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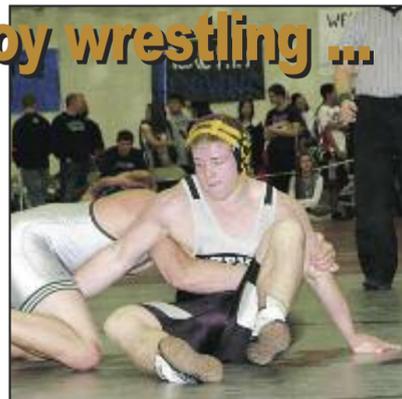


Home of Luke and Annie Purcell

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Cowboy wrestling ...

Meeker senior wrestler Justin Hardy, currently ranked No. 1 in 2A at 170, and his teammates will host Moffat County, West Grand and Soroco this Saturday, starting at 11 a.m.



The Storyteller: Kay Bivens

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER It is probably common practice to take for granted all that our educators do. In our unfortunate situation with our school this last year, amazing people stepped up to make things happen for the good of the children. One of those educators is school librarian Kay Bivens. With her "bookmobile" bus, she has made a tremendous positive out of a negative, and continued to provide the benefits of the school library to students.

Kay Bivens (Barney) has lived in Rio Blanco County her whole life. She grew up 17 miles from Rangely on the White River and moved to Meeker in 1950. She was graduated from Meeker High School in 1961 and married Bob Bivens soon after. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer.

They began their family in 1962 with the birth of their daughter Pam. Thomas was born in 1964, Edgar in

1966, Nancy in 1967, Lisa in 1975 and Molly in 1979. Bob and Kay now have 17 grandchildren.

Their children were very active in 4-H, just as Kay was growing up. In fact, she and her brother Lynn had the first grand and reserve champion steers in the county fair. They were the first two steers in the club at that time. With six other children in her family, she learned to enjoy working. She feels very strongly about the benefits of the 4-H program.

"Every kid should be in 4-H to learn responsibility." She set an example for others, serving as a leader in a variety of clubs—from cooking, sewing and ceramics, to entomology and livestock—while her kids were growing up. Whatever her children were involved in, she worked hard to make it a success.

Kay began baking "spud nuts" and bread and selling these items as a way to earn extra income in 1970, then decided buy what was then the Stillwater Gallery to create an opportunity to do more art work. She began a framing and T-shirt business called Rainbow Frames on Main Street in 1978 and ran the business for 15 years. This served as a way for her to be involved with her children as well as continue to express her creative side. She served as president of the local art club until it dissipated. She also found time to serve as the PTO president for 12 years.

Throughout her entire life Kay has been an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She has served as a Sunday school teacher, secretary, Relief Society president and librarian.

She also loves to be around kids and that love is what led her to a career as a librarian and advocate for reading. In her 20 years working for the school district she has made reading fun for the kids. She works with children in preschool through fifth grade, finding time to see every student at least once a week to share her stories and bring those tales to life for the students, even

helped decorate and stock has nearly 4,000 books on board and is one of the students' favorite things to see coming to their school. This is one of Kay's many creative ideas, another is the Colorado History Truck she has even taken to other schools to share stories and excite new readers.

Kay's husband Bob worked on different ranches through the years and for the Town of Meeker in 1993 for about nine years.

"Bob is my anchor while I am soaring around. He just wonders what's coming next," she said of her spouse.

Their children have followed in her footsteps. Tom is a principal in Penn Valley, Calif., and his wife Janet is a teacher. Daughter Lisa is a school bus driver and her husband Ron Ruckman is a teacher in Pinedale, Wyo. Daughter Molly is heading in that direction, too, volunteering in her children's schools in Parachute, Colo. Pam is a librarian in Gypsum, Colo., and Nancy is now in the district technology department in Green River, Wyo. Edgar owned his own business and now works for Moody Construction here in Meeker.

Through the years Kay has witnessed a great deal of change in the school systems. Paperwork and tight schedules and structure limit students' ability to utilize the library for leisurely reading. But one thing that remains unchanged is the kids' excitement for Kay's storytelling. She sees former students who still remember her stories and her costumes in their adulthood. She receives countless letters thanking her for her endless effort during their vital years in education. The Meeker school system is certainly lucky to have someone so passionate about kids and reading. Her hard work and creativity has brought stories to life for many students for two decades. Her efforts have been priceless for kids growing up in a time when the art of great storytelling is a rare thing to see.



(Above) Kay and Bob Bivens celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2011. They have six children and 17 grandchildren. (Right) In her role as school librarian at Meeker Elementary School, Bivens often dresses in costume that coordinate with the books she presents to the students.



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Joy pleads guilty in court

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER Neil James Joy pleaded guilty to reckless manslaughter, a class IV felony in the shooting death of James "Jeb" Berthelson on or about Aug. 5, 2011. Joy also pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of firearm while he was under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, which is a misdemeanor. Joy will be sentenced March 23.

Judge Denise Lynch accepted Joy's pleas and questioned if he understood he was giving up his rights, including the right to a jury trial and Joy replied, "Yes, ma'am." Joy is being defended by Gordon Gallagher and prosecuted by District Attorney Martin Beeson.

Joy said he understood that by pleading guilty to the manslaughter charge he could be sentenced to the Department of Corrections for a

term of two years to six years and with extreme mitigating circumstances, the sentence could be a little as one year. With extreme aggravating circumstances, the sentence could be as much as 12 years and any sentence imposed may carry a fine of \$2,000 to \$500,000.

Joy could be sentenced to the county jail for three months to 12 months and a \$250 to \$1,000 fine on the second count.

The plea agreement is contingent on Joy not committing any criminal offenses between the offense date and sentencing date. A positive urinalysis for a controlled substance constitutes a criminal offense.

The district attorney has made no sentence concessions other than to agree to recommend the sentencing be open, that Joy is to be sen-

tenced within the presumptive ranges and the prosecution will not pursue aggravating circumstances for the purpose of moving any sentencing into the aggravated range. The defendant also agrees to pay restitution, fines, fees and court costs as ordered by the court.

A "gag order" has been placed on all parties involved. A pre-sentencing investigation will now take place by a probation officer, who will investigate Joy's criminal, employment and education history. That report will be given to the judge.

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Repairs begin on school



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Travis Huppert, the on-site superintendent for The Neenan Company, points out some of the preparations made at the school to Meeker superintendent of schools Susan Goettel and Meeker Elementary School principal Jason Hightower. The Neenan Company started the repair work Wednesday and expect them to be completed by July 2012. A presentation of the completed and approved reconstruction plans for the Meeker Elementary School will be given at the regular school board meeting Tuesday Feb. 7, in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m.

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER A special meeting was called Monday, Jan. 30 for superintendent Susan Goettel to inform the board that the addendum had been negotiated and a draft budget prepared by Jim West of Vanir (the Meeker School District's owner's representative), including the additional cost to the district.

With the contract addendum signed and the inventory and protection of carpet and fixtures still in the Meeker Elementary School completed Wednesday, The Neenan Company began repairs Feb. 1.

Repairs were not to begin until the school board was presented with the additional costs (verified by an independent estimator) the district will incur because of the change in seismic classification.

The geotech company Terracon originally classified the soils as class C but recent seismic and soils tests conducted by CTL-Thompson determined part of the building was on Class D soils and part on Class C. Structural design adjustments because of the seismic results were made by SCI and the additional costs are the responsibility of the school district.

According to West's draft titled, "Meeker ES Seismic Cost Budget" the district will be responsible for an additional \$122,985 of repairs to be performed by The Neenan Company because of the seismic results. West's draft also showed the district paying CTL-Thompson \$31,498 for the seismic and soils tests, \$39,840 to SCI for the structural design and observation of repairs and \$22,333 for owner's rep fees from his company Vanir, for a

total of \$224,156, which included testing and inspection costs of \$1,500 and an owner's contingency of \$5,000.

According to Goettel, the district has \$348,102 left in the construction budget of the \$24 million bond passed more than three years ago.

"We've installed protection materials in most of the school and are ready to work," Travis Huppert, the on-site superintendent for The Neenan Company, told the board.

Meeker Elementary School principal Jason Hightower asked about the schedule for completion of the repairs and was told by Stewart a Phase I move-in is scheduled for July 9 and everyone should be back in the building by Aug. 6. Goettel said The Neenan Company would assist the district with the move back into the building.

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BRIEFS

Meeker Chamber annual dinner Feb. 3

MEEKER | Tickets are available now for the annual Meeker Chamber of Commerce dinner and business meeting, Friday, Feb. 3. This year the dinner will feature entertainment by the Meeker Show Choir and comedian hypnotist Chris Mabrey, as well as the presentation of the chamber's annual business awards. Tickets are \$35 per person for members, \$45 for non-members, or a table for eight can be reserved for \$280. For more information, nomination forms or tickets, contact the Meeker Chamber at 970-878-5510.

Rangely Animal Shelter fundraiser Feb. 11

RANGELY | All are invited to the "Cosmetics for Critters" fundraiser Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Rangely Town Hall Conference Room. There will be a selection of skin care and cosmetics to choose from, as well as a trunk show of the entire line of products. Sales will support the Rangely Animal Shelter. There will be door prizes and snacks. For more information or to participate without attending, please visit "Rangely Animal Shelter" on Facebook.

Kids' health fair, preschool registration

RBC | Don't miss the children's health fair and preschool registration for children ages birth-5 (not already enrolled in preschool or kindergarten). There will be screenings for vision, hearing, speech/language, height, weight, immunization check, oral hygiene, motor skills, cognitive abilities, self-help skills, social/emotional skills and more! Preschool registration for 2012-13 for students born on or before Aug. 15, 2008. To schedule an appointment, call 970-675-2064. Por favor que llame 970-878-3341 para ms informacin y para una cita.

Phelan named to honor roll

RANGELY | Victoria Phelan of Rangely has been named to the fall 2011 honor roll as a freshman at McPherson College in McPherson, Kan. To qualify for the honor roll, students must be a full-time student and earn a grade point average of 3.55 or higher during the previous term.

VFW Valentine's Day dinner Feb. 14

MEEKER | VFW Ladies Auxiliary Valentine's Day spaghetti dinner, Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Meeker Golf Course from 6-8 p.m., \$15/couple, \$8/single, \$5 for kids 8 and under. RSVP with how many dinners you would like by calling 970-878-4165.

CNCC recognizes Black History Month

RANGELY | To commemorate Black History Month in 2012 and the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, CNCC is bringing living history performer Hasan Davis to the Rangely Campus on Monday, Feb. 13 in the Weiss Colorado Room at 1 p.m.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

**HOME OF:
Luke and Annie Purcell**

MEEKER | Luke and Annie Purcell of Meeker are this week's "home of" honorees.

"We've lived here most of our lives. I moved here in the fifth grade and Luke has lived here off and on," Annie said. Both Luke and Annie attended Meeker schools. They were married Dec. 9, 1995. Luke's parents, Linda and Jerry Purcell, Annie's parents, Judy and Thad Hauck, Annie's grandmother Roberta Cook and Annie's sisters Deanna Lawson and Kim Asselin also live in Meeker. Annie's grandmother Margaret Davis, formerly of Meeker, lives in Roosevelt, Utah.

Luke is a self-employed certified welder and a member of Meeker Search and Rescue. Annie is the office manager for the Rio Blanco County Fire Protection District.

The Purcells have four sons: Sterling Purcell, 19, resides in Sheridan, Wyo.; Austin Purcell, 15, is a freshman at Meeker High School, and twins Cole and Cody, 14, are eighth-graders at Barone Middle School. The boys are involved in 4-H. They raise market livestock, sheep and pigs.

"We enjoy outdoor activities, pretty much anything outdoors. We like rock crawling, camping and snowmobiling. We like doing things with our family," Annie explained.

"I like the small town atmosphere of Meeker where everybody knows you. Meeker is our home," Annie ended.

CORRECTION

There was a mistake in last week's feature article about Byron and Jo Linden. The article stated that they owned the TI ranch. This information was incorrect. Byron's great-

grandparents worked on the TI ranch at one time. They owned the ranch next to the TI ranch, property now owned by Terry Mobley. The *Herald Times* regrets the error.

FUNERAL NOTICE ...



Traker Frank Dembowski, of Rangely, Colo., born Aug. 2, 2010, son of Scott and Melissa Dembowski, and little brother of Kastyn, passed away on Jan. 29, 2012. Services will be held Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the Bible Baptist Church, 1402 East Main St. in Rangely, Colo.

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PINEWOOD DERBY...



Rangely's Cub Scout Packs 189, 191 and 151 met Jan. 25 for a Pinewood Derby hosted by Pack 189 and Pack 191. (Top) Timothy Scoggins, second place winner Colton Noel, Zane Cordrey, Marc Mercado, Hunter Hanvey, first place winner Tytus Coombs and third place winner Calvin Bishop. (Bottom) Brandon Willis, Keihlin Myers, Wyatt Zufelt, good sportsmanship award winner Ty Fielder and Ben Nielsen.

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Living history performance Feb. 13

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | To commemorate Black History Month in 2012 and the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, CNCC is bringing Hasan Davis to the Rangely Campus on Monday, Feb. 13 in the Weiss Colorado Room at 1 p.m.

Davis is a noted Kentucky poet, scholar, storyteller, youth advocate and Chautauquan (a portrayer of legendary and historical characters). In addition to being a performer, Davis holds a Juris Doctor, serves on the

Federal Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and owns his own business, Empowerment Solutions, focusing on youth development.

In the presentation, Davis portrays Angus Augustus Burleigh, a 19th century ex-slave, soldier and scholar who went on to become an acclaimed black educator and minister.

Davis shares the stories of notable but often unknown African Americans like that of York—a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Civil War soldier A.A.

Burleigh and Joe Louis, the greatest boxer of his time and a WWII veteran and patriot.

"The time has come to hear the stories we all know from the mouths of those participants who have been so long silent. Bring Black History Alive, and you will learn how great we have always been together," Davis says on his website

Davis states, "For more than 20 years the three "E's": engagement, encouragement and empowerment, have served as the foundation of my strategies for reaching and teaching



Hasan Davis

diverse youth populations. They also define my work as national living history performer and continue to inspire me to serve the training and development needs of youth champions in all walks of life, from parents and educators to youth service agencies and first line youth worker staff."

WEEKLY REC NEWS SPOT Feb 2 – Feb 9, 2012

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FEBRUARY 11

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The lady is an outfitter

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER I Colorado outfitter. The image that comes to mind is probably not one of an attractive woman with well-coiffed silver hair and sparkling blue eyes. One's first impression of Jeanne Horne is that she is a lady, in every sense of the word. But being a lady is no hindrance to being an excellent outfitter, something Jeanne Horne can attest to every time she looks at her outfitter of the year award from the Colorado Outfitters Association, Inc. (COA). "Being a successful outfitter means 60 to 80 hour work weeks most of the year. It begins with strategic advertising, website, sport shows — recruitment and retention of clientele — and finally culminates with the hunt or fishing trip itself. Livestock, trucks, trailers and camp equipment must be cared for in year round, and then there is the paperwork. Federal and state agencies need, require and demand record keeping such as employee records, BLM and forest permits, outfitter's registration, vehicle and liability insurance and the list goes on," according to the association's web-

Horne's love for hunting and for the outdoors spans her lifetime. "My mother was an avid hunter, and up until junior high, I thought all mothers were hunters!" Horne is from south Texas. She grew up on a farm with horses and "gained a tremendous respect and love for hunting and nature" from her upbringing and her parents. "We spent all of our family vacations either hunting or fishing. I took to hunting like most young girls take to playing with dolls. I was 3 years old when my parents took me with them elk hunting in Colorado. We went on hunting adventures for many years in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. Colorado was our favorite." As a young adult, she moved to Houston and worked in real estate development until 1984. "I could not resist the call of the mountains and moved to Colorado for a sabbatical. I never went back," Horne said. When the opportunity to purchase an outfitting business in the Meeker area presented itself in 1998, Horne felt it was a "gift from God," a chance to pursue her passion for hunting and the outdoors full-time.



Horne pictured with a client, his trophy elk and one of her pack mules at the close of a successful hunt. COURTESY PHOTO

site. This year, 2012, marks Horne's 16th year as a professional outfitter for big game hunts. "Outfitting, for me, is not a business, it is a way of life," she said. "It's not for everyone. With today's challenges of a tough economy, ever-changing rules and regulations that face outfitters, you have to really love it. Folks think outfitters make of ton of money, but truth be known, most of us make enough to pay the bills and that's in a good year." Horne has demonstrated her passion for outfitting both personally and professionally. "Some outfitters prudently join COA and other professional organizations, and a few become active in those organizations. Even fewer give selflessly of their time and energy, attending countless meetings and taking on leadership roles. All of the above describes Jeanne Horne. Jeanne is a single person who not only operates a successful outfitting business but has been actively involved in the Colorado Outfitters Association for over a decade and has made time to be our dedicated secretary for the past 10 years. She is truly a valued asset of this association." (COA website)

Being an outfitter is not without its challenges. Finding reliable, responsible staff is "the hardest part of the job," according to Horne. "With more than 70 percent repeat customers, finding clients is not hard. Finding good, dependable folks that can take off from their 'real jobs' and come help during hunting season is the toughest part of my job," Horne said. "Working for an outfitter is challenging, and it takes a great deal of grit and pioneer spirit to ride for the brand and be part of an outfit." Over the years the individuals who have signed one with Horne and stayed have "become family." Horne equates training new staff to having kids, bringing them in and beginning the learning process anew again and again. Spending weeks at a time in the mountains lends itself to some interesting adventures, the kind best shared around a campfire. Asked to choose one, Horne related one of the scariest experiences she has had as an outfitter. "I was by myself with a string of three mules and a horse packing a bull elk out. The horse tied off the

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AWARD ...
Jeanne Horne of Meeker receives the 2011 Outfitter of the Year award from the Colorado Outfitters Association president Dick Ray. COURTESY PHOTO

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republicans urged to participate in caucus

Dear Editor:
I would like to remind the registered Republican voters of Rio Blanco County to participate in our precinct caucuses on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. In this day and age it is easy to believe that your vote doesn't count but there is no easier expression of the will of the people than local caucus meetings. This is where the rubber meets the road in the political process of the American republic.

Some will say there is no reason to attend a local caucus because it has no bearing on national policy. This is incorrect. At the precinct caucus you can cast a vote in an important straw poll to determine the Republican nominee for president. Also at the caucus, and then again at the county assembly (March 10 at 2 p.m. in the Colorado Room at the CNCC Rangely Campus Weiss Center) you can have input in the races for two county commissioner seats, the seat for State House District 57 comprised of Garfield, Rio Blanco, and Moffat

Counties, as well as the seat for State Senate District 8. Please come and provide your perspective and input on these important races. Representatives from each precinct will be selected to attend the county and state assemblies where more and further-reaching policies will be discussed and decided upon. Through this process national policies are created and voted upon by local people at these meetings.

Caucus locations:
Precinct 1 and 2: Rangely Municipal Building
Precinct 3 and 4: County Extension Building, Meeker
Precinct 5: Rock School (Piceance Creek Community Center)
Don't forget that the world is run by those who show up!

*Thank you,
Logan Hill*

Precinct 1 Republican Chairman

Support Alzheimer's Project Act

Dear Editor:
How can it be that a year has passed since Mom died? After a two-decade long descent into dementia, dependence and debilitation, Dorothy is free from Alzheimer's but her survivors aren't.

Alzheimer's continues to devastate us, infecting our every memory of this beautiful, beloved person.

As if this long, slow goodbye weren't awful enough, the disease's after-effects are "nth" degree atrocious. When Mom died on Jan. 26, 2011, part of me was grateful her suffering was over; the other part had no idea then how ours would continue.

I have since vowed I will do what I can to help others avoid the physical, financial and psychological trauma that is Alzheimer's.

How?
Two words: aggressive advocacy. A year ago on Jan. 4, Alzheimer's activists were instrumental in moving a bitterly divided, bipartisan Congress to unanimously pass the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA). More than 50,000 emails, nearly 10,000 phone calls and 1,000-plus meetings led legislators to agree the only way to overcome the escalating Alzheimer's crisis is to create a coordinated national plan of action.

A draft of said strategy awaits your input at www.napa.alz.org. While online there, please contact Representative Cory Gardner, and Senators Michael Bennet and Mark Udall, and let them know they mustn't allow either the Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act or the HOPE for

Alzheimer's Act to languish for another session. Their immediate co-sponsorship and our collective voices will make a difference in 2012.

The millions living and dying with Alzheimer's can't wait for another anniversary to pass.

*Brenda Rader Mross, Ambassador
Alzheimer's Association Northern
Colorado Chapter*

Time to end Somali piracy

Dear Editor:
The recent rescue of hostages in Somalia by a Navy Seal Team brings into focus the ongoing problem we have with the Somali pirates. These pirates continue to wreak havoc on commercial shipping off the coast of Africa and there are numerous ships and hostages currently being held by the pirates for ransom.

In February 2011 four Americans were taken hostage aboard their yacht off Africa and were subsequently killed by their captors. During the same time frame the pirates commandeered the Italian tanker Savina Caylyn, which can carry \$63 million of crude oil; and captured the U.S. bound tanker Irene SL 220 miles off Oman. The Irene SL was carrying two million barrels of oil worth \$200 million.

Maritime industry officials believe more than 40 percent of the world's seaborne oil supply could be at risk of pirate attacks and this could have an adverse impact on oil prices and the economies of countries dependent on oil imports.

Action has to be taken to combat the pirates. Shipping companies should place heavily armed professional guards on ships with shoot to kill orders. All countries with commercial ships traversing the African shipping lanes should provide naval warships to protect shipping, and if necessary, provide convoy escort duty just like they did during WWII. We might need slow moving strafing aircraft located at sea or on land to be available to quickly search out and destroy the pirates in their boats.

If the preceding steps do not work, the impacted countries should attempt to rescue the hostages and then sink the pirates' mother ships, and consider hitting the pirate havens along the coast of Somalia with precision aerial (possibly drones) and naval attacks.

Although diplomacy is preferable to military action, the Somali government is too weak to rein in the pirates and therefore military operations are probably needed to solve the problem.

*Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH*

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Neslin to leave as director of COGCC

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | David Neslin will resign from his post as director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to return to the practice of law effective in February. Neslin was appointed director of the COGCC in November 2007.

Under Neslin's tenure, the COGCC comprehensively updated the state's oil and gas regulations to strengthen environmental protections during a significant increase in energy development. Neslin also oversaw changes within the agency that result-

ed in more efficient permit reviews and other process improvements assisting industry and the public.

Neslin worked closely with environmental groups and industry to develop the country's strongest chemical disclosure law for hydraulic fracturing and he continues to work productively with several local governments on regulatory issues as the potential for energy development grows along the Front Range. Neslin frequently speaks before the public on oil and gas issues, and has testified on regulatory issues before Congress.



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White suggests economic answers Loose Ends: The not-so-wild kingdom

By JEAN WHITE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The recession has hit rural Colorado worse than other parts of the state. At the end of 2011, the unemployment rate for the Western Slope was significantly higher than the statewide unemployment rate.

Just as economic conditions make it difficult for families on the Western Slope to make ends meet, local governments are struggling with the same issues. Many sources of revenue critical to Northwestern Colorado's cities and counties have been cut, transferred to projects in other parts of the state or eliminated altogether.

This summer, I drove 12,000 miles throughout Northwestern Colorado. I had the opportunity to visit 23 public schools and meet with local business owners. After spending so much time on the roads and in classrooms, I gained a thorough understanding of the need to repair both our schools and our roads. But perhaps more importantly, I learned how public schools facing similar struggles were able to address their challenges in unique ways by turning to local solutions first. It is easy for

communities to blame the state, the federal government or the economy for their woes — but this does not bring them any closer to a solution.

The counties in Northwestern Colorado have an opportunity to begin pulling themselves out of the downturn, not by petitioning the state for more money or by hoping for natural gas prices to rise, but by focusing on a local solution first. Although many of the decisions made by the U.S. Congress or state budget officials to cut funding to rural Colorado cannot be easily reversed, there is an opportunity to keep more of the money intended for Northwestern Colorado in the district.

That's why I'm running Senate Bill 31, which will allow counties to keep the full amount of federal payments due to them for the federal land in their districts. Currently, the federal government gives local governments Federal Mineral Lease (FML) payments, a portion of the revenue that comes from mineral extraction on federally-owned land within the county. Counties also receive Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT), which are meant to partially make up for the fact that federal land can't be taxed by local

counties. This money is typically used to fund local schools, road construction, firefighting, and police services.

Although counties are meant to receive both payments, the federal government cuts a county's Federal Mineral Lease payment if they also receive PILT money. Counties can avoid the cut if the payments are administered by a government body independent of the county commission. I am working to implement this solution by allowing counties to set up Federal Mineral Lease districts, independent government boards designed to receive and spend FML funds.

Since the federal government owns more than half of the land in my district, it's critical that counties maximize the federal payments they are due. FML and PILT payments combined in my district — Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt and Summit counties — totaled \$12 million last year. Setting up FML districts will allow counties to collect even more next year.

I started working on this issue last year and was the Senate sponsor of a bill to set up FML districts. So far several counties, including Garfield, Routt, Moffat, and Rio Blanco, have

seized the opportunity to get their full share of federal payments. However, the system needs a few tweaks before a change in funding occurs. Senate Bill 31 will make the necessary changes and hopefully allow impacted communities to receive the full amount of both payments.

Not only will this bill increase the amount of money received from the federal government, it will also give districts additional flexibility on when to spend the funds, giving them the opportunity to bank funds for several years to fund larger-scale projects.

Having lived in Northwestern Colorado for 38 years, I understand the importance of investing in our schools, roads and first response services. Although many variables are out of our control — global market uncertainty, a difficult job market and the whims of the U.S. Congress — it is an honor to be able to make a difference for Northwestern Colorado in this small way.

Senator Jean White represents Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt and Summit counties.

You can contact Senator White by email at Jean.White.Senate@state.co.us or at 303-866-5292.

DOLLY VISCARDI



The graying muzzle and backside of the old dog make it obvious. He has become too old and slow-footed to make much progress on his twice-daily walk. Yet, traces of the pup remain. Jumping up and down in anticipation and getting ready for each outing by holding the leash in his mouth, he pushes ahead of his owner. Once they get outside it is as if he finds himself in a dilemma. He finds the sights and smells exciting but can't make the effort to walk more than a few steps.

Some days he drops the leash out of his mouth to let his owner know he has changed his mind and refuses to move forward. Although he knows the route to go conduct the business at hand, he pulls his owner toward the opposite direction to check in at the local video store for a treat or a friend's front door for a pat. He ends up compromising and picks up the pace if he sees kids or other dogs. He also heads toward the part of the neighborhood that will take him past the yards of his incarcerated canine buddies.

Even with less sharp hearing and vision, Old Dog is able to tell if his services are needed. He will often appear to be going one direction and suddenly veer to another. The woman finds herself protesting and pulling and yanking the dog away from a seemingly empty yard. Wagging his tail against the metal fence, old dog makes such a racket that even the least interested dog comes to attention.

Old Dog not only walks the shorter distance for less time, he likes to break up the monotony of the plod by plopping himself down, sitting

back on his haunches and sticking his paw out for his owner to shake. It is an old trick he learned at the paws of a master, the former household queen, Even Older Dog. Anyone seeing this is amazed at his skill, as usually giant dogs can't balance quite so well. Passersby point and laugh and he might as well be wearing a clown costume and funny hat. If that doesn't cause enough diversion in his daily constitutional, lying down on the side of the road does.

There are days when the walk is more of a push-you, pull-me venture. The owner remembers walks long ago, when she and Old Dog met an owner on the route, who faced the same problem. Their own ancient critter needed help getting home. One gentleman had a medium-sized mop-top in his arms, another was pulling a bigger dog in a wagon.

The old saying about the old dog and new tricks may not apply, yet when it comes to walking older dogs, teaching old dogs old tricks is entirely possible.

Beeson announces judicial candidacy

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Martin Beeson announced his candidacy for re-election Jan. 24. Citing the accomplishments of the office during his tenure, Beeson stated that he has "established a record worthy of the trust the citizens of this district have reposed in (him) as district attorney."

Among the accomplishments touted during Beeson's tenure are attracting and hiring highly qualified, professional prosecutors; aggressively prosecuting the worst of the criminal element in our communities; winning convictions that

put these hardened criminals behind bars for hundreds of years; and transitioning the office into 21st-century prosecution with a state-of-the-art electronic file management system.

Beeson said he remains committed to the mission of the office, which is "to seek justice for the victims of crime, to pursue justice for the communities through the fair and ethical prosecution of those who commit crimes, and to earn and maintain the trust and respect of the people he is honored and privileged to serve." He also remains committed to fiscal respon-

sibility as he recognizes the special faith and trust reposed in him by the taxpayers who fund his office. To this end, he has operated under budget each and every year he has been in office.

Beeson has a broad array of professional experience and education. Upon completion of his service in the United States Marine Corps, he was honorably discharged in 1980. He thereafter earned his law degree



Martin Beeson

from Baylor University in 1982. He is a former partner and small business owner of a law firm of 10 attorneys. He lives in beautiful Rifle, Colo., with his wife and three boys.

MEEKER LOCALS

Happy Groundhog's Day! Hey, who cares what happened in Pennsylvania, did our local groundhogs (i.e. whistle pigs and/or ground squirrels) see their shadows this morning? Oh, who cares. We all know we've got at least six more weeks of winter. Put on your mittens and suck it up.

There's not a lot to get excited about this time of year. The January/February "blahs" are practically legendary in Meeker. That said, the Meeker Chamber's annual dinner and entertainment this Friday ought to be well-attended. Maybe the scheduled hypnotist can convince us all that the economy is thriving, spring has arrived and everyone will be pleased with the outcome of the 2012 elections. Nah. We'll probably settle for watching a few friends and family members humiliate themselves in public.

Happy belated birthday to Mike Dinwiddie, Feb. 1.

HAROLD TYMES



Happy birthday this week to Landin Lopez and Regas Halandras, Feb. 2; Glory Rholl, Feb. 3; Jonathan Mazella, Feb. 4; Coe Uphoff, Kevin Borchard and Josh Day, Feb. 6; Constance Hughes, Tannen Kennedy, Si Woodruff, Joy Thayer, Melba LeFevre and Joy Allen, Feb. 8.

Happy anniversary to Stanley and Vicki Crawford, Feb. 5; Mike and Mary Whalin, Feb. 6; and Brad and Jessica Wikoff, Feb. 8.

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What in the World is a Biblical Worldview? (2)

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As noted last time, a *worldview* is the perspective from which a person, with all his presuppositions, attitudes, and beliefs, perceives and approaches, either consciously or subconsciously, the world, life, and everything in them.

What is a Biblical Worldview?

With the forgoing as our foundation, and after several months grappling with all this, I would offer the following definition of a biblical worldview:

A Biblical Worldview, created by the regeneration of the Holy Spirit and the justifying work of Christ, views, understands, and approaches everything in life through the lens of Scripture, that Scripture alone defines reality, delineates truth, and dictates our attitudes and actions.

Now, does this mean that every issue and question has a "proof text." Well, yes and no. *Yes* because everything is addressed in Scripture, whether in specific word or general principle. *No*, however, because a biblical worldview, we submit, goes deeper than that. It considers the full revelation of Scripture, understanding what all of it says on a given issue, both in philosophy and practice. This will become clearer in our third point below.

While one might think that every born again Christian would automatically have such a view, nothing could be further from the real state of affairs. In a 2003 survey conducted by the Barna Group, it was discovered that only 9% of born again Christians have such a perspective on life. Shocking? Yes. Surprising? Not at all. Why? The reason is obvious. The church has become so immersed in the world, through a plethora of worldviews, that it has become tainted and infected. One cannot live in a hog barn 24 hours a day, for example, and not become contaminated, unless he wears plenty of protective gear. Likewise, unless Christians "put on [and never take off, as the Greek verb tense indicates] the whole armour of God," they will not "stand against" (*stēnai pros*, hold one's ground) Satan and his systems (Eph. 6:11).

The sad fact is that the vast majority of the church, as this survey inarguably confirms, does not *think biblically*. A survey in point is the following statement by one of today's leading "Christian leaders": "The ground we have in common with unbelievers is not the Bible, but our common needs, hurts, and interests as human beings. *You cannot start with a text.*" Is that a biblical worldview? Of course not. It's obviously a secular humanistic view. What is even more appalling is how many evangelicals have followed this man and his secular thinking and then built churches based on, at the very least, a mild

form of humanism.

We, therefore, want to begin with a text, Psalm 119:11: **Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.** The Hebrew word translated **hid** (*tsāphan*) means to hide, to keep secret. It's used of concealing something, often of great value, as that precious picture of when the baby Moses was hidden (Ex. 2:2-3) and when Rahab hid the spies (Josh. 2:4). Used figuratively, it speaks of "laying up in the heart, putting back that which we value." The Word of God is, indeed, priceless, the most valuable thing we can own.

If we could pick one verse that is representative of all 176 verses in this Psalm, this is probably it. It strikes us as the essence of the psalmist's point. In the many months of my study and preaching of this psalm, this verse seemed to be the key to the whole matter. To hide the Word of God in our hearts is to be totally *captive* in it, *committed* to it, and *controlled* by it. Further, to hide God's Word in the **heart** is to recognize that it alone is sufficient to fill that **heart** with all that is needed for living.

Heart (*lēb*) has a wide range of meanings. While it refers to the physical organ, it much more often refers to one's inner self and nature, including the intellect, emotions, and will, that is, the human personality. So where do we hide God's Word? *In our whole personality!* The Word of God must govern our entire being. We find this very picture, for example, in Genesis 6:5, where "GOD [YHWH, *yahweh*] saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Everything about man in that day was evil; not a single thought, emotion, or choice was righteous.

Charles Spurgeon well said of the Psalmist: "He did not *wear* a text on his heart as a *charm*, but he *hid* it in his heart as a *rule*." While many today wear a cross around their neck, some kind of religious symbol on a charm bracelet, a bumper sticker on their car that says, "I love Jesus," or other outward symbolism, the psalmist says he **hid** God's **word** in his **heart**, that is, his whole self. *Symbolism* is one thing; *substance* is quite another.

What, then, is the end of all this? Simply that it is such an immersion in God's Word that keeps us from **sin**. We would submit, therefore, that this verse encapsulates a biblical worldview. If God's Word is at the core of our entire being, it is going to dictate everything that pertains to life and then protect us from any other worldview. We will *think* biblically (the intellect), *react* biblically (the emotions), and we will *choose* biblically (the will).

With the footing and foundation laid, we are now prepared for the structure, which we will build next time.

OBITUARY

Lawrence "Larry" Wayne Adair

June 12, 1961 ~ Dec. 27, 2011

Lawrence "Larry" Wayne Adair, 50, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011, in Craig, Colo.

Lawrence was born June 12, 1961, in Colorado Springs. He was a 1979 graduate of Rolla Senior High, and a 1980 graduate of Linn Technical College.

He moved to Colorado at age 20 and worked in the gas and oil fields of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming until his death.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

Lawrence is survived by his parents, Howard and Ruth (Martin) Adair of Rolla; his common-law wife of 17 years, Pam Lathrop of

Craig; Pam's children, Nicole Pickens, Patty Lathrop and John Lathrop; grandsons Aiden and Konor Lathrop; granddaughter Kali Lathrop; brother Don Adair of Dinosaur; sisters Susan Kae Lucero and her husband Gilbert of Dinosaur, and Rosemary Henry and her husband Allen of Polo; five nephews, 10 nieces, eight grandnephews and nine grandnieces; and many other extended family and friends.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his sisters Darla Jan Adair and Deborah Anne Grotha; his grandparents, and two uncles.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, at Rolla City Cemetery. Visitation for family and



Larry Adair

friends was also held on Tuesday at James & Gahr Mortuary, which handled arrangements in Rolla.

Online condolences may be left by visiting www.james-gahrmortuary.com.

A celebration of Lawrence's life will take place in Craig at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Yampa Valley Bank, 435 Mack Lane, in Craig, in care of Pam Lathrop.

FAFSA documents you need

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I In order to complete the FAFSA at the College Goal Sunday program, you and your parents will need your 2010 federal tax records. You will need to refer to the following:

- Social Security number (can be found on Social Security card)
- Driver's license (if any)
- 2010 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- 2010 untaxed income records - Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare or veterans benefits records
- Your 2010 bank statements
- 2010 business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records

■ Your alien registration card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

■ If possible, please register for a Personal Identification Number or PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. This will allow you to electronically sign your FAFSA for faster processing.

Anyone interested in attending higher education who might need financial assistance in paying for college should attend the College Goal Sunday program with a parent or legal guardian.

If the student or his/her parent(s) are filing a 2010 income tax return, we recommend filling it out before completing the FAFSA. However, the income tax return does not need to be sent to the IRS before filling out the FAFSA.

You can fill out the FAFSA online. It is recommended that you

and your parents get PIN codes first so you can sign the FAFSA electronically and not have to print out, sign and send in a paper signature page. Here are the web addresses: Pin: www.pin.ed.gov and FAFSA on the Web: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Students use the FAFSA application to apply for federal student grants, workstudy money, scholarships and loans to assist them in funding their college education. They may also use this application to apply for most state and some private financial aid.

You should apply as soon as possible after Jan. 1, once your parents have completed their 2010 income tax return. However, if the college has a deadline earlier than when your parents will have their taxes done, estimate in order to meet the college's deadline. You can always correct the information later.

Local families receive aid

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Families will have the opportunity to attend College Goal Sunday to receive free assistance on how to pay for college on Saturday, Feb. 11.

College Goal Sunday will be held in Craig at Colorado Northwestern Community College on Feb. 11 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Families will receive free professional guidance on ways to pay for college, specifically how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is a crucial step in the college planning process.

The FAFSA must be completed for a student to receive any type of financial aid, including grants, work study, student loans and even many scholarships. Students are encour-

aged to submit their FAFSAs close to the first of the year to receive as much financial aid as possible.

"In a time where college is no longer a luxury but a necessity in the workplace, it is more vital than ever to provide families with the knowledge and resources to make higher education a reality," said Dawn Taylor Owens, executive director of College In Colorado, an initiative of the Department of Higher Education. "For many families the greatest hurdle is how to pay for college. College Goal Sunday provides an incredible platform for families to receive free direction on ways to make college affordable."

College Goal Sunday will take place at 16 other locations across the state. Spanish translation will be available to families and more than

\$20,000 in scholarships will be given away during the day.

Families are encouraged to bring their 2011 federal tax records to ensure they can work through the FAFSA during the time they have with financial aid experts. More information on College Goal Sunday can be found at www.collegegoalcolorado.org.

For local College Goal Sunday information, contact Tresa England at tresa.english@cnc.edu.

The partners of College Goal Sunday include Colorado Association of Financial Aid Administrators (CAFAA), CAFAA - Past Presidents, College In Colorado, Colorado Department of Higher Education, LUMINA Foundation for Education, University of Denver, and Regis University.

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BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Twenty-one people participated in the 4th annual Meeker Benefit Cribbage tournament held last Sunday in Mountain Valley Bank's community room. After everyone played five games, the top eight point-earners including (front to back) Clint Shults and B.I. Johnson, Cliff Chapin and Kelly Sheridan, Anna Todd and Steve Harman and Donna Bloedel and Craig Thiessen, advanced to the championship round. Harman beat Shults for the title and Donna Bloedel beat Cliff Chapin in the consolation championship game. The tournament raised more than \$350 for the James Sizemore Memorial fund, which benefits the Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Rio Blanco BOCES board meeting will be held February 11th 2012, from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held in Meeker at the Administration Offices, which is located in the Episcopal Church.

Immediately following there will be a work session for the Board to meet with the State legislators and a representative from the Colorado Rural Caucus, to discuss education in Colorado.

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- Tues. Feb. 7 - Build-Your-Own-Taco, Refried Beans, Salsa, Applesauce
- Wed. Feb. 8 - Deli Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Rice Krispy Treat
- Thurs. Feb. 9 - Cowgirl Beef Stew, Roll, Corn, Fruit Cocktail
- Fri. Feb. 10 - Pancake & Sausage, Tator Bars, Oranges

RANGELY School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF JAN. 30-FEB. 2, 2012

- Mon. Feb. 6 - Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
- Tues. Feb. 7 - Taco or Egg Salad Sandwich, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
- Wed. Feb. 8 - Pizza, Corn or Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
- Thurs. Feb. 9 - Hamburger, Baked Beans, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

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Vernal funeral home serving RBC

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Ashley Valley Funeral Home in Vernal, Utah, is now open to serve the communities in Rio Blanco County. The funeral home is locally owned and operated by Jake Phillips (son of Mike and Sally Phillips, former Rangely residents) and by Whitney Robb Phillips (daughter of Claye and Kym Robb of Vernal). The all-new facility is located at 410 North 800 West (across from the Freestone Legacy walking park).

Phillips is a licensed funeral director and pre-planning consultant. He is able to help families with new pre-need policies or help families transfer existing plans from other funeral homes. He attended mortuary school in Littleton, Colo., and has been working at Larkin Mortuary in Salt Lake City, Utah, for the past three years.

"We are happy for this opportunity to return home and serve the communities in which we grew up. We



The locally owned and operated Ashley Valley Funeral Home is now open to serve the communities of Rio Blanco County. The Ashley Valley Funeral Home is located at 400 North 800 West in Vernal, Utah.

will offer families quality products and services at a reasonable price," Phillips said. "Families are able to make funeral arrangements in the comfort

of their own home or they are welcome to come into our funeral home. We will do whatever we can to help families during this difficult time in their lives," said Whitney Robb

Phillips. For more information please call 435-789-AVFH (2834) or visit us online at www.AshleyValleyFuneralHome.com.

BLM seeks nominations

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Bureau of Land Management's Northwest and Southwest Colorado districts are seeking public nominations for 10 open positions on their Resource Advisory Councils, which advise the BLM on public land issues.

The BLM's RACs, composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, help the bureau carry out its stewardship of 245 million acres of public lands. The bureau, which manages more land than any other federal agency, has 29 RACs across the west, where most BLM-managed land is located. Each RAC consists of 10-15 members with an interest in public land management, including conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreationists, state and local government officials, Tribal officials and academics. The diverse membership of each RAC is aimed at achieving a balanced outlook that the BLM needs for its mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple uses.

"I value the advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based Resource Advisory Councils," said BLM Director Bob Abbey. "The people who live, work and recreate near or on BLM-managed lands deserve a formal voice on public land issues and their input will enhance our agency's ability to manage the public lands for multiple uses while conserving resources for future generations."

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on an advisory council. Nominees, who must be residents of the state or states where the RAC has jurisdiction, will be judged on the basis of their training, education and knowledge of the council's geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations; a completed background information nomination form; and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

The descriptions for RAC positions are as follows:

■ Category 1 — Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use and commercial recreation.

■ Category 2 — Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities and wild horse and burro organizations.

■ Category 3 — Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

In the Northwest District, five positions are open, including two positions in Category 1, two positions in Category 2 and one position in Category 3. Nominations for the Northwest District (Colorado River Valley, Grand Junction, Kremmling, Little Snake and White River Field Offices) RAC must be submitted by Monday, March 12 to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: David Boyd, 2300 River Frontage Rd., Silt, CO 81652. Additional requirements and nomination forms can be found by going to http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Resources/racs/nwrac.html or by calling Boyd at 970-876-9008.

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HORNE: Meeker resident named 2011 Colorado Outfitter of the Year by COA

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back of my string had been for the hunter who went with me from his drop camp to load the elk on the pack mules. The area was steep getting down to his elk. Let me rephrase that, it was incredibly steep, snow covered and slick as grease. The hunter commented that he didn't particularly care to go back down in that canyon to help load the elk, because the evening before when he crawled out of it on hands and knees he swore he saw Elvis!

"I reminded him of two things: One, I didn't know where his elk was and since he had not flagged his trail back down to the elk — and we had about a foot of new snow overnight — I would not be able to follow his "crawl" trail, and two, since he said it was a nice bull elk, most likely I would have some trouble loading the quarters of a big bull by myself.

"The verdict was, he would accompany me. I had brought a horse for him to ride. Needless to say, after he rode ... no, let's say he stayed on top of the horse as it slid down the ravine to the elk, there was no way he was going to attempt to ride back up to his camp. He made some comments which are not suitable for print

(if you get my drift).

"Once the elk was loaded, I tied his horse to the back of my mules, sent the hunter on his crawl back to camp and said I would head back with his elk.

"I have a very trusty horse that I ride most of the time and a great lead mule. I pointed them up the hill and we started the slip-and-slide journey up the steep hillside. For every three steps forward, the animals were slipping two steps back, so I decided to take a shortcut across an open area. Bad choice. No sooner had we traveled a few yards than my horse hesitated. I thought he was just catching his breath or his footing as it was still very steep and slick. After he caught his breath, I urged him on. Since he trusts me rather than his instincts, he stepped forward and immediately sank to his belly. We were in a bog, a bad bog.

"Thank the Lord, my lead mule had the good sense to pull free from my grasp. She stood vigil on the edge of the snow-covered bog holding the other three animals behind her. I was in trouble, no doubt about it.

"Everything seemed to happen in slow motion as my horse reared and lunged trying to get out of the bog. My thoughts bounced between 'stay

on top of him' or 'bail'. "If I bailed, which way would I go so that he wouldn't fall on top of me? I prayed in my fear, and as he reared again, the saddlehorn punched me in the sternum and I bailed off backward. I landed facing away from the horse and turned to see him fallen backward and breathing heavily.

"I felt sure he had broken a leg. I grabbed the rope from my lead mule. She stood her ground, looking very concerned for me, while I pulled myself up the rope to firm ground. As I looked back for the second time at my horse, fearing the worst, he was up, calmly pawing for a bite of grass beneath the snow.

"As the adrenaline began to wear off, I realized I was hurt. At the time I didn't know it, but I had two cracked ribs and a bruised sternum. Climbing back in the saddle was painful, but I gave thanks that I could ride and that my horse was not seriously hurt. He had one puncture wound on his hip that was bleeding, but it was a long way from his heart.

"Speaking of heart, he has a big one and he took me and the string home to the base camp through new snow that was starting to fall horizontally across the landscape. I learned some big lessons that day and



Colorado's outfitter of the year Jeanne Horne leads a string of pack mules, just one aspect of the 60-80 hour a week job she tackles with passion and perseverance.

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realized my Maker was not ready to call me home."

Stories like that are not uncommon, but they don't represent the best

part of the job. Horne appreciates her clients, and the "extended family" of her staff, as well as being able to work with horses and mules and

"stepping back in time as I ride the high mountain trail, immersed in the beauty that is our backyard. Truly a blessing in my life."

Water storage hearing Feb. 7

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Following a request from Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO), the House Natural Resources Water and Power Subcommittee announced there will be a hearing to examine issues surrounding water storage in the West. The hearing, entitled "Water for

Our Future and Job Creation: Examining Regulatory and Bureaucratic Barriers to New Surface Storage Infrastructure," is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m., in room 1324, Longworth House office building.

In his request for the hearing to Natural Resources Water and Power

Subcommittee chairman Tom McClintock, Tipton wrote last week:

"The uncertainties of annual water availability can imperil those communities which are hindered by an unwieldy regulatory framework that hinders the ability to store water for vital purposes. Through prudent

supply management and the ability to store much needed water, communities can support jobs that depend on the availability of water, protect food security, control flooding, ensure continued recreation opportunities, provide water for the development of hydropower and meet environmental protection needs."

Notice of Republican Caucus Locations

Republican Party caucuses will be held in the following locations in Rio Blanco County on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7:00pm for the election of committee people and delegates to the county Republican assembly:

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Dangerous avalanche conditions in the high country

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Recent avalanche fatalities and current snowpack conditions in the high country have prompted the U.S. Forest Service to send a strong warning to those traveling in the backcountry to use extreme caution.

This year's snowpack is exceptionally weak and it is possible to trigger avalanches from flat or low-angle terrain. Recent snow and wind have overloaded the backcountry snowpack. Backcountry recreationists should know the current conditions and how to travel in avalanche terrain. They should watch for signs of elevated avalanche danger that include recent avalanches, cracking in the snowpack, and listen for

"whumping" sounds.

Although certain snow conditions increase the avalanche danger, avalanches are possible any time snow collects on slopes. Ski areas provide a high level of avalanche safety on the slopes within their boundaries and the ski industry has an excellent avalanche safety record. Although their work drastically reduces the risk of avalanches, they cannot remove the risk completely. The public can reduce their own risk by obeying closures and signs at ski areas and using the buddy system.

"We are very concerned about the conditions as well as the rate of accidents so far this year," said Ethan Greene, director of the Colorado Avalanche Information Center.

Terrain throughout the Rocky

Forest Service urges residents, visitors to use extreme caution.

Mountain region is subject to avalanches. When traveling or recreating in those areas, you are responsible for the safety of yourself and those around you. Avalanche potential increases with slope angle, snowfall, wind and rain.

"Current conditions have provided the perfect squall for avalanches throughout the Rockies," said Kelly Elder, supervisory research hydrologist, at the Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station. "The shallow snowpack forms weak snow layers and when a snowstorm or wind deposits a new load on top of this weak snowpack, things move

and avalanches occur."

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, five people die in avalanches on average in Colorado each year. There have already been four avalanche-related deaths this season. Since 2001 there have been 55 avalanche-related deaths in Colorado.

"Slopes that are close to sliding are just waiting for a trigger, such as a skier, snowboarder or snowmobiler. The problem does not go away once we have an avalanche cycle, because the weak base layers just get reloaded by the next storm. If we get a huge storm, then we will see the

'perfect storm,' rather than the 'perfect squall,' for avalanche conditions," said Elder.

Greene says you can stay safe in the backcountry by following these three simple steps:

1. Know before you go: Read the current avalanche advisory so you know what conditions to expect. In Colorado, go to www.colorado.gov/avalanche.

2. Get educated: Take an avalanche class or avalanche awareness seminar so you know how to use the information in the avalanche advisory and recognize avalanche terrain.

3. Carry proper equipment: Carry avalanche rescue equipment, such as an avalanche beacon, shovel, probe pole and maybe a Recco tab or airbag, so you are ready if something

goes wrong. Travel in a group and make sure everyone knows how to use their rescue gear.

References for Additional Information: U.S. Forest Service, National Avalanche Center: http://www.fsavalanche.org/basics/basic_index.html; Colorado Avalanche Information Center: <http://www.colorado.gov/avalanche>; American Avalanche Association: <http://www.avalanche.org>.

A scream in the night: night terrors

By KRISTEN ANDERSON AND KATELYN COLLINS

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I A parent is awakened in the night by horrific screaming from their child. For any parent this can be a scary, awful occurrence in which they feel helpless. According to www.kidshealth.org, it is estimated that 3 to 6 percent of children will experience night terrors. While night terrors can happen at any age, most occur between 2-6 years of age, with peak onset at 3-1/2 years old.

During a night terror, children may bolt upright, eyes wide open in panic or terror, with bloodcurdling screams. Children often experience sweating, rapid breathing, and an increased heart rate. Most terrors last only a few minutes, however they can last more than 30 minutes. Night terrors vary from nightmares in that children having nightmares are usually easily woken and comforted. Children may also be able to recall events or feelings from a nightmare, whereas there is no memory of a night terror.

While it may be incredibly difficult as a parent to see your child experiencing these terrors, the best course of action is to make sure this child is

safe in his/her bed—decreasing the likelihood of harm or injury. It may appear that the child is awake, however, he or she is not and waking the child is not recommended. The child is more likely to be disoriented and confused, or become scared as a reaction to the parent's anxiety.

Night terrors are similar to sleepwalking or sleep-talking, caused by over-arousal of the Central Nervous System (CNS) during sleep, and may occur because this regulatory system of brain activity is still developing. Sleep is divided into two categories: rapid eye movement (REM) and non-rapid eye movement (non-REM). Night terrors happen during deep non-REM sleep. Unlike nightmares (which occur during REM sleep), a night terror is not technically a dream, but more like a sudden reaction of fear that happens during the transition from one sleep phase to another.

While there is no specific treatment necessary, there are steps parents can take to lessen the chances of night terrors. The typical night terror occurs approximately 1-4 hours after falling asleep (nightmares occur later in the sleep cycle). If night terrors are happening at a more frequent rate parents can track their occurrence and wake

the child up 15 minutes prior to the expected night terror, keeping them awake and out of bed for a few minutes, even trying to go to the bathroom. Night terrors may also be the result of stressful life events, fever, medications or lack of proper sleep.

Maintaining a consistent bedtime and wake up routine is essential for all children. Children are often unable to estimate their sleepiness, believing they are getting enough sleep even when they are not. When a child is not getting an ample amount of sleep, behavior, learning ability and overall performance are affected, as well as night terrors.

The National Sleep Foundation has the following recommendations for amount of sleep based on age:

- Toddlers (age 1-3): 12-14 hours in a 24-hour period (naps count)
- Preschoolers (ages 3-5): 11-13 hours
- School aged Children (ages 5-12): 10-11 hours
- Teenagers (13+): 9-10 hours

The good news is that night terrors do not seem to have any harmful effects on kids who have them, and are usually outgrown. However if a child seems to be experiencing night terrors and the aforementioned strategies do

not seem to help, an evaluation by the child's pediatrician may be useful to rule out other possible disorders that might be having an effect on their quality of sleep.

An additional resource is the 2012 Rio Blanco Children's Health Fair, offering free screening in multiple areas of child development, Feb 27-28 in Meeker and March 5-6 in Rangely. Call 970-675-2064 to schedule your appointment today.

Kristen Anderson is a MSW school social worker and Katelyn Collins is a BA school psychologist intern.

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The Amazing Dave magically stuck his fingers through his eye glasses.



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The RBC 4-H judging team at the Arizona national competition: (front) A.J. Garner, Cash Leicher, (middle) Raelynn Norman, Kaylee Mecham, Macy Collins, Tristan Hall, Dell Garner (back) Landon Mecham, Sam Baylie and Layne Mecham.

RBC 4-H judging team places

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Thanks to the generous support of Encana and Shane and Kathy Mecham, nine members of the Rio Blanco County 4-H judging team traveled to Phoenix to attend the Arizona National Livestock Show (ANLS) judging contest.

The team included senior members Sam Baylie and Landon and Layne Mecham. The junior team was made up of Macy Collins, A.J. Garner, Kaylee Mecham and Raelynn Norman. Del Garner and Tristen

Hall judged as junior individuals. They were coached by Bonnie Long. The group arrived late Friday, Dec. 29. They spent the day looking at animals, watching the breeding sheep show and working out with the college teams. They gave several sets of reasons to coach Long and sponsors Roxie Leischer and Kathy Collins.

The group judged eight classes of sheep, cattle and hogs on Saturday under the palm trees in 70 degree weather. Only the top 10 individuals and teams were announced. Macy

Collins earned ninth high individual and the junior team placed third, bringing home the county's first ANLS plaque. That evening the team celebrated New Year's Eve at Castles and Coasters and entertained the adults with some creative singing skills.

This is just the beginning of a busy judging season for the group. They will be represented in Nashville at the NBCA the first week of February and will hit the Colorado circuit shortly after that. We expect lots of fun and success this season.

Lady Cowboys win two

By BECCA NIELSEN
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker took on Steamboat Springs JV in a non-league game last Wednesday, Jan. 25, then headed to Walden on Saturday, Jan. 28 for a conference match against the North Park Wildcats. Both games were easy wins for the lady Cowboys.

In Steamboat, Meeker hit the floor with its defensive game and attacked their opponents with a full court press. The Sailors answered with a short 1-3-1 press of their own, but could not match Meeker's intensity. When the buzzer sounded at the end of the first quarter, Meeker was leading 18-8.

The pressure on the lady Sailors continued into the second quarter as the lady Cowboys continued their relentless defensive assault. Capitalizing on steals, Meeker once again outscored Steamboat to a 29-13 lead at the half. The game was a runaway as the lady Cowboys ran up 16 points to the Sailor's six in the third quarter. Coming out in the fourth quarter with a change in the press, Meeker cruised to the finish, 49-21.

Leading the team in scoring were junior Kaysyn Chintala with 15, senior Kathryn Doll with 10, sophomore Taylor Neilson bucketed eight, sophomore Aly Ridings had six, sophomore Piper Haney and freshman Sydney Hughes each scored four and senior Aubrey Walsh cashed in a bucket.

The ladies attacked the Wildcats Saturday with relentless pressure to lead 15-3 in the first three minutes, then hit a lull as they couldn't seem to make a bucket. Meeker ended the first quarter 18-9. The second quarter picked up a bit as they outscored the Wildcats by double digits but the lady Cowboys still seemed sluggish.



Meeker girls' basketball coach Greg Chintala in the middle of the team huddle after the lady Cowboys used a smothering defense and good shooting to pound Grand Valley 60-36 Tuesday in front of a hometown crowd.

They headed for halftime with a 16-point lead, 31-15.

Finally awake, Meeker hit the floor and continued their persistent pressure in the third period. The lady Cowboys racked up some steals and scored 16 points while allowing North Park to only make a bucket. Meeker led 47-17 going into the fourth quarter.

With a comfortable 30-point lead in the fourth quarter all of the lady Cowboys found some floor time as Meeker walked away with a conference-level victory over the Wildcats, 56-32. Walsh led the charge with 14, Ridings had 10, sophomore Katie Dinwiddie cashed in eight, Neilson and Hughes made six each, Doll and Chintala each added four, Haney had

three and junior Amanda Kindall added a free throw.

Meeker's junior varsity also played the Sailors Wednesday. They handled Steamboat's freshman team with ease as they cruised to a nice 20-point victory. The lady Cowboy freshmen headed to Craig for a freshman tournament where they played three games on Saturday. Meeker ended up with two wins and one loss.

Meeker continues its pursuit into the top 10 rankings for the Colorado Preps Network. The ladies started the week with a non-conference game against 3A Grand Valley on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at home. They will travel to Collbran on Saturday, Feb. 4, to clash with the Plateau Valley Cowboys for a conference game.

Cowboys wrestle in GJ

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER I The Cowboy wrestling team competed in the Grand Junction Tiger JV tournament with Meeker and Rangely as the only small schools in the field of Grand Valley JV teams, including the two Grand Junction teams, Palisade, Fruita, Delta, Olathe and Montrose.

"It was a good confidence builder for our team going into the end of the season," head coach J.C. Watt said of the competition.

The Cowboys hosted the Hayden Tigers Wednesday after press time and will host a triangular this Saturday with teams from West Grand and Soroco taking the mat at 11 a.m. The Cowboys will be the only team of the three to dual the Moffat County Bulldogs Saturday.

"It's the last event of the season to get all the kinks ironed out," Watt said of Saturday's competition.

Meeker sophomores J.C. Henderson and Anthony Watt both won all three of their matches and the titles in the 125 and 132 pound brackets, respectively. Cowboy senior

Ethan Overton finished second at 195, while Tristin Pelloni (106) won three matches and lost one to finish third, the same placing J.R. Crawford earned at 182. Aaron Cochran returned from injury and was the only other Cowboy to place, finishing fourth at 132. Kylloe Goedert, Sebastian Clarke, Lathrop Hughes, Calvin Shepherd and Issac Robertson also wrestled but did not place. Willis Begaye and Justin Hardy did not compete because of injuries but are expected to wrestle this weekend.

Lady Panthers lose at home, win on the road

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RANGELY I The lady Panthers lost at home to the Paonia Eagles 34-66 in a non-league game but came home from Hayden Saturday last with a 42-33 league victory. The lady Panthers are now 5-2 in league games and 9-5 overall. They will host the North Park lady Wildcats this Saturday.

"We played the first half well, then didn't show up in the sec-

ond half. Haeley Enterline went four-for-four from the free throw line. The Eagles scored 21 in the second quarter and led by 10 at halftime before outscoring Rangely 30-8 in the second half.

Thacker led all scorers with 12. Holli Lepro added eight, Brittany Babineaux five, Enterline four, Kelsey Prosser and Hailee Russell each scored two against Paonia and Amiee Hernandez made a free throw.

Getting out of town was good for the lady Panthers as they trav-

eled to Hayden for a game against the Hayden Tigers.

"We came out ready to go and we played well," Mergelman said of the league match and credited the team's defense as the "key" to the victory.

"Brittany did an excellent job allowed them to take eight threes and they did not make any of them, when they have been averaging about six threes per game."

Babineaux scored nine and Russell seven, while Enterline and Aimee Hogan each added a basket.



Rangely's lone senior on the lady Panther basketball team pulls down a rebound against Hayden while surrounded by Hayden players and teammates Brittany Babineaux (20) and Hailee Russell. The lady Panthers won the game and will host North Park this Saturday.

ond," head coach Jimmie Mergelman said of the home game against the Eagles.

The lady Panthers kept pace with Paonia in the first quarter where each team scored 15 points. Quincey Thacker led with five in the first quarter and lone senior

led to Hayden for a game against the Hayden Tigers.

"We came out ready to go and we played well," Mergelman said of the league match and credited the team's defense as the "key" to the victory.

"Brittany did an excellent job

3 Panthers win tourney

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Three Panther wrestlers won the Grand Junction wrestling tournament last Saturday. One finished as a consolation champ and another won a match.

"They wrestled well," head coach Derek Stolworthy said of the five

wrestlers who competed.

Colton Coombs won all three of his matches in the 152-pound bracket to win the gold medal and Jake Smith won three matches to win the 170-pound title. Rangely heavyweight Patrick Brown won two matches and the championship and Ethan Allred won three matches and lost one to the

eventual champion, to finish third in the 138-pound bracket. Chance Peters won a match at 145 but did not place.

"This week we are on the road," Stolworthy said.

The Panthers will dual the Grand Valley Cardinals tonight and travel to Alt, Colo., to wrestle in the Highland Duals.



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CHAMPIONS of the WEEK



Quincey Thacker, Junior Rangely High School

Thacker led all scorers with 20 points in a game against Hayden, played tough defense, holding the Tigers' best scorer in check and pulled down 11 rebounds in the league victory.

Steve Harman Meeker

Harman won the Meeker Benefit Cribbage tournament and can be considered the cribbage champion of Rio Blanco County as he is the defending champion of Rangely's Carl Rector Memorial cribbage tournament too.



MHS Cowboys defeat Dragons, tame Wildcats

By DALE DUNBAR
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Cowboys basketball team used scoring production from 13 different players on Friday night to defeat the Debeque Dragons in Debeque 77-44. The next afternoon Meeker took up where they left off as 11 players lit up the scoreboard in a 69-22 mauling of the North Park Wildcats.

Friday in Debeque Meeker had little trouble jumping out to a quick lead against the hometown Dragons. Cooper Smith scorched the nets for 12 of his team high 22 points as Meeker commanded the first quarter 24-9. The Cowboys continued to pull away from the Dragons in the second period outscoring them 17-11 and taking control of the game with a 41-21 halftime lead. Meeker's consistent scoring in the third and fourth quarters couldn't be matched by the Dragons. The Cowboys led 59-32 at the end of the third period and finished with a decisive 77-44 victory. Besides

Smith's 22 points, Trey Morris counted for 10, and Kevin Eli put up nine more for the 'Pokes.

A long trip to Walden resulted in the Cowboys' fourth consecutive conference victory without a loss. North Park was overmatched from the outset as Meeker dominated the offensive output, and stonewalled the Wildcats efforts to counter. Gable Smith came out on fire in the first quarter as he buried three long range bombs to pace a 20-point first quarter for the Cowboys. Scott Smith picked up the scoring parade in the second as he accounted for the team high in the period with six points. Meeker had an insurmountable 42-16 lead at half against the host 'Cats. Although they slowed the point output down slightly in the third and fourth quarters, the Cowboys kept up their tenacious defense and only allowed North Park to score two points in the third quarter, and four points in the fourth. The final score was a relatively easy Meeker victory 69-22. Gable Smith led all scorers in the

game with 14, followed by Scott Smith with 12.

Apologies to Jeremy Musgrave for last week's misnomer, Jeremy again provided quality minutes for the Cowboys both Friday and Saturday scoring six and three points respectively.

Meeker	24	17	16	77
Debeque	9	11	10	44

Meeker
C. Smith 8,2,1,0-22, Fitzgibbons 0,1,0,0-2, S. Smith 0,1,0,0-2, A. Smith 1,0,3,1-3, Lopez 0,0,2,1-1, Musgrave 2,0,3,2-6, Eli 4,0,2,1-9, Morris 5,0,2,0-10, Walsh 1,0,0,0-2, G. Smith 0,0,2,2-2, Phelan 1,0,5,4-6, Atoafia 3,0,0,0-6, Mobley 3,0,0,0-6

Debeque
Palmer 2,0,6,3-7, Hutchinson 0,0,2,2-2, David 1,0,0,0-2, Martin 4,4,10,6-26, Marx 1,3,1-3, Azuto 1,0,0,0-2

Meeker	20	22	15	12	69
North Park	8	8	2	4	22

Meeker
C. Smith 3,1,0,0-9, Fitzgibbons 0,0,2,2-2, S. Smith 5,0,2,2-12, A. Smith 1,0,1,0-2, Lopez 2,0,0,0-4, Musgrave 1,0,2,1-3, Eli 4,0,4,1-9, Morris 1,2,2,1-9, G. Smith 1,4,0,0-14, Atoafia 0,0,2,1-1, Mobley 2,0,0,0-4

North Park
Edmonds 1,0,0,0-2, Richard 1,0,0,0-2, Hansen 2,0,0,0-4, Lyle 2,0,2,0-4, Russell 0,1,0,0-3, Sanchez 3,0,2,1-7

Panthers soar over Eagles

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RANGELY I The Panthers boys' basketball team delighted its fans Friday last, defeating the Paonia Eagles 68-59. In Hayden Saturday, the Panthers lost 60-74. The Panthers will host Vail Mountain Friday and North Park Saturday.

"Against Paonia we came out focused and ready to play," head coach Eric Hejl said.

Cameron Enterline, Ethan Peacock and Connor Phelan all hit 3-pointers in the first quarter and Rangely jumped out to a 17-9 lead.

"That was exciting for me," Hejl said of the 3-pointers and early lead. "I've felt all along we're capable of getting scoring from a lot of different guys but up to this point we haven't got them all going at the same time. In this game we really embraced the team approach and were successful early with intense pressure defense and good offensive execution."

The Panthers picked up two technical fouls in the second quarter but were still able to match the Eagles' 22 points to lead 39-31 at halftime.

"Our emotions got the best of us a couple of times but Connor caught fire from the outside and Ethan was hitting his mid-range shots as well," Hejl said of Phelan's four 3-pointers and Peacock's six points in the second stanza.

"I like our guys to play with a little bit of fire but they've got to know how to keep their emotions in check," Hejl said.

Senior Kody Denny paced the Panthers in the third quarter with eight points, including two from the free throw line.

"He's (Denny) got a very quick



TRACY ENTERLINE

Rangely senior David Contreras lets go of a 3-pointer with teammates Jake Massey and Connor Phelan (10) positioned to rebound during a home game against Paonia last Friday. Rangely will host Vail Mountain Friday and North Park Saturday.

first step and when he's selective about when/where he attacks, it makes for a tough defensive match," Hejl said about his senior guard.

Phelan led all scorers with 22 points, Denny added 14, Peacock 13 and Enterline finished with nine. Mason Fortunato scored five, Andrew Morton and Jake Massey each added two and Chaz Byerly got in the score book by making a free throw.

"The best thing about this game is that we had a solid team effort for all four quarters (especially defensively) and that's what we'll have to have every night if we want to beat good teams," Hejl said.

The Panthers couldn't put four quarters together against the Tigers the following day, falling behind by 23 points after the first two periods.

"We gave more points in the first half than we'd like to give up in a whole game," Hejl said of Hayden's

43-20 halftime lead.

"Ethan did a good job stepping up and hitting some shots that kept us somewhat in the game, but it was a pretty deep hole that we had dug ourselves by halftime," Hejl said. Peacock finished with 12 points and scored in all four quarters against the Tigers, as did Denny.

"In the locker room I challenged the guys to re-group and come out with the goal of winning the second half with heart and determination and they really responded well," Hejl said of the 40 points they scored in the second half, compared to Hayden's 29. "It wasn't quite enough to truly get back in the game, but they showed me and themselves that if you fight until the end you can at least still have something to build on. Kody and Ethan both showed me a lot this weekend from a leadership standpoint. This season hasn't been all sunshine and roses for the seniors, but this weekend they really set the tone working hard until the final buzzer and leading as seniors should which bodes well for the rest of the season."

Hejl is pleased with his team's progress and excited about the rest of the season, including the two home games this weekend.

"For the most part we had good attitude and effort which are the two things we can always control even if the shots aren't falling," Hejl said in summary. "As long as we are in the right mindset in those areas, we'll be a team that is going to have to be dealt with come districts, because we've got the athletes and talent to be a very good team and beat anybody on any given night."

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2/3 @ HOME vs. Vail Mountain - 4:00, 5:30
2/4 @ HOME vs. North Park - 1, 3:30
2/10 @ Debeque - 5:00, 6:30

RHS Girls' Basketball
2/3 @ HOME vs. Vail Mountain - 4:00, 5:30
2/4 @ HOME vs. North Park (V Only) - 2:00
2/11 @ HOME vs. Plateau Vly - 1, 2:30, 4

RHS Wrestling
2/2 @ Grand Valley 7:00 (6:00 w.i.)
2/4 @ Highland High School
2/10-11 @ Palisade - Regionals

RJH Girls' Basketball
2/3 @ Steamboat - 4:00 PM
2/4 @ HOME vs. Craig - 9:00 AM



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MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL
2/4 @ Plateau Valley - 4, 5:30pm
2/4 @ HOME vs. HOME vs. GJHS (C-Team) - 1pm
2/10 @ HOME vs. Paonia - 3:30, 5pm
2/11 @ SoRoCo - 1pm, 2:30pm

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL
2/3 @ HOME vs. De Beque (V Only) - 5:30pm
2/4 @ Plateau Valley - 1pm, 4pm
2/4 @ HOME vs. GJHS (C Team) - 1pm
2/10 @ HOME vs. Paonia - 3:30pm, 6:30pm
2/11 @ SoRoCo - 1pm, 4:00pm

MHS WRESTLING
2/10-11 @ Palisade (Regionals) - TBD
2/16-19 @ Denver (State) - TBD

BMS GIRLS' BASKETBALL
2/4 @ HOME vs. Steamboat - 10am
2/11 @ District Tournament at HOME - TBD



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RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago

■ Yesterday was Groundhog Day and he saw his shadow in these parts. Make your own deductions.

■ Frank Sheridan says he is always a victim of hard luck. He was just about to send for "Fatty" Randall to pick the banjo for the pioneers when word comes that Fatty had shuffled off this mortal coil in a Nevada mining camp.

■ At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Highland Cemetery association, the following officers were elected: F.E. Sheridan, president; H.A. Wildhack, vice president; A.C. Moulton, secretary; F.N. JoHantgen, secretary.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

■ Leonard J. Raineiri was sentenced to the state penitentiary for 3-5 years. Raineiri was arrested by Marshal Sam Cron when Meeker's city marshal found a footprint in the snow on Main Street which matched the footprints found at the Meeker High School after the school was broken into during the Christmas holi-

days.

■ The Feb. 1 snow course readings for the upper White River were made this week and were 17 percent over the average with 40.1 inches of snow on the Rio Blanco ranch course with a water content of 11.6 inches.

■ Mr. Bob Gutierrez has purchased the old Rigby property on the corner of Eighth and Park streets. This property was sold more than a year ago by Mrs. Agnes Fredericks to Vern Davis. Mr. Davis has now sold his interest in the property to Mr. Gutierrez who will be moving his family into his newly acquired home.

■ Tom Pilkington recorded the only victory by a pin against Grand Junction, but George Nay, Bob Ruckman, Mark Sheridan, John Devereaux, Harry Tucker and Ray McKee all recorded decisions.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

■ Kathleen Sullivan Kelley, lifelong Rio Blanco County resident, delivered the keynote address at the White River Soil Conservation District dinner and dance.

■ Mrs. Mary Villa, elementary and junior high music instructor, was honored last Friday evening when she was inducted into the international bandmaster fraternity Phi Beta Mu.

■ "Happy 21st birthday, Regas!" ■ The Cowboy's freshman 112-pounder, J.C. Watt, has gained considerable mat experience this year and enjoyed a good weekend by winning both of his matches.

Rangely Times — 45 years ago

■ All Rangely canines must be licensed, says the town council.

■ William McDaniel was named "outstanding educator of the year" by the Jaycees at their annual banquet. He had been a member of the Rangely public school staff for six years.

■ The Panther wrestling team defeated Glenwood Springs 39-3 in a conference meet there Saturday night.

■ Friday morning RHS teachers and students entered the building to find a dozen loose chickens roaming the halls. The birds were finally caught, but not before they had done

some damage. It must be an early rash of spring fever.

Rangely Times — 35 years ago

■ Chief of Police Elliot Burke reports that two subjects were apprehended early Sunday morning for investigation of burglary and theft of the Korner Drug Store and Mr. "S" clothing store.

■ In the key match of Friday's meets Jody Lee lost a very controversial bout to Rifle's Ray Harper, 4-3.

■ At Bestway: Avocados, 10 cents each.

Rangely Times — 25 years ago

■ Officers from the Rangely Police Department and the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office investigated a murder-suicide at the North Park Trailer Court.

■ Winners of the Drug Awareness Program poster contest at Parkview Elementary were Tayah Worrall, Jolene Rhodes, Mari Warden, Jennifer Loper, Amanda Rens, Matt Pilcher, Philip Gibbs, Amber McPhail, Kale Brady and Amy Striegel.

UP AND DOWN EL RIO BLANCO

Community

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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First and foremost, my thoughts and prayers are with the family from Rangely who suffered a tragic loss last week.

■ ■ ■

There are many events to bring people together in the shortest (but sometimes longest) month of the year.

The Meeker Chamber of Commerce will host its annual dinner this Friday featuring the Meeker Show Choir and comedian hypnotist Chris Mabrey as entertainment. The Rangely Chamber of Commerce will bring 300 people together Feb. 11, to enjoy the annual Crab Crack fundraiser. Annual awards winners will be acknowledged at both functions.

The Rangely Animal Shelter invites everyone to the "Cosmetics for Critters" fundraiser Feb. 11 at 2 p.m., at town hall. The ERBM Recreation and Parks District in Meeker is inviting adults to dinner and a comedy show featuring Kevin Fitzgerald at the Fairfield Center the same day. Fitzgerald is a veterinarian and had a show on the Animal Planet channel.

The Rangely Elks Lodge will host a Sweetheart Dance Feb. 10 and the Meeker VFW Ladies Auxiliary will host a spaghetti dinner on Valentine's Day at the Meeker Golf Course Feb. 14.

The first annual "I Ride with James" snowmobile poker and fun ride will be held Feb. 19, starting at the Lost Creek trailhead, with all-you-can-eat chili, burgers and hot dogs after the ride.

Hope to see everyone out up and down el Rio Blanco.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 1-7.5-105 (1.5)(b), notice is hereby given that the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office shall accept comments concerning a determination to hold the 2012 Primary Election by mail ballot. Comments will be received at a public hearing to be held on February 13th at 1:15pm during the Rio Blanco County Commissioners meeting, 317 E. Market, Meeker, CO. Written comments will be accepted until 4:30pm, Friday, February 10th. Mail written comments to the Rio Blanco County Clerk's Office, PO Box 1067, Meeker, CO 81641 or drop off comments at 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. Published: February 2, 2012
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AGENDA

TOWN OF MEEKER
PLANNING COMMISSION
Town Hall 345 Market Street
Monday, Feb.13, 2012 • 7:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Approval of Agenda
 - IV. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - V. Public Participation
 - VI. Public Hearing:
 - A. Review proposed revisions to the Meeker Municipal Code Title 17, Subdivision Regulations and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees.
 - VII. Other Planning Commission Matters
 - VIII. Adjournment
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that on February 8, 2012 final settlement will be made to Renninger Log Homes, LLC for the Office Remodel Project. Any person, co-partnership, company, association of persons, or corporation who has an unpaid claim with the Company listed above, as their subcontractors, or for labor and materials, may file a verified statement, until Thursday, February 2, 2012, before 4:00p.m., prior to final settlement, of the amount due with the Meeker Sanitation District, pursuant to Section 38-26-107, C.R.S., as amended. Failure on the part of the Claimant to file such verified statement with the Meeker Sanitation District Board of Directors, prior to the final settlement on said Contract will relieve the Meeker Sanitation District from any liability for such Claimant's claim.
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Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District Board Meeting

Agenda
Thursday, February 2, 2012
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Main Street Building
Basement Conference Room
685 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Approve Agenda
- III. Appoint Recording Secretary – Secretary Counsel
- IV. Public Comment – Limited to 2 minutes per speaker
- V. Review & Approve Minutes – December 2011
- VI. Due Diligence Case Update – Appeal to Colorado Supreme Court
 - a. General Update
 - b. Executive Session
 - VII. Treasurer's Report
 - VIII. Yellow Jacket Water Storage Feasibility Study
 - a. Secretary-Counsel – Update
 - IX. Yampa White Green Roundtable Update
 - X. Secretary Council Report:
 - a. General Update
 - b. 2012 Meeting Dates and Locations
 - XI. Executive Session
 - XII. Adjourn

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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
February 8, 2012 • 7:00 PM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado.

1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. New Business
6. Old Business
- A. Disinfection System Progress
- B. 8th Street Settling Progress
- C. Rate Study Progress
- D. Vault Wastewater Report
- E. Plant Report
7. Attorney
8. Board
- A. Delinquent Accounts
- B. Approve Current Bills
- C. Employee Hours Review
9. Recess

This agenda is subject to change without further notice. Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District, 265 8th Street.
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TOWN OF MEEKER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 7, 2012 • 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall - 345 Market Street
Board Room Downstairs

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes
- V. Approval of the Monthly Vouchers
- VI. Public Participation
- VII. New Business
 - A. Public Hearing - 7:15 Request from Meeker Lions Club for special events liquor license, March 10, 2012, at 200 Main Street to serve during the annual Fireman's Ball
 - B. Request from Watts Ranch Market Inc. for 3.2 percent Beer Retail License
 - C. Request from DACIA, Inc dba/ Fiesta Guadalajara, for consideration of a corporate report of changes
 - D. Establishment of the neighborhood (incorporated boundaries of the Town of Meeker) - for Chipper's Tavern, 285 6th Street, liquor license application
 - E. Consideration of Resolution No. 2, A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with White River Electric

LEGAL NOTICES

Association, Inc. concerning the Ute Park Electric Infrastructure Improvements Projects and the sale and disposal of a certain portion of the Ute Park Triangle Parcel (located between Main and Market Streets (Highway 13)
F. Approval of David Smith Ranches, Inc. Ute Park Permit
G. Consideration of Animal Control Volunteer Program
VIII. Mayor's Remarks
IX. Town Manager's Reports
X. Town Attorney's Report
XI. Other Board Business
XII. Adjournment
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Notification of meeting for the Rangely Town Council, Board of Trustees

The Town of Rangely Town Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room at 209 E Main, Rangely, CO 81648. Agendas are posted in the lobby at Town Hall and at the Rangely District Library. The meetings are televised live on channel 3 through Bresnan Cable TV. All meetings are open to the public.

COMBINED NOTICE

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 11-36

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

On November 10, 2011, 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): Kent A. Nielsen and Marci M. Nielsen
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fieldstone Mortgage Company
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. 2005-FLD1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-FLD1

Date of Deed of Trust: 4/20/2005
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: 4/20/2005
Recording Information(Reception Number and/or Book/Page Number): 281250
Original Principal Amount: \$68,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$64,110.62

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

LOT 5 IN BLOCK 14 IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER

Also known by street and number as: 272 E. Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/14/2012, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: 1/19/2012

Last Publication: 2/16/2012

Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

DATE: 11/14/2011

Karen Arnold

Public Trustee of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado

/s/Karen Arnold

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

(S E A L) PUBLIC TRUSTEE RIO BLANCO CO COLO

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

Caren Jacobs Castle #11790, Barbara A. Bader #10394, Christa Kilk #29855, Deanna L. Westfall #23449, Deanne R. Stodden #33214, Jennifer C. Rogers #34682, Katharine E. Fisher #39230, Kimberly L. Martinez #40351, Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092, Britney Beall-Eder #34935, Christopher T. Groen #39976
Castle Stawiariski LLC 999 18TH ST., #2201, DENVER, CO 80202 (303) 865-1400
Attorney File # 11-07707

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID**
Airless Traffic Paint Sprayer
Notice is hereby given that bid proposals, for a new walk behind airless traffic paint sprayer, will be accepted at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO until Friday, February 17 2012 at 3:30 P.M. at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bid will be awarded at the February 21, 2012 Board Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 345 Market Street in Meeker. Specifications are available upon request at Town Hall or by calling 970-878-5344 or on the Town's website www.townofmeeker.org.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add, or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; and the right to disregard all non-conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

The bid proposal must be placed in an envelope, securely sealed and labeled "Meeker 2012 airless traffic paint sprayer" and be received no later than Friday, February 17, 2012 at 3:30 P.M. or FAXED to 970-878-4513 or emailed to admin@town.meeker.co.us. Contact Russell Overton, Public Works Superintendent at 970-942-7555 or Sharon Day, Town Administrator, 970-878-4960 for additional information.

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that a bid proposal for "Electronic Investigative Equipment" for the Meeker Police Department will be accepted at Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 until February 16, 2012 at 4 p.m.

The bid will be awarded at the regular meeting of the Town Board on February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Specifications and/or general information may be requested from Meeker Police Department 970-878-5555, by fax 970-878-5625 or email to pd@town.meeker.co.us

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any and all informalities, and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Contract award and preference will be based upon the Town of Meeker Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual, entitled "Bids Required".

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COMBINED NOTICE

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 11-37

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

On November 22, 2011, 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): Berislav Sepic and Djurdjica A. Sepic

Original Beneficiary(ies): B.A.D.S. LLC

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: B.A.D.S. LLC

Date of Deed of Trust: 5/19/2010

County of Recording: Rio Blanco

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: 6/2/2010

Recording Information(Reception Number and/or Book/Page Number): 298663

Original Principal Amount: \$150,000.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$150,000.00

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.

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Lot 2 of the Sanderson Hills Subdivision,

Township 1 North, Range 94 West of the 6th Principle Meridian

Rio Blanco, Colorado.

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property , and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property.

Also known by street and number as: 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker, CO 81641.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/21/2012, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Court-house, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: 1/26/2012

Last Publication: 2/23/2012

Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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DATE: 11/23/2011

Karen Arnold
Public Trustee of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado

/s/Karen Arnold

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

(S E A L) PUBLIC TRUSTEE RIO BLANCO CO COLO

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

Jeffrey J. Conklin #40194

Karp Neu Hanlon, P.C. 201 14th Street, Suite 200, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602 (970) 945-2261

Attorney File # 11-37

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Session
Monday, February 6, 2012
Johnson Building Banquet Room
AGENDA**

12:00 noon

1.0 Call Meeting to Order

1.1 Changes to the Agenda

2.0 Consideration of Previous Minutes

2.1 Approval of the Monday, January

9, 2012 RJCD Board minutes

3.0 Action/Discussion Items

3.1 CNCC Budget Report - VP Business, Chris Bishop

Controller, Lisa LeFevre

3.2 Payment of RJCD bills - Linda Gordon

4.0 Other

5.0 Adjournment

Published: February 2, 2012

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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

Board of Education Workshop

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Meeker High School Cafeteria

550 School Street

Agenda

Presentation of the completed and approved reconstruction plans for Meeker Elementary School

Published: February 2, 2012

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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 • 7:00 p.m.

Meeker High School Cafeteria

550 School Street

Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Action: Approval of the Agenda

Public Input

Action: Approval of the Minutes

Action: Approval of MHS Track Coaches

Action: Approval of District Custodian

Action: Approval of FFA Volunteer Career Development Event Team Leaders

Action: Approval of Open Gym Volunteers

Action: Approval of BMS Volunteer Wrestling Coaches

Action: Approval of Volunteer Drama Activity Directors

Action: Acknowledge Quarterly Financials

Presentation: MHS Mechanical Career Clusters Student Presentation

Presentation: MES Repairs Workshop Recap

Action: Acknowledge Change in Vanir Representation

Presentation: Principal's Reports

Executive Session: Superintendent Evaluation

Information

Other

Adjournment

Published: February 2, 2012

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LEGAL NOTICES

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY
2012 Rio Blanco County Road 5
Construction Project No. 2012-CR5-1
REQUEST FOR BID**

PROJECT NAME: 2012 Rio Blanco County Road 5 Construction Project No. 2012-CR5-1
LOCATION: This project is located on Rio Blanco County Road 5 between SH 13 and SH 64. (Project 1-Milepost 10.75 to 11.75, Project 2B- Milepost 26.60 to Milepost 27.34)

SCOPE OF WORK: The projects consists of Widening, Excavation, Embankment, Drainage, Hot Mix Asphalt (Grading SX) (100), Asphalt Cement (PG 76-28 & 58-28), MSE Walls, uphill Rockery Wall, Guardrail, Signing and Striping. Refer to the plans and Exhibit A for specific work involved in each of the three schedules.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
Plan Drawings, Specifications, Cross Sections and other Contract Document may be purchased after January 26, 2012 from HDR Engineering, Inc., 303 East 17thAve., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80203-1256 (Phone 303-764-1520) for a cost of \$60.00, non-refundable, payable to HDR Engineering, Inc.

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

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before Wednesday, February 15th at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

WORK SCHEDULE
The Project shall start on or after February 27, 2012 and be completed by:

Schedule A: November 1st, 2012

Schedule B: November 1st, 2012

Schedule C: October 1st, 2012

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: Wednesday, February 8th, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Admin. Building Conference Room, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO.

BID SUBMITTALS
Bidder shall submit sealed bids for this project which shall include all information required by the contract documents. Bids shall have Bidder's name and address and "Sealed Bid-2012 Rio Blanco County Road 5 Construction Project No. 2012-CR 5-1". Bid schedules shall be submitted as contained in Exhibit A – Specifications, Notice to Bidders.

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

Mail or hand-deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, at P.O. Box i, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 before Thursday, February 16th, 2012 at 4:00 P.M., OR Hand-deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, February 20th, 2012. No bids shall be received Friday, February 17th through Sunday, February 19th.

BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on February 20th, 2012 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room at 200 Main Street in Meeker. Bids submitted after 11:00 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID PREFERENCE
C.R.S. 8-19-101, et. seq, shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY
Dated: January 26, 2012
By: Shawn Bolton, Chairman
Publish: Rio Blanco Herald Times: January 26 & February 2, 2012

COMBINED NOTICE

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 11-35

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

On November 2, 2011, 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): David Brown

Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP

Date of Deed of Trust: 3/31/2009

County of Recording: Rio Blanco

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: 3/31/2009

Recording Information(Reception Number and/or Book/Page Number): 295372

Original Principal Amount: \$155,268.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$150,470.91

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.

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SUBLOT 3 AND SUBLOT 4 CLEVELAND STREET TOWNHOUSES ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 18, 1980 AS RECEPTION NO. 196526 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO**

Also known by street and number as: 633 10th Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/29/2012, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Court-house, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: 1/5/2012

Last Publication: 2/2/2012

Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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DATE: 11/03/2011

Karen Arnold
Public Trustee of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado

/s/Karen Arnold

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

(S E A L) PUBLIC TRUSTEE RIO BLANCO CO COLO

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

Robert J. Aronowitz, Esq. #5673, Monica Kadmas #34904, Randall M. Chin, Esq. #31149, Stacey L. Aronowitz, Esq. #36290, Andrea Rickles-Jordan #39005, Susan J. Hendrick #33196, Joel T. Mecklenberg, Esq. #36291, Joan Olson, Esq. #28078, Lisa Cancanon Esq. #42043

Aronowitz & Mecklenberg, L.L.P. 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 813-1177

Attorney File # 1269.07829

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that Rio Blanco County (hereafter referred to as the "Sponsor" or "Owner"), will receive sealed bids for **Meeker Airport Runway Reconstruction Project**, A.I.P. No. 03-08-0041-09 (to be constructed under A.I.P. No. 03-08-0041-10) State Project No. 11-EEO-01, at the Meeker Airport.

The project involves the following:
Reconstruction of Runway 3/21 including demolition of the existing runway and runway lights, excavation and embankment, select fill, subbase course, base course, drainage, asphalt pavement, pavement markings, runway and threshold lights, fence, and navigational aids.

The bids must be prepared on forms supplied by the Owner and filed with the Rio Blanco County Commissioners, either:
BY MAIL at P.O. Box i, ATTN: Teresa Anderson, Meeker, CO 81641, with the envelope clearly marked with the name of the bid, and received no later than 4:00 PM March 9, 2012.

OR HAND DELIVERED to Rio Blanco County Commissioners, 200 Main Street, County Administration Building, Meeker, Colorado 81641 with the envelope clearly marked with the name of the bid no later than 11:00 AM March 12, 2012. Hand delivered bids will be accepted ONLY on the date of the bid opening. Delivery of bids by all commercial carriers is considered to be BY MAIL and not HAND DELIVERED.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of County Commissioners meeting in the presence of the bidders and their representatives on March 12, 2012 at 1:00 PM.

The Bidder (proposer) must supply all the information required by the bid or proposal forms and specifications.

No bids will be received after the specified hour and date. Bids that are not prepared and filed in accordance with proposal requirements and conditions of the specifications may be rejected.

The low bidder for a bid schedule or combination of bid schedules shall be determined based on the lowest responsive bid that fits the Owner's priorities and funding constraints.

Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening them. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bids and reject any and all bids.

All bids must be accompanied either by a certified check, payable to Rio Blanco County in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, or by a Bid Bond in a like amount and executed by an approved surety company. The check or bond will be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into contract and performance bond in accord with his bid within fifteen (15) days after date of notification of award.

Minimum wage rates as established by the Department of Labor are applicable to the work performed Meeker Airport I-2 Notice to Contractors Runway Reconstruction Project on this project.

The proposed construction contract, together with detailed drawings and specifications for the construction of the work are available for inspection at the Meeker Airport Manager's Office or by contacting Samantha Lopez at (970) 878-4349. The same may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, GDA Engineers, 1508 Stampede Avenue, P. O. Box 338, Cody, Wyoming 82414, (307) 587-3411, for a non-refundable reproduction charge of \$120.00. Interested parties may register and view the plans and specifications at www.gdaengineers.com. Online contract documents are for use by subcontractors and suppliers in preparing quotations to prime bidders. **All prime bidders must purchase a hard copy of the Project Manual and the Plan Set from GDA Engineers for \$120.00.**

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, to the equal opportunity clause and the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications including the goals and timetables for minority and female participation.

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice
The Meeker Planning Commission will hold a Public hearing on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. to review proposed revisions to the Meeker Municipal Code Title 17, and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Title 17 will be available for public review, upon request, by February 2, 2012. The public is invited to attend the hearing and comment concerning the revisions or submit written comments to Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641, no later than 1:00 P.M. on February 13, 2012. Further information is available at Town Hall or by telephone, 970-878-4960, during the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.
Sharon Day
Town Administrator/Acting Planner
Publish: Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, 2012
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Public Notice
A public hearing has been scheduled for February 7, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a Special Events License request by the Meeker Lions Club to be used at 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 for:
Meeker Volunteer Fire Department Ball on March 10, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. (midnight).
Information or questions please call Town Hall 970-878-5344.
\$Kathleen Sizemore
Liquor Clerk
Published: 02-02-12
Rio Blanco Herald Times

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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:
deb@theheraldtimes.com

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

IF YOU want to perfect your vocal skills, experienced vocal instructor has openings available to help you with your performance, vocalizing and breathing techniques. **Classes start Feb. 9.** Call (970)756-5285 or 878-5587 or stop by Radio Shack in Meeker and speak with Karla.

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Information Meeting
Public Safety and Cell Phone Communications Site Installation
Thursday February 9th, 2012 at 5:00 pm
Rio Blanco County Boardroom
200 Main Street, Suite 100, Meeker, Colorado
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) White River Field Office is initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed co-located Public Safety and Cell Phone Communications Site. The "Marvine Site", located approximately thirty miles east of Meeker near RBC Road 8, will include a one hundred foot tall tower with antennas and microwave dishes along with a single story equipment building. The tower and building will be shared between Rio Blanco County and Union Telephone Co. This site will provide new additional phone coverage as well as public safety communications in the area. Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department, Sheriff's Office, and Union Telephone Co. have filed applications with the BLM for right-of-way grants under Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761) to authorize the site installation. The BLM will prepare an EA to disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the development plan and a No Action Alternative. As a starting point in the assessment, the BLM is soliciting input on the issues that will be considered in the preparation of the EA. At this time, you are encouraged to provide any comments, concerns, or issues that you may have with regard to the proposed development plan.
To best facilitate BLM's review and use of comments during the EA process, comments must be received by March 9, 2012. A map and copy of the plan of development are available on the BLM website at <http://www.blm.gov/col/st/en/fo/wrfo/index.html>
Written comments and questions should be directed to the White River Field Office at 220 East Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Electronic comments may be submitted to stburke@blm.gov. For e-mail correspondence, please include "Marvine Comm Site" in the subject line.
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AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely
Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7 pm, 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely.
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If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 8 pm, Weds. 7 pm, Fri. 7 pm
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Rangely Victim Services
An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. Non-emergency call 629-5729 or 629-0709. Emergencies call 911. Providing assistance for victims of violent

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PENNIES PLUS PROJECT
The Rio Blanco County Historical Society is asking everyone to share your pennies (PLUS...all other coins accepted!) to help us pay off our book loan debt. **We need...10 MILLION PENNIES!!!** Coin containers are everywhere in Meeker as well as the White River Museum

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WEIGHT WATCHERS meeting, Thursdays, 6 p.m., 555 Garfield, Meeker.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT
The Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District has an opening on the board of directors due to a recent resignation. If you are an eligible elector and are interested in serving on the board, please submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Meeker Recreation Center, Attn: Board Opening, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641.

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Rangely: Veterans Service Office - Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office.

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Driver License Offices - Note: Drive tests by appointment only. Reinstatement info.: (303)205-5613. *Need proof of physical address to renew license.* Check website for renewal requirements: www.colorado.gov/revenue Meeker open 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Rangely open 2nd & 4th Fridays, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Craig open Mon. through Thurs., 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FAMILY DOG training class, 6 weeks starting March 3. Limited space For more info., call Arlene 878-5655 or Laura 824-5148.

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VFW Ladies Auxiliary Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner, Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Meeker Golf Course from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., \$15/couple, \$8/single, \$5 for kids 8 and under. Please RSVP with how many dinners you would like by calling (970)878-4165.

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MONDAY, FEB. 6: Garden vegetable chili, cheese sticks, tossed salad, apricots, crackers. CAL:642, PRO:30, FAT:28, CAR:68, CHO:45, SOD:1009.
TUESDAY, FEB. 7: Pork egg rolls with sweet & sour sauce, rice pilaf, oriental vegetables, citrus surprise. CAL:771, PRO:31, FAT:18, CAR:122, CHO:36, SOD:1210.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8: Hamburger on a bun, garbanzo bean salad, tropical fruit. CAL:703, PRO:36, FAT:24, CAR:87, CHO:89, SOD:601.
FRIDAY, FEB. 10: Chicken fricassee, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, pineapple/orange fluff. CAL:710, PRO:54, FAT:18, CAR:82, CHO:112, SOD:869.

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2012
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Feb. 10, Bus in town.
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Feb. 15, Bus in town.
Feb. 16, Grand Jct. Bus in town.
Feb. 17, Bus in town.
Feb. 19, A.M. Bus.
Feb. 20, Bus in town.
Feb. 21, Rec. Center Trip. Bus in town.
Feb. 22, Bus in town.
Feb. 23, Craig. Bus in town.
Feb. 24, Bus in town.
Feb. 26, A.M. Bus.
Feb. 27, Bus in town.
Feb. 28, Bus in town.
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