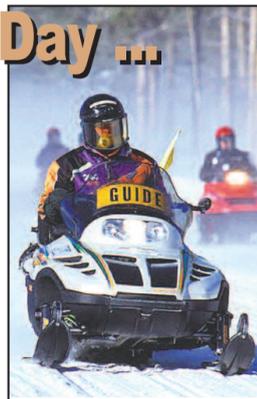


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Family Fun Day ...

The White River Snowmobile Club will host its Family Fun Day Saturday at Ute Park. It is not necessary to be a snowmobiler to join in. The club will furnish a chili lunch and hot beverages. Admission is free for spectators and there will be snowmobile racing, a sledding hill and a beacon scavenger hunt. There is a \$10 entry fee for the race participants. Race registration starts at 10:30 a.m., the event opens at 11 a.m. and races start at 11:30 a.m.



Tabernash pilot dies in single-engine plane crash off of County Road 20

By SEAN McMAHON
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RBC I The crash of single-engine airplane claimed the life of a 62-year-old Tabernash, Colo., man on Thursday in Rio Blanco County, approximately 15 miles west of Meeker.

At approximately 6 p.m. on Jan. 14, the Rio Blanco County Communications Center in Meeker received a report of a possible airplane crash near Meeker. The reporting party stated that he heard a plane rev its engines, that it banked twice at a high altitude and then he heard an explosion, a sheriff's office press release issued Friday morning stated.

According to the release, the communication center contacted Denver Center Traffic Control, and they reported that the aircraft disappeared off the radar. The communications center was given the coordinates of the last reported location of the plane, which was reported to be a Bonanza 35 single-engine aircraft with a maximum capacity of four to six persons.

The aircraft reportedly left Salt Lake City, Utah, and was piloted by William Ray Hiler, 62, of Tabernash, Colo., who was en route to Granby, Colo., with an unknown number of persons on board.

Members of the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue conducted a search of areas provided by the National Radar Analysis Team. Several small items, the plane's wing, part of the propeller and one tire were subsequently located within the given one-half-mile search area.

The search resumed at 7 a.m. Friday for the remainder of the aircraft. At approximately 10:33 a.m., the fuselage, more aircraft parts and what appeared to be one set of human remains were found within the primary search area. The body was found still inside the fuselage.

At approximately 10:51 a.m., the RBCSO contacted the National Transportation Safety Board duty



Above is the fuselage of the Bonanza 35 single-engine plane that crashed about 15 miles west of Meeker on Thursday, claiming the life of 62-year-old pilot William R. Hiler of Tabernash, Colo. The crash occurred several hundred yards off County Road 20, a couple of miles west of County Road 5. Below, law enforcement and search and rescue personnel were aided by the White River Snowmobile Club in removing the remains of the plane crash from the scene so it could be examined by the National Transportation Safety Board to find the cause of the crash. Hiler was the only person on board the plane when it crashed southwest of Rio Blanco Lake.



officer, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Rio Blanco County Coroner's Office. The scene was secured by the the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, which was awaiting the arrival of

the National Safety Transportation Board (NTSB).

On Saturday, RBCSO Undersheriff Brice Glasscock, who is also the sheriff's public information officer, reported that Sheriff

Anthony Mazzola, Coroner Albert Krueger, Rio Blanco Search and Rescue, Meeker Fire and Rescue and the White River Snowmobile

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Rangely takes closer look at Better City's development proposal

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I On Jan. 12, the Rangely Town Council and Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Eskelson along with county Economic Development Director Katelin Cook met with the Better City group via phone conference to discuss funding and next steps in the process of redeveloping the town's economic footing.

Several local business owners, Colorado Northwestern Community College and the Rangely School District were also represented.

In Rangely the primary projects being pursued are the growth of the CNCC Aviation Technology and Maintenance programs, a CNCC student housing project, development of outdoor recreation and a data center. The stated purpose of the projects is to provide higher-wage jobs in the community as well as diversify the local economy.

Much of the project has been modeled after a similar undertaking that was deemed successful in Blanding,

Utah.

The meeting was run primarily by Eskelson and Cook, who first discussed funding mechanisms for the projects.

The first funding that will be required will be to pay for the consulting and implementation fees. Cook put the cost at \$100,000. A grant covering 50 percent of the cost has already been obtained, and the town and county have agreed to split the remaining \$50,000 with each committed to paying \$25,000.

The secondary portion of funds needed will be determined on a case-by-case basis and as the needs become clear once the plan is set in motion. No potential amount was given, but Cook suggested that low-interest loans and grant funds could potentially be utilized.

"You've got to look long term," Eskelson said.

The group then discussed several issues and concerns that had been raised by local citizens. The first was

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Selle joins superintendents calling for more funding

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker Superintendent of Schools Chris Selle participated Jan. 14 in a news conference by state school superintendents at the State Capitol, urging the Legislature to properly fund public schools.

Several business leaders and other officials also participated, supporting the superintendents. Rangely Superintendent of Schools Matt Scoggins was not able to attend but is a signatory on the letter, which was publicly delivered. Selle reports that more than 60 superintendents did attend while 167 of 178 district superintendents had signed the letter.

Selle thought the event was very well attended and well covered by the

media. He said the crowd included other supporters, legislators, local school board members, state board of education members and local community members, parents and teachers that likely approached, if not exceeded, 500 individuals.

Selle said that Great Education Colorado (www.greateducation.org) was truly the driving force behind organizing the event.

The request delivered by the superintendents, "Colorado Superintendent's Advocacy for Adequate School Funding," said they all have a professional and moral obligation to deliver an effective education to each and every child in Colorado through an excellent public school system. In order to do so,

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Snowy roads keep County Road and Bridge crews busy meeting challenges

By SEAN McMAHON
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RBC I It keeps snowing and snowing. Some storms drop just a skiff of snow while others produce several inches of the powder. This winter, it depends on where in Rio Blanco County one is standing.

But it doesn't matter much to the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department, which is in charge of keeping 272 miles of county road plowed when the snow falls, and this winter has already taken on a unique look, said Dave Morlan, director of the department.

"Usually, you can print out a pat-

tern with some good early storms, medium storms during the winter and maybe a big storm or two in the spring," he said. "You can also bet that the Meeker district will have deeper snows, but that really hasn't been the case this year.

"We have had big storms and little storms and they have fallen all over the place," Morlan said. "And normally, we have the heavier storms on the Meeker side of the county, but Rangely is keeping up this year.

"The storms have dropped unusual amounts all over the county and it is really tough to see the normal patterns this year," he said. "Perhaps I could say that the bigger storms have

fallen in the north part of the county."

Morlan said his crews were kept busy over the Christmas and New Year's weekends as snow fell almost every day.

"We weren't defeated over the holidays but we were kept busier than heck," Morlan said. "We had lots of work those two weeks, and we really need to thank the people for understanding what we were going through.

"I feel bad we didn't get to a few folks as fast as we would like to have," he said. "But the folks around the county were great in understand-

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The Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department has quite a task each winter keeping county roads open for traffic or, in the case above, opening certain roads in the spring. Above, a county snow plow has more than 10 feet on each side of it as it plows its way to an open Ripple Creek Pass, located at the top of County Road 8, east of Meeker by about 50 miles.

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■ **White River Snowmobile Club Family Fun Day.** Saturday, Jan. 23 at Ute Park. Snowmobile racing, kids' groomed sledding hill, chili and hot beverages, beacon scavenger hunt. Admission is free for spectators, \$10 for race participants. Call 303-552-7556 or message us on Facebook at White River Snowmobile Club.

■ **Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge.** Jan. 23, 9 a.m. in the MHS gym. Join ERBM Recreation & Park District for the 7th Annual Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge in Meeker. Skills in dribbling, passing, and shooting will be tested during this basketball competition for ages 7-14. More information at 878-5362 or visit www.meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Science Friday with Doc Bob.** Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Tot Spot Drop-in Childcare.** Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center. Available for children ages 6 months to 6 years. More information at www.meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding

holidays). The next meeting will be Feb. 8. We will be discussing "A Complicated Kindness" by Miriam Toews. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Adult Pickleball.** From 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays in the Admin Gym at the Meeker Rec Center.

■ **Game Day.** Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center Lounge for adults 50+.

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

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesday evenings 6-9 p.m. at the Parker Mall. Bring your sewing machine and project.

■ **Food Bank Mobile Pantry** will be in Meeker on Thursday, Jan. 28 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Meeker Fairgrounds.

■ **Meeker Education Foundation benefit dinner and auction.** Sunday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Fairfield Center. Fundraiser for staff and student grant awards. Tickets available at the door. \$25/individual, \$40/couple, \$10/student, children 5 and under free. Call 878-5362 or email meekeredfoundation@gmail.com for details.

Public input needed on new Colowyo project

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) announced the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Collom Area Development Project at Colowyo Mine in Northwest Colorado became available for public comment on Tuesday. The environmental review is required prior to federal government approval of a revised mining plan.

Colowyo Coal Co. proposes to revise its current mining plan to continue the development of Colowyo Mine coal reserves leased from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in 1982 and 2007. The Colorado Division of Reclamation and Mine Safety (CDRMS) permitted mining operations and reclamation for the Collom project in 2013.

"It's important that the public review the draft environmental assessment and provide comments to the Office of Surface Mining," said Lee Boughey, Sr. manager of corporate communications for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., which owns Colowyo Coal Co.. "We believe the project will have no significant impact on the environment and the revised mining plan should be approved."

The EA is as comprehensive as most environmental impact statements and includes assessments of air quality impacts from mining and from combustion of the coal at Craig Station. Colowyo Mine currently delivers coal used at Tri-State's Craig Station power plant. The EA also includes assessments of water quality impacts and impacts to all wildlife, including Greater Sage Grouse.

The Collom project is located on federal, state and private lands in Moffat County, adjacent to existing mining and reclamation operations. The project will sustain 220 mine jobs and operations that annually have a \$200 million-plus impact to the regional economy and that make an estimated annual contribution of \$12 million in local, state and federal tax revenue.

Information on the EA, including

the draft document and public comment process, can be found at the OSMRE web site at www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/colowyo.shtm

Communities and organizations in Northwest Colorado have recently launched an effort to educate the public on the value of coal mining in the region and encourage participation in the public comment period for the Colowyo EA. More information can be found at www.SupportNorthwestColorado.com

The federal coal leases previously issued obligate Colowyo Coal to develop the coal reserves for the benefit of the citizens of the United States through the payment of royalties to the state and federal governments. Colowyo has paid substantial royalties on these leases in advance of mining.

"Colowyo Coal Company is required to develop the coal leases that were previously issued by the BLM in 1982 and 2007," said Boughey. "A minor lease modification proposed to protect Greater Sage Grouse habitat is less than 160 acres and is listed by the BLM as potentially covered by a pause exemption from the recently announced leasing moratorium."

The Collom project should not be impacted by the announcement that BLM will not hold lease sales or process new lease applications for federal coal until a program review is completed. The minor modification that is being requested to protect Sage Grouse habitat falls well under the 160-acre threshold that will be exempted by the agency.

The Collom development protects Greater Sage Grouse and other wildlife habitat. To enhance habitat for the Greater Sage Grouse in Northwest Colorado, Colowyo Mine is donating more than 4,500 acres of Priority Habitat to the Colorado Division of Parks & Wildlife (CPW). The donated lands will be managed for the benefit of Greater Sage Grouse and offset impacts that may occur as a result of mining.

"Colowyo Mining Company will use best practices to safely and responsibly mine coal from the Collom area," said Boughey. "We will

CNCC AIDS FOOD BANK ...



René Harden of Rangely coordinated the project, then connected with Leana Cox, president of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year colleges, at Colorado Northwestern Community College. Cox got the PTK members to run the concession stand at CNCC and to make popcorn. The deal was that if someone brought in a non-perishable food item they would receive free popcorn. Cox called the results a success, and the food will be taken to the Rangely Food Bank on Wednesday by Harden, who volunteers there.

continue our ongoing work to reclaim and restore previously mined areas and the Collom area to significant amounts of high quality sagebrush habitat."

In addition, Colowyo Mine is donating \$150,000 to CPW to study how the Greater Sage Grouse responds to the initiation of mining operations and has committed to reclamation plans that will focus on returning the mined area to high quality sagebrush habitat.

In August 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released final rules to regulate and reduce U.S. carbon dioxide emissions. According to the EPA, coal will continue to provide 28 to 32 percent of the nation's electricity generation mix.

"Even as the U.S. and individual states develop plans to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, coal-based electricity will continue meeting the need for affordable and reliable power," said Boughey. "There is a continued need for the development of coal resources, and the Collom project is a responsible option to provide a long-term source of clean, low-cost fuel."

The EA being developed for the Collom project is separate from the EA that was successfully completed

for the South Taylor area of Colowyo Mine in 2015 by OSMRE as a result of a court order. In fact, federal court decisions supporting additional analysis on federal coal leases have been incorporated into the ongoing development of the Collom EA.

Also as a result of a court action, a separate EA is under development by OSMRE for Trapper Mine, which also supplies coal to Craig Station. The draft Trapper Mine EA is expected to be released for public comment in the coming weeks.

"It is important for the public to review and comment on both the Colowyo Mine and Trapper Mine environmental assessments," Boughey said. "The continuation of operations at both mines is critical to the communities of Northwest Colorado."

Colowyo Coal is a subsidiary of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., which purchased the mine in 2011. Tri-State is the not-for-profit wholesale power supplier to 44 electric cooperatives and public power districts that serve 1.5 million consumers throughout 200,000 square-miles of Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming.

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Meeker's Better City plan moving toward implementation during 2016

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Early in January, the Meeker Town Board approved \$25,000 for the first year of economic development implementation of the economic development strategy established by Meeker, Rangely, Rio Blanco County and the town chambers of commerce.

The effort is to be supported by matching grants of \$200,000 from the state Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) through its Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) over two years.

The "Rio Blanco County Economic Development Strategy, PHASE IV—Recommended Action Plan" was prepared over the course of the last year by Better City, a consulting firm out of Ogden, Utah. Economic Development Director Katelin Cook said this next year of actual implementation work was put out for bid on Friday. Bids are due back by Monday and will be acted on by the county commissioners soon thereafter. Cook expects Better City to be one of the bidders on the work.

Better City's "Phase IV Action Plan" contains recommendations for Meeker, Rangely and the county as a whole. Today we will look at Meeker's part in the plan.

The Phase IV report is based on the firm's community assessment, economic assessment and market analysis work for the county, towns and chambers of commerce over the past year. Better City maintains that its Phase IV recommended projects should be viewed as "catalytic projects" that will change the dynamic of the economic climate to the degree that other projects and concepts are allowed to move forward.

The primary focus for Meeker is a training facility to which visitors from all over will flock to as "The Place" to learn how to fly-fish, hunt and shoot, catering to firearms users and archery. Such a facility would be expected to attract retail and housing development.

The facility envisioned would be the first of its kind in the U.S. There is only one model existing worldwide and that one is in Germany.

The idea, according to Better City, is to improve Meeker's environment, making it more attractive to future business owners, employees and families by building on the area's recreation heritage, values and potential.

Better City emphasizes the need to do something different from the surrounding recreation-based communi-

ties. Accompanying the development of this high-tech hunting and fishing facility is the redevelopment of downtown Meeker using the facility as a Highway 13 destination attraction with walkable corridors between downtown and the White River.

The proposed development is to be "mixed-use"—a venue that leverages Meeker's strong hunting and fishing reputation while providing recreation, entertainment and housing opportunities for residents and visitors.

"The Place" would be a multi-discipline facility with indoor areas focused on firearms, archery and fly-fishing coupled to world-class opportunities in the outdoors surrounding Meeker.

The latest state-of-the-art education and training would be used. Envisioned are a 50- or 75-yard indoor shooting range with video cinema capable of safely handling up to .50 caliber ammunition and the use of high-resolution paper screens tracking actual or simulated footage of a variety of hunting scenarios. Participants would be able to use their own firearms and scopes or bows and arrows to practice long-range shots while high-speed cameras detect shot placement and create real-time reports back to the shooter. The use of muzzle-inserted laser would also be available.

Better City implores the resistance of any pull toward it becoming a "glorified arcade" similar to some retail store experiences. The facility would also be multi-use in the sense that it would serve community meeting functions and its large-screen theaters could be used for commercial films and the like.

Better City suggests the facility could then be used to establish competitions, festivals, rendezvous, and conferences that could be slated around existing events such as the cattle and sheepdog trials, hunting seasons, etc., to provide economic activity on a broader basis, capturing national

attention and interest. Better City acknowledges that establishing such an advanced facility and the redevelopment, including the multi-family housing to go with it, will require a "Herculean effort with the support of multiple public agencies, private investors and full support of the town."

Their suggested action plan includes the following steps: refining the concept with the public; establishing financial justification; site options; strategic partnerships; operator recruitment; design and cost estimates; financing structure; and commercial retail development to accompany the facility. These will be the order of business for the ongoing consulting work.

Copies of the "Phase IV Recommended Action Plan" are available by email through contacting Cook at 970-878-9474 or katelin.cook@rbc.us.



The ice tower that is built annually on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus in Rangely is slowly approaching its summit as the water and cold temperatures combine to make the solid ice. The tower is studied for weather's effect on ice making, but when it is complete, the outdoor leadership classes use it for climbing, rappelling and other outdoor purposes.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

State Park and Wildlife Commission wisely says no to wolves; Go Broncos!

By SEAN McMAHON
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Great news for Colorado's Western Slope came out of last week's meeting of the Colorado Park and Wildlife Commission meeting in Pueblo, where the commission not only shot down the notion of a grey wolf reintroduction to Colorado but also passed an anti-wolf reintroduction resolution.

I might echo the words of Don Shawcroft, the president of the Colorado Farm Bureau, who stated, "We are very pleased with the commission's approval of this resolution. The Colorado Farm Bureau has long considered that Colorado is not suitable habitat for wolves. Additionally, the predation of wildlife populations

by wolves, which is well documented, and human risk factors only increasingly validate the commission's historic opposition to reintroduction."

Having been a newspaper editor in Northwestern Wyoming when the grey wolf was reintroduced into the Greater Yellowstone Area, it didn't take long for the ranchers there to find out the wolves didn't stay where they were intended, that the wolves like the taste of beef and lamb as well as deer and elk and that the wolf is a much greater wanderer than had been previously thought.

The animals wreaked havoc on herds around Yellowstone, most



noticeably to me around Sunlight Basin north of Cody, along the mountain areas east of Yellowstone like around Meeteetse, near the town of Jackson, Wyo., and the Jackson Hole area, all the way down south along the Teton ridges and along the Wyoming/Idaho and Wyoming/Utah borders.

It was quite a while ago that several reports were made of wolves being spotted south of Rock Springs, Wyo., into Northwestern Colorado and even down as far as Southwestern Colorado and possibly Arizona. (Not to be confused with the reintroduction of the Mexican wolf into and north of its historical range in Arizona and along the New Mexico border.)

Important aspects of the resolution, stated by the PWC, are: the

focus on the Mexican wolf recovery in historic range, maintain integrity in subspecies (C.I. baileyi), reaffirm WWC recommendations, reaffirm legislative authority over state involvement in Endangered Species Act introductions and intend a better outcome for wolves in Colorado.

More than 10 years ago, the PWC approved a plan titled "Findings and Recommendations for Managing Wolves that Migrate into Colorado."

The plan, a collaborative result of the Colorado Wolf Management Working Group, was in response to the reintroduction of gray wolves by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service into their historic habitat, the northern Rocky Mountains.

In November, the PWC returned to the discussion of wolves and the active introduction or reintroduction of wolves into Colorado. Interest in wolves remains high in Colorado and the proposed resolution has generated considerable public discussion and concern.

"We are not only worried about impacts to our livestock, we are also concerned over the high possibility for conflict with wolf/human interactions," the Colorado Farm Bureau's Shawcroft said. "While problematic interactions between wolf populations and domestic livestock populations would be expected, current laws that we see in other states only allow

for protection of livestock in specific circumstances.

"A rancher who is protecting his livelihood will not have a chance to consult a lawyer to make sure the protection is justified should wolves be allowed for reintroduction," he said.

Already, the beef and lamb industries have been dumped on in recent years with more regulations than necessary and limitations on how they can deal with predators. The proposal to reintroduce the voracious grey wolf into the predator picture is more than the stock ranchers should have to endure.

While the wolf has been "successfully" reintroduced into the Wyoming/Montana/Idaho areas, it is up for strong debate whether those who live in the areas of reintroduction agree that it has been a success.

Predation is rampant, causing the cost of raising stock to soar in many cases.

My biggest question as some dumb flatlander, is "Why is this necessary?"

Sure it is nice to look off into the distance and see the wolves running through the distant meadows of Yellowstone. But I would consider it a thrill to look across the plains and see a Tyrannosaurus Rex frolicking in the grasslands as well. But that doesn't make me want to reintroduce the

critter through cloning because it would be nice to have it return to its native stomping grounds.

Contrary to the opposition's belief, the CPW stated in a release that this resolution embraces the best scientific option.

The reintroduction of the grey wolf would be counterproductive to the attempt by the USFWS and the Mexican government to reintroduce the Mexican wolf north of its "historic range."

Given the long-range movements of wolves, interchange between Mexican and grey wolves would be expected, resulting in a dilution and perhaps loss of the unique set of genes carried by the Mexican wolf.

Forget the concern about a mixing of the genes of the two animals.

What about the futures of those humans—the homo sapiens who make their entire living off of ranching. How far do we have to go before realizing that the Western lands are also for the people who live here—not just for one or two endangered species.

Depredation of wildlife and domestic stock is a costly, unnecessary occurrence when perpetrated by wolves. Coyotes and fox and other carnivores, combined with what is

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Rangely Chamber of Commerce opens 2016 with some new incentives

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce is hoping to start off 2016 with a bang by introducing several new programs to the community.

Chamber Director Kristin Steele is excited about the new programs and their potential impact on the commu-

nity. “By shopping local, people are supporting our schools, fire station, police, our streets and parks,” she said. “It is easy to forget all that and just go for the convenience of ordering your laundry soap and paper towels on Amazon.”

“I realize that not everyone will always realize what spending a dollar here versus online or out of town really means, but if I can get them to buy

locally because they can get an instant reward from doing so, then I am getting them to support our schools, roads and parks without them even having to think about it,” she said.

Beginning Feb. 17, the chamber will host Rangely’s first ever Cash Mob. It will be a continual event occurring the third Wednesday of each month.

Each month, a different local chamber member business will host the Cash Mob. For several hours specified by the hosting business, customers will be rewarded for shopping with entries into a drawing for Chamber Bucks.

For every \$10 spent at the business, customers will be given one entry to win \$50 in Chamber Bucks, which can be used at any Chamber member business. Participating businesses are encouraged, but not required, to offer special discounts to customers during the Cash Mob.

Businesses that are not retail oriented are also eligible to participate. However, instead of offering the prize entries for spending money, the Cash

Mob will operate as an open house, providing entries to anyone who stops by.

Steele also plans to include home-based businesses by allowing them to hold their Cash Mobs at the new chamber office once it has been relocated to their new location in the old Kum ‘N’ Go building.

“The purpose of these mobs are to support local businesses and the overall community by increasing local business awareness, community support and community involvement,” said Steele.

Another new program with the goal of encouraging residents to shop local is the Receipt Drive. Shoppers who want to participate are asked to save their receipts from local chamber member businesses. They are to write their name and phone number on the back of the receipts, bring them by the chamber office and drop them into the Shop Local box.

On the first working day of each month, Steele will draw a receipt from the box. The winner will receive \$100 in Chamber Bucks. Receipts must be

from the month of the drawing and cannot be photocopies. However, if participants would like to retain their original receipt they can ask Steele to photocopy it for them.

February will be the first month of the program with the first winner drawn March 1. A list of chamber member businesses is available at rangelychamber.com or at the chamber office.

Steele is also hoping to increase membership in the chamber itself by offering a membership discount to

new businesses. Any local business that has been established less than two years will be offered a 10 percent discount on membership.

The Chamber ended 2015 with 99 members and hopes to continue to expand.

“There are many rewards to shopping local and supporting our community, but not always do people realize what shopping local actually means,” Steele said.

WINDOW: Snow below norms

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consumed crop-wise by moose, elk and deer and throw in an occasional bear, make it tough enough as it is, it hardly makes sense to throw in the ferocious, ever opportunistic wolf.

Thank you Colorado Park and Wildlife Commission. Common sense, which we all know is not always so common, has prevailed.

I wish I could say I am thrilled that the Broncos went out on Sunday afternoon and firmly established themselves as the team to beat in the National Football League.

But I can’t. Even the Broncos admitted after the game that every one of their victories save one was a close contest and that luck “and one heck of a lot of teamwork” have brought them this far.

Once again, the Broncos got lucky. Yes, it has to be luck when you win so many games in the last five minutes or two minutes or on the last play of the game.

Talent and dedication don’t mean dropping six major passes in the first half. They don’t mean not scoring a touchdown until half way through the fourth quarter.

There just may be some truth to the adage I have heard in recent weeks that “God must be a Broncos fan!”

One major breakthrough did happen this weekend and it was that Denver didn’t have a single turnover. But the dropped passes, the lousy defensive pass coverage and the poor tackles continue to make the Broncos a dubious Super Bowl champion.

Wouldn’t it be great—and I’ve said it several times—if the Broncos would play four quarters, have the runners hold onto the football, see the receivers hold onto the balls that hit them in the chest or hands, and that they would remember to tackle near the line of scrimmage.

The Broncos have shown they are a great team by the good things they have done. Their defense, I believe, is

unmatchable. They just have to eliminate the bad, and they would kick the bejeebers out of the opponents.

Go Broncos! Beat the Patriots! Let’s go on to the Super Bowl again!

It feels to me that we have had quite a bit of snow this year.

But the actual figures don’t quite bear that out.

We live in the Yampa/White River Basin, one of eight river basins in Colorado, where the precipitation and snow depths are checked daily at SNOTEL monitors to see how we are all doing against a “normal” year, when the average precipitation and snowfall have built up to any given day.

As of Sunday, the Yampa/White River Basin measured as the lowest of all eight basins in the percent of normal snow/water equivalent at 94 percent and with total precipitation at 85 percent of normal. That information comes from the University of Wyoming’s Water Resources Data System, the official information made through SNOTEL monitors under the U.S. Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Of Colorado’s eight river basins, the Laramie/North Platte Basin is a hair higher at 93 percent of normal in snow/water equivalent and 93 percent in precipitation. The other six basins were basically at or above 100 percent as of Sunday.

Offered in comparison is the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan Rivers Basin, the No. 1 basin in Colorado and located in the extreme southwest portion of the state. That basin can boast of 120 percent of normal for its snow/water equivalency and for its current precipitation at 120 percent of normal.

OBITUARY

Norma Jean Galloway

Nov. 18, 1931~Jan. 7, 2016

Norma Jean Galloway, 84, passed away at her home in Rangely, Colo., surrounded by her family.

Norma Jean was born Nov. 18, 1931, to Claude Fleetwood and Ethel Mathers in Indianapolis, Ind. She passed away on Thursday Jan. 7, 2016.

Norma married Freal Galloway Jr. on Jan. 2, 1955, in Spencer, Ind.

Norma is survived by her two sons, Tim Galloway of Rangely,

Colo., and Tom Galloway of Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Freal Galloway Jr.; and her son, James Mathew Galloway. Services will be held at a later date in Indiana.

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Tues.	Jan. 26 - Beef Tacos, Spanish Rice, Fruit Cup, Corn Salsa, Milk-Variety
Wed.	Jan. 27 - Choice Day: Yogurt Special, Pancakes/Sausage, Maple Syrup, Tater Bars, Veggie Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Milk-Variety
Thurs.	Jan. 28 - Chicken Pot Pie, Fresh Garden Salad, Salad dressing, Fruited Jello/ Topping, Fruit Juice, Milk-Variety

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Wed.	Jan. 27 - Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Potato Chips, Green Beans, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Hot Dog Bar
Thurs.	Jan. 28 - Chicken Sandwich, Tater Tots, Steamed Carrots, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Breakfast Burrito w/ Salsa

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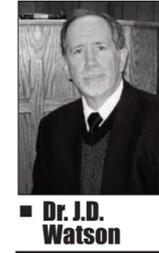
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The Problem of Society (3)

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THE Comforter . . . will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on Me; Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged (Jn. 16:7-11).

Our text provides us with a wondrous provision for dealing with society. With the provision announced (**reprove the world**) and then amplified (**of sin, righteousness, and judgment**), we can now see one other principle.

Third, the provision applied. To help us see the application of the Holy Spirit’s provision for the problem of society, ponder a moment how the Church began: Jesus went up, the Spirit came down, and the Spirit-filled witnesses went out. Those early Christians depended only on the Holy Spirit. This fact is thrilling when we consider that those early Christians went out against *incredible resistance*.

First, they went out against the power and domination of Rome. From Rome, the Empire stretched as far west as modern day Spain, as far east as Turkey and the Holy Land, as far north as Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and West Germany, and as far south as North Africa. But Christianity aided in the final fall of that vast military empire. Second, those early Christians went out against the philosophy of the Greeks with its humanistic and pagan basis but won many people out of pagan religion and philosophy. Third, those early Christians went out against the religious bigotry of the Old Covenant Jew. This was, without doubt, the worst obstacle. It was the “religious crowd” that crucified Christ and persecuted the Apostles.

But the Holy Spirit overcame it all!

So how did the early Christians do what they did? What brought the great success they experienced? Was it because of oratory, clever sermons, debating, special programs, celebrities, contests, entertainment, or gimmicks? No. Success came only by Holy Spirit power. We are reminded of Acts 1:8, where Jesus promised that His disciples would “receive power [to] be witnesses” to the world. Recall that the Greek behind “power” is *dunamis*, “that which overcomes resistance.” Just as those early Christians overcame incredible resistance, so shall we. All the Holy Spirit demanded of them, and all He demands of us, is that we be witnesses and preach Jesus Christ.

Ah, but does that mean that everyone will believe? Indeed, not. As Paul made clear, preaching appears foolish to Gentiles (because they want philosophy and debate) and stumbles the Jews (because they want miraculous signs, which sadly has crossed over nowadays to foolish Gentiles). But preaching is neither one of those. It is merely the announcing of what God says in His Word and allowing the Holy Spirit to do His work (1 Cor. 3:5-8).

Scriptures for Study: In his parting words, what did Paul tell Timothy to do? What reason did Paul give him for doing this (2 Tim. 4:1-4)?

You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord’s Day, where the ministry is the expository preaching of God’s Word. Please visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker Cowboy senior Dillon Frantz uses a Turk to score back points against a Coal Ridge opponent during the Vern Rose Memorial tournament in Rangely on Friday. Frantz pinned four of his five opponents and won the 195-pound bracket. Frantz and eight other Cowboys won individual titles, easily giving Meeker the team title. Meeker will wrestle in the Screaming Eagle tournament in Paonia on Saturday, which will feature five of the top six rated teams in 2A.

Cowboy wrestlers win Rangely's tourney, to face top state teams

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The Meeker High School wrestling Cowboys easily won the Vern Rose Memorial Wrestling Tournament in Rangely on Saturday, and this week the squad will wrestle in the Screaming Eagle Wrestling Tournament in Paonia, which will feature five of the top six 2A teams in Colorado.

"It was a good confidence-builder for us, going into a tough week," Meeker head coach J.C. Watt said of the Vern Rose Memorial.

Of the 13 varsity wrestlers, Meeker crowned nine champions and finished with two runners-up, scoring 269 points to win the team title. Overall, the Cowboys wrestled 47 varsity matches and won 41 of them, including 35 by pin fall.

Tannen Kennedy (120), Sheridan Harvey (126), Hunter Garcia (145), Casey Turner (152), Chase Rule (160), T.J. Shelton (170), Devon Pontine (182), Dillon Frantz (195) and Tyler Ilgen (285), all won individual titles, while Jacob Pelloni (106) and Caleb

Bradford (220) both made the finals but finished second.

Shelton and Pontine both finished with five pins each while Kennedy, Harvey and Frantz all finished with four pins.

Sammy Palmer won a match in the 138-pound bracket and Christopher Strate found the competition tough in the 132-pound bracket, as did junior varsity wrestlers Kasey Rosendahl (120) and Daylon Nielson (145).

The Meeker Cowboys will wrestle dual meets against Norwood/Nucla, currently ranked No. 4 in 2A by On the Mat Rankings, and Hotchkiss, currently ranked No. 5, on Friday in Hotchkiss.

Meeker, currently ranked No. 3, will enter the Screaming Eagle Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in Paonia. That tournament will also feature No. 2-ranked Centauri and No. 6-ranked Paonia. Defending state champion Rocky Ford, currently ranked No. 1 in the state, will not be in attendance.

"This will be a good preview of the regional tournament," coach Watt said.

Rangely's grapplers improving; four of eight wrestlers place at tourney

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I The annual Vern Rose Memorial Wrestling Tournament was held in Rangely on Saturday and RHS Panther coach Travis Witherell was pleased with his team's continued improvement.

The Panthers mat men placed with half of their eight varsity wrestlers, including a runner-up and two consolation champs.

"I thought our guys had an excellent showing at home," coach Witherell said. "I saw so much improvement this week. We are beginning to tie everything together, and it's starting to click for everyone."

Rangely's Caleb Lawson continues to improve. After a third-place finish at the Tournament of Champions the week before, Lawson finished second in the 160-pound bracket in the Vern Rose Memorial tournament. Lawson pinned three opponents and lost a close match to Meeker's Chase Rule in the championship.

Panther C.J. Lucero won three matches, including one in double overtime and finished third in the 113-pound bracket.

Nych Deleon also won three matches, including two by pin fall, and he, too, finished as a consolation champion in the 152-pound bracket.

Senior Kiki Ruiz won two matches, including one in overtime

and finished fifth in the 170-pound bracket.

Grady Nielson (138) and Jessy Powell (145) each won a match in their respective brackets while Landon Rowley (126) and Tristan Moore (132) did not.

"I'm super proud of how everyone wrestled, and I'm excited to keep progressing as we get closer to regionals," coach Witherell said.

The Panthers will wrestle in the competitive Screaming Eagle tournament in Paonia on Saturday.

"We will have tons of big matches this weekend," he said. "That could really affect us at the regional tournament, so we are going to have to turn it on!"

Meeker girls win three of three games

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The Meeker High School girls' basketball team played three games last week and won all three, including two on the road.

The Cowboy girls will go on the road again, playing in Baggs, Wyo., tonight and in Collbran on Saturday.

"We played better this week than the week before and we did what we were supposed to do, win all three games," head coach Greg Chintala said.

Meeker defeated Hayden 47-29 on Jan. 14 in Hayden, then pounded

Caprock Academy 48-15 in front of a hometown crowd on Friday, then beat the Bulldogs 44-40 in Hotchkiss on Saturday.

"The wins came at a cost," coach Chintala said of two injuries suffered by varsity players Julia Eskelson and Peyton Burke. Both will miss games this week for sure.

"The injury bug is biting us this year," Chintala said.

Meeker had no problems with Hayden or Caprock Academy but Hotchkiss led after the first half.

"It was a good close game against Hotchkiss," coach Chintala said. "We got into foul trouble and I was real

pleased with our younger players coming in and holding their own and kept us in the game."

Meeker trailed 24-19 at halftime and were down by two (34-32) going into the final quarter, where Meeker outscored Hotchkiss 12-6.

Megan Shelton led the team in scoring over the three games, making 26 points. Senior Jenna Walsh and junior Halle Ahrens, each scored 25 points in the three games while Burke added 21.

Meeker will play in Baggs tonight then play a league contest against the Plateau Valley Cowboys in Collbran on Saturday.

Rangely cagers fall prey, 60-40, to No. 5-rated Paonia boys' team

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

RANGELY I The Rangely High School boys' basketball team hosted the No. 5-ranked team in the state on Friday, but the Panthers came up short in a good learning experience.

Although the Panthers lost to Paonia, 60-40, coach Kyle Boydston said the team learned a great deal about the potential they have and what they need to work on to be among the top teams in the post season.

The Panthers played well in the first quarter, but trailed 12-7, then seemed to get a little impatient starting the second period.

Paonia took advantage of the missed shots and increased the tempo, taking a 33-17 lead into the locker room at half.

Rangely made great adjustments at the half and came out playing with Paonia in the third quarter but still weren't able to catch Paonia, being outscored by a 14-10 margin.

Both teams scored 13 points in the final quarter, but the Panthers were just unable to pull ahead in the final stanza and the deficit from the first three quarters proved to be too much to overcome.

Austin Ficken played fearlessly against Paonia's Dagan Rienks, who is an all-state caliber competitor. Ficken finished with five points while teammate Patrick Scoggins led the scorers with 10 points. Brennan Noyes added nine points and Kaulan Brady added seven. Troy Allred had four points, Mikey Shepherd added four points and grabbed six rebounds.

Coach Boydston said, "We had the

opportunity to upset a top 2A team at home. We came up short by being too impatient on offense and not finding high percentage shots."

The Panthers have played a tough early season and are currently 3-4 overall and 1-2 in league play.

"To get to the next level, we will have to eliminate more turnovers and find those easier buckets," Boydston said. "However, I am confident that this squad will continue to improve and take that next step."

Their next test for the Panthers comes this weekend as they host Hotchkiss on Friday with the junior varsity games beginning at 4 p.m., followed by the varsity.

On Saturday, Caprock Academy comes to town with the junior varsity games beginning at 1 p.m., followed by the varsity.



Barone Middle School eighth-grader Makenna Burke leads the pack down the court during a game between the two Rio Blanco County middle school teams. Barone Middle School's A-team beat Rangely but Rangely Middle School's seventh grade team came out on top of the young Cowboy team.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Rangely girls fall to Paonia

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

RANGELY I The Rangely High School girls' basketball team played an extremely tough Paonia team and came up short, but they look forward to two home games this weekend as they host Hotchkiss on Friday night and Caprock Academy on Saturday.

Both games are important and extremely winnable for the Panthers.

Rangely hosted Paonia, and the defense they are known for seemed to be a factor in the game. The Panther girls trailed Paonia 17-6 after the first quarter and by 37-9 at the half.

The girls made some great defensive adjustments at the half and the

played the Eagles much better in the second half.

Katelynn Brown led the scorers with eight, followed by Lindzey Thacker with seven. Thacker also led rebounders with five.

The team is back to work as they prepare for Hotchkiss and Caprock and hope to increase offensive efficiency.

MHS boys win two of three

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

MEEKER I The Meeker Cowboys boys' basketball team won two of three games over the weekend and nearly beat a highly competitive Hotchkiss team.

The boys began their weekend Thursday as they played Hayden, and the Cowboy defense limited almost all scoring for the Tigers. The first eight minutes found the Cowboys up 15-2, and 26-3 by half.

The Cowboys were led in scoring by Zack Dinwiddie with 13, Doak Mantle with 11, Jerrick Garca added nine, Logan Hughes added five, and Kale Burke and Gavin Garr each added three.

The team played Caprock Academy on Friday and came out on fire as the first quarter score was 25-3 in favor of the Cowboys.

Meeker never looked back and won the game 66-22 behind the outstanding offensive play of Kash Atwood with 19. Doak Mantle added 11 as Eli Newman and Logan Hughes each added eight.

Nine MHS players scored and the team played outstanding defense in the game.

Saturday's game was against a solid Hotchkiss, and Meeker proved they were ready for the competition. They ended the game down by six, but they played right with the Bulldogs for thirty-two minutes.

Hotchkiss came out hot at home

outscored the Cowboys 17-8, but Meeker fought back outscoring the Bulldogs 15-8 in the second period, closing to 25-23 at the half.

The third quarter found Meeker making all the right adjustments as they prevailed 23-17, setting up an outstanding final period. Meeker fell short in the end, but they had outstanding team play.

Logan Hughes led scoring with 18, followed by Kash Atwood with 12 and Doak Mantle and Zack Dinwiddie with five each, Eli Newman had six and Jerrick Garza had four.

The Cowboys proved once again that they are gaining offensive weapons as the season progresses.



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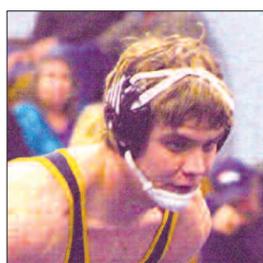
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Devon Pontine Meeker High School Wrestling

The Meeker High School wrestling team won the Vern Rose Memorial Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in Rangely behind nine members of the team who took home championships and claimed the team title. Two of those wrestlers won all five of their matches by pin, and one of those was Devon Pontine, who is this week's Meeker CHAMP.

SELLE: Colorado in bottom 10 percent for K-12 funds

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Colorado schools "must receive stable and adequate funding," they said.

"We hold firmly to the belief that voters' intent in passing Amendment 23 [in 2000] was for schools to realize year-over-year funding increases of at least inflation plus student growth," their letter said. "...and this intent needs to be reflected in the state's fiscal year 2016-17 budget and supported by all legislation" of the 2016 General Assembly.

Boulder Valley Schools Superintendent Bruce Messinger led the group, which specifically asked for the following: that the intent of the 2015 School Finance Act to not reduce funding for the next year, despite increased assessed property values and improved other factors including statewide economic forecasts and statewide enrollment changes be upheld; that a supplemental appropriation be made to ensure per-pupil funding is not reduced due to enrollment growth; that the negative factor applied for the next year not be increased; and that the total K-12 funding be increased at least by the rate of inflation.

The superintendents also voiced

their support for the reclassification of the state's hospital-provider fees to "enterprise fund" status as a short-term measure to provide additional funding for Colorado's schools.

State Sen. Andy Kerr, D-Jefferson County, greeted the group saying, "Our property values, our economy, our way of life in Colorado depends on having a robust and well-funded 21st century education system, and we're just not getting it done so far."

Shannon Bird, a Westminster City Council member, participated in the event, and said, "I've been told there's nothing that could be done [about school funding]. Well, I don't believe this. Our legislators are smart people who are elected to solve tough problems."

Selle told the *Herald Times*, "There is no question that K-12 education in Colorado is underfunded. We are in the bottom 10 percent of states in the nation on a per-pupil funding basis and more than \$2,000 below the national average for per-pupil funding."

"The road to adequate funding for Colorado's school children will be difficult, but I know there are superintendents across the state who are willing to work with our legislators to

find the needed solutions to provide adequate resources for our school children," he said. "In our school district, a number of programs and resources have been cut over the past several years to address inadequate funding. Each of those cuts have a negative impact on student learning in our schools."

"Though not true for all areas in Colorado, the statewide economy as a whole is strong," Selle said. "Yet, we are still faced with potential cuts to K-12 education funding because of constraints in the Colorado Constitution. Intuitively, that makes no sense. It is my hope that by working together, superintendents, legislators, parents and educators will provide solutions so we can increase resources for our schools that will benefit student learning in times of strong economic growth such as this."

School funding issues probably won't be taken up in the Legislature until March.

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Work progressing on WREA building

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MEEKER I The White River Electric Association would like to thank its members for their patience and support as the headquarters remodel project continues. The remodel is necessary to repair damage caused by a broken pipe that flooded the office building on Jan. 1, 2015.

Last year on New Year's Day, management discovered four to six inches of standing water throughout areas of the main office. Following cleanup, the WREA began to assess the damage and the future of the building.

While the building was deemed structurally sound, the damage warranted a comprehensive remodel.

WREA has utilized the current office space as its headquarters since the 1960s. Specific areas of the original structure have been updated throughout the years with the recent addition in 2007 of the boardroom and office on the second floor.

With the help of an architect and input from all of the WREA employ-

ees, plans to reconfigure the business office began last fall. Throughout this process, WREA has maintained the goal of creating a headquarters that members and the community can utilize and be proud of for years to come, including an update to Kilowatt Korner.

Because of its age, the building required structural analysis, asbestos testing and architectural planning. Contractor review and selection is in its final stages.

The relocation of staff, asbestos abatement and internal demolition is nearly complete, and full construction is expected to begin in February. The project is estimated to take six months.

WREA General Manager Alan Michalewicz says he has always been impressed with WREA's "whatever it takes to get the job done" attitude.

"The employees and members have been amazing," he said. "Everyone jumped in to help after the flood and during the planning process."

"The employees have been moved around, inconvenienced and lived with the water damage since the day

of the flood, but everyone has been great," Michalewicz said.

WREA Board President Bill Jordan said, "The staff and board worked hard to make sure this was a necessary project. We wanted to ensure that we were in a financial position to take it on and do it right. This is an investment in our future."

"Construction projects take time and patience," Jordan said. "The WREA will work to keep its members updated on the project and appreciates everyone's cooperation. Most importantly, WREA looks forward to hosting an open house later this year to welcome the membership to their remodeled headquarters."

For the duration of the construction, the business office will be located at 668 Market St. (on the corner of 7th and Market Street), across from the Meeker Chamber of Commerce. The WREA encourages all members to use the 7th Street door and parking area.

Please call WREA with any comments or questions about the remodel, Michalewicz said.

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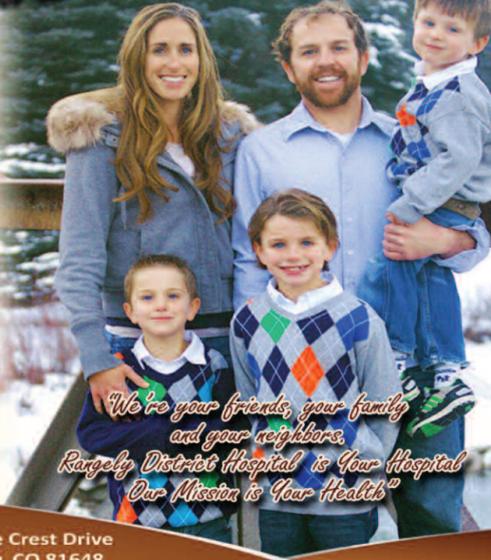
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Dr. Aquirre enjoys practicing preventive medicine and osteopathic manipulations. He has an interest in sports medicine and providing IMPACT testing and educating youth and coaches about concussion awareness. Dr. Aquirre speaks Spanish fluently.

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



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JAN. 30 VS. CEDAREDDGE @HOME

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ROAD: Morlan explains county's responsibilities for snow removal

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ing the problems of snow every day. We even had several folks thank us for our efforts.

"We had some overtime then, but we were starting early and we kept going until we were down," Morlan said.

The Road and Bridge Department must keep 448 miles of county road clean in the winter, utilizing eight snow plow routes; five are in the Meeker district and cover 144 miles while three routes are in the Rangely district and cover 33 miles.

The department also has nine grader routes in the county—six on the Meeker side of the county covering 143 miles and three on the Rangely side of the county, covering 128 miles.

Morlan said he feels good when the department gets out and gets the job done, causing the least amount of delay and inconvenience.

"Schools are our first priority, so our focus is to make certain first that school buses can get through," he said. "If we can get those buses through on time, that makes us feel pretty good, and what makes for a great day is when we can get the buses through quickly and get around to the county roads and get them plowed and graded soon as we can."

Morlan added that the biggest disappointment or negative part of the winter road cleanups (and some other times as well) come when the public complains about the lack of work the county department is doing when the work they are complaining about isn't on county roads.

"It can be really frustrating at times because when people are upset, they say things they would never say otherwise—particularly over the phone," Morlan said. "Already this year we have caught a lot of flack that wasn't deserved because people don't know the difference between a town

road, a county highway and state highway.

"I got a pretty good chewing because someone inside the Meeker town limits wanted to know why we hadn't plowed her city street," he said. "I had to explain to her that the county doesn't plow city streets; that's up to the city."

"I have also taken quite a few shots from folks who want to know why the city doesn't do Market Street in town, and I have to explain to them that Market Street is Highway 13, which is a state highway; not maintained by the county."

State Highway 13 is a 24/7 maintenance road for the state, which means the state is in charge of keeping that road open at all times, Morlan explained. Highway 64 is also a state highway but is not considered important enough for 24/7 maintenance, and the state does not plow the road between Rangely and Meeker at night.

"I think it has enough traffic to justify 24/7 plowing, but I'm not the person who the state asks, and I am not the person who makes that decision," he said.

Morlan said his department also received a bad rap regarding the work on Highway 13, about mile marker 29 this past summer, when the sides of the highway collapsed, shutting the highway down to one lane and a flagger for most of the summer and fall.

"Highway 13 is a state road, and we had absolutely nothing to do with that highway or its repairs," Morlan said. "People also wanted to know why Rio Blanco County was paying for that long stretched-out period that it took to fix it. Well the reality is that Rio Blanco County didn't pay for those repairs and the work down south. The state did."

With the National Weather Service reporting that the El Nino will hit its Colorado peak from mid-January through March, Morlan said the department is fully prepared for a possible onslaught of more winter

storm. "We have had overtime and we have used a lot of sand," Morlan said. "We make our own sand, so there is no problem there, and I can't see any circumstances under which the three county commissioners would make us cut back on overtime as far as highway maintenance is concerned."

Morlan said the department has never gone over its budget and that the commissioners have been very good about seeing that the department has the funding and the materials it needs to do the job.

"I expect and am planning for a lot of snow during the remainder of the winter," Morlan said. "We are up to the job, we will have the equipment and the funding and I expect we will be able to meet our goal of providing safe county roads to our residents."

"It may get hectic if we have lots

of heavy snows through the end of March," he said. "But we're up to the task and we'll make certain it happens."

During the summer, when snow is not a factor, the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department oversees a total of 930.87 miles of road; 175.64 of those miles are paved and 755.23 miles are gravel and dirt.

"With road maintenance, sometimes having to replace culverts and do bridge repairs, we stay pretty busy," Morlan said. "We take our task of keeping the roads in good condition for the school buses and residents very seriously."

"The workers know what is expected of them—and it may be worse in the winter—but we are up to the challenge and I am really happy with the crews I have," he said. "They know we are serious about what we do."

RANGELY: Better City

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ing the local economy and schools.

The idea of somehow incentivizing them to stay in Rangely was mentioned, but no formal plans were made.

Because a large portion of the plans—three of the five projects—revolve around the community college, CNCC President Russell George was brought into the discussion and asked about his intentions and view of the projects.

George told the group, "How much can we grow, is the question. We have already doubled from 20 to 40 students in the aviation program in the last two years."

George expressed a desire to explore the ideas more. He also said he believes it is a good opportunity, however he is also concerned about how the infrastructure costs needed to expand would be paid for.

"I would be surprised if we could manage large growth," he said. However, he followed up saying, "Growth is good for the college the same way it is good for the town."

The county and town expressed a desire to keep the momentum rolling on the project by preparing for next steps.

Cook expects to quickly seek out competitive bids for the implementation phase (as is required by law) and hopes to finalize that contract by Feb. 8. At that time, the Town of Rangely and the county will also be working on a formal intergovernmental agreement (IA) for the project.

Eskelson seemed pleased with the work of Better City thus far, stating that they had undergone a very thorough vetting process when hired and were eventually chosen because they were one of the few companies that had experienced success with their plans.

"They have a proven track record," he said.

The Rangely Town Council plans to vote on the IA, thus propelling the plan forward, at its next meeting on Jan. 26.

CRASH:

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Club returned to the search area.

One body was recovered from the wreckage by members of the corner's office and the body was transported to Grand Junction for an autopsy, which was performed on Monday.

The plane wreck was removed from the scene by the NTSB with aid provided by the above agencies.

Glasscock said the airport in Provo confirmed that there was only one person on board the plane when Hiler stopped there to refuel, and belongings on the body led to Hiler's family, which confirmed that the victim most likely was Hiler—although Krueger will continue to forensically confirm the identity.

Glasscock also reported that although the different parts of the plane were scattered, they were all within a quarter-mile of where the body and fuselage were located.

NTSB spokesman Keith Holloway said Monday that the fuselage and other parts that were retrieved will be taken to one of the closest secure hangars to be examined. There, he said, inspectors will come up with a preliminary report of their findings, which could come in the next week or so.

He said the official NTSB report and the determined cause of the crash is likely to take between 12 and 18 months.

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the worry that a large number of international flight students would shift the cultural basis of the town.

Eskelson tried to dampen these worries, saying that the students would want to experience western Americana.

"Twenty students won't affect Rangely, Rangely will affect them," he said.

Another question brought to the table was what had happened to the other ideas that were originally included in the Community Assessment phase of the project.

Cook informed the group that with the exception of the Asian Language Center, all ideas had been included but some of them had been combined into bigger projects.

One business owner wanted to know how set in stone the plans were and if there would be the potential to make changes along the way.

Cook responded that the plans were "conceptual" and could be adapted to what works.

The prospective amount of population growth was also discussed.

It is believed that the Aviation Mechanic program at CNCC will attract between three and five full time residents while the Aviation Technology program will be bringing in primarily students. The student housing project is estimated to add another three to four jobs early on.

Concerns about the amount of leakage (the amount of money that leaves town to be spent elsewhere) that the town continues to experience were also raised.

Better City responded that it is hoped that creating a well-built product locally would prevent leaking. All in attendance agreed that a full-service grocery store would have to be part of that equation.

Part of the leakage discussion also tapped into the number of oil and gas employees who choose to live in Vernal rather than Rangely, thus hurt-

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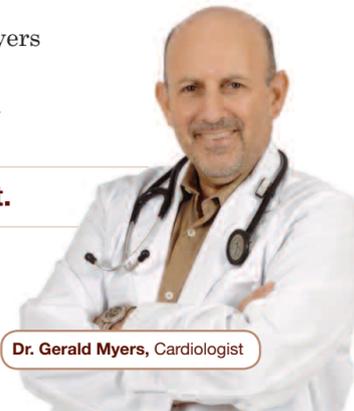
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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF MEEKER MUNICIPAL ELECTION

April 5, 2016

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 5, 2016 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 5, 2016. 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., Monday, January 4, 2016. 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 25, 2016, 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) Three members of the Town Board of Trustees - all four year terms.
- Dated this 8th day of December, 2015.

TOWN OF MEEKER

By: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk

Published: December 17, 24, & 31, 2015, January 7, 14 & 21, 2016.

Rio Blanco Herald Times

Notice of General Municipal Election Conducted as a Mail Ballot Election

To Be held on
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
At Town Hall 209 E Main
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I, Lisa Piering, Town Clerk of Rangely, Colorado, I DO HEREBY GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE of a General Municipal Election for Town of Rangely Mayor and Council members to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at which time there will be elected: ONE MAYOR, SERVING A 2-YEAR TERM and THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS, SERVING A 4-YEAR TERM

Each position shall be voted upon by the entire electorate of the Town.

The person receiving the greatest number of votes for the Mayor, 2-year term shall be elected.

The first three people receiving the greatest number of votes for the Council member 4-year terms shall be elected.

*NOTE: The First day that nomination petitions maybe picked up and circulated starts January 5, 2016 and must be returned to the Clerk no later than January 25, 2016.

Nomination petitions will be available at the Town of Rangely, 209 E. Main, Rangely, Co. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States of America, and have lived in the Town of Rangely for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

All Candidates must be registered to vote in the Town of Rangely at least 30 days prior to the election.

There are no questions at this time that will be placed on the ballot at the time of this release. Every person who has attained the age of 18 years possessing the following qualifications is entitled to register to vote at all municipal elections: He/she is a citizen of the United States; He/she resided in the State of Colorado for thirty days prior to the municipal election at which he offers to vote.

The polls will be opened at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the election and will be closed at 7:00 p.m. April 5, 2016 at Town Hall, 209 E Main, Rangely Colorado, 81648.

Ballot's will be mailed to electors unless you fill out an absentee ballot request application. Your application must be returned to the town clerk's office on or before April 1, 2016. You can download absentee ballot applications at www.rangely.com or come into the Town of Rangely offices at 209 E Main for blank forms. This application is necessary even for voters who were previously on Rio Blanco County's permanent mail-in voter list.

Lisa Piering
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Publication Date: December 24th and 31st, 2015
January 7th, 14th and 21st, 2016.
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NOTICE

LAST DAY TO UPDATE YOUR VOTER ADDRESS

Monday, February 1st, is the last day to update your voter registration address to participate in the party precinct caucuses to be held on Tuesday, March 1st. (Must be a resident of the precinct for 30 days and registered to vote no later than 29 days before the precinct caucus.) If you wish to verify the current address on your voter registration, please call the County Clerk's office at 878-9460 or check online at www.govotecolorado.com.

Boots M. Campbell
Rio Blanco County Clerk & Recorder
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NOTICE

LAST DAY TO AFFILIATE FOR CAUCUS

Monday, January 4th, was the last day to affiliate with the Republican Party, Democratic Party, or ACP Party or to change party affiliation to participate in the precinct caucuses to be held on Tuesday, March 1st. If you wish to verify the current affiliation on your voter registration, please call the County Clerk's office at 878-9460 or check online at www.govotecolorado.com.

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Town of Rangely

January 26, 2016 - 7:00pm
Agenda

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)

FRANK HUITT, MAYOR

JOSEPH NIELSEN, MAYOR PRO TEM

LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE

ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE

DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE

ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE

KRISTIN STEELE, TRUSTEE

•Call to Order

•Roll Call

•Invocation

•Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of Meeting

•Approval of the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting.

•Petitions and Public Input

•Changes to the Agenda

Public Hearings - 7:15pm

•Committee/Board Meetings

•Supervisor Reports - See Attached

Kelli Neiberger

•Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update

New Business

•Discussion and action to approve the preliminary December 2015 financial summary.

•Discussion and action to ratify phone poll approving the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Rangely and Rio Blanco County, providing

for the responsibilities and cost sharing of the Consultant to develop the economic strategies detailed in Exhibit A of the IGA.

•Discussion and action to approve acquisition of three (3) Utility Vehicles for the Gas, Utility and Public Works department.

Informational Items

•Crab Crack February 6, 2016 CNCC Weiss Colorado Room @ 6:30 pm

Scheduled Announcements

•Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2016 at 6:15pm.

•Rangely District Library regular meeting January 11, 2016 at 5:00pm.

•Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2016 at 6:00pm.

•Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2016 at 7:00pm.

•Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting January 11, 2016 at 7:00pm.

•Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting is January 27, 2016 at 7:00pm.

•Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 12:00pm.

•Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2016 at 12:00pm.

•Community Networking Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2016 at 12:00pm.

•Rio Blanco County Commissioners meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2016 at 11:00am.

Adjournment

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Board of County Commissioners

Monday, January 25, 2016

Meeker, Colorado

Tentative Board Agenda

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

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

11:00 a.m. Call to order:

• Pledge of Allegiance

• Changes to January 25, 2016 Tentative Agenda

• Approval of the January 25, 2016 Agenda

Consent Agenda: January 25, 2016

• Consent 1_ Consideration of the Board Minutes of January 19, 2016

• Consent 2_ Budget Variance Report - 064 FCI Constructors Inc. and Concepts in Millworks, Project 10 14-030 to fund costs for the installation of countertops pursuant to RFI-246, in an amount not to exceed \$574.00. (Chairman Signs)

Business:

• Business 1_2016 Board Appointments

Bid Opening:

• Bid Opening 1_Rio Blanco County Economic Development Strategy Implementation for the Meeker Area.

Bid Awards:

• Bid Award 1_Bid Award to Courthouse Moving Services Company for courthouse moving services project.

• Bid Award 2_Bid Award to DHHS Optical Lan Company for the Rio Blanco County DHHS Passive Optical LAN project.

MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:

• MCA 1_Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Turnkey Corrections for Inmate Services. (All Sign)

• MCA 2_Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Courthouse Moving Services Company for courthouse moving services beginning February, 9, 2016 with completion on or before March 25, 2016. (All Sign)

• MCA 3_Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and DHHS Optical LAN Company for the Rio Blanco County DHHS Passive Optical LAN project beginning January 25, 2016. (All Sign)

• MCA 4_Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County and Colorado Department of Local Affairs, University of Colorado Denver, Colorado Center for Community Development to provide conceptual architectural drawings and renovation planning concepts for the Old West Heritage Cultural Center.

• MCA 5_Approval of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade Community

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Development Block Grant Business Loan Funds Application.

• MCA 6_Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County and WREA for Fiber Optic Assets and Services.

Resolutions:

• RES 1_

Other Business:

• Public Comments

• County Commissioners Updates

Public Hearing 1:15 p.m.:

• Hearing 1_ Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes for Nabors Lux Finance 2, Schedule No. P1010052. (Chairman Only)

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 8, 2016, 11:00 a.m., in Meeker at the County Administration Building in Meeker. Please check the County's website for information at: 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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Availability of An Environmental Assessment for Public Review and Comment

Trapper Mining Inc.'s Trapper Mine Federal Coal Leases C-07519 and C-079641

Mining Plan Modification

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Western Region, has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to analyze environmental impacts of a federal mining plan approval for current and future mining within Federal Coal Lease Nos. C-07519 and C-079641 held by Trapper Mining Inc. as part of the Trapper Mine. The EA covers the time period beginning July 1, 2015, and continuing through the planned life of mine for the portion of the two federal coal lease areas lying within

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 15-22

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 27, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) CHRISTOPHER HALL
Original Beneficiary(ies) CITIFINANCIAL CORPORATION
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC

Date of Deed of Trust August 07, 2008

County of Recording Rio Blanco

Recording Date of Deed of Trust August 14, 2008

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 293288

Original Principal Amount \$54,630.17

Outstanding Principal Balance \$53,242.21

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

ALL THE REAL PROPERTY TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS, IF ANY, SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO AND STATE OF COLORADO DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 9, HILDENBRANTS ADDITION TO HILDENBRANTS SUB DIVIDED LOTS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED APRIL 30, 1947 AS RECEPTION NO. 72396 TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO TOGETHER WITH THE WEST HALF OF JONES AVENUE AS VACATED BY ORINANCE NO. 308 ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF RANGELY

Also known by street and number as: 110 EAST RANGELY AVE, RANGELY, CO 81648.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/24/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 12/31/2015

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATE: 10/27/2015

Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Holly L. Decker #32647 Jolene Kaminski #46144 Michael Medved #14669

Heather Deere #26597

MEDVED DALE DECKER & DEERE, LLC 355 UNION BLVD. STE 302, LAKEWOOD, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155

Attorney File # 15-119-28816

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

LEGAL NOTICES

the approved Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) Permit Area (the Project). As required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the EA discloses the potential for direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to the environment from the Project.

The proposed Project is occurring on two federal coal leases administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and located within the eastern portion of the Trapper Mine's approved SMCRA Permit Area. The portion of the federal coal leases within the SMCRA Permit Area covers a total of approximately 2,423 acres of federal mineral estate. As of July 1, 2015, approximately 19.1 million tons of recoverable federal coal remains within the Project Area.

Preparation of the EA has been completed pursuant to the Court-approved Joint Proposed Remedy, as approved by the United States District Court for the District of Colorado on September 14, 2015, in the case entitled WildEarth Guardians v. U.S. Office of Surface Mining et al., Case 1:13-cv-00518-RBJ (D. Colo. 2015). As part of the Court-approved remedy, OSMRE agreed to conduct a new NEPA analysis for Trapper's current and future mining activities within Federal Coal Lease Nos. C-07519 and C-079641. OSMRE is responsible for reviewing plans to conduct coal mining and reclamation operations on lands containing leased federal coal. Pursuant to 30 CFR 746.13, OSMRE is responsible for making a recommendation to the DOI Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) regarding a decision on proposed mining plan modifications. OSMRE must prepare and submit a mining plan decision document (MPDD) to the DOI ASLM recommending approval, disapproval, or approval with condition(s) of the proposed mining plan modification. The ASLM is responsible for making the decision to approve, disapprove, or approve with condition(s) the document within the MPDD, as required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920.

OSMRE invites the public to comment on the EA and the unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The EA and unsigned FONSI will be available for review beginning January 25, 2016. All comments must be received or postmarked by February 19, 2016 to be considered.

The EA and unsigned FONSI will be available for review online at: www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/trappermine.shtm

Printed versions of the EA and unsigned FONSI will also be available for review at the following locations:

LEGAL NOTICES

OSMRE, Western Region

1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, CO 80202

Between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Moffat County Building
221 W. Victory Way, Suite 130
Craig, CO 81625

Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Moffat County Library
570 Green St.
Craig, CO 81625

Between the hours of 10:30AM and 7:00 PM Monday and Tuesday 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM Wednesday through Friday 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM Saturday (Closed Sunday)

BLM, Little Snake Field Office
455 Emerson St.
Craig, CO 81625

Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday)

BLM, White River Field Office
220 East Market St.
Meeker, CO 81641

Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Rio Blanco County Courthouse
555 Main St.
Meeker, CO 81641

Between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Meeker Public Library

Between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Meeker Public Library

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CORRECTED COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 15-20

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 2

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

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of December, 2015.

15CW27 RIO BLANCO COUNTY Application For Change of Water Right. Applicant: Sheryl M. Little-Myers, PO Box 1169 Meeker, CO 81641; 9706232833. Structure: Thomas Ditch; Date of original Decree-CA0380, 8/31/23; Subsequent decrees CA1269, 11/21/66, all in Water Division 6. Legal Description SWNE S36-T1N-R96W; White River Ranches Estate; Lot 8; Appropriation date-1/27/1900, amount decreed 7cfs absolute; amount to change 1.45 cfs ; Use –agricultural/irrigation. Decreed source: White River at 84.33. Proposed change: Maps in court file to demonstrate: property lines, existing Thomas Ditch and proposed location for change of diversion. Propose to pump water from the white river from a point on my property-structure will not impact neighbors. UTM coordinates: E234951, N4434266 Zone 13; Street address Highway 64 Meeker, Colorado 81641. Source of UTM: handheld Garmin GPS 12. Original Legal Description: Rio Blanco; NE4, NE4, S36, T1N, R96W 6th pm. Distance from 636 ft from N and 552 ft from E. Source of Information; Aqua Map, st address: 140536100014 parcel Number. Changed Legal Description: W4 of the NW, NE4, s36, T1N, R96W, 6th pm; Distance from section line 200ft from N and 2487 ft from E. Source of plss: aquamap; Applicant is owner. Remarks: See Court file for detailed information.

15CW3048 GARFIELD AND RIO BLANCO COUNTIES, Colorado Water Conservation Board ("CWCB"), 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 718, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (303) 866-3441. Please direct all future correspondence and pleadings regarding this Application to: Philip E. Lopez, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment Section, Colorado Department of Law, 1300 Broadway, 7th Floor, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (720) 508-6312. E-mail: philip.lopez@state.co.us. Application For Instream Flow Water Rights To Preserve The Natural Environment To A Reasonable Degree In Colorado. 2. Name of water right: Brush Creek Instream Flow Water Right. 3. Legal Description: The Brush Creek Instream Flow Water Right is located in the natural stream channel of Brush Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with East Douglas Creek, a distance of approximately 5.31 miles. This segment of Brush Creek can be located on the Calif Canyon and Douglas Pass U.S.G.S. quadrangles. A map of the Brush Creek Instream Flow Water Right reach is attached as Exhibit 1. A. Upstream Terminus: Brush Creek Headwaters in the Vicinity of 1. UTM: Northing: 4390370.44 Easting: 177459.80 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North). 2. Lat/Long: latitude 39° 36' 8.52"N and longitude 108° 45' 23.01"W. B. Downstream Terminus: Confluence East Douglas Creek. 1. UTM: Northing: 4395976.77 Easting: 181933.58 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North). 2. Lat/Long: latitude 39° 39' 16.01"N and longitude 108° 42' 25.5"W. C. The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) and geographical descriptions (e.g., confluences) of the upstream and downstream termini will be used as the legal description for the decree in this matter. The Lat/Long coordinates are provided as cross-reference locations only. The UTM and Lat/Long locations for the upstream and downstream termini were derived from CWCB GIS using the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). 4. Source: Brush Creek, tributary to East Douglas Creek, tributary to Douglas Creek, tributary to the White River. 5. A. Date of initiation of appropriation: January 26, 2015. B. How appropriation was initiated: Appropriation and beneficial use occurred on January 26, 2015, by the action of the CWCB pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. (2015). C. Date applied to beneficial use: January 26, 2015. 6. Amount of water claimed: Instream flow of 0.65 cfs (4/1-10/31), and 0.50 cfs (11/1-3/31), absolute. 7. Proposed Uses: Instream flow uses to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. 8. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion structure will be located: The notice required by section 37-92-302(2)(b), C.R.S. (2015), to the owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed is not applicable in this case. This Application is for instream flow water rights, exclusive to the CWCB under the provisions of section 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. (2015). As instream flow water rights, the CWCB's appropriations do not require diversion structures or storage. See City of Thornton ex rel. Utilities Bd. v. City of Fort Collins, 830 P.2d 915, 931 (Colo. 1992) ("A minimum stream flow does not require removal or control of water by some structure or device. A minimum stream flow between two points on a stream or river usually signifies the complete absence of a structure or device."). The CWCB's appropriation of an instream flow water right also does not affect ground water. 9. Remarks: These appropriations by the CWCB, on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado, are made pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. (2015). The purpose of the CWCB's appropriations is to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. At its regular meeting on May 21, 2015, the CWCB determined, pursuant to section 37-92-102(3)(c), C.R.S. (2015), that the natural environment will be preserved to a reasonable degree by the water available for the appropriations to be made; that there is a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with the CWCB's water rights herein, if granted; and that such environment can exist without material injury to water rights.

15CW3049, Rio Blanco County, Colorado Water Conservation Board ("CWCB"), 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 718, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (303) 866-3441. Please direct all future correspondence and pleadings regarding this Application to: Jennifer Mele, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment Section, Colorado Department of Law, 1300 Broadway, 7th Floor, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (720) 508-6282. E-mail:jennifer.mele@coag.gov. Application For Instream Flow Water Rights To Preserve The Natural Environment To A Reasonable Degree In Rio Blanco County, Colorado. 2. Name of water right: East Douglas Creek (Lower) Instream Flow Water Right. 3. Legal Description: The East Douglas Creek (Lower) Instream Flow Water Right is located in the natural stream channel of East Douglas Creek from the confluence of Brush Creek to the confluence of Cathedral Creek, a distance of approximately 14.22 miles. This segment of East Douglas Creek can be located on the Brushy Point and White Coyote Draw U.S.G.S. quadrangles. A map of the East Douglas Creek Instream Flow Water Right reach is attached as Exhibit 1. A. Upstream Terminus: Confluence Brush Creek. 1. UTM: Northing: 4395976.77 Easting: 181933.58 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North). 2. Lat/Long: latitude 39° 39' 16.01"N and longitude 108° 42' 25.5"W. B. Downstream Terminus: Confluence Cathedral Creek. 1. UTM: Northing: 4410043.75 Easting: 188016.57 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North). 2. Lat/Long: latitude 39° 46' 59.44"N and longitude 108° 38' 34.73"W. C. The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) and geographical descriptions (confluences) of the upstream and downstream termini will be used as the legal description for the decree in this matter. The Lat/Long coordinates are provided as cross-reference locations only. The UTM and Lat/Long locations for the upstream and downstream termini were derived from CWCB GIS using the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). 4. Source: East Douglas Creek, tributary to Douglas Creek, tributary to the White River. 5. A. Date of initiation of appropriation: January 26, 2015. B. How appropriation was initiated: Appropriation and beneficial use occurred on January 26, 2015, by the action of the CWCB pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. (2015). C. Date applied to beneficial use: January 26, 2015. 6. Amount of water claimed: Instream flow of 0.5 cfs (5/1-10/15), absolute. 7. Proposed Uses: Instream flow uses to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. 8. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion structure will be located: The notice required by section 37-92-302(2)(b), C.R.S. (2015), to the owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed is not applicable in this case. This Application is for instream flow water rights, exclusive to the CWCB under the provisions of section 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. (2015). As instream flow water rights, the CWCB's appropriations do not require diversion structures or storage. See City of Thornton ex rel. Utilities Bd. v. City of Fort Collins, 830 P.2d 915, 931 (Colo. 1992) ("A minimum stream flow does not require removal or control of water by some structure or device. A minimum stream flow between two points on a stream or river usually signifies the complete absence of a structure or device."). The CWCB's appropriation of an instream flow water right also does not affect ground water. The CWCB has an existing instream flow water right on East Douglas Creek from the confluence with Brush Creek to the confluence with Cathedral Creek, in the amount of 1.5 cfs (1/1 – 12/31), decreed in Case No. 5-85CW256 with an appropriation date of 5/3/1985. The flow rates sought herein are in addition to the amount of the existing instream flow water right. 9. Remarks: These appropriations by the CWCB, on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado, are made pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. (2015). The purpose of the CWCB's appropriations is to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. At its regular meeting on May 21, 2015, the CWCB determined, pursuant to section 37-92-102(3)(c), C.R.S. (2015), that the natural environment will be preserved to a reasonable degree by the water available for the appropriations to be made; that there is a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with the CWCB's water rights herein, if granted; and that such environment can exist without material injury to water rights.

15CW3051 RIO BLANCO COUNTY, Colorado Water Conservation Board ("CWCB"), 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 718, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (303) 866-3441. Please direct all future correspondence and pleadings regarding this Application to: Patrick E. Kowaleski, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment Section, Colorado Department of Law, 1300 Broadway, 7th Floor, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (720) 508-6297. E-mail:patrick.kowaleski@coag.gov. Application For Instream Flow Water Rights To Preserve The Natural Environment To A Reasonable Degree In Rio Blanco County, Colorado. 2. Name of water right: Soldier Creek Instream Flow Water Right. 3. Legal Description: The Soldier Creek Instream Flow Water Right is located in the natural stream channel of Soldier Creek from the confluence of Right Fork (RF) and Middle Fork (MF) Soldier Creek to the confluence with Cathedral Creek, a distance of approximately 3.67 miles. This segment of Soldier Creek can be located on the Black Cabin Gulch and Razorback Ridge U.S.G.S. quadrangles. A map of the Soldier Creek Instream Flow Water Right reach is attached as Exhibit 1. A. Upstream Terminus: Confluence of RF & MF Soldier Creek. 1. UTM: Northing: 4402321.62 Easting: 193527.82 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North). 2. Lat/Long: latitude 39° 42' 56.65"N and longitude 108° 34' 30.54"W. B. Downstream Terminus: Confluence Cathedral Creek. 1. UTM: Northing: 4407196.87 Easting: 194744.74 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North). 2. Lat/Long: latitude 39° 45' 36.05"N and longitude 108° 33' 47.66"W. C. The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) and geographical descriptions (e.g., confluences) of the upstream and downstream termini will be used as the legal description for the decree in this matter. The Lat/Long coordinates are provided as cross-reference locations only. The UTM and Lat/Long locations for the upstream and downstream termini were derived from CWCB GIS using the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). 4. Source: Soldier Creek, tributary to Cathedral Creek, tributary to East Douglas Creek, tributary to Douglas Creek, tributary to the White River. 5. A. Date of initiation of appropriation: January 26, 2015. B. How appropriation was initiated: Appropriation and beneficial use occurred on January 26, 2015, by the action of the CWCB pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. (2015). C. Date applied to beneficial use: January 26, 2015. 6. Amount of water claimed: Instream flow of 0.40 cfs (4/1-9/30), absolute. 7. Proposed Uses: Instream flow uses to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. 8. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion structure will be located: The notice required by section 37-92-302(2)(b), C.R.S. (2015), to the owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed is not applicable in this case. This Application is for instream flow water rights, exclusive to the CWCB under the provisions of section 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. (2015). As an instream flow water right, the CWCB's appropriation does not require diversion structures or storage. See Colo. River Water Conservation Dist. v. Colo. Water Conservation Bd., 594 P.2d 570, 572 (Colo. 1979); § 37-92-103(4)(c), C.R.S. (2015). As a surface water right, the CWCB's appropriation of instream flow water rights does not involve construction of a well. The CWCB has an existing instream flow water right on Soldier Creek from the confluence of RF and MF Soldier Creek to the confluence with Cathedral Creek, in the amount of 1.5 cfs (1/1 – 12/31), decreed in Case No. 5-85CW256 with an appropriation date of 5/3/1985. The flow rates sought herein are in addition to the amount of the existing instream flow water right. 9. Remarks: These appropriations by the CWCB, on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado, are made pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. (2015). The purpose of the CWCB's appropriations is to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. At its regular meeting on May 21, 2015, the CWCB determined, pursuant to section 37-92-102(3)(c), C.R.S. (2015), that the natural environment will be preserved to a reasonable degree by the water available for the appropriations to be made; that there is a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with the CWCB's water rights herein, if granted; and that such environment can exist without material injury to water rights.

2015 CW3053 RIO BLANCO AND GARFIELD COUNTIES; Application for Surface Water Rights; United States of America c/o Kristen C. Guerriero, #32663, Arthur R. Kleven, #36081, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Office of the Regional Solicitor, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 151, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, Phone:(303) 445-0600, kristen.guerriero@sol.doi.gov, art.kleven@sol.doi.gov.2.Name of structures: BLM Spring 187-99, BLM Spring 157-88, BLM Spring 157-89/90/91, BLM Spring 157-92 through 98 Complex 3.Legal description of point of diversion: All UTM data are from Zone 12 and use the NAD 83 (CONUS) Datum. BLM Spring 187-99: Located on public lands in the NW/4 SE/4, Section 12, T5S R95W, 6th P.M., approximately 1650 feet north of the south section line, and 2550 feet west of the east section line. 757237mE 4390486mN BLM Spring 157-88: Located on public lands in the SE/4 NE/4, Section 3(irregular section) T1S R100W, 6th P.M., approximately 2750 feet north of the south section line, and 250 feet west of the east section line. 705349mE 4429735mN BLM Spring 157-89/90/91: Located on public lands in the NW/4 SE/4, Section 12, T1S R100W, 6th P.M., approximately 1800 feet north of the south section line, and 2100 feet west of the east section line. 707996mE 4427913mN. 4.Source: BLM Spring 187-99: Unnamed tributary to Trapper Creek/East Middle Fork Parachute Creek/Middle Fork Parachute Creek/Colorado River BLM Spring 157-88: Unnamed tributary to Lem Springs Gulch/East Fork Spring Creek/Spring Creek/White River BLM Spring 157-89/90/91: Unnamed tributary to Little Duck Creek/Duck Creek/Yellow Creek/White River BLM Spring 157-92 through 98 Complex: Unnamed tributary to Little Duck Creek/Duck Creek/Yellow Creek/White River 5.A.Dates of appropriation: 04/30/2015 B. How appropriation was initiated: BLM authorized use of the Duck Creek Grazing Allotment and the Gordon Gulch Grazing Allotment and their associated water sources by grazing permittees. Subsequently, BLM personnel inventoried the quantity and quality of water available for livestock use. BLM provided notice of the appropriation by filing this application with the water court. C. Date water applied to beneficial use: 12/31/2015 6. Amount claimed: BLM Spring 187-99: 0.0264 cfs, absolute (12 gpm) BLM Spring 157-88: 0.0022 cfs, absolute (1 gpm) BLM Spring 157-89/90/91: 0.0011 cfs, absolute (0.5 gpm) BLM Spring 157-92 through 98 Complex: 0.0165 cfs, absolute (7.5 gpm) 7. Use(s): Livestock watering and wildlife. BLM Spring 187-99 provides water for a herd of up to 100 cattle on the Gordon Gulch Grazing Allotment. BLM Spring 157-88, BLM Spring 157-89/90/91, and BLM Spring 157-92 through 98 Complex provide water for a herd of up to 265 cattle on the Duck Creek Grazing Allotment. All springs provide water, forage, and cover for elk, deer, bear, coyotes, mountain lions, small mammals, birds, and wild horses 8.Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) of land on which point of diversion and place of use(s) is (are) located: United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office, 220 East Market St., Meeker, CO 81641.

15CW3060, RIO BLANCO COUNTY Application for Water Rights and Storage Rights. Applicant: Collins Mountain Ranch LLC, c/o Tim Collins, 100 S. University Blvd. Unit 3, Denver, CO 80209. Direct all pleadings to Cynthia F. Covell and Andrea L. Benson, Alperstein & Covell P.C., 1600 Broadway, Suite 900, Denver, CO 80202. Structures: Applicant seeks water rights for the structures described in Table 1 and shown on Figures 2 – 4 of the application.

Name	LocationUTM NAD 83 Zone 13		Amt/Use	Source	App. Date	How app. initiated
	X Coordinate Northing	Y Coordinate Easting				
Lower Elk Spring (Fig. 2)	252452	4430768	5 gpm (0.011cfs) stock and watering and wildlife habitat and watering 25 gpm (0.055 cfs)	Developed spring trib to Flag Crk	04/19/1979	Development of spring; use of water
Elk Spring (Fig. 2)	252636	4430538	Stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering; fills Elk Spa Pond 0.75 af (0.25 acre surface area)	Undeveloped spring in drainage tributary to Flag Creek	04/19/1979	Delivery of water to fill Elk Spa Pond
Elk Spa Pond (Fig. 2)	252524	4430571	Fill and refill for stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering 0.1 af (0.04 acre surface area)	Flag Creek; filled by Elk Spring and inflows	04/19/1979	Construction of 6' impoundment filled by Elk Spring; collection and use of water
Upper Elk Pond (Fig. 2)	252581	4429889	Fill and refill for stock watering, wildlife habitat and watering	Inflows and springs tributary to Flag Creek	04/19/1979	Construction of 5' impoundment; collection and use of water
Copley Spring 4 (Fig. 2)	253192	4431197	5 gpm (0.011cfs) stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Developed spring trib to Flag Creek	04/19/1979	Development of spring; use of water
Ranch House Pond (Fig. 2)	253821	4431528	1.0 af (0.30 acre surface area) Fill and refill for domestic, irrigation, stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Overflow from Copley Springs 1 & 2; trib to Flag Creek	06/30/2008	Channeling of springs; use of water for domestic, stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering
Stack Yard Pond (Fig. 2)	254807	4431156	2.0 af (0.50 acre surface area) Fill and refill for irrigation, stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Inflow from Amick Seepage Ditch, tributary to White River	04/19/1979	Development of pond; use of water
West Side Spring 1 (Fig. 2)	252670	4431197	5 gpm (0.011 cfs) stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Spring trib to Flag Creek	1979	Use of water
Horse Shoe/Chloie Spring (Fig. 2)	252843	4431507	1 10 gpm (0.022 cfs) stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Spring trib to Flag Creek	1979	Use of water
Wagon Wheel Spring 1 (Fig. 3)	249557	4427294	5 gpm (0.011 cfs) stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Developed spring trib to Flag Creek	Collection of spring in tire stock tank and overflow pond; use of water	Collection of spring in tire stock tank and overflow pond; use of water
Wagon Wheel Spring 2 (Fig. 3)	249559	4427288	5 gpm (0.011 cfs) Stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Developed spring trib to Flag Creek	Collection of spring in tire stock tank and overflow pond; use of water	Collection of spring in tire stock tank and overflow pond; use of water
Lower Dewey Pond A (Fig. 3)	250029	4427104	0.15 af (0.05 acres surface area) Fill and refill for stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	On channel pond; on a drainage trib to Flag Creek; inflows	2002	Development of pond; use of water
Chris Spring (Fig. 3)	250365	4426935	2 gpm (0.0044 cfs) stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Developed spring trib to Flag Creek	2002	Development of spring to fill stock tank; use of water
Lower Dewey Pond B (Fig. 3)	250579	4426530	1.1 0.1 af (0.04 acre surface area) Fill and refill for stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	On channel pond; on a drainage trib to Flag Creek; inflows	2002	Development of pond; use of water
Lower Dewey Pond C (Fig. 3)	250723	4426475	0.1 af (0.04 acre surface area) Fill and refill for stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	On channel pond; on a drainage trib to Flag Creek; inflows	2002	Development of pond; use of water
Lower Rubber Tire Spring (Fig. 3)	251136	4427183	5 gpm (0.011 cfs) stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Spring trib to Flag Creek	06/30/2008	Development of spring; use of water
Rubber Tire Spring (Fig. 3)	251405	4427096	5 gpm (0.011 cfs) stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Developed spring trib to Flag Creek	06/30/2008	Development of spring to fill stock tank; use of water
Upper Rubber Tire Spring (Fig. 3)	251480	4427189	5 gpm (0.011 cfs) stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	Developed spring trib to Flag Creek	06/30/2008	Development of spring; use of water
Green Sign Pond A (Fig. 3)	251906	4427568	1.1 af (0.05 acres surface area) Fill and refill for stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	On channel pond; on a drainage trib to Flag Creek; inflows	1979	Development of pond and use of water
Red Canyon Pond A (Fig. 4)	253056	4423960	1.1 af (0.04 acre surface area) Fill and refill for stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	On channel pond; on a drainage trib to East Flag Creek, tributary to Flag Creek; inflows	06/30/2008	Development of pond; use of water
Red Canyon Pond B (Fig. 4)	253281	4424134	0.20 af (0.06 acre surface area) Fill and refill for stock watering and wildlife habitat and watering	On channel pond; on a drainage trib to East Flag Creek, tributary to Flag Creek; inflows	06/30/2008	Development of pond; use of water

All structures described on Table 1 above are located in T. 1 S, R. 93 W and T. 1 S, R. 94 W of the 6th P.M. in Rio Blanco County, and are depicted on Figures 2 - 4 filed with the application. The UTM coordinates (Zone 13, NAD 83) were determined with the use of a hand-held GPS device. Source: With the exception of Stack Yard Pond, none of the structures shown in Table 1 is filled from a ditch, and the pond structures are filled from surface inflows, springs, or a combination of surface inflows and springs; all are tributary to Flag Creek, which is tributary to the White River. Red Canyon Pond A and Red Canyon Pond B are tributary to East Flag Creek, which is tributary to Flag Creek. Stack Yard Pond is filled from a natural draw known to the Applicant as the Amick Seepage Ditch, tributary to the White River. The Ranch House Pond is filled by overflow from the Copley Springs Nos. 1 and 2. Copley Spring No. 1 was decreed in Case No. 79CW99, Water Division No. 5, on October 13, 1979, for 0.0066 cfs for domestic and livestock uses, with an appropriation date of December 31, 1920. Its decreed location is in the NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 1, Township 1 South, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M. at a point 3,817 feet South and 82 feet West of the Northeast Corner of said Section 1. Copley Spring No. 2 was decreed in Case No. 79CW98, Water Division No. 5, on October 13, 1979, for 0.0044 cfs for domestic and livestock uses, with an appropriation date of December 31, 1920. Its decreed location is in the NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 1, Township 1 South, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M. at a point 3,817 feet South and 220 feet West of the Northeast Corner of said Section 1. Appropriation and Beneficial Use: As shown on Table 1. How appropriation was initiated: As shown on Table 1. Application to beneficial use: The water rights were applied to beneficial use on or before the date of appropriation, provided, however, that the Applicant seeks a conditional decree for irrigation use of the Ranch House Pond water right. Amount claimed: As shown on Table 1. The water rights claimed are absolute except for the irrigation use of the Ranch House Pond, for which Applicant seeks a conditional water right. Uses: All of the water rights included in this application are used for stockwatering and wildlife habitat and watering. Except for Stack Yard Pond and Ranch House Pond, these water rights are not used for irrigation. The locations of stockwatering and wildlife habitat and watering uses are at the points of diversion or storage shown on Figures 2-4. The Ranch House Pond is also used for domestic purposes associated with the adjacent house, and will be used for irrigation of approximately 5 acres as shown on Figure 2. The Stack Yard Pond is used for irrigation of approximately 50 acres, as shown on Figure 2. Applicant claims the right to fill and refill the ponds when in priority. Information regarding dams, capacity and surface area of Ponds: Elk Spa Pond and Upper Elk Pond have earthen impoundments as described in Table 1. The Ranch House Pond is an excavated pond that receives water from the Copley Springs 1 and 2. The other ponds are excavated and collect water from springs and inflows as described in Table 1. The total capacity of the ponds for which storage rights are sought herein is approximately 4.60 acre-feet. The total surface area of all ponds is approximately 1.37 acres. Additional Information: The structures described in this application do not require well permits. They are either undeveloped springs or naturally flowing springs that fit within the exception to the definition of a well set forth at § 37-92-103(14)(b), C.R.S. To the extent any of the springs are found to require well permits, Applicant will obtain well permits. Owner of land upon which structures are located: Applicant. (11 pages including exhibits.)

You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of **FEBRUARY, 2016** to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$158.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, 1955 Shield Dr. Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477.

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

/s/ Sharon Martin
Deputy Court Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Tyler James Robie, Deceased Case Number 16 PR 30000
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or before May 23, 2016, or the claims may be forever barred.
Tiffany Skelton,
Personal Representative
1207 Ridgeview Circle
Rangely, CO 81648
Publish: January 21, 28, and February 4, 2016
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NOTICE TO SENIOR CITIZENS & DISABLED VETERANS

Rio Blanco County qualifying seniors and disabled veterans are urged to submit applications for their property tax exemption if they have not already done so. For more information please go to the Colorado Division of Property Taxation website at www.dola.colorado.gov/dpt, click "Forms", then click on either "Disabled Veterans Exemption Instructions and Application" or "Senior Exemption Forms" and follow the instructions. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970-878-9410.
If you have applied in the past and your application was approved for the exemption, you do not need to reapply.
Published: January 21, 2016
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Availability of an Environmental Assessment for Public Review and Comment Colowyo Coal Mine, Collom Permit Expansion Area Mining Plan Modification and Federal Coal Lease Modification

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations and the Department of the Interior procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 42 U.S.C. 4333(2) (C), the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Western Region and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Little Snake Field Office (LSFO) have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed mining plan modification for the Collom Permit Expansion Area at the Colowyo Coal Mine and for a decision by the BLM LSFO on a related coal lease modification application. OSMRE is responsible for reviewing plans to conduct coal mining and reclamation operations on lands containing leased Federal coal. Pursuant to 30 CFR 746, OSMRE must prepare and submit to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) a decision document recommending approval, conditional approval or

disapproval of the proposed mining plan modification. ASLM approval of a mining plan modification would authorize mining activities to produce up to 5.1 million tons per year of coal from Colowyo federal coal leases, COC-0123475 01 and COC-68590 and disturb up to a maximum total of 2,636 acres of private, state and federal lands. BLM is responsible for reviewing and making decisions on federal coal lease modification applications.

Pursuant to 43 CFR Subpart 3432 federal coal lessees have the opportunity to apply for BLM approval of a lease modification to add less than 960 acres of unleased lands to an existing lease. The proposed lease modification would add 27.84 acres of unleased federal land within the existing, state approved mine permit boundary to federal coal lease COC 0123475 01. The proposed lease modification was not an original element of the Project and EA when public outreach was held in October and November 2013 but was later incorporated as a necessary action under both Alternative A and Alternative B analyzed in the EA. The lease modification would provide Colowyo with use of those lands for development of the Collom Permit Expansion Area. Those lands would only be utilized for surface activities and no federal coal resources would be mined there. The Colowyo Coal Mine is located approximately 26 miles southwest of Craig, Colorado and 22 miles north-northeast of Meeker, Colorado, west of Colorado Highway 13/789 in southwest Moffat and northern Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado.

OSMRE and BLM invite the public to comment on the EA and has also made separate agency unsigned Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) available for public review. The EA and unsigned FONSI will be available for review as of January 19, 2016. All comments must be post marked by February 18, 2016 for consideration.

The EA and unsigned FONSI can be reviewed online at the following OSMRE and BLM websites: www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/colowyo.shtm www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/lsfo.html

A hard copy of the EA and unsigned FONSI will also be available for review at the following locations:

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Western Region 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, CO 80202. Between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Bureau of Land Management, Little Snake Field Office 455 Emerson St., Craig, CO 81625
Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St. Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday).

Moffat County Building, 221 W. Victory Way, Suite 130, Craig, CO 81625. Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, (Closed Saturday and Sunday).

Moffat County Library, 570 Green St., Craig, CO 81625. Between the hours of: 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM, Monday and Tuesday; 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM, Wednesday through Friday; and 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM Saturday (Closed Sunday)

Bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office, 220 East Market St., Meeker, CO 81641. Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (Closed Saturday and Sunday).

Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641. Between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, (Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Meeker Public Library, 490 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641. Between the hours of 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 AM and 9:00 PM Saturday 9:30 AM and 2:00 PM, (Closed Sunday)

Rangely Regional Library, 109 E. Main St., Rangely, CO 81648. Between the hours of 10:00

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AM and 6:00 PM, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM, Tuesday; and 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM on Saturday. (Closed Sunday).

You are invited to direct your comments to: ATTN: Collom Permit Expansion EA C/O: Nicole Caveny Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, CO 80202 Comments may also be emailed to OSM-Colowyo-Mine-EA@OSMRE.gov. Be sure to send emails with the subject line:

ATTN: Collom Permit Expansion EA Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information will be publicly available. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public review to the extent consistent with applicable law. Additional information regarding this Project may be obtained from Nicole Caveny, telephone number (303) 293-5078, and email address: ncaveny@osmre.gov.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE

November 2015

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.
01/22 Bus in town
01/23 No bus
01/24 AM bus
01/25 Bus in town
01/26 Bus in town
01/27 Bus in town
01/28 Bus in town/Craig
01/29 Bus in town
01/30 No bus
01/31 AM bus
Due to Daylight Savings Time, please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM. Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627. Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments- (970)878-9368. For Rangely dental appointments, please call (970)675-3250.

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

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

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

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely

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

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

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.

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.

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.

SAFEHOUSE

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

THE RANGELY Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church (144 S. Stanolind Ave.). Join us! For more information, call Heather Zadra at (970) 629-9937.

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

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ATTN: RIO BLANCO COUNTY VETERANS: If you do not receive VA travel allowance for visits to the Grand Jct VAMC or to the Craig VA Clinic please contact the RBC Veterans Service Office, Meeker: Joe Dungan, 878-9690 Rangely: John "Hoot" Gibson, 878-9695

Food Bank of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community members. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28.

*****SNOW SHOVELING*****

Meeker High school students are raising money to go on the educational trip of a lifetime to Ecuador. If you need or know of anyone in need of snow shoveling at your home or business please contact us at 320-223-4351.

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

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON

Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal 878-5627 or 675-8112 Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated. Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7. (Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)

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

Friday, Jan. 22: Ham & beans, pears, tomatoes, cornbread.

Monday, Jan. 25: Crunchy baked fish, tossed salad, pineapple, cookie, meat alternate.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, Italian vegetables, mixed fruit, cornbread.

Wednesday, Jan. 27: Vegetable lentil soup, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, asparagus, peaches.

****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, January 28th, Thursday, 11:00-12:30.

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Employment Opportunities



Meeker High School • Head Baseball Coach

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

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

PRN:

- Patient Care Technician
- RN - Acute/ED
- RN - LTC
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FULL-TIME [eligible for sign-on bonus & benefits]:

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- LPN - LTC

FULL-TIME [eligible for benefits]:

- Cook/Food Service Tech
- Physical Therapist
- Staff RN - Acute/ED
- Insurance Biller
- Medical Assistant
- Environmental Services Tech

Part-Time [eligible for benefits]:

- Cook/Food Service Tech

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

Pioneers Medical Center Phone: (970) 878-5047 Fax: (970) 878-3385 100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641 Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

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

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CEDAR RIDGES GOLF COURSE IS SELLING 7 Yamaha Gas Golf Carts. Carts will be sold by sealed bid with a minimum bid of \$1800. Sealed bids should be submitted to the Rangely Rec Center no later than January 31st. Please include bid amount, # of carts wanted, and contact info. For details contact Chris at 970-250-5260.

GUNS

CCW Class coming to Meeker Saturday, February 6th, 10 AM-2PM Cost: \$75.00
For details & class enrollment form e-mail: CRMCLELLAND79@yahoo.com or call Clint @ (970)987-2620.

**HELP WANTED:
FULL TIME**



Colorado Northwestern Community College is seeking a qualified applicant for an EMS Program Director. This is a 10 month Faculty position, with benefits, on the Craig campus. Questions? Please call: Donna Secules in HR, @ (970) 824-1136 For a complete job description, application, and the application procedure visit the CNCC website at: <http://www.cncc.edu/employment-opportunities-2/> CNCC is an equal opportunity employer.

**HELP WANTED:
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Colorado Northwestern Community College is seeking a qualified applicant for an Automotive Technology Instructor. This is a 9 month Faculty position, with benefits, on the Craig campus. Questions? Please call: Donna Secules in HR, @ (970) 824-1136 For a complete job description, application, and the application procedure visit the CNCC website at: www.cncc.edu/employment-opportunities-2/ CNCC is an equal opportunity employer.

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