12,112.00  
 U.S. FOODS, SPPLY, 6,532.60  
 WATT'S, FOOD SPPLY, 208.73  
 WR MARKET, FOOD SPPLY, 289.72  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,478.16  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 3,014.97  
 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 682.37  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 2,236.94  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 8,791.01  
 FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, WAGE ASNMT, 420.00  
 USE TAX FUND TOTAL: 41,949.26  
**FUND:IMPACT FEES**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 HDR, CR 5, 7,078.72  
 IMPACT FEES FUND TOTAL: 7,078.72  
**FUND: SOLID WASTE**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 CO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEAL, PURC SVCS, 1,250.00  
 MGM, SPPLY, 77.26

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MOODY CONST, CAP OTLY, 44,860.03  
 PITNEY BOWES RES, PURC SVCS, 7.94  
 REDI SERVICE, PURC SVCS, 80.00  
 RB HERALD TIME, PURC SVCS, 65.28  
 SOLID WASTE ASSN OF N, TRNNG/DEV, 268.00  
 UNION TEL, PURC SVCS, 53.92  
 WATT'S, SPPLY, 13.58  
 WHITE RIVER DIST, PURC SVCS, 15.00  
 WREA, UTL, 491.04  
 WHITE RIVER ENERGY, SPPLY, 913.64  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,481.31  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 2,252.10  
 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 559.00  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 1,056.24  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 5,179.30  
 CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, WAGE ASNMT, 200.00  
 SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL: 58,823.64  
**FUND: WEED & PEST**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 COULTER AVIATION, MSQTO CNTRL, 60,954.78  
 MVB-VISA, SPPLY, 1,800.61  
 PCM-G, PURC SVCS, 236.24  
 PITNEY BOWES RES, PURC SVCS, 1.36  
 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 16.98  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 395.76  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 593.34  
 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 160.00  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 465.36  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 922.10  
 WEED & PEST FUND TOTAL: 65,546.53  
**FUND: COMMUNICATIONS**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 ALL STATE COMM, PRCH SVCS, 3,433.10  
 FEDEX, PRCH SVCS, 141.86  
 KPE LOCATING, PRCH SVCS, 4,990.00  
 MAMMOTH NET, PRCH SVCS, 10,040.00  
 MVB-VISA, SPPLY, 457.86  
 NOHA, PRCH SVCS, 1,214.94  
 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, 9.99  
 UTILITY NOTIFICATION, PRCH SVCS, 94.25  
 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 78.65  
 VISIONARY BROADBAND, PRCH SVCS, 4,125.00  
 WESTERN SLOPE INFO, PRCH SVCS, 2,416.75  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 1,299.62  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 1,912.50  
 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 472.00  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 3,055.50  
 COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL: 33,742.02  
**FUND: FAIRFIELD**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, 1,041.98  
 BOYKO, SPPLY, 603.20  
 CENTURYLINK (LND LN), PURC SVCS, 58.70  
 EAGLE RIVER WASTE, UTL, 345.00  
 MCGUIRE AUTO, SPPLY, 239.84

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MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, 35.00  
 MEEKER, TOWN OF, UTL, 588.00  
 SAMUELSON, SPPLY, 69.13  
 VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, 44.87  
 WEATHERFORD ELEC, PURC SVCS, 634.80  
 WREA, UTL, 1,680.87  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 322.75  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 847.54  
 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 162.00  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 582.02  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 3,249.62  
 FAIRFIELD FUND TOTAL: 10,505.32  
**FUND: CENTRAL SERVICES**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 ALL COPY PROD, CNTRCT SVCS, 312.41  
 PITNEY BOWES, RNTLSE, 117.69  
 PITNEY BOWES RES, PSTG, 12.54  
 STAPLES, SPPLY, 2,479.20  
 XEROX, CNTRCT SVCS, 1,155.21  
 CENTRAL SERVICES FUND TOTAL: 4,077.05  
**FUND: FLEET**  
**VENDOR NAME, ACCOUNT NAME, AMOUNT**  
 A&E TIRE, TIRES, 6,365.12  
 ALL STATE COMM, RPR/MNTC, 452.04  
 AXIS STEEL, SPPLY, 602.32  
 BEST DEAL SPRINGS, SPPLY, 1,033.80  
 BOYKO, SPPLY, 97.60  
 CENTURYLINK (LND LN), PURC SVCS, 62.60  
 GOR TIRES, TIRES, 1,544.70  
 GILBARCO, PURC SVCS, 130.38  
 HONNEN EQUIP, RPR/MNTC, 5,408.35  
 KIMBALL MIDWEST, SPPLY, 432.33  
 LAWSON PROD, SPPLY, 64.90  
 MASTER PETROLEUM, DIESEL, 31,169.46  
 MCGUIRE AUTO, SPPLY, 1,192.93  
 MEEKER AUTO, PRTS/ACCS, 2,663.88  
 MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, 50.62  
 MVB-VISA, GAS, 717.34  
 NORTHWEST AUTO, PURC SVCS, 695.08  
 OFFICE DEPOT, SPPLY, 128.96  
 POWER EQUIP, RPR/MNTC, 315.20  
 RANGELY AUTO, PRTS/ACCS, 1,418.33  
 RANGELY TRUE VALUE, PRTS/ACCS, 6.27  
 RBC CLERK & REC, PURC SVCS, 10.98  
 RESPOND FIRST AID, SPPLY, 48.01  
 THOMPSON DIST, SPPLY, 85.00  
 UNITED RENTALS, RPR/MNTC, 1,637.70  
 VALLEY HARDWARE, PRTS/ACCS, 182.92  
 WAGNER EQUIP, SPPLY, 898.00  
 WEAR PARTS & EQUIP, PRTS/ACCS, 9,684.40  
 WESTFALL O'DELL, PRTS/ACCS, 1,207.37  
 WREA, UTL, 858.15  
 WINDSHIELD CENTERS, PURC SVCS, 264.90  
 XCEL ENERGY, UTL, 252.01  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FED W/H, 2,300.00  
 US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY, FICA W/H, 4,670.50  
 CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS, STATE W/H, 970.50  
 GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, 4,193.03  
 COUNTY HEALTH POOL, INSURANCE, 10,962.79  
 FLEET FUND TOTAL: 92,778.47  
 TOTAL: \$ 1,136,345.69  
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**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING**

**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 18-10**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On October 23, 2018, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.  
 Original Grantor(s): Vinson J Beatty  
 Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, INC., Acting Solely as Nominee for Lender, Intermountain Lending.  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper  
 Date of Deed of Trust: August 23, 2006  
 County of Recording: Rio Blanco  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust: August 23, 2006  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 285952  
 Original Principal Amount: \$52,530.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$43,723.36  
 Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(j), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**Lot 7, less the South 3 feet thereof, Block B of Leech Addition to the Town of Rangely, According to the plat thereof filed December 20, 1948 as Reception No. 76541**  
**Also known by street and number as: 308 S Grand Ave, Rangely, CO 81648.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
 THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/20/2019, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
 First Publication: 1/31/2019  
 Last Publication: 1/31/2019  
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**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

**YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.**

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

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

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

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

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 Iowa City, Iowa 52244  
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DATE: 10/22/18  
 Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
 By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee  
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
 Courtney Wright #45482 Eve Grina #43658 Holly Shilliday #24423  
 Jennifer Cruseturner #44452 Jennifer Rogers #34682  
 McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122  
 Attorney File # 18-840751  
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
INVITATION TO BID**

**New 4 Wheel Drive Loader**  
Notice is hereby given that bid proposals, for a new John Deere 344L or Cat 910M 4 wheel drive loader, will be accepted at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO until Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bid will be awarded at the February 19, 2019 Board Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 345 Market Street in Meeker. Specifications are available upon request at Town Hall, by calling 970-878-5344 or on the Town's website www.townofmeeker.org.  
The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add, or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Purchasing Policy.  
The bid proposal must be placed in an envelope, securely sealed and labeled "Meeker 2019 Loader bid" and be received no later than Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. Contact Russell Overton, Public Works Superintendent at 970-942-7555 or Lisa Cook, Town Administrator, 970-878-5344 for additional information.  
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**PHASE TWO CONSTRUCTION  
BID REQUEST**

For demolition of the interior space at 236 Seventh Street. Please contact Meeker Fire & Rescue for bid specifics. Stop by the office at 240 Seventh Street during business hours, call 970-878-3443 or email office@meekerrescue.com or via mail at P.O. Box 737, Meeker, CO, 81641.  
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**VACANCIES ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RIO BLANCO WATER  
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Motion has been filed in the above-referenced action requesting the appointment of Directors for Divisions A and B to the Board of Directors of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (the "District").  
Said Motion requests that Directors be appointed to Divisions A and B for four-year terms to expire upon the appointment of his/her successor pursuant to these proceedings. THE COURT will hear said Motion on Friday, March 15, 2019, at 9:00 am in the Rio Blanco County District Court, 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. All persons desiring to attend may do so. Any person seeking appointment to the Board or any person suggesting the appointment of any person to said Board shall so advise the Clerk of said Court and shall file with said Clerk a Petition for Appointment and a Statement of Qualification of any such person by the close of business on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. The address of the Clerk of the District Court is 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. A copy should also be provided to counsel for the District, Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C. at P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602. A form of Petition for Appointment may be obtained from the Clerk of the District Court, (970-

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

878-5622 or at the District's office, 2252 E. Main St., Rangely, CO 81648 (970) 675-5055.  
Any person applying must have resided within the District and within the Division for a period of one (1) year prior to appointment and shall be the owner of real property within the District and shall be knowledgeable in water matters with a background reflecting the agricultural, municipal, industrial, or other interests in the beneficial use of water within the District.  
RIO BLANCO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
By: /s/ Edward B. Olszewski  
Edward B. Olszewski, Atty. Reg. #24723  
Published: January 17, 2019  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
TOWN OF MEEKER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 2.08.020 of the Meeker Town Code, that at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 a Special Meeting will be held at the Town Hall Board Room, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641.  
Said meeting is being called for the following purposes:  
1. Housing Market Presentation & Discussion by Better City.  
Lisa Cook, CMC, Town Clerk  
Dated: January 15, 2019  
Published: January 17, 2019  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**INVITATION FOR BIDS  
CLOSING BID DATE- February 5, 2019  
TOWN OF MEEKER  
345 Market Street  
MEEKER, CO 81641**

Sealed BIDS to furnish and install approximately 20,000 pounds of hot-pour, Deery American Super stretch 974, in the Town of Meeker, contact Town Hall for Specifications. Please bid as follows: Clean cracks, furnish and install crack sealant all performed by bidder. The closing bid date is February 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. The Town Board of Trustees will award the bid on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 7pm at Town Hall, 345 Market Street in Meeker. The successful bidder must maintain workers compensation, general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.00 during the project.  
The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add, or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Purchasing Policy. More Information is Available from Russell Overton (970)878-5530 or 878-5344.  
Bids shall be mailed or delivered to Town of Meeker, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641. All bids shall be sealed and "Meeker 2019 Hot Pour Crack Filling Project Bid" shall be written upon the front of the envelope. Specifications are available at www.townofmeeker.org, at Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641, or by telephone at (970)878-5344.  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER  
Lisa Cook, Town Administrator  
Published: January 17, 2019  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Attention Rio Blanco County Veterans: Veterans may be eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel costs to receive VA medical care. If you do not currently receive VA travel compensation please contact the Rio Blanco County Veterans Service offices. Rangely: John "Hoot" Gibson, 970-878-9695. Meeker: Joe Bob Dungan, 970-878-9690. Travel compensation is made possible through the Veterans Trust Fund Grant and VFW Post 5843.

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

**SAFEHOUSE**

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

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

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

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7 p.m., 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely.  
Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970.  
Women's N/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m., St. Timothy's.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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



**The Church at Meeker**

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

**ELDER CARE SERVICES**

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Western Slope In-Home Care  
www.westernslopehomecare.com  
970-878-7008

**FOR SALE**

Triton aluminum V-nose 22' trailer w/cabinet in nose and 3 tie-downs. Door - 77" tall/6'5" wide; inside - 6'3" wide. Small dent in fender.  
878-3456 1/10-27

Ski-doo Summit SP REVXM 154 800 R-E tec 3" lug, 353 miles-better than new, custom-Day Pac & Gas container. \$8500.00 970-620-5620 or 970-878-5476

**GUNS**

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

**HUNTING**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES**

- Attorney
- Building Inspector
- Custodian
- Eligibility Specialist
- Information Tech. Help Desk
- R&B Operator, Meeker
- Relief 911 Dispatcher
- Relief Control Room Specialist
- Relief Radino Driver, Rangely
- Transfer Clerk/Office Assistant
- Treasury Clerk, Meeker

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to www.rbc.us or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570.  
ADAEOE

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

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

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

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

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

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

Cute 2 BDR/1 BA mobile home in quiet park. N/S, No pets. Security deposit. Patty 970-260-9416 1/10-1/17

One bedroom furnished apartment, all utilities included. \$550 per month, \$550 deposit. No lease. 970-878-4754 1/10-27

Townhouse, 484 12th St, 2 BDR/1.5 BA, W & S paid, \$400 month, 1st and last month + deposit. 239-425-5785 or 970-878-4502



**RECYCLE THIS  
NEWSPAPER**

**PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER**

A community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:

- PRN:**
- RN - Acute/ED
  - RN or LPN - LTC
  - Certified Nursing Assistant - LTC
  - Food Service Tech
  - PCT - Acute/ED
- FULL-TIME:** [eligible for benefits & sign-on bonus]:
- Occupational Therapist
  - LPN or RN - LTC
  - MLT or MLS - Laboratory
  - LPN or RN - LTC - Nights
  - Registered Nurse - Acute/ED
  - Certified Nursing Assistant - Nights - LTC
  - Registered Nurse - Surgery
  - Physical Therapy Assistant

**Submit Resume and/or Application to:**  
Pioneers Medical Center, HR,  
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr.,  
Meeker, Colo., 81641  
Visit our Website at:  
www.pioneershospital.org

**Pioneers Medical Center**  
Phone: (970) 878-5047 Fax: (970) 878-5285  
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641  
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

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

Older 2 BDR/1BA apartment, no stairs, newly painted, utilities paid, unfurnished, across from NAPA on Market Street. \$450 per month + \$250 damage deposit. 970-220-2150

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

**RENTALS: RANGELY**

2 BDR/2BA Apt/Duplex, covered parking.No Smoking/No Pets. Call 970-778-5040

204 South White, recently updated 3 BDR/1BA house, washer/dryer, wood stove, fenced yard, off-street parking, fiber optic hook-up. Owner pays water/sewer. \$700/month. Call Rodney 970-462-6538 12/20-1/17

Rangely Duplex for Rent 1 or 2 bedroom duplex -Newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney 970-462-6538 or Dan 970-462-6858.

**SILVER SAGE RV PARK RV**  
Spaces for rent.  
Manager: Katie Willis  
(970)675-2259 or cell: (970)629-0437

**WANTED**

Finicky little white dogs need old venison or beef for dog food. Freezer burned ok. No sausage, pork or chicken. Call or text 970-948-9547.



**EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**Full Time Positions**  
Aquatics Specialist  
- Benefits  
- \$21.23-\$28.13/hr

For details and an application, go to [www.ERBMRec.com](http://www.ERBMRec.com) or 101 Ute Road, Meeker CO. 970-878-7417  
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**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
**The Board of County Commissioners will be making appointments to the following Boards on 01/28/2019. If you are interested in serving on one or more of the following Boards, please complete an Application for Board or Commission and return to: HR, PO Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 or hr@rbc.us. The Application can be found at the rbc.us website under Government, Boards & Commissions. Application deadline: 01/23/2019. 970-878-9570**

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

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**Employment Opportunities**  
**Barone Middle School**  
• Wrestling Coach  
ADA/EOE  
Subject to change at any time!  
For details and an application, please visit our website at [Meeker.k12.co.us](http://Meeker.k12.co.us) or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO  
**970-878-9040**

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To place a 25-word COSCAN Network ad in 91 Colorado newspapers for only \$300, contact your local newspaper or call Colorado Press Association Network at 303-571-5117.  
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Cash for Mineral Rights  
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Call: 720-988-5617  
Write: Minerals, PO BOX 3668, Littleton, CO 80161  
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**COLORADO PRESS ASSOCIATION NETWORK**  
Buy a 25-word statewide classified line ad in newspapers across the state of Colorado for just \$300 per week. Ask about our frequency discounts!  
Contact this newspaper or call Colorado Press Association Network 303-571-5117

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
• Attorney  
• Building Inspector  
• Custodian  
• Eligibility Specialist  
• Information Tech. Help Desk  
• R&B Operator, Meeker  
• Relief 911 Dispatcher  
• Relief Control Room Specialist  
• Relief Radino Driver, Rangely  
• Transfer Clerk/Office Assistant  
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**Alpine West Properties LLC**  
**Real Estate**  
Hwy 64 5BD/2BA **New Listing** Rangely Duplex  
Under Contract in 24 Hrs  
Park Ave. 3BD/1BA Cedar St. 3BD/2BA Rangely Commercial  
643 Main Street Meeker, CO [www.AlexPlumb.realtor](http://www.AlexPlumb.realtor) Call for Details 970-420-8076

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**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**  
\*1123 Park Ave.- Nice 2007 singlewide manufactured home on 1 full lot. 2 BR, 2 BA. Furnished. \$125,000.  
\*564 7th St.- Large 2 story home, big lot, fenced yard, shop. \$215,000. SOLD!  
\*871 10th St.- 4 BR, 2 BA home. Family room, living room, fireplace, garage. \$199,900. SOLD!  
**RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...**  
\*92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$175,000.  
\*210 CR 75- Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. \$55,000.  
\*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. REDUCED! \$400,000.  
**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**  
\*92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$175,000.  
\*2101 Meath Dr.- 35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$89,900.  
\*TBD CR 13- 35 Acres. 4.5 miles south of town. Fenced, borders BLM on 2 sides. \$189,000. SALE PENDING!  
\*1751 Bright Water Lane- 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistern. Borders BLM. 14 miles west off of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000.  
\*2 Large Multi-Family Lots in Sanderson Hills, near Rec Center. Zoned MFA. \$140,000 for both, or sold separately.  
\*5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000.  
\*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000. REDUCED!  
\*100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.  
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All types of properties for sale. For brochures and complete information, stop by our office at 11th & Market St. in Meeker.  
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**Real-Tea Roundtable**  
Wednesday, Feb. 6  
7:30 a.m., Wendli's  
2604 Rd. 53 - 1.951 Acre Hunting Paradise. \$3,850,000  
2204 Rd. 7 - 618 Acres. 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit. \$2,390,000  
Elk Creek Ranch Lot - World Class Private Fishing & Amenities. \$1,300,000  
Ridge Estates Subdivision - Full 26 Lot Package. \$999,000  
Elk Mountain Inn - 21 Room Motel, Bar & Restaurant, Courtyard. \$975,000  
Wyatt's Sports Center & Residence - Fully Remodeled, Privacy. \$790,000  
5086 Rd. 7 - 55 Acres, SBD/3BA, 40'x64' Shop. \$479,000  
1287 Market St. - Multi-Use Commercial Building w/ 4 Lots. \$455,000  
6321 Rd. 7 - Spacious 3+BD/3BA home on 10+ Acres. \$385,000  
175 5th St. - Log Home or Office. Large Corner Lot. \$266,500  
TBD E. Market St. - 7.46 Acres, Multi-Use Opportunity. \$249,000  
830 Main St. - SALE PENDING  
345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres, Potential for 12 Building Lots. \$216,000  
760 5th St. - 2-BD/2BA, attached garage, shed, views! \$209,000  
112 Main St. - Historic Brick Home, Cottage, Corner Lot. \$207,000  
560 5th St. - Conveniently located 5-BD/3BA Home & Shop. \$199,000  
109 Market St. - 0.5 Acre HWY Commercial Lot. \$199,000  
1259 Garfield St. - Nicely remodeled 2BD/1BA. \$146,000  
1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot. \$149,000  
461 12th St. - SALE PENDING  
1049 Hill St. - SALE PENDING  
Ridge Estates - Rural Residential Lots Starting at \$45,000

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Owner/Broker  
◆ NEW! 1217 Main Street - 15,000 SF lot, 1 1/2 stories, lg. kitchen, 3 BD/1BA, fenced backyard, basement, carport-1 car garage+separate 1 car garage. Plenty of parking room. \$2,000 closing assistance! PRICED TO SELL! \$164,900  
◆ SALE PENDING! 231 Ridge Road, Rangely - Spottless 4 BD/2 3/4 bath home, roomy kitchen, 1970 SF w/ 2 car att. garage, plenty of parking, \$239,500.  
◆ SALE PENDING! NEW! 32999 Hwy 13 - 5.8 miles south of HWY 64 & 13 intersection. \$139,000.  
◆ White River Rancho - Awesome acreage! 35 acres with peaceful river frontage, includes both sides of the White River. 9 miles west on HWY 64, turn left on CR 66. \$200,000.

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