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## Commissioners, Town of Rangely might share building departments

By JEN HILL

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**RBC I** The county commissioners met Tuesday in Rangely where they approved a pond contract settlement and the purchase of new IT equipment. They also discussed potentially combining building departments with the Town of Rangely.

The board unanimously accepted a \$35,025 contract settlement with Johnson Construction for the Rio Blanco County Landfill Leachate Holding Pond Project. In addition, they approved spending \$205,244 with Venture Technologies for the purchase of IT hardware, software and maintenance of the Pure Deployment Project. According to the county the current equipment is nearing the end of its life and is close to breaking down completely.

The commissioners also approved a federal grant application to update the master plan for the Meeker Airport.

The consent agenda included approval of a letter from the commissioners to the permit engineer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, supporting the permit for the Collom Expansion to Colowyo Coal Mine.

The commissioners provided their weekly updates. Commissioner Rector attended an Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado meeting and a Workforce Center meeting in Steamboat where he

learned about contract labor.

Commissioner Woodruff attended the Basin Roundtable who he says is struggling with a reduced budget. He also attended a meeting about the White River algae bloom concerns.

Chairman Bolton said that this week he primarily answered questions about impact fees.

Following the regular meeting the commissioners met with Rangely council member Andy Key and Town Manager Peter Brixius to discuss the idea of sharing building inspectors and potentially building departments. Brixius said the town is seeking, "economies of scale" to provide cost savings to both the town and the county. He suggested that one entity would control the employee (likely the county) and both entities would share the same building codes. Both Rangely and the county currently use the same code.

"We can't afford to employ a full time inspector with the workload we currently have," said Brixius. It was also discussed that the development of a fee schedule would be an important aspect of the conversation. According to Commissioner Bolton the county is in the process of updating their fee schedule across the board.

Brixius said that both Mesa and Moffat counties currently use this type of structure.

Commissioner Woodruff suggested that the Town of Meeker be brought into the conversation at its next meeting.



LEAH BOHLANDER PHOTO

Even with no snow, about 60 people turned out for the ERBM Recreation and Park District's annual Cardboard Derby on Saturday, Jan. 13, with 12 sleds entered in the competition. The most creative sled winners were: second place winners Kayleigh and Morrigan Smith with "Platypus"; first place winners Myles and Parker Dupire with the "Sour Pickle with Ears"; and the Gianinetti family took third place with the "Jamaican" sled.

## Circle Park pond cost estimated at \$335,000

By CAITLIN WALKER

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**MEEKER I** It was a full house at Tuesday's meeting of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (ERBM) board of directors. An equally packed agenda touched on a wide variety of items.

After an executive session, the

meeting reconvened with a discussion regarding the proposed Circle Park project. Sean VonRoenn, ERBM Executive Director, and Bailey Franklin of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), presented a preliminary quote for the pond area.

The estimated cost is \$335,000, and the project is eligible for a \$100,000 Fishing is Fun grant from CPW. ERBM currently has \$50,000 budgeted for the project, as well as a \$12,000 commitment from the Town of Meeker, and plans on seeking support from other public and private partners to cover the remainder of the cost. The board approved preliminary expenses, including surveying and an engineering assessment on the current bridge, permitting and other design work.

"We have a lot of excitement about accomplishing the pond," VonRoenn said.

"I think it would be a tremendous asset for the community," Franklin added.

Next, staff presented their cost recovery analyses for the 2017 fiscal year. All departments hit their target cost recovery numbers.

Following these presentations, the board approved a resolution outlining fees. The only change for the coming year is the addition of a \$25 shelter reservation fee per half day.

John Taylor of the Meeker Sportsman's Club and Katelin Cook, RBC economic development director, then provided the board with details on the R100 Archery Tournament slated for Aug. 11-12. The Sportsman's Club is seeking for event partners. The board requested more information be presented to them at the Feb. 20 meeting.

Administrative Services Manager Dondi Glasscock present-

ed numbers for 2018's membership blitz. The district sold 474 memberships during the promotion, an increase of 59 memberships over 2017. Glasscock attributed the majority of the gain to a transition to different pass types.

The board also approved financials, approved the 2018-2020 strategic plan, discussed VonRoenn's performance appraisal and approved grants and donations to several community entities.

The board also discussed the final report on the town park project. Total cost was approximately \$1.65 million. Board members and staff continued to discuss options for cutting down on recent vandalism and misuse of the park.

The next meeting is February 20. The district will elect three new members to the board of five this May.

## RDH COAT GIVEAWAY ...



RENÉ HARDEN

Registered nurse Kim Cottrill, care coordinator for Rangely Family Medicine, pointed the way to the annual coat giveaway, sponsored by Rangely District Hospital, and held in the Town Hall conference room last week. Along with Cottrill, volunteers manning the coat drive were Jamie Allen, René Harden, Laura Osborn from Fresh Express who provided laundry services, and Officer Ty Hamblin. Harden said many men and families took advantage of the free coats, scarves and hats that had been collected for the annual giveaway, and called it "another success." Those involved thanked Town Manager Peter Brixius for the use of the conference room.

## Meeker board hears about vaping

By NIKI TURNER

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**MEEKER I** Meeker's board of trustees heard a presentation about vaping from Rio Blanco County Public Health Director Julie Drake at Tuesday's meeting. Drake said she's concerned about the increase in vaping, particularly among young people.

Vaping is the practice of inhaling an aerosol which contains nicotine, flavoring and additives from an electronic cigarette. The person exhales water vapor.

It looks enough like smoking that law enforcement has a hard time telling whether someone is vaping or smoking in situations where smoking is illegal. As marijuana products can also be "vaped," that increases the possibility for confusion.

"It's kind of a loophole," Drake said. There are few or no rules about where vaping is legal, unlike smoking. "The only place I couldn't vape

is at the school district."

Because vaping is so new, the potential long-term consequences to health are unknown.

"Our lungs weren't designed for anything but room air. If you're daily bringing something else into your lungs that isn't room air, science has no doubt that it's harmful."

Vaping was initially marketed as a way to help people quit smoking, Drake said, but studies have shown that most people who start vaping to quit smoking cigarettes end up being dual users taking in more nicotine.

Currently, 20 communities in the state have created ordinances around vaping, something Drake said she would like the board to consider.

Town Clerk Lisa Cook said eight people have picked up nominations for the three open seats on the board. Two packets have been completed and returned.

Public Works Superintendent Russell Overton said his department is "just trying to stay busy," with the

deficit of snow to plow. They did respond to a water leak near 13th and Main in December.

Meeker Chief of Police Phil Stubblefield shared the department's annual report, which included 57 arrests in 2017, 40 males and 17 females. He also said they are wrapping up a sexual assault case involving exploitation of a child in which there are multiple out-of-state victims.

In other business, the board recommended Amy Tupy as the joint town and county representative on the library board. The county commissioners will have to decide between Tupy and Ann Franklin. In case of a "tie," they'll draw a name.

The annual liquor license and tastings permit for Blanco Cellars was renewed.

The next board meeting will be Feb. 6. The town will have a meeting of the Meeker Urban Renewal Authority board prior to the 7 p.m. board of trustees meeting.

WEATHER



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Sunday: 34/13 Snow showers



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Youth Open Gym Basketball** Jan. 19 from 1-2 p.m. at the Meeker Elementary School gym. Boys and girls K-8th grade are invited to this free open gym. Children under 8 years old must have parent/caregiver 13 years of age or older present. Program runs every Friday through March 9. ERBM Recreation and Park District, 970-878-3403.

**Projects in Grocery Sacks** Friday, Jan. 19 at Meeker Recreation Center from 1-4 p.m. Grab your crochet hooks and yarn for an afternoon of crocheting, conversation, and refreshments. An expert volunteer will be available to teach the art of crocheting. Visit [www.ermrec.com](http://www.ermrec.com) for details, or call 970-878-3403.

**Tootsie Care Day** at 290 Fourth St., Feb. 10 from 12-3 p.m. Open to anyone 74 and under who has trouble with toenail trimming. Donations go the VFW and Auxiliary Scholarship fund.

**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.

**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 pickleball** Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the MES gym. For 18 and older. Volleyball

Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. Adult open gym basketball Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. Call 878-3403 for details.

**The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). Feb. 12 we will be discussing "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

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

**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.

**Gentleman's Club** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center and each Thursday at 9 a.m. at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

**Game Day** for adults 50-plus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Call 878-3403 or visit [www.ermrec.com](http://www.ermrec.com).

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

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

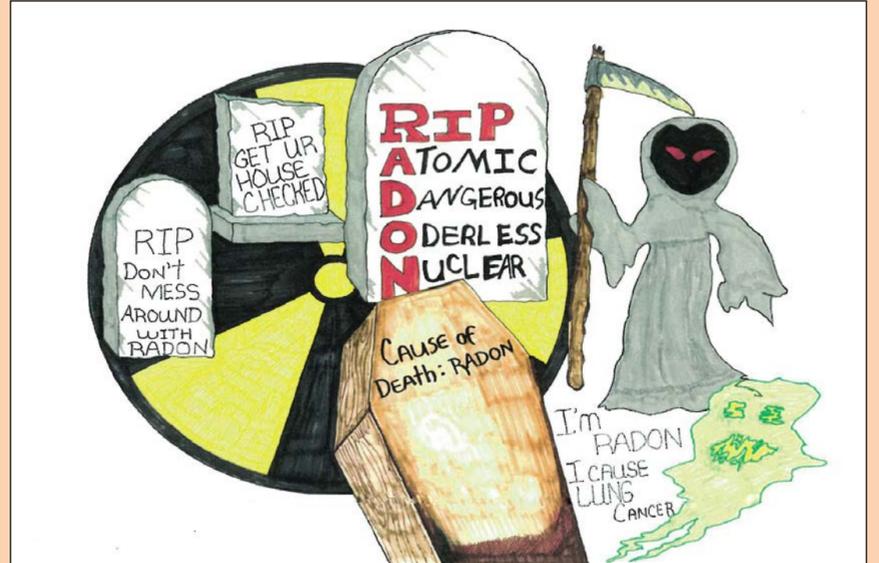
Please send calendar items to [calendar@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:calendar@theheraldtimes.com) before 5 p.m. on Monday.

RADON POSTER CONTEST ...



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon gas are a problem. The solution is to reduce the number of homes with elevated levels of radon. Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health sponsors an annual poster contest for all fourth through eighth grade Rio Blanco County students to raise awareness for radon testing and inform people of the danger of radon in their homes. This year's first place winner was Kayleigh Smith (fourth grade), second place went to eighth-grader Hailey Knowles. Nora Gianinetti (seventh grade) and Lindsay Byrd (fifth grade) tied for third place.**



County residents urged to test homes for radon

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas responsible for more than 500 lung cancer deaths in Colorado each year. The colorless, odorless, tasteless gas can enter homes through cracks in the foundation or other openings and can accumulate unless properly mitigated. Long-term radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. Testing is easy, and high radon

levels usually can be mitigated by a certified mitigation professional.

A limited amount of free short term and long term radon testing Kits are available at the Rio Blanco Public Health office in Rangely and Meeker and can be picked during regular office hours at either location.

The cost of the kit and associated testing are included in this limited offer. Funding for the kits was provided by the State of Colorado in a small limited award to help the residents of Rio Blanco County maintain their health and lung safety. Residents of Rio Blanco County are

encouraged to call with any questions or concerns involving radon, radon testing and radon mitigation.

For more information please contact: Rio Blanco County Public Health at 345 Market St. in Meeker or call 970-878-9520 or 209 E. Main St. in Rangely 970-878-9520.

Walsh named to Dean's List at ISU

**MEEKER** | Meeker's Jennifer Megan Walsh has been named to the dean's list at Iowa State University for the fall 2017 semester. Students named to the dean's list must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work. Walsh is studying agricultural business.

Meyer earns bachelor's degree

**MEEKER** | Zachary Meyer of Meeker earned a bachelor of science in education for mathematics degree from Black Hills State University in South Dakota during the university's commencement ceremony in December.

MHS perfect attendance for fall semester

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | The following students had perfect attendance for the entire first semester at Meeker High School. At MHS, perfect attendance is attending all seven periods, every day. The only absences that are excused are school related absences such as athletic events or school activities.

"We continue to emphasize the importance of attendance at school. It is our hope that stu-

dents learn the importance of attendance in their jobs after high school," said Principal Amy Chinn.

The students with perfect attendance for the entire first semester are:

Andrew Cox, Elijah Deming,

Ethan Drake, Jose Garcia, Sarina Goedert, Caleb Hall, Mariah Hood, Logan Hughes, Madison Kindler, Laura Lema Gomez, Brandon Lozano, Hunter Mathe, Kallie McCain, Trapper Merrifield, Ashiono Mohr, Jacob Pelloni and Kenzie Turner.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### MACC meeting rescheduled

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council has rescheduled its January meeting to Monday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old West Heritage Culture Center at 517 Park Ave. All are welcome to attend to help plan cultural events for the Meeker community.

### Ice Fishing Day postponed to Jan. 27

**MEEKER** | Family Ice Fishing Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, due to the mild weather conditions and lack of ice at Lake Avery. Hosted by ERBM Recreation and Park District and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the event is free for all ages and runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A valid fishing license is required for all participants 16 and older. For more information on the event, visit [www.ermrec.com](http://www.ermrec.com) or the Meeker Recreation Center.

### Register for community ed classes now

**MEEKER** | Spring CNCC Community Education Classes starting mid-January through February are open for registration. Don't miss these opportunities to learn or create something new. Jan. 23-Feb. 13, Microsoft Word- 6-8 p.m.; review basic skills and learn new tricks and techniques with the computer. Jan. 25-March 15, photography workshop, 5-7 p.m.; always new techniques to learn about cameras and how to take great pictures. Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, crocheted rugs, 1:30-4 p.m.; make a unique rug for yourself or a gift. Feb. 5, 12, smart phone workshop, 6-8 p.m.; enjoy hands on training with your phone to make your life easier. Feb. 7-March 14, basic creative cooking class, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; fun new class with ideas for wide range of food topics. Feb. 16, 17, mosaic garden stone workshop, 2-5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday; learn this exciting craft to decorate surfaces and make gifts. Feb. 19-March 12, basic social media marketing, 6-8 p.m.; develop marketing strategies to market your business on social media sites. Senior tuition discounts available. For further information, call 878-5227 to get on a class list, or stop by the CNCC Meeker Center at 345 Sixth St. on Tuesday or Wednesday to complete registrations. Registrations may be mailed to CNCC, PO Box 1542, faxed to 878-4145 or emailed to [iris.franklin@cncc.edu](mailto:iris.franklin@cncc.edu).

### Waving Hands Review seeks submissions

**RANGELY** | Waving Hands Review is seeking submissions of your creative work. Cash prizes in four categories: artwork, poetry, fiction and nonfiction. Submission deadline is Feb. 15. Visit the website for submission guidelines: <https://www.cncc.edu/about-cncc/publications/waving-hands-review/>

### Crab Crack to be held Feb. 10

**RANGELY** | The annual Crab Crack will be held Saturday, Feb. 10. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for social hour. Dinner is at 7 pm. Chamber members must have paid their full 2018 membership dues before making a reservation. For more information, please call 970-675-5290 or email [rangelychamber@gmail.com](mailto:rangelychamber@gmail.com).

# Rangely HS hosts Knowledge Bowl

By KAYLEE MECHAM  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** | Rangely High school hosted a Knowledge Bowl meet on Friday, Jan. 12. The club was brought back last year by Kyle Boydston and Katie Toyne. It was the first meet to be held in Rangely for nearly a decade.

Knowledge Bowl meets consist of a written round and four oral rounds of questions. Four-person teams take a multiple choice test and then are split into rooms based on test scores. The teams with the three highest scores at the end of each round compete against each other in the top room. Three teams compete

in each room, trying to beat each other to the buzzer. The first team to buzz in answers the question. If they are incorrect the other teams get a chance to answer. Each correct answer is worth one point. The team with the highest score at the end of the day wins the meet.

Moffat County and Steamboat High Schools made the trip to Rangely to compete. All three schools had two teams competing. Rangely's A team scored an impressive 85 points, nine points higher than their previous best of 76 points. Rangely A boasted the highest score on the written round of the day, but Steamboat A ultimately won the meet.

## CORRECTIONS

### Halandras eligible for third mayoral term

**MEEKER** | In the article last week about Meeker board seats up for election, we incorrectly stated that Meeker Mayor Regas Halandras was term limited. He is eligible for a third two-year term, and is running again. We regret the error.

### Rangely Lodging Tax board is full

**RANGELY** | Last week's notification of available seats on commissioner-appointed boards listed an open board seat on the Rangely Lodging Tax board. We were notified Monday by lodging tax board member John Payne that the seat was filled several months ago by Terry Drake. Henry Hames is the other board member. We regret the error.

# Rangely PD takes aim at drug problem

By JEN HILL  
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**RANGELY** | With several tragic drug overdose deaths marring Rangely in 2017, the Rangely Police Department wants the public to be aware of the growing drug problem within the community.

According to Police Lieutenant Roy Kinney drug possession and use in Rangely have been growing rapidly. Kinney, who has been involved in law enforcement in Rio Blanco County for more than 25 years, describes the problem as the worst he's ever seen.

"It's out of control down here," he said.

Kinney and the local PD currently have a "steady basis" of interactions involving drugs. According to records provided by the Police Department, Rangely experienced three deaths which were drug-re-

lated in 2017. However, Kinney emphasized that he believes that number should be higher and that several cases are missing due to complications within the reporting system. The report indicates 37 total cases involving controlled substances in 2017. The primary drugs cited were marijuana and opiates/heroine. According to Kinney the majority of marijuana cases involved underage users. The department also issued 17 DUI-drug citations.

Kinney believes that the economic downturn that hit Rangely in the last few years is, in part, to blame for the uptick in drug use. "The working force population declined," he said, "and left behind the drug-using population."

Kinney says heroin, meth, marijuana and fentanyl are the primary drugs within the community. Fentanyl is a synthetic form of

heroin and according to Kinney, most responsible for drug-associated deaths.

One of the ways the police department is trying to tackle the problem is by taking a proactive approach to traffic stops, where the officers are focused on impaired driving including drugs and alcohol. "It's a means to an end," said Kinney. In addition, the department is bringing in the Let's All Work to Fight Drug Abuse, or L.A.W., program, to help teach local youth that drugs are dangerous.

The program, which consists of a 36-page booklet that reviews drug identification and their effects, is geared towards elementary-aged children. The books are distributed to the police department by L.A.W. Publications and funded through sponsorships from local individuals and businesses. Nathan Stringer with L.A.W. coordinated the spon-

sorship effort and said, "Our goal is always to get business support from the community to purchase the books for the department. The business community was very generous and we reached the goal very quickly. It is obvious the residents of Rangely support their law enforcement."

L.A.W.'s website states, "As parents, we teach our kids how to stay safe crossing the street. As a community, we must continue this education by warning our children about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse."

The program will be administered by officers who will give school presentations during Red Ribbon Week next fall.

In the meantime, the Rangely Police will continue trying to bring the drugs in off the streets and hope that as awareness grows drug-related deaths will begin to dissipate.



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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

The winter doldrums, words we cannot print, filter bubbles and that conflict of interest thing

By NIKI TURNER  
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January is a tough season, hence the 12-page paper this week. From what I can surmise from my predecessors, this is par for the course. It's the January doldrums. In sailing terms, the doldrums refer to a "calm period when the winds disappear altogether, trapping sailing ships for days or weeks." Can you imagine being trapped on a ship with a limited amount of drinking water, food and rum, and no clue when your only source of power for transportation would return? Every business owner reading this is nodding their assent. The winds might be calm, but nothing else is. Town might be "dead," but the bills are screaming.

Which brings us to advertising. In my "other job" as an author, I've been dealing with advertising. Gone are the days when publishing houses do your book marketing for you. Today authors have to do most of their own marketing. In the last few years I've tested every kind of free online marketing out there. It's only been in the last few months that I've succumbed to paying for marketing through various outlets. Paid advertising works, and it works well, and the more you spend the better results you get.

But you can't just throw an ad out there and expect it to keep performing. Advertising is an art form. Successful art attracts attention, which garners results. People sometimes say, "My ad isn't working," and assume it's the medium that isn't working. But is it the medi-

um, or is it the ad itself? Just an FYI, we are happy to work with any of our current or future advertisers to create newspaper-friendly ad campaigns to help your business grow and succeed. As we crawl, again, out of the doldrums, let us help you come up with fresh ways to advertise the essential services and products you provide to our local community.

It's an interesting time to be a journalist. Years ago, and I cannot remember why it was up for debate, we were discussing whether or not we could print words like damn and hell (Biblical words, worthy of ink, in my opinion) when quoting someone, or in a letter to the editor. These days the ante has been raised significantly. The words to be quoted now are guttersnipe words. Do we stoop to that level? I think not. There's a place for those words, but not in newspaper. All I can say is I'm glad I don't live in Washington, D.C., and I don't have to cover national news.

Facebook changed its algorithms this week to the benefit of individuals and to the detriment of pages and brands. Despite the fact a hefty chunk of our website traffic comes from Facebook and this change may well squelch some of that traffic, I hope Zuckerberg's plan works: we'll all stop spending so much time passively absorbing information on Facebook. The *Herald Times* does have a website and a print version

and an online version where folks can find the news. Facebook is not the be-all, end-all of information, thank goodness.

Whether this change starts popping "filter bubbles" is to be determined. What's a filter bubble? It's when you live in a bubble created by your filters: conservative, liberal, independent, etc. All the information you receive agrees with your filter, so you see carefully controlled information, and that's all you see. The problem with filter bubbles? If you live in a bubble, you're eventually going to run out of fresh air and die.

We've talked about conflicts of interest before, and it appears we need to bring it up again. There are multiple seats open on appointed and elected boards. It's great to see multiple applicants. It's disconcerting to see the same names on multiple lists.

As we all know, we live in too small of a fish pond to totally avoid all potential conflicts of interest. There just aren't enough people willing to serve to go around who aren't related by blood or money.

Perhaps the best we can do is agree to hold one another accountable in situations where decisions are being made by our elected and appointed officials that could profit said officials personally, or situations which smack of cronyism, which is "the appointment of friends and associates to positions of authority, without proper regard to their qualifications."

Holding one another accountable means we have to bold enough to ask the hard questions. Thus far I've found that the answers are pretty straightforward.

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GUEST COLUMNS

Under the Dome: Am I nuts?

By BOB RANKIN  
Special to the Herald Times



Bob Rankin

**RBC I** This is the time of year when my frustration with government reaches a peak. They keep telling me that you can't expect government to run like a corporation and I guess that's true but I keep reaching back to my corporate days to solve government problems and I end up very frustrated. Who's in charge here? Is anyone accountable? Where is all that money going? Am I nuts? Don't answer that last question.

Colorado's state government and its extensions consists of about 22 different departments or agencies, 178 very independent K12 school districts, a higher education system of dissimilar institutions, 64 counties that run human services and work programs, many local districts, a federal overreach that dictates much of what we do and 100 legislators who have a better way. And we spend \$30 billion a year!

And then. We have TABOR, Gallagher, Amendment 23 and hundreds of legislative dictates to the budget to contend with.

In the budget committee hearings, we review over a thousand pockets

of spending and match those to hundreds of budget line items, starting with and build from last year's budget (we should be evaluating outcomes), add mistakes and overruns, consider the department's new ideas, and then add new bills to do new wonderful things proposed by new legislator proposed laws.

Am I complaining? Yes, I am. Would I do things differently? You bet I would. And I am trying with the help of a few really great allies. Last year I led and passed a bill to look at the effectiveness and costs of Information technology. I cosponsored a bill to investigate Medicaid rates. I'm co-chairing the Education Leadership Council. I've worked to align our "Smart Act" strategy more to the budget process. And I'm working with other legislators and staff on a proposal which would go to the voters to replace the Gallagher amendment.

I think our state government

should focus on some changed priorities. We should be looking longer term at our visions and our strategies for achieving the vision. We should spend substantially more effort evaluating our existing programs. We should be designing and proposing to voters a way out of the current budgeting morass that has taken years to create. And we should and can solve the inequities between our school districts and rural versus urban economics.

We have statewide elections coming up and a lot of candidates are trying to convince us to vote for them. I'm not a statewide candidate but I have filed to run for the last term in my current position of Representative for House District 57 and I'm paying attention to the statewide races and so should you. Be careful who you vote for. Let's ask for leadership and fundamental change from bipartisan initiatives.

What do you think? Let me know. I read my e mails and I return phone calls.

Rep. Bob Rankin represents House District 57. He serves on the Joint Budget Committee and represents Garfield, Rio Blanco and Moffat counties.

What's in a name anyway?

By JEN HILL  
(or Hell, whatever rocks your boat)  
jen@theheraldtimes.com



Jen Hill

**RANGELY I** Names are important. As our primary identifier they are often invaluable. You protect your name and the reputation associated with it. For centuries tribes have gone into war yelling their clan name, and today people put vinyl letters on living room walls spelling out their last name. We take pride in our names. I have a pretty basic name; Jen Hill. Short, easy to spell and pronounce, no extra vowels. Shoot, my last name is even an

actual word, hill. All of this is why it was so funny when I discovered in last week's paper that my name had changed. Jen Hill. It's got a ring to it. In the paper business we are somewhat accustomed to running corrections so when the idea of running a correction on my own name hit me (no, I didn't make the typo on my name) I had to chuckle. Then I thought, what if I don't? What if I

take on this new name with a whole new persona. Jen Hell. That sounds like a woman to be reckoned with. I considered all the black leather and tattoo ink I would have to invest in and the reaction I could expect from receptionists when scheduling appointments. I thought about making the AC DC song "Hells Bells" my permanent ringtone. The more I thought about it the more I realized that I'm not quite ready to be Jen Hell. So for now I'll just stay the same old me, slowly working to improve on a wide variety of personal weaknesses, but I'll keep the name Hill. After all, it rarely raises eyebrows.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More donations  
come in for Meeker  
Sportsman's Club

Dear Editor:

As our fundraising efforts continue, the Meeker Sportsman's Club would like to extend thanks and appreciation to James Creek Outfitters, Watt's Ranch Market, J Bar H Outfitters, Fuzzy Friends Grooming, and Weatherford Electric for their recent donations. We also thank the "Mustangs," winners of the 3rd-4th grade division, who chose to donate their winnings from the ERBM Recreation and Park District Hoops for Charity basketball tournament to our club. With the support of donors like these local businesses, young athletes, and club members the Meeker Sportsman's Club has raised over \$70,000 to date toward our goal of purchasing the range property. The Meeker Sportsman's Club is a 501(c)3 so donations are tax deductible. We are still determined to purchase the range property to ensure that the Meeker Sportsman's Club shooting range remains for future generations of shooting enthusiasts. We truly appreciate the local generosity and support.

Thank you.

John Taylor, President  
Meeker Sportsman's Club

Doctor supports local  
hospital

Dear Editor:

The headline was front page, "St. Mary's Rural Mobile Health Vehicle makes a stop in Rangely." Along with many members of the community and staff members of Rangely District Hospital, my jaw dropped.

The quotes were glowing—"increase the accessibility to top tier healthcare in our traditionally underserved areas," "no longer will a ZIP code be considered a health risk factor" and "if patients do not have access to a medical provider, then we should go to them." The pictures are of a motor home with the smiling faces of strangers who live somewhere other than Rangely.

A few blocks away is Rangely Family Medicine, staffed with full time physicians, a practitioner and employees who live in the community. They are all committed to working hard to provide consistent quality and primary care physician based medical care in a "traditionally underserved area," to be "access

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to a medical provider" and to prevent "a ZIP code from being a health risk factor."

Drs. Sutton and Urish, and practitioner Lindsey have made a commitment to this community and the patients they care for that cannot be matched by strangers in a motor home, no matter how big a hospital they have driven here from. In my view, these three providers are heroes and "top tier healthcare."

After eight years I am still impressed by the dedication, mission and devotion of the staff and administration of this critical access hospital. I have been told time and again, my job is patient care and, "we see everyone, regardless of status."

A year ago the headline was "Rangely Hospital clinic shows the value of rural health care" with recognition from Colorado Rural Health as a selected "Community Safety Net Clinic." If they truly want rural outreach, before buying a fancy motor home, parking it down the street and claiming flashy headlines, the big hospital with lots of resources should do more homework, then contact the rural community docs and ask how to help.

J. Karyl Ting, MD  
Fort Collins, Colo.

Rangely man grateful  
for quality care his  
wife received

Dear Editor:

In the almost six years I've lived in Rangely, there are two very important things I've learned. First, it's extremely easy to be critical of how things are done here. However, when I begin to look past what I think I know, I begin to see how amazing our community really is. When I started taking my wife to Junction, I had no idea how crazy the labor was about to get, but Rangely District Hospital was the best part of our entire experience!

We had no warning that my wife was about to go into labor. She was having contractions, but we weren't even sure if they were the real deal and even she thought it would end up being false labor. She had just seen

the OB earlier that day and he said the baby hadn't even dropped yet, she probably had a couple of weeks to go. An hour after the contractions started, we decided to drive down to be safe, but only made it five minutes out of town when my wife's water broke. Being new to this and not wanting to risk delivering a baby on Douglas Pass, I turned the car around and headed straight for the Rangely Hospital ER.

For starters, we were immediately greeted at the ER by nurses who were running to take care of my wife. They walked her into Triage, checked her vitals and began checking whatever they check to see how she was doing. By this point, my wife's contractions were getting painful, especially since the labor was settling into her lower back. They moved us to an ER room and we didn't wait long before Dr. Sutton checked the situation out. He told us that my wife was already dilated one centimeter and recommended we take an ambulance to Junction.

Our original plan was to go to Community Hospital, but we began having trouble getting them to take the transfer. While this prompted me to decide to go with St. Mary's instead, it also began the process of waiting, waiting to get to a hospital while my wife was going through labor. This should have been a nightmare, but one nurse knew exactly what to do. Rangely didn't have pain meds to help, but Jona began coaching my wife. Her demeanor was perfect! She wasn't harsh or impatient, yet took charge of the situation in such a way that my wife instantly trusted everything she was told to do. She began to breathe correctly, using the proper low tones in labor groans, and Jona began a perfect back rub to help take my wife's mind off of the pain.

So far, so good. My wife is feeling confident and we're ready to get to Junction, but now it's time to get into the ambulance. They strap my wife into the gurney and two realizations set in. First, my wife isn't going to be able to move around much. This isn't an attractive option when you're in labor. Second, we have a huge possibility of delivering a baby in the back of an ambulance! This is when another nurse, Makensie, jumps right into the situation. She not only assures my wife of her past

experience, but promptly jumps in the ambulance with us to ride down to Junction. Even though my wife is strapped to a gurney, she took the side of her back that I couldn't reach and helped rub her back through every contraction. We rode in that ambulance for nearly three hours, the contractions started at around every five minutes and by the end of the ride she was going about every two minutes. You can do the math.

Once we got to St. Mary's, we were rolled into the hospital, soon to be transferred to their care. They had some nice nurses who were fairly knowledgeable, but they weren't nearly as loving and comforting as Jona. The ICU floor helped deliver our baby, but they didn't build near the confidence and safety that Makensie did when we were in her hands. I was suffering a gout attack that was barely letting me walk the entire time we were down there. I only blipped the radar of the staff one time to at least get a wheelchair to help me catch up with my wife as she was rolled to the sixth floor. I came back to the Rangely ER where Dr. Tsu had me back to walking normally within a day to take care of my family.

I just keep thinking about everything that happened and I'm completely awestruck that of all the care we received, the absolute best was right here in Rangely, Colo. How does a town with a mere 2,000 people accumulate such talent? I'm a technical person and I can easily pick apart the people I don't understand, yet when I got to experience a small taste of their world, I understood just how intelligent and experienced every one of them are. Rangely Hospital has the best nurses, the best doctors, the best staff, and from here on out, I'd gladly put them up against anybody else in the state. I'm incredibly thankful for this community and I hope I help others find the right things to be thankful about as well.

Joshua Jackson  
Rangely

OBITUARY

Diann Evon Amick

Feb. 9, 1936 ~ Jan. 9, 2018



Diann Evon Amick

The family of Diann Evon Amick sadly announces her passing on Jan. 9, 2018. She was born Feb. 9, 1936, in Denver, Colo., and was the oldest of two children born to Ellen and Harry Mencimer.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Jan. 27, at Johnson Mortuary, located at 1415 S. 1st Ave. in Yuma, Ariz. Burial will be at Sunset Vista Cemetery at 11357 E. 40th St., following the service.

Diann was born and raised primarily in Denver, Colo. She attended East High School before meeting and marrying the love of her life, James Amick. The couple completed high school in Meeker, Colo., graduating in 1954.

After moving to Yuma, she attended AWC, graduating with the first class of the nursing program in 1969. She began her career at Parkview Baptist Hospital (Yuma Regional). When the family moved to Morgantown, W.V., she worked at Morgan Manor Convalescent Center. After returning to Yuma, she worked for Dr. Buster's office, Gwynyth Ham Elementary School and retired

from Otondo Elementary.

She enjoyed her family, attending AWC basketball games coached by her husband Jim, camping in El Gulfo, Mexico, and spending time at the cabin along the river outside Meeker,

Colo. She also volunteered at the Assistance League thrift store in Yuma. She was a loving person, accepting anyone into her home and acting as a second mother to many.

Diann is preceded in death by her son James Edward and survived by her husband James Kenneth, sons Brent, Kendal, Shawn and Bradley, daughters-in-law Randy, Bonnie, Jody and Jamey, and 11 grandchildren (Cassidy, Bradley, Austin, Jordan, Kelsey, Matthew, Kendal, Brian, Dustin, Sarah and Quinn). She will be forever loved and missed.

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**The Pilgrim's Journey (4)**  
By Dr. J. D. Watson  
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church  
... strangers ... pilgrims ... foreigners ... (Heb. 11:13; Eph. 2:19)

**Dr. J.D. Watson**

**C**ONTINUING our thoughts on the true Christian pilgrim's journey, *fifth*, he realizes that he is often not even welcome in the country in which travels. Here is a truth that becomes clearer every day.

Our text says Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were **strangers and pilgrims on the earth**. *Strangers* is *xenoi* (singular *xenos*), which referred to a *foreigner* who did not belong to the community; it could also refer to a wanderer or a refugee. This was in direct contrast to *politēs* (a "citizen" of the country), *epichōrios* (an "inhabitant" of the land), and *endēmos* (a "native" of the country). To the Greeks, a *xenos* was the same thing as a barbarian and was often regarded with hatred, suspicion, and contempt. They had virtually no rights, even by the standards of that day. This is, of course, where we get our English word *xenophobia*—a fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners or anything that is strange or foreign.

They were also *pilgrims*; this is *parepidēmoi* (singular, *parepidēmos*), which refers to a stranger who doesn't just pass through but settles down, however briefly, either next to or among the native people. Paul uses a similar word for *foreigners* in Ephesians 2:19. This is *paroikos*, a compound comprised of *para* (by or alongside) and *oikos* (house), so therefore, "by the house," "next to the house," or "one who has a house alongside others." This was a foreigner who lived beside the people of a country, one who was a neighbor that enjoyed the protection of the community (the natives) but one who had no citizen rights because his citizenship was elsewhere. He was a "resident alien," a licensed sojourner, one

who paid an "alien tax" to live in the area without being naturalized. Yes, he lived *along side* the natives, lived *among* them, but he was not *one* of them. While he practiced the same culture to one extent or another, he was still a pilgrim, a foreigner, one who had merely temporary residence.

Peter also used the term *parepidēmos* in his first epistle as he wrote "to the strangers [*parepidēmos*] scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia" (1 Pet. 1:1). In 2:11 he encouraged them "as strangers [*paroikos*] and pilgrims [*parepidēmos*]" to "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." "Yes," Peter says in effect, "you live next door to these people, you are neighbors, but you will not live like they do."

So, it is clear that the true Christian will often feel out of place. As any foreigner, we speak a different language, we have different customs and lifestyle. Everything is different because we are not citizens. As a result, we will not only be misunderstood by the inhabitants here, but we will at times be disliked (or even despised).

**Scriptures for Study:** Read Ephesians 2:12-18. To what were we "aliens" and "strangers"? What has the blood of Christ accomplished?

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## Panthers take out rival Cowboys 57-41, lose 'heartbreaker' to Bruins 64-63

By COLT ALLRED  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** In what is always one of the county's most anticipated matchups, the Rangely Panthers were able to best the ranked Meeker Cowboys 57-41 on Jan. 11. As always with the rivalry game, the Panthers gym was standing room only and the crowd was a rowdy one. Right from the jump, both teams came out ready to play. However, the Panthers were able to jump to an early lead, and by the end of the first quarter the home team was up 13-5. The Cowboys had a much stronger second quarter, but the Panthers were able to hold on to their hard-earned lead going into the locker room at half time.

They say that the first two minutes of the third quarter are the most important minutes of a basketball game because it sets the tempo for the second half, and both teams came out to prove that they were the better team. Both teams proved this by working as hard as possible defensively, which manifested as the lowest scoring quarters of the entire game. At the end of the third quarter the score was 35-22 with the Panthers still in the lead.

The fourth quarter was as explosive as they come, and would prove to be the highest scoring and most physical quarter of the night for both teams. The Panther squad scored 22 points in the fourth quarter, over the Cowboys 14 points. When the buzzer sounded at the end the Panthers remained on top.

"Meeker was a huge game for us," said senior Kobe Broome from Rangely. "It came down to defense. We played very well on the defensive side, getting steals and running the fast break. The crowd really helped us out by keeping us energized through the whole game."

Rangely's Patrick Scoggins was the high scorer of the night with 19 points. Devin Ramirez and Kobe Broome also put up double digits for the Panthers scoring 14 and 13 respectively. The Cowboys were led by Zack Dinwiddie who put up 13 points. The Cowboys were followed by Eli Newman, who had 10 points and Logan Hughes who had six. It was a good thing that the Rangely team shot the ball well, however, because the Cowboys out-rebounded the Panthers 36-26 with Eli Newman and Logan Hughes both pulling down double digit rebounds,

Newman with 13 and Hughes with 11. The Panthers and the Cowboys share a record of 6-3 on the year.

After a neck and neck game on Friday, Jan. 12, the Rangely Panthers were unable to beat the Cedaredge Bruins in a 64-63 heartbreaker. The Bruins went on a scoring run right off the bat, but the Panthers were able to bring themselves back into the game and only be down by one point at the end of the first quarter. Again, the Panthers dug in and kept pace with the Bruins but went into the locker room at halftime down by two.

After the win against Meeker the night before, the whole gym was packed once again and would become electric in the second half. The third quarter would prove to be the hottest quarter of the night for the Panthers, outscoring the Bruins 22-17 and taking their first true lead of the game. Going into the fourth quarter, the entire crowd was erupting and giving the Panthers their total support. The men's basketball team from Colorado Northwestern Community College came and sat courtside during the game and kept the crowd roaring, which gave extra motivation to the Panther squad

down the stretch. With just a couple minutes left in the game, the Panthers were able to extend their lead by seven points. However, due to a lack of some situational awareness by the Panthers, the Bruins were able to work their way back into the game, and even regain the lead.

With 10 seconds left on the clock, junior Devin Ramirez was fouled and hit two clutch free throws to give the Panthers a one-point lead. After a timeout, the Bruins put the ball in the hands of the leading scorer, Pete Carlson, who was able to go coast to coast and hit a contested two-point bucket at the very last second to win the game for Cedaredge. Despite some tough defense from the Panthers, Carlson of Cedaredge was the high scorer of the game with 26 points.

The Panthers had four players score in the double digits, led by Kobe Broome who had 17 points. Cameron Filfred had 16, followed by Devin Ramirez's 15 and Patrick Scoggins' 13. Despite the loss, the Panthers worked incredibly hard and the coaches agree that the team will only gain from the experience and be able to use this situation to help them in games further down the line.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Rangely senior Kobe Broome scored in double digits in games against the Meeker Cowboys and the Cedaredge Bruins.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

The lady Cowboys stole the ball 16 times against the North Park Wildcats last week and have recorded 157 steals so far this season and 222 defensive rebounds. Against the Wildcats Julia Dinwiddie (11) stole three times, Gracie Bradfield (4) led the team with four, Kenzie Turner (25), with Megan Shelton behind her, both recorded three steals also. The lady Cowboys, currently 7-4 will play in Collbran Friday and host the Vail Christian Saints Saturday.

## Cowboys win four of five, host Vail Christian Saturday

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**MEEKER I** After a five-game stretch in eight days, the Meeker boys' basketball team won four games and will play two more this week against the Plateau Valley Cowboys in Collbran Friday, then host the Vail Christian Saints Saturday.

The Cowboys won three games in a row, starting with a 58-30 defeat of the West Grand Mustangs on their home court, then a 66-28 victory in Hayden before beating the Little Snake Rattlers in Baggs, Wyoming. The winning streak came to an end in Rangely last Thursday, when the Panthers beat the Cowboys 57-41 in a Western Slope League contest but the Cowboys rebounded with a solid 43-19 beating of North Park at home last Friday.

"We hit some shots from the perimeter to open up a big lead at halftime," Meeker head coach Klark Kindler said of the non-league game in Wyoming. "They made a run in the second half to make things interesting but we got stops when we needed them."

The Panthers jumped out to a 13-5 lead after the first quarter and led by seven at halftime.

"We struggled shooting all night long," coach Kindler said of the game in Rangely. "We got their bigs in foul trouble and forced them to go zone but when that happened,

we couldn't hit anything outside to loosen the zone. They forced us into some turnovers and you can't shoot 30 percent and commit 24 turnovers and expect to be in the game against a very good team."

Zach Dinwiddie led the Cowboys with 57 points in the five games and was one of the leading rebounders, along with teammates Eli Newman, who scored 44 points and Logan

Hughes, who scored 40 points in the five games and Doak Mantle, who scored 41.

The Cowboys, currently 7-3, will play two more Western Slope League games this week.

"Both teams will give us different challenges," coach Kindler said. "We need to start shooting the ball better."

## Lady Cowboys win four more, lose one to Rangely Panthers

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**MEEKER I** The lady Cowboys won four of five games played, starting and ending the eight-day stretch, with wins. Meeker will play two more Western Slope League games this week, playing in Collbran Friday, then hosting Vail Christian Saturday.

"Our five-game stretch was a great challenge against some really good teams," Meeker head coach Jamie Rogers said.

Meeker first defeated the West Grand Mustangs 51-25, then beat the Tigers in Hayden 48-28 before beating the Little Snake Rattlers, one of Wyoming's top ranked teams, in overtime. The lady Cowboys then lost in Rangely to their Rio Blanco County rival 37-43 but came back strong and whipped North Park 65-39.

Coach Rogers said the girls did what was asked of them in Baggs, Wyo., where they came away with an overtime victory.

"We were down three and asked the girls to each take care of a specific job to get the best shot we could and that would be a win," Coach Rogers said she told her team. "The bonus was, everyone did exactly what they were supposed to and Megan (Shelton) was able to make a three-pointer at the buzzer to send us into overtime. After that, the girls were determined to win, forcing turnovers and Megan made two more threes."

Against the Panthers in Rangely last Thursday, the lady Cowboys

jumped out to a 14-3 lead after the first quarter but they did not score a point in the second quarter and trailed 14-17 at halftime.

"We started out strong in the Rangely game and then we lost our flow," Coach Rogers said. "The girls battled hard but we got into foul trouble and we couldn't recover."

Meeker recovered well after the loss, dominating the Wildcats from North Park in front of their hometown fans.

"We knew North Park would be scrappy and coming in on fresh legs, so we would have to be prepared mentally," Coach Rogers said. "The girls found their fifth gear and responded well to North Park's full

court pressure."

Shelton led the lady Cowboys with 65 points in the five games and pulled down 60 rebounds, while sophomore Julia Dinwiddie scored 61 points and recorded 47 rebounds. Victoria Lasker scored 48 points in the five games and brought in 37 rebounds, while Gracie Bradfield scored 30 points, and Kenzie Turner scored 19 and had 36 rebounds. Sierra Williams scored 12 points in the five games, Matilda Brown added nine, Brittney Adams four and Riley Pertile scored three.

"This weekend, we travel to Plateau Valley on Friday and Saturday, Vail Christian comes to us," coach Rogers said.

## Lady Panthers squelch Cowboys, drop one to Cedaredge Bruins

By COLT ALLRED  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The lady Panthers started their weekend big with a win against their county rivals, the Meeker Cowboys. The game was not all smooth sailing for the Panthers who got off to a very slow start, getting outscored 3-14 in the first quarter. Whatever head coach Jimmie Mergelman told the squad at the quarter break must have been effective, however, because the Lady Panthers were able to make up the 11 point deficit and even take the lead, completely shutting out the Cowboys in the second quarter.

After the half, both teams came out swinging, and once again it was the lady Cowboys squad that led in total scoring. Going into the fourth quarter neck and neck, both teams knew that it was going to be a game that went all the way to the final buzzer. The Panthers were able to hit some free throws at the end which would ultimately win them the game with a final score of 42-37. The high scorer of the game was Rangely's Katelyn Brown, who put up 21 points, half of the team's total. Brown was followed by her sister Kassidee Brown with nine points, and Skylar Thacker with six. The Cowboys' squad was led by Julia Dinwiddie who put nine points on the scoreboard. Dinwiddie was trailed by Megan Shelton with eight and Kenzie Turner with five. While those

were the point leaders, every single player on the lady Cowboys bench scored.

After their big win against Meeker the night before, the lady Panthers were unable to top the Cedaredge Bruins on Friday night. Right from the jump both teams were ready to play. The Bruins were able to gain a small lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Panthers did not fare so well after the quarter break. The Panther squad struggled with the full court press in the second quarter and were only able to score four points against Cedaredge's 13 points.

When halftime was over the Panthers came out swinging though and flipped the tables on the Bruins, outscoring the 3A team 13-8, but the Panthers were still down 24-31 going into the fourth quarter. The Panther squad fought hard, but were unable to dig all the way back with a final score of 34-43. The Panthers scoring was once again led by senior Katlyn Brown who was able to put up 14 points. The next highest scorer was junior Skylar Thacker who managed to earn nine points for her team. Mackenzie Cochrane and Halie Elam both added four points and Kassidee Brown contributed three.

After this weekend the Lady Panthers have an overall record of 8-3 and are 2-1 in league play. The Panthers play the DeBeque Dragons at home on Friday, Jan. 19 at 5:30 p.m. and then travel to North Park the following day for more league games.



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Rangely junior Kassidee Brown is pictured making a free throw, adding to her team's lead and victory over their Rio Blanco County rival, Meeker. The 8-3 lady Panthers will host the DeBeque Dragons Friday, then play a league game in Walden Saturday against the North Park Wildcats.

## Cowboys gain confidence, improve at Tournament of Champions

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER** I The Meeker Cowboy wrestling team gained some confidence wrestling against some of the best from Utah, Colorado and Wyoming last weekend in the annual Tournament of Champions in Vernal, Utah. The Cowboys will wrestle the Cardinals tonight in Grand Valley, then in Hotchkiss and Paonia this weekend. Meeker head coach J.C. Watt said senior Jacob Pelloni finished fourth in the competitive tourna-

ment and junior Tannen Kennedy placed fifth, the only two Cowboys to place, while James Amick was "one match away from placing."

"Jacob wrestled really well Saturday," coach Watt said. "He lost an overtime match Friday, then came back and wrestled really well in the consolation bracket."

Pelloni pinned four opponents after his overtime loss and won 18-11 to get into the consolation championship match, which he lost.

Coach Watt said Kennedy "had a tough tournament," and senior Garrett Frantz won two matches in

competitive and our kids got a lot of good matches. We got better and we improved."

Coach Watt said he would have a "better assessment" of his team after this week's schedule, they wrestle 3A Grand Valley tonight in Parachute, then wrestle Western Slope League foes Hotchkiss and Norwood in Hotchkiss Friday before the Screaming Eagle tournament in Paonia, Saturday.

"We'll see our whole region this week, so ask me a week from today how we are doing," coach Watt said.

James Amick was won two matches in the 170-pound bracket, the same number of wins Ridge Williams earned in the 195 pound bracket.

Coach Watt said several JV wrestlers won matches in the JV brackets, while Charles Curry (120) and Colby Clatterbaugh (170) both finished as runners-up in their respective weight classes.

"Our kids wrestled well and are gaining some confidence," coach Watt said. "The JV tournament was

partner Justin Rusher finished as a runner-up in the 138-pound bracket.

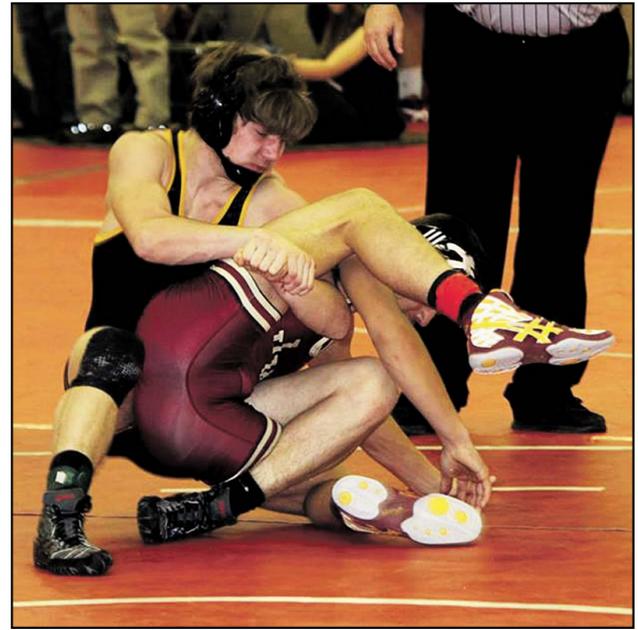
Coach Chumacero said Anthony Lujan wrestled in his first tournament of the season and finished fourth in the 170-pound bracket, where he won two matches.

"We are just lacking mat time with Anthony," coach Chumacero said. "He is very talented but is playing catch up with the other athletes."

"Anthony Garner did not place at 120 but by far wrestled his best tournament so far," coach Chumacero continued. "He works very hard and is always learning. I know it's frustrating for him but his wins will start coming."

Dalton Dembowski suffered an injury in his first match and did not continue.

Coach Chumacero said his team will "be tested" this Saturday, as they compete in the Screaming Eagle tournament in Paonia.



GAYLE ZIMMERMAN

For the first time this season, Meeker High School senior Garrett Frantz wrestled in the 132-pound bracket and won two matches in the competitive Tournament of Champions last weekend in Vernal, Utah. Frantz and the Cowboys will wrestle the Grand Valley Cardinals tonight in Parachute at 6 p.m., followed by duals in Hotchkiss Friday against the host Bulldogs and Norwood, then wrestle in the Screaming Eagle tournament Saturday in Paonia.

## Coombs pins through championship of Vern Rose Memorial Tournament

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY** I Vern Rose was a great supporter of Rangely athletics, especially wrestling, and his giving spirit was in Rangely High School as a tournament, named in his memory, was wrestled last Saturday.

"This was by far, the best tournament we have wrestled thus far, everyone looked sharp, wrestled hard and showed a ton of heart," first-year head coach J.C. Chumacero said. "I would like to thank everyone who helped at our tournament and made it run smooth. Everyone that helped move the mats, all the table help, tournament directors and all the parents who ran the hospitality room, you all made it very easy on a first-year coach and I can't thank you enough."

Tytus Coombs showed his appreciation by pinning all five of his opponents, including the championship match in the 132-pound bracket, and Coomb's workout

### CORRECTION

**MEEKER** I In the Jan. 4 edition of the *Herald Times*, Barone Middle School seventh-grader Kaden Franklin was inadvertently left out of the list of participants at the Who's Bad wrestling competition in Denver. Franklin pinned one opponent and lost his other two matches.

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<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Jan. 23</b> - Beef Stroganoff, Muffin Squares, Fresh Garden Salad, Fruit Cup, Milk	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Jan. 23</b> - Beef Macaroni, Broccoli & Carrots, Hot Dinner Rolls, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Baked Potato Bar
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b> - CHOICE DAY Yogurt Special OR Chicken Egg Rolls, Steamed Rice, Veggie Sticks, Fruit Cup, Milk	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b> - Chicken Stir Fried Rice, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Pepperoni Pizza
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan. 25</b> - Waffles/Sausage, Tator Bars, Cucumber Sticks, Fruit Juice, Maple Syrup, Milk	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan. 25</b> - Taquitos, Cheese Potatoes, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Chicken Sandwich

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The Meeker Recreation Center's 10th anniversary party included pool contests throughout the day and many kids and adults participated in the fun.

## Nelson seeks funding from basin roundtable for irrigation system

By REED KELLEY  
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**RBC I** Passed by the Legislature in 2005, the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act established the concept of developing interbasin water compacts for the equitable division of the state's water through the planning and negotiations of nine river basin roundtables composed of specific representatives of various citizen and government water interests. These nine roundtables are overseen and coordinated by an Interbasin Compact Committee.

Rio Blanco County's White River is part of the Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable (RT) which has 30 possible voting members, a handful of non-voting members, and various state and federal government agency liaisons. Together this group, often with consulting engineers and planners in the wings, equates to meetings of 50 people or more. The YWGRT meets every other month in Craig. Our Yampa/White/Green River Basin covers roughly 10,500 square miles of northwest Colorado and a small portion of south-central Wyoming.

The nine roundtables in the state have been meeting for over ten years and produced the Colorado Water Plan, which was adopted and published by the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and approved by Governor John Hickenlooper in 2015. Colorado's Water Plan focuses on collaboration. The basin roundtables not only provide grassroots insight into each river basin's challenges and solutions, but are a mechanism to resolve conflicts between basins.

The current chair of the YWGRT is Jackie Brown, natural resource policy advisor for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association. Mike Camblin, an agricultural producer from Maybell, is the Yampa River vice-chair and Alden Vanden Brink, manager of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District in Rangely, is the White River vice-chair. Rio Blanco County YWGRT members

who participated in last week's meeting and their affiliation include at-large members Chuck Whiteman, Jeff Devere, and Vince Wilczek. RBC county commissioner Si Woodruff also attended.

A primary tenet of the basin roundtable concept in the first place is to promote agreement rather than discord in Colorado water decisions and thereby strengthen Colorado's position in interstate and international arenas, and avoid unnecessary federal intervention in Colorado water affairs. The Plan states that "it's undeniable: our water challenges necessitate that we pull together as one, innovate, and become more agile."

The Yampa-White-Green Roundtable has established priorities which can be summarized as "ensuring adequate water for the future needs of municipal, industrial, agricultural, environmental and recreational uses."

For agriculture specifically, the following three goals are set by the state Water Plan: maintain agricultural viability; facilitate alternative transfer methods for water use; and support agricultural conservation and efficiency. Toward the latter, the roundtables are to provide grants,

loans, and technical support to update and improve Colorado's aging agricultural infrastructure, especially where improvements provide multiple benefits.

Within the YWGRT Basin Implementation Plan (BIP), two of eight defined goals are to protect and encourage agriculture uses of water in the YWGRT Basin within the context of private property rights; and to improve agricultural water supplies that increase irrigated land and reduce shortages.

Last week, in concert with these goals, White River rancher and former county commissioner Forrest Nelson approached the RT with a request to help fund a pivot irrigation system on almost 90 acres of his currently flood-irrigated property just upstream from Meeker with associated wetlands improvements. Nelson's property is adjacent to the Meeker Pasture State Wildlife Area. His projected costs are \$160,000 and he has been approved for a significant cost-share from the federal Natural Resources and Conservation Service and is hoping for some assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as well. He has received letters of support, based on

conceptual plans, from both USFWS and Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The YWGRT process on such grant requests is for a proposal to go first to the group's grants committee for approval and comment, and then to a first reading of the full Roundtable. Last week, after some discussion and various suggestions for improvements in the project details, Nelson was approved to come back to the next Roundtable meeting. If approved there, Nelson will then have to go on to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for final acceptance.

The primary funding source for the roundtables came with the creation of the Water Supply Reserve Fund in 2006 for which the Legislature began appropriating \$10 million annually, if available, which is divided 64 percent to the statewide account for projects of statewide significance and 36 percent to the nine roundtables. Both are to help fund grants, loans, and projects.

Other RBC members of the YWGRT who were not able to attend last week include Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District representative Kai Turner and at-large member Travis Day.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society held its annual meeting Sunday and elected new members and officers to the board of directors. Outgoing officers are president Jim Brown, vice-president Gayle Rogers, and secretary Chris Uphoff. Edy George was re-elected treasurer. Newly elected officers are Terri Reed as president, Steve Loshbaugh as vice-president and Niki Turner as secretary. Other directors on the board are Gaila Hatch Bell, Stacie Kincher, Hallie Blunt, Kay Bivens, Bobby Gutierrez and Patty Anderson. Pictured above are (back row) Jim Brown, Edy George and Steve Loshbaugh; (front row) Gayle Rogers, Chris Uphoff, Niki Turner and Terri Reed.

## RBC 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. 8-14, 2018

The dispatch center processed 412 phone calls, receiving 28 911 calls, answered 57 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 93 outgoing phone calls. A total of 129 calls for service were created, 77 for the Sheriff's Office, MPD, and five calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue. (Please note the

department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with multiple agency response). There were 10 auto crashes reported throughout the county, two involving elk or deer.

The Sheriff's Office conducted 26 traffic stops issuing one summons and had one arrest, while MPD had 10 stops, issuing three citations and one arrest.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Office included seven agency assists, two animal calls, nine civil papers served, five business checks, seven motorist assists, two suspicious incidents, four traffic crashes, three traffic complaints and one each: 911 hangup, abandoned vehicle, alarm, attended death, citizen assist, DUI, VIN and warrant arrest.

MPD calls included three 911 hang

ups, six animal calls, five business checks, two citizen assists, two civil, two traffic complaints, three VIN inspections and one each: abandoned vehicle, disturbance, domestic violence, DUI, fraud, harassment, juvenile problem, parking violation, sex crime and traffic crash.

There were six calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue. Three ambulance calls, two medical transports and one accident.

There were seven assists for Colorado State Patrol.

Rio Blanco Detentions facility booked in three and released seven. One arrested by MPD and two by the Sheriff's Office. Currently housing six inmates. There were six inmate transports to or from other facilities.

There were two DUI arrests.

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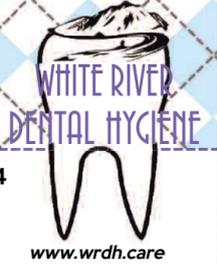
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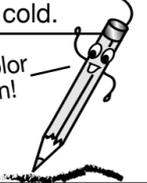
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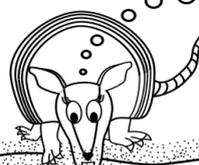
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## Where Do Animals Go in Winter?

Winter can be a hard time for animals. The temperature drops, ponds freeze and snow covers the ground. There is very little food to be found. What do they do?

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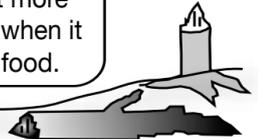
What do they do?



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**Out**

I'm staying snug as a bug in my burrow. I go out more in the daylight hours, when it is warmer, to look for food.



Read about what each animal does in winter, then fill in the crossword with each animal's name:

1. I snuggle with dozens of my friends in the ground.



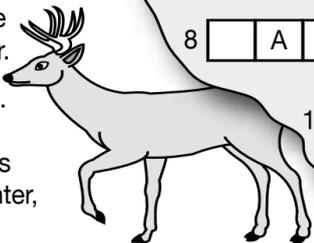
2. I have an underground home. I store seeds and nuts for snacks, but sleep during the coldest days.

3. I eat and eat in the fall. My new layer of fat takes care of me while I sleep the winter away in a hollow tree or in a cave.



4. We buzz and work hard while the flowers are in bloom to make and store food. We nibble and nap during the winter.

5. We gather in herds in the woods. We stay busy in the winter, eating bark and twigs. Males in our herds lose their antlers at the end of winter, but grow new ones in the spring.



When you are done, a word will show below the arrow that means the deep winter sleep of some animals (and, I think, of some people, too!).

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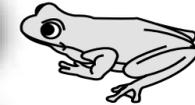
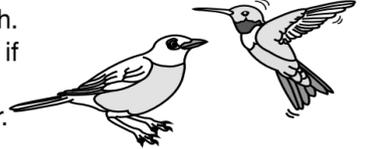
6. I live in the land and carry my home on my back. I squeeze myself into cracks in rocks or into the earth. I pull into my shell, seal the opening and go to sleep all winter.



7. I use sticks, branches and mud to build my home. The entrance is in the water, so I can go for a swim even if the pond is covered with ice.

8. I put on my white coat when winter comes. It is hard to see me hopping in the snow as I look for weeds, buds or bark to eat.

9. A lot of us fly south. Some of us will stay if we can find enough food to eat all winter.



10. I go to the bottom of the pond. I dig deeply into the mud and do not come out until the spring.

11. I will use an old animal hole, stone wall, fallen tree or rocky cave to crawl into for my long, deep, winter sleep.



### Winter Food Storage

In winter, the entrance to a beaver's den is in the water under the ice. A beaver builds a storage place for food (bark, stems) at the bottom of the path. Can you help this beaver get to his food?

Getting hungry!

### Footprints in the Snow!

Some animals are very active during the cold winter months. What three animals visited this place, leaving these footprints for us to see?

1 hind fore

2 hind fore

3 fore hind

Hint: fore = front hind = back

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To sleep deeply, or not to sleep deeply: that is the question!

### Do Bears Truly Hibernate?

Pop Quiz!

Scientists and others have been discussing for years whether bears are "true hibernators." If an animal hibernates during the winter months it means it goes into a deep sleep all winter long. A bear sleeps most of the time during the winter, but may wake up for short periods of time. A sleeping bear's heartrate drops, but its body temperature stays within about 12° F of its normal temperature.

Read each statement. Circle "T" if it is true. Circle "F" if it is false.

- Bears eat berries, nuts, fish and honey.
- Bears eat a lot in the fall and gain weight.
- Most bears hibernate from June to October.
- In the winter, bears sleep in empty bird nests or mailboxes.
- Their thick fur and stored fat helps to keep them warm.

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**CROSSWORD**

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**THEME: SUPER BOWL ACROSS**

- Got ready for a close up
- Cookbook abbr.
- \*Super Bowl number
- Flow-controlling device
- Like pulling teeth
- \*Tight one?
- Do like ivy

- Half human, half cobra in Hinduism
- Ring like a bell
- Flying north in fall, e.g.
- High school breakout
- Distress signal
- Choice word
- One who increases bid
- One of "12 Angry Men"
- Kick out

- Extinct flightless birds
- Tony on a cereal box
- Of short duration
- \*Extra point
- Blood vessel
- Drawing support
- Life saver
- \_\_\_\_\_, precisely
- Minimal in magnitude
- Mortar and \_\_\_\_\_
- "\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_!" said Piglet
- Winter blues, acr.
- Getting warm
- \*Only undefeated NFL team
- Marchers in a kids' song
- Albany-Buffalo canal
- Royal topper
- \*"The \_\_\_\_\_ Bowl" in 1967
- Actress Campbell
- Happen
- Communist color
- Three-\_\_\_\_\_ sloth
- Button on electrical outlet

- DOWN**
- Pipe material
  - Crew propeller
  - Multitude
  - Never without "n"
  - Remove from a throne
  - Grabbing tool
  - Fine, in Scotland
  - It's a long story
  - \*One of 11 on field
  - River-dwelling phlebotomist
  - Absurd
  - Lazybones
  - \*Team with most Super Bowl appearances
  - "Cheers" regular
  - Itty-bitty bit
  - Sonia Sotomayor's garb
  - Heavenly glow
  - a.k.a. The Islamic State
  - \*Team with most Super Bowl wins
  - \*Justin's "Wardrobe Malfunction"

- partner
- Drug abuser
  - Sounds of amazement
  - Little cave
  - Et alibi
  - Birth \_\_\_\_\_ or mortality \_\_\_\_\_
  - Moonfish
  - Impassioned
  - Author's co-worker
  - Broadcast in progress
  - From this time
  - Old hat
  - r in d = rt
  - Sandwich cookie
  - \*Like Super Bowl broadcast
  - Cote d'Azur locale
  - Pouches
  - Poe's Morgue
  - \*Former Ravens owner or HOFer Donovan

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

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**2018 RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD 15 AND 13 SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT**

**REQUEST FOR BID**

**PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

RIO BLANCO COUNTY is seeking a qualified contractor to perform surface improvements to two County Roads in the Meeker area. Improvements include full depth reclamation and 4" overlay on County Road 15, Thornburg Road, (Location A) from mile post 0 to 3.6 and a 3" overlay on County Road 13, Flag Creek Road, (Location B) from mile post 0 to 4. Quantities will be kept separate for each location.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

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**WORK SCHEDULE**

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**PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS**

Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

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**DAYS GONE BY**

*The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago*

■ The war will be a blessing in one respect if it succeeds in making a lot of rich old tightwads dig down and cough up. They are the parasites that must be jarred loose and compared with them the hard-hearted banker is an angel of mercy in overalls.

■ The high school committee has decided to drop the study of German from the course of study. The study of French was substituted. Miss Harris will teach French.

■ A Chicago dispatch says: From the Rocky Mountains to the Alleghenies and from the Gulf of Mexico to Hudson Bay, the most terrible storms in more than 50 years has paralyzed transportation and cut off entire cities and states from all communication with the outside world.

*The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago*

■ During the year 1967, 95 babies were born to residents of Rio Blanco County, for an average of one baby nearly every four days.

■ Meeker School has a new ski training program started for anyone wanting to learn to ski. Don Blanke and Dick Flaherty will devote their time to teaching these individuals the basic things about skiing. This program will be given every other Wednesday for about six to eight weeks depending on conditions.

*The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago*

■ Whether or not to allow administrators, staff and volunteer coaches to smoke while supervising children in school-sponsored activities was the focus of a lengthy discussion at the Meeker School District Board's regular Tuesday night meeting.

■ Joe and Ellen Nieslanik are happy to announce the arrival of their new baby boy. Jacob Stephen Nieslanik was born on Dec. 28, 1992 at 3:38 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital.

*The Rangely Times — 50 years ago*

■ The tremendous inflation we have experienced in the past 25 years is a direct result of the "Everything for everybody regardless of the consequences." The cost of a hospital room has gone from an average of \$5.73 in 1941 to six times that amount in 1967. In the same period men's haircuts have gone up 300 percent, men's suits 200 percent, and a loaf of bread 200 percent. Government payrolls have gone up 75 percent since 1960 while the number of civilian government employees has increased 25 percent.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF MEEKER MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

April 3, 2018

TO: Any person, who is eligible by law, to be a candidate for the Offices of Mayor or Trustee for the Town of Meeker to be elected at the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 please take notice:

A candidate's qualifications for eligibility to hold public office are:

- 1) Be a registered elector;
- 2) Attain the age of eighteen years or older on the date of the election and;
- 3) Reside in the town of Meeker for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.

Nomination petitions may be circulated and signed beginning on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Nomination petitions and an information sheet for prospective candidates will be available at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, on or after 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Regular office hours at Town Hall are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The last day for the circulation and signing of nomination petitions shall be Monday, January 22, 2018, on or before 5:00 p.m. All nomination petitions shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Town Hall by this date and time.

The following Town Officers will be elected at the election:

- 1) Mayor - two year term;
- 2) Four members of the Town Board of Trustees - all four year terms.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2018.

**TOWN OF MEEKER**

By: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk

Publication Date: December 21st and 28th, 2017, January 4th, 11th and 18th, 2018.

Published in: Rio Blanco Herald Times

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT**

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY - Network Operator Agreement**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 22nd day of January, 2018 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Colorado Fiber Community, LLC, having its principal place of business at 301 E. Main Street, Suite 20, Buena Vista, CO 81211, for all work done by said CONTRACTOR or the agreement known as Network Operator.

- 1) Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims.
- 2) All such claims shall be filed with Blake Moley, CIO, Rio Blanco County, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before January 22, 2018.
- 3) Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim.

Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 11th day of January, 2018

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY**

BY SHAWN J. BOLTON, CHAIRMAN

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Rio Blanco County 2018 Dust Control Project REQUEST FOR BID**

**PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

2018 Dust Control Project. Work includes the placement of approximately 418,524 gallons Blended Magnesium Chloride on approx. 101 miles of various County roads. An additional 32,947 gallons will be applied to Garfield County Trappers Lake Road at the same unit price, but billed to and paid for by Garfield County. An additional 3,661 gallons will be applied to RBC Rd. 54 at the same unit price, but billed to and paid for by Elk Creek Lodge.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at www.rbc.us on the Bid Postings page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on January 18, 2018.

**PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS**

Clint Chappell, Road and Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before February 8, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

**WORK SCHEDULE**

This project shall start March 27, 2018 and be completed by June 7, 2018, pending delays due to adverse conditions. A second application on County Road 65 will be scheduled for approx. Aug. 21 as shown on the Project Application Schedule.

**NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING**

Vendors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

**BID SUBMITTALS**

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2018 RIO BLANCO COUNTY DUST CONTROL PROJECT" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected.

Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.

**Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, February 9, 2018. No bids shall be received Saturday, February 10 or Sunday, February 11, 2018. Hand delivered bids will be accepted in MEEKER from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on February 12, 2018. Do not depend on overnight delivery.** Mailing: RBC Board of County Commissioners, Attn: Vicky Edwards, P O Box i, Meeker, CO 81641

**Hand-delivery address:** Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Board Room, Meeker, CO 81641

**BID OPENING**

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on February 12, 2018 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room at Courthouse 3rd Floor Board Room, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

**BID PREFERENCE**

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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT**

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY - RBC's FTTx Construction Project**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 22nd day of January, 2018 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Circle H Construction, Inc., having its principal place of business at 3900 North Canada Road, Nampa ID 83687, for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as RBC's FTTx Construction.

- 1) Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims.
- 2) All such claims shall be filed with Blake Moley, CIO, Rio Blanco County, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before January 22, 2018.
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**2018 RIO BLANCO COUNTY CHIP SEAL PROJECT REQUEST FOR BID**

**PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

2018 Rio Blanco County Chip Seal Project. Work consists of seal coating and fog coating approximately 30.0 miles of County Road 5 in the Piceance Creek area. Be aware there may be other County projects in the area that may affect material transport routes and/or travel delays.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

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All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before February 7, 2018 at noon at the above address or fax number.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING**

Vendors must attend mandatory pre-bid meeting: February 6, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

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**2018 RIO BLANCO COUNTY CHIP SEAL PROJECT REQUEST FOR BID**

**PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

2018 Rio Blanco County Chip Seal Project. Work consists of seal coating and fog coating approximately 30.0 miles of County Road 5 in the Piceance Creek area. Be aware there may be other County projects in the area that may affect material transport routes and/or travel delays.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at www.rbc.us on the Bid Postings page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on January 18, 2018.

**VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Vendors must be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing.

**WORK SCHEDULE**

This project shall start May 14, 2018 and complete by June 8, 2018, pending delays due to adverse conditions. Contractor shall submit a firm work schedule with bid.

**PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS**

Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before February 7, 2018 at noon at the above address or fax number.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING**

Vendors must attend mandatory pre-bid meeting: February 6, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

**BID SUBMITTALS**

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "SEALED BID-2018 CHIP SEAL PROJECT" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected.

Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.

**Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, February 9, 2018. Do not depend on overnight delivery.** Mailing Address: RBC Commissioners, P.O. Box i, Attn: Vicky Edwards, Meeker, CO 81641.

**Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on February 12, 2018.** Hand-delivery address: Rio Blanco County Commissioners, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO.

**BID OPENING**

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on February 12, 2018 at the Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Board Room, Meeker, CO

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the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of words. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum. Rio Blanco County reserves the right to negotiate a contract with the selected bidder.  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
Dated: January 15, 2018  
By: Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman  
Publish: January 18 and January 25, 2018  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Plaintiff: TRANS-VAIL, INC., a Colorado corporation  
v.  
Defendants: PUBLIC TRUSTEE OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO; BERISLAV K. SEPIC, SJURDJICA A. SEPIC, MOUNTAIN VALLEY BANK, PACIFIC WESTERN BANK and all other persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.  
**DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, CO Case No. 17CV30037**

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Plaintiff filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet title to the property described as follows:

Lots 3 and 4  
Sanderson Hill Subdivision according to the Plat thereof filed December 19, 1978 as Reception No. 185454

Town of Meeker, Colorado  
LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that property conveyed by Quit Claim Deed recorded March 3, 1980 in Book 399, Page 397 of the public records of Rio Blanco County as Reception No. 194475.

Lot 5  
Sanderson Hill Subdivision according to the Plat thereof filed December 19, 1978 as Reception No. 185454

Town of Meeker, Colorado  
LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that property conveyed by Quit Claim Deed recorded March 3, 1980 in Book 399, Page 397 of the public records of Rio Blanco County as Reception No. 194475.

LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that property conveyed by Warranty Deed recorded May 21, 1981 in Book 410, Page 250, Reception No. 201072 in the records of Rio Blanco County.  
LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM Paintbrush Ridge Subdivision - Filing No. 1, according to the Plat thereof filed May 17, 2002 as Reception No. 272416, Town of Meeker, Colorado.

LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that property conveyed by Warranty Deed recorded April 30, 2010 as Reception No. 298444 in the records of Rio Blanco County.  
Dated this 15th day of January, 2018.  
Melody D. Massih, #24683  
P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602  
(970) 928-9100, melody@ommmpc.com  
Published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times.  
First Publication: January 18, 2018. Last Publication: February 22, 2018.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Notice is hereby given that the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to make amendments to the Rio Blanco County Land Use Regulations. The public hearing to make amendments to the Land Use Regulations will be on February 12, 2018 at the Rio Bl-

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co County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, on 3rd floor in the Commissioners Hearing Room, Meeker Colorado beginning at 1:15 p.m.  
The Rio Blanco County staff recommends the following proposed amendments to the Rio Blanco County Land Use Regulations in conformance with the process set forth in the Rio Blanco County Land Use Regulations Section 4-208- Land Use Regulations Text Amendment.  
The proposed amendments are indicated below in **bold typeface**. **Bold items** are proposed additions to the regulations. **Bold items with strikethrough** are proposed deletions from the regulations.

1. 1-302.b.2.b. Board of Adjustment  
"b. In order for the BOA to grant an appeal which overturns an administrative interpretation or decision, at least **three** members of the BOA must vote in favor of the appellant. (Section 30-28-118 (3), C.R.S.)"

2. 5-301.A.1.e Unplatted Lots, Parcels or Tracts  
"create lots, parcels or tracts of land that are less than 35 acres; **Division by state highways or county roads can create a parcel less than 35 acres.**"

3. 5-301.A.1.f. Unplatted Lots, Parcels or Tracts  
"affect parcels not within the same zoning district, without first being rezoned. **Division by state highways or county roads does not require rezoning of parcels. Rezoning of parcels from Agricultural to Rural Residential, when required by sections 5-201- Single Lot Creation or 5-202 Minor Subdivision, shall be a prerequisite for receiving a building permit from Rio Blanco County.**"

4. 5-302- Request for An Exception  
"Divisions of unplatted land that may not be subject to subdivision review are identified in Section 5-301. Exceptions to Subdivision Regulations. An application requesting an exception to the subdivision regulations and approval of the Final Plat shall be subject to the following review process. This process applies only to unplatted lots, parcels or tracts of land. If one of the affected properties is platted, the process outlined in Section 5-501 shall be followed. When common boundary lines are adjusted which results in a parcel(s) less than 35 acres, the Single Lot Creation or Minor Subdivision review processes outlined in Section 5-401 and 5-402 shall be followed. **Division by state highways or county roads of unplatted lots, parcels or tracts can create a parcel less than 35 acres.**"

5. • 5-501.E Relocation of Common Boundary Lines-  
"Transfers of land made outside of platted subdivisions for the purpose of relocating common boundary lines between adjoining properties are considered an exception to this section if no parcel or lot is created that is less than 35 acres. To be approved as an exception for relocation of common boundary lines, the survey plat must bear signatures of all landowners whose parcels are changed by the boundary line relocation. The survey plat must show that the exception was used only to change the location of a boundary line dividing two parcels, and must clearly distinguish the prior boundary location (shown for example, by a dashed or broken line) from the new boundary (shown, for example, by a solid line). **Grantee of land transferred under this subsection must take title to the land transferred under the same name as they hold title to their land adjoining said property. No separate or new parcel may be created hereunder.**"

6. 5-502.A.4. Request for Amended Final Plat Evaluation by Assigned Staff  
"Upon determination of completeness, the Assigned Staff shall review the application for compliance with Section 5-406, Final Plat Review. Concurrently, the staff shall distribute the complete application to referral agencies and applicable County Departments for review and comments. Based on review of the approval criteria and Department comments received, the Assigned Staff shall provide a recommendation to the BOCC to approve, approve with conditions or deny the application. **A hearing before the BOCC only applies to previously platted lots, parcels or tracts of land.**  
**Amended Final Plat for Unplatted lots, parcels or tracts shall be reviewed via the Administrative Review process as described in Section 4-202 Administrative Applications.**"

7. 5-501.C- Boundary Line Adjustments  
Boundary Line Adjustments. Adjusting the platted boundary lines between contiguous

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legally pre-existing lots, parcels or tracts of land which does not increase the number of parcels previously recorded nor does it create a new non-conforming lot, parcel or tract of land under the applicable zoning or increase an existing non-conformity of any legally non-conforming lot, parcel or tract of land **does not require a subdivision process. This Boundary Line Adjustment only applies to previously platted lots, parcels or tracts of land.**  
8. "Section 7-606 Additional Standards Applicable to Manufactured Homes Located in a Manufactured Home Parks or on a Legal Parcel. A. Certification. All manufactured homes located in a manufactured home park or on a legal parcel after adoption of these regulations shall meet the following certification requirements, excluding homes permitted as Temporary Living Quarters."  
9. Section 18-104 Lands to Which this Section Applies

"This section shall apply to all Special Flood Hazard Areas (mapped floodplains) and all floodways and areas removed from the floodplain by the issuance of a FEMA letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F) within the jurisdiction of Rio Blanco County, Colorado

**The provisions of Section 245 shall not apply to land used for the raising of livestock, crops or forestry, nor shall this section apply to the creation, maintenance, repair, alteration of any farm or stock ponds, irrigation ditches, headgates, wingwalls, weirs, diversion structures, pumps or the placement of riprap or other materials for bank stabilization, fishery enhancement, and/or the protection of areas required for normal agricultural uses.**"

10. Section 18-111 Floodplain Development Permit  
**Exceptions: Floodplain development permits are not required for:**

1- **Creation or maintenance of farm or stock ponds, irrigation ditches, headgates, wingwall, weirs, diversion structures, pumps, and such other facilities and structures, as are appurtenant and functionally related to irrigation ditches and other conveyance systems, required to distribute water for agricultural use.**  
2- **Placement of riprap and other bank stabilization and/or maintain agricultural facilities and fish habitat.**"

44: Section 7-610 Additional Standards Applicable to Recreational Vehicles  
B. Recreational Vehicle use on single lots. Recreational Vehicles on privately owned Legal parcels are allowed to be occupied from April 1 through November 30. The use of a Recreational Vehicle for longer than 120 days during this time period will require the issuance of a Land Use Change Permit as per these Regulations. This use does not include Campgrounds as defined by these Regulations.  
**Recreational Vehicles cannot be used as a Permanent Residence.**

12. Section 16-101 Definitions of Words and Phrases  
**Permanent Residence. A Permanent Residence is defined by the following factors:**

1. Occupancy longer than 120 days per calendar year
  2. Connection to public utilities including, but not limited to, potable water, sanitary sewer and electricity.
- Recreational Vehicle Park (RV Park). More than 3 occupied Recreational Vehicles located on a lot or parcel.  
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Board of County Commissioners of  
Rio Blanco County, Colorado  
Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street  
Meeker, Colorado 81641  
Tentative Agenda January 22, 2018

**Public Comment:** Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.  
11:00 a.m. Call to order:  
• Pledge of Allegiance  
• Changes to January 22, 2018 Tentative Agenda  
2)  
• Move to Approve the January 22, 2018 Agenda

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including any changes.  
**CONSENT AGENDA FOR JANUARY 22, 2018**

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.  
• Move to Approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.

- Consent 1. Consideration of the Board Minutes of January 16, 2018. (All Sign)
- Consent 2. Approval of the Rio Blanco County Treasurer's Semi Annual Report, July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. (All Sign)
- Consent 3. Approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to Gina Dillard, Mammoth Networks, accepting a transfer of all of Colorado Fiber Community's interests in the Mammoth Services Agreements effective January 1, 2018.
- Consent 4. Approval of the Annual CDOT Certification of Street Inventory Road Miles Report for Rio Blanco County ending December 31, 2017.

**BUSINESS:**  
• Business 1. Approval of Appointments to Various Boards.  
• Business 2. Move to Approve the Notice of Final Contractor Settlement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Colorado Fiber Community, LLC.  
• Business 3. Move to Approve the Notice of Final Contractor Settlement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Circle H Construction, Inc.

**BID OPENINGS:**  
• Bid Opening 1. Rio Blanco County 2018 Fairfield Office Remodel Project.  
• Bid Opening 2. Rio Blanco County 2018 Columbine Park Multi Purpose Indoor Arena Design Project.  
• Bid Opening 3. Rio Blanco County Senior Transport Van.  
• Bid Opening 4. Rio Blanco County Small Vehicles.  
• Bid Opening 5. Rio Blanco County Tandem Truck.

**BID AWARDS:**  
• Bid Award 1. None.  
**MOU's, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:**  
• MCA 1. Approval of an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and TKC Telecom LLC, to provide integrated telephone telecommunications equipment and services to the Rio Blanco County Jail, for a three year period beginning January 22, 2018.

• MCA 2. Approval of an agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters Program for the use an benefit of the Rio Blanco County Public Health Department for the No Kid Hungry project.

**RESOLUTIONS:**  
• Resolution 1. Approval of Resolution 2018-03 of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado approving the 2018 appointments of members to the Northwest Regional Workforce Development Board, designating the chief local elected official and designating the one-stop workforce service provider.  
• Resolution 2. A Resolution of The Board Of County Commissioners Of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Establishing The "Communications" Fund With An Effective Date Of January 1, 2018.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**  
• Public Comments  
• County Commissioners Updates  
**RECESS FOR LUNCH:**  
**RECONVENE AT 1:15 PM - PUBLIC HEARINGS:**  
• Hearing 1. Applicant Daniel Schwartz applied for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for Western Mountain Expeditions DBA Ripple Creek Lodge located at 39020 County Road 8, Rio Blanco County, Meeker, CO.  
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 February 12, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., in Meeker at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street in Meeker. Please check the County's website for information at: <http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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**Rio Blanco County 2018 Crack Fill Project REQUEST FOR BID**

**PROJECT NAME**  
2018 Rio Blanco County Crackfill Project. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for furnishing and placement of approx. 23,100 lbs. of Deery 974 Asphalt or Equivalent Crack Fill Material on Rio Blanco County Road 5, Piceance Creek Road.  
**BID DOCUMENTS**  
Bid Documents shall be available on-line at [www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp](http://www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp), or on the county's website at [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) on the Busi-

Town of Rangely  
January 23, 2018 - 7:00pm  
Agenda

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Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)  
Ann Brady, Mayor  
Andrew Shaffer, Mayor Pro Tem  
Lisa Hatch, Trustee  
Trey Robie, Trustee  
Lisa Hatch, Trustee  
Andrew Key, Trustee  
Matthew Billgren, Trustee

1. Call to Order  
2. Swear in New Trustee Matthew Billgren  
I do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Colorado, and faithfully perform the duties of the officer of the BOARD OF TRUSTEE upon which I am about to enter  
3. Roll Call  
4. Invocation  
5. Pledge of Allegiance  
6. Minutes of Meeting  
a. Approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting  
7. Petitions and Public Input  
8. Changes to the Agenda  
9. Public Hearings - 7:15pm  
a. Public Hearing regarding Rangely Police Department Policies & Procedures. This will be an opportunity for the Rangely Town Council to voice and hear concerns from the community in regards to the Rangely Police Department. Rangely Town Attorney Dan Wilson PC will introduce several hypothetical examples of Rangely Police Officers contacts with citizens for traffic and other possible violations. Examples for discussion:  
a. How and if officers should exercise discretion in making traffic stops or other citizen contacts; what is "discretion" and when should it be exercised? What factors should be involved?  
b. Current criminal and traffic legal principles that come into play;  
c. Discussion of the communities desires; Apply the law as written? Overlook "minor" violations? What is "minor"? Become more "user friendly", and if so, what legal risks might apply?  
d. Seek Town Council guidance and direction for the future  
In order to have time for a fair discussion this public hearing will limit comments from individual citizens to five (5) minutes each.  
10. Committee/Board Meetings  
11. Supervisor Reports - See Attached  
12. Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update

13. Old Business  
14. New Business  
a. Discussion and Action to approve the Council Committees as outlined below:  
Utilities: Shaffer & Robie  
Finance: Key & Billgren  
Public Safety: Hacking & Hatch  
Development: Key & Billgren  
Human Resources: Hatch & Hacking  
Public Works: Shaffer & Robie  
b. Discussion and Action to approve the preliminary December 2017 Financial Summary  
c. Discussion and Action to approve contribution to Rangely High School Rowdy Worm for 2018  
15. Informational Items  
16. Board Vacancies  
17. Scheduled Announcements  
a. Rangely District Library Board meeting January 8, 2018 at 5:00pm  
b. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2018 at 12:00pm  
c. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting January 8, 2018 at 7:00pm  
d. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2018 at 7:00pm  
e. Rangely School District Board meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2018 at 6:15pm  
f. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for January 18, 2018 at 7:30am  
g. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2018 at 12:00pm  
h. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board Work session is scheduled for January 16, 2018 at 10:00am  
i. Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2018 at 12:00 noon.  
j. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2018 at 7:00pm  
k. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2018 at 6:00pm  
18. Adjournment  
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ness/Purchasing/Bid Postings page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. in Meeker on Jan. 18, 2018.

**PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS**  
Clint Chappell, Road and Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641. All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

**WORK SCHEDULE**  
This project shall start April 2, 2018 and be completed by May 11, 2018, depending upon delays due to adverse conditions.

**PRE-BID MEETING**  
Vendors shall attend a pre-bid meeting (mandatory):  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

**BID SUBMITTALS**  
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**BID OPENING**  
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on February 12, 2018 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room at Courthouse 3rd Floor Board Room, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.  
**BID AWARD**  
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado. The County also reserves the right to negotiate changes in product specifications with successful vendor. Owner will give the Successful Vendor a Notice of Award within thirty days after the day of the Bid opening.

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**  
Dated: Jan. 15, 2018  
By: Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman  
Publish: January 18 and 25, 2018  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notification of Public Hearing  
7:15 PM, JANUARY 23, 2018  
**DURING REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
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By: /s/Lisa Piering  
Lisa Piering Clerk/Treasurer  
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Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated. Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7. (Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)  
Friday, 1/19/18, Swedish meatballs, garlic potatoes, mixed vegetables, oranges, boston brown bread Monday, 1/22/18, Lemon baked fish, hash brown casserole, green beans w/mushrooms, tropical fruit, multigrain rolls  
\*\*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*  
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change.  
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, Thursday, 1/25, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE January 2018**

NOTE: Please schedule out-of-town appointments before 2:00 PM and call-in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. 970-878-9368 or Cell# 970-456-7701. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below:  
1/18 - Bus in town/Grand Jct medical  
1/19 - Bus in town  
1/20 - No bus  
1/21 - AM bus  
1/22 - Bus in town  
1/23 - Bus in town  
1/24 - Bus in town  
1/25 - Bus in town/Craig trip  
1/26 - Bus in town  
1/27 - No bus  
1/28 - AM bus  
1/29 - Bus in town  
1/30 - Bus in town  
1/31 - Bus in town

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

**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.

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

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

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

Looking for female roommate to help out with rent and utilities and weekends with cooking and laundry. Call for interview. 970-260-8758

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

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.

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.

**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.

**FURNITURE**

Executive desk, Sauder Heritage Hill Collection, excellent condition, 2 large file drawers, one with lock. 65 1/2 inches by 31 inches. \$75.00. Call 970-878-3507

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

• **Administrative Assistant, Meeker**  
• **Administrative Assistant, Meeker**  
• **Patrol Deputy, Rangely**  
• **Relief Landfill Clerk**  
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.  
ADA/EOE

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

Energetic people needed for the front of the house at Ma Famiglia's Restaurant. Full-time and part-time positions available. Positions available immediately for qualified applicants. Pick up and application at 410 Market St. Meeker.

Experienced or willing to learn line cook, pizza maker, dish prep person. Apply in person at Ma Famiglia's Restaurant. Ask for Henry.

The Rangely School District RE-4 currently has a Director of Food Service opening and Substitute Teacher openings for all grades, plus more, please refer to www.rangelyk12.org for job description and application.

**LAND/LOTS**

FSBO: 22 acre horse property with RV service and new fence. \$85,000 OBO. 4751 County Rd 7. 580-377-9436

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

For Rent: 1br, 1 bath, small house, small fenced yard, off street parking, includes w/d. Water & sewer paid. \$650 month/\$750 deposit. 970-629-714

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD APARTMENTS, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$575 to \$595/month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 878-5877.

Clean, quiet, 2 BDR, 1 BA includes washer & dryer. No pets. \$475 per month + deposit. 970-260-8844 or 970-942-3673.

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**School Bus Route/Activity/Substitute Driver**  
Meeker School District Re-1 is seeking individuals to drive a school bus route and activity trips beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. While it is preferred that applicants hold a current CDL Class B P2S license, the district will train approved applicants in obtaining this license.  
For job requirements, details and an application, please visit Meeker.k12.co.us or Meeker School District Administration, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO.  
Review of applications will begin immediately and close when position is filled.  
ADA/EOE  
**970-878-9040**

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

Nice 2 BDR/2 BA house about 12 mi up County Rd 15. Available 2/1. 970-878-4320

Cute 1 BDR/1 BA house w/ knotty pine living room, private small yard. \$675/mo Water & Sewer included. 970-878-5858

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

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

Furnished 2 BDR/1BA apartment, no pets. \$475 per month plus deposit. 970-260-8844 or 970-942-3673

Newly renovated, 2 BDR/1.5 BA duplex. All brand new appliances, W/D included, fenced backyard. Water and sewer paid. Covered carport, extra parking. \$725 month/\$825 deposit. For more info call 878-4572 or 970-930-5646

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, an antique ceiling, freight elevator, built-in cupboards and 1910 era show cases. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

4 BDR/1 BA with garage. \$850 mo + deposit. Call 970-260-8844

2 BDR, 1.5 BA townhouse. \$550 per month, you pay electricity. Call 970-878-3363 or 970-260-3302.

**RENTALS: RANGELY**

2 BDR/2 BA duplex, no pets, n/s. 970-778-5040

3 BDR, 1 BA, 1500 sq.ft., 2 car garage, large fenced back yard, extra storage available. 1 year lease, deposit, references., \$800 per month. 970-640-2393

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**

(970)675-2259  
RV Spaces for rent.  
Managers: Dana & Debbie Hanvey  
(970)675-2259 (970)216-0138

**ELDER CARE SERVICES**

Western Slope In-Home Care has an established care team here in Meeker! We need to start helping people in need! Cleaning or personal care. **Easy sign-up.** Call for a **free consultation.** 970-878-7008. (Visit westernslopehomecare.com to see other counties we serve in or services we provide.)

**SYNC2 MEDIA**  
Colorado Statewide Classified Advertising Network  
To place a 25-word COSCAN Network ad in 91 Colorado newspapers for only \$300, contact your local newspaper or call SYNC2 Media at 303-571-5117.  
Help Wanted WANTED  
CROSSROADS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, Sidney, Nebraska, seeking qualified CEO/General Manager. Successful 10 location GRAIN CO-OP, sales of \$70 million. Successful agricultural business management, financial experience desired. Job link: https://tinyurl.com/yb6npaxs David.Lemmon@chsinc.com 320-219-0270  
Cash for Mineral Rights Free, no-risk, cash offer. Contact us with the details: Call: 720-988-5617 Write: Minerals, PO BOX 3668, Littleton, CO 80161 Email: opportunity@ecmresourcesinc.com  
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 SYNC2 Media, 303-571-5117

**SENIOR HOUSING APARTMENTS (USDA Rental Assisted Living)**  
White River Village (WRV) in Rangely CO is advertising for qualified applicants to fill current and future vacancies. Located just steps from the Radino Senior Center, WRV provides comfortable, quiet and affordable living.  
A person who is a least 62 years old; an Individual with a disability:  
Or an Individual with a Handicap:  
For more information contact Teresa Lang at 970-675-8476 to receive an application or visit www.rangely.com for an application and more information.

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**Employment Opportunities**  
Meeker School District  
• School Bus Driver  
• Food Services Director  
Full Time with Benefits  
• Food Services Cook  
ADA/EOE  
Subject to change at any time!  
For details and an application, please visit our website at Meeker.k12.co.us or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO  
**970-878-9040**

**PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER**  
A community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:  
PRN:  
■ Patient Care Technician  
■ RN - Acute/ED  
■ RN or LPN - LTC  
■ Certified Nursing Assistant - LTC  
■ Food Service Tech  
FULL-TIME: [eligible for benefits]:  
■ LPN or RN - Wing LTC  
■ RN - Acute/ED - Nights  
■ RN - Acute/ED - Days  
■ RN or LPN - Wing LTC - Nights  
■ Occupational Therapist  
FULL-TIME: [eligible for benefits]:  
■ Food Service Tech/Cook  
PART-TIME: [eligible for benefits]:  
■ Clerk-Coder-Transcriptionist  
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) 878-3285 Fax: (970) 878-3285  
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Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

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NEW LISTING! 1157 Garfield - Cute home on beautiful 22,500 SF site, trees & privacy .. \$96,500  
375 3rd Street - Ranch style home with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms on corner lot ... \$162,500  
1135 Michael Circle - Newer home, views and close to walking trails and park - 2 story home, open concept living. Move in ready ..... \$239,500

Real-Tea Roundtable  
1st Wednesday of the month  
7:30 a.m., Wendell's  
Moffat County - Elk Springs 1280 +/- Acres, Game Unit 10. \$960,000  
1163 Rd. 53 - 4BD/3BA Cabin in Morapos Creek. \$395,000  
8617 Rd. 8 - 4BD/2BA Log Home on 2.85 acres. \$359,000  
13247 Rd. 8 - SOLD!  
TBD E. Market St. - 7.46 Vacant Acres at the Intersection of HWY 13 & Rd 8. \$249,000  
345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres, Potential for 12 Building Lots. \$216,000  
1164 Hill St. - 3BD/2BA, Central Air, Garage, Fenced Yard. \$422,000  
533 Cleveland - 4BD/2BA Home with Fenced Yard. \$175,000  
1140 Cleveland St. - 100% Remodeled Duplex, 2BD/2BA per Side, \$\$\$ Producer! \$169,000  
1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot. \$149,900  
870 Water St. - 3 BD/1BA, Fenced Yard, \$145,000  
NEW! 211 Morrison - Rangely - 2+BD/1.75BA Home, Garage/Workshop, \$115,000  
Yoleta Lane - East of Craig, 40 Acres. \$77,000  
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889 Main St., Meeker, Colorado Laurie J. Brooks Owner/Broker  
www.brooksrealty.com (970)878-5858  
Priced to Move!  
1083 Laurie Circle  
East side of duplex home. 3 BD/2 BA, updated kitchen, new carpet & paint, attached two car garage. \$109,900  
NEW! 1032 Jennifer Dr. — Opportunities are unlimited for this great building with lots of paved parking! Over 4800 sq. ft. of interior space, fenced yard on south side, handicap accessible state of the art fire suppression system. Trees, landscaped and ready for your new business. \$460,000.  
NEW! 18,775 SF Lot on Robert Street — Great view and building site with plenty of room to build your dream home. Water and sewer taps in place! \$38,000.  
White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64 Lot 12 — 35 acres with White River frontage, private fishing area, 3 phase electrical in place. \$225,000.

**REAL ESTATE CORNER**  
**WESTERN EXPOSURES REALTY, LLC**  
RESIDENTIAL  
482 12th St. — 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse. \$47,500.  
780 5th St. — 4BD/2BA, 2 separate living spaces. \$158,000.  
880 Main St. — 4BD/2BA, oversized lot w/ sm. cabin off the alley. \$155,000.  
264 9th St. — 2BD/1BA, mobile home w/ owned lot. \$43,000.  
1010 Hill St. — 2BD/1BA, corner lot w/ sm. cabin off the St. \$139,000.  
873 Market St. — 3BD/1BA, utility shed, alley access. \$119,000.  
893 Market St. — 2BD/1BA, corner lot, alley access. \$127,000.  
959 Garfield St. — 4BD/2.5BA, 1Yr. Home Warranty Av. \$252,500 REDUCED!  
855 5TH St. — 5BD/2BA, new roof, siding, windows & flooring. \$200,000.  
767 12th St. — 2BD/1.5BA, townhouse, well kept. \$70,000.  
945 & 975 Cleveland St. — SOLD!  
RURAL RESIDENTIAL  
1083 Boulder Dr., Craig — Wilderness Ranches cabin, turkey. \$169,000.  
73209 Hwy 64 — 5BD/2BA, heated shop & outbuildings on 11.02ac. \$365,000 REDUCED!  
RANCH PROPERTY  
281±ac. Ranch — Located in Lion's Canyon, well present, adjoins BLM. \$422,000.  
River Ranch on the Yampa, Maybell — 5BD/4BA, Lg. Barn/Shop on 128.68±ac., senior water rights w/ Yampa River frontage. \$998,000 REDUCED!  
Baker's Peak Vista Ranch, Craig — 506±ac., outbuildings, water rights & domestic well, adjoins BLM & Nat. Forest. \$1,300,000.  
Four Springs Ranch, Maybell — Great Ranch setup on 343.98±ac. w/ water rights & Yampa River frontage. \$1,250,000.  
VACANT LAND  
NEW! 1031 CR 36 — 5ac. w/ electricity & well. \$54,500.  
2 lots, Sage Hills — Building sites. \$30,000 ea. or \$58,000 for both.  
10ac. lot, Strawberry Patch Rd. — UNDER CONTRACT!  
Two 5ac. lots, Strawberry Patch Rd. — Ponds, fence & electricity. \$56,500 ea.  
100ac. Off Hwy. 13 — UNDER CONTRACT!  
35 lots, Sanderson Hills — Great building sites. \$29,000 ea. or \$25,000 ea. in packages of five.  
459 Cross L Dr. — Great building site, 3ac. corner lot. \$69,500.  
49ac. lot Off Hwy. 13 — UNDER CONTRACT!  
50ac. lot Off Hwy. 13 — Near mile marker 24, views. \$55,000.  
2.25ac. lot Off Hwy. 13 — North of Meeker, nice building location. \$45,000.  
2 lots, Silver Sage Rd. — Two building sites. \$45,000 for both.  
COMMERCIAL  
Brontosaurus (Hwy. 40), Dinosaur — Lg. Building. \$155,000.  
NEW! 60240 Hwy. 40, Maybell — Wildgame meat processor, business & real estate. \$280,000.  
335 6th St. — Multipurpose building, multiple units, downtown. \$310,000.  
1120 Cleveland St. — 6 2BD/1BA apartment units, 2 buildings, paved parking. \$299,500.  
1020 Hill St. — Triplex building, 2BD/1BA in ea. unit. \$277,000.  
101 E. Main St. — Brothers Property, Lg. Building w/ paved parking on 0.43±ac. \$375,000.  
Gravel Pit, WRC Wet Pit — 20 miles W. of Meeker, 110±ac., water rights & ~150,000 tons of gravel to extract. \$1,500,000.  
Playa Del Rio Apartments, 680 Water St. — 19 2BD/1BA apartment units, 17 storage units, Coin Op. laundry room. \$950,000.  
Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. — Business & Real Estate offered together or separate. Turnkey & Profitable. \$900,000 REDUCED!  
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