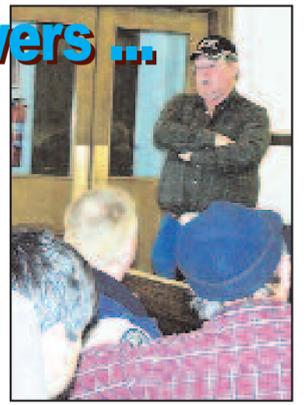


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Stockgrowers ...

Bill Ekstrom, the Rio Blanco County agricultural Extension Service agent, was the first speaker during the public portion of the annual Rio Blanco Stockgrowers' Association's annual meeting on Saturday at the county courthouse in Meeker. Several other government spokesmen and ranchers spoke at the meeting regarding agricultural issues in Northwest Colorado. For more photos, please see Page 10A.



Area trappers moved in from North

By HALLIE BLUNT
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RBC | The era of fur trapping and earning a bounty for predation animals has long since passed. However, trapping was an integral part of the history of our Rio Blanco County area as well as the entire western United States.

Early trading with Native Americans was a substantial part of American history and as one historian suggests, "The opening of trading posts along the Missouri River, at the junction of the Yellowstone and Bighorn rivers, changed the economic dynamic of the Plains Indians." (www.thefurtrapper.com/fur-trappers.htm)

Native Americans began trapping out of necessity, using snares, nets, clubs and even deadfalls. It was not until the early 1800s that iron traps were really introduced and adopted as the main method of trapping.

Beaver pelts were primarily traded for guns and ammunition in the early days, before becoming profitable for the "mountain man" of the early West. Trapping was actually illegal in the beginning of the fur trade brigades, spanning from 1807 to 1840, but the laws were very difficult to enforce.

From 1818 to 1821, trapping brigades were sent to the Snake River and so trapping came to our area. Trapping became such a lucrative business companies such as the Northwest Company no longer relied solely on trading with Native Americans, they employed many Americans to trap for them.

The "Newhouse" iron traps were developed and, soon, larger traps were available for everything from beavers to larger animals such as bear.

Homesteaders, and later people simply wanting to add to their income, ran personal trap lines on their property. Money was offered for pelts as late as 1950.



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Trapping in large numbers began in the mid-1800s in the Northern Rockies and slowly worked its way south from Montana, through Wyoming and into Colorado's northwest corner. Anything with fur was fair game for the trappers. Pictured above is a bear trap on display at the White River Museum in Meeker.

This led to hunting of one of the most infamous and controversial predators of the United States and our northwest corner of Colorado — wolves. Wolves were considered a threat to trap lines, livestock and even humans, and were hunted and killed to protect the rural economy and human life.

One great story dating back to 1918 in our area is that of local George Wear shooting a wolf in his "long-handle" underwear. He and his wife, Bessie, had a daughter name Elinor who was born on March 20, 1918, on the Peterson Place at Three Springs.

"Wolves were howling around the cabin that night. They were 70 miles from a hospital, so Mrs. Si

Bailey came and helped Bessie with the birth. George went out in knee-deep snow in his long-handle underwear shooting wolves."

The fact is, at the time, wolves were a threat. Perhaps equally as important, there was a bounty of up to \$150 offered for a wolf pelt.

Imagine the difference that kind of money could make in that time. The times and land were tough, and the threat of a predator as well as prospect of income was certainly more important than concern for the animal.

In the 1920s and 1930s, the number of wolves killed annually peaked at approximately 21,000. This triggered conservation efforts and ideology, and later efforts to

reintroduce the wolf in areas where the animal had been eradicated.

The wolf is an animal that engenders strong emotions for people from Canada south into the U.S. Wolves are known worldwide for the destructive capacity. Even today, the numbers of elk in Yellowstone Park alone vary drastically in accordance with the wolf numbers.

Hunting and trapping either wolves or beavers for trade or survival has been a key part of our history for many years.

Today's ideas about trapping and hunting tend to be very different than our ancestors, if our family's well-being and safety were on the line, our perspective might change.

JBC may assist with \$476,366 of MSD's funding shortfall

By BOB LANGE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | On Jan. 28, the Colorado State Legislature's Joint Budget Committee (JBC) refined its decision to cover mid-year shortfalls for three rural school districts in the state, including Meeker, DeBeque and Pawnee.

Under the JBC measure, Meeker would receive \$476,366, possibly as soon as June. The measure was passed unanimously by the JBC, but will still have to be approved by the Legislature and the governor.

The shortfalls are the consequences of declining local revenues and changes in class enrollment that resulted in mid-year reductions in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) funding formulas used to set district budgets. Meeker School District's ability make up the deficit is limited, as staffing and school budgeting decisions have already been made for most of the school year.

Rural school districts "have little to no capacity to make adjustments," said Tracie Rainey, head of the Colorado School Finance Project. Meeker already chose to make up deficits using the district year-end (reserve) fund.

During the Jan. 28 meeting, the JBC chose to use a criterion based on a per-pupil funding. Based on this method, the measure will require \$940,400 from the general fund with \$476,366 distributed to Meeker, \$282,505 to DeBeque and \$181,530 to Pawnee.

Using the per-pupil criterion is more expensive than it would have been to compensate the districts for their total program funding (\$738,684). The per-pupil method was selected because the total program approach would have left

DeBeque with significant cuts in per-pupil spending.

The JBC reported to the Joint Educational Committee (JEC) two weeks ago that there will be \$5.5 billion of state-wide spending on K-12 educational for FY (fiscal year) 2013-14. Of the K-12 spending, 65 percent, or \$3.6 billion, will come from the general fund (mostly state income taxes) and 35 percent, or \$1.9 billion, would come from local property and ownership taxes.

K-12 public school funding in Colorado begins with a per-pupil base amount. Categorical factors are added on top of this base level (those programs include support for English language learners, special needs students and student transportation). Per-pupil base and categorical factor amounts change annually based on inflation and enrollment and are used by the CDE to determine a district's annual budget.

Per-pupil funding in Colorado peaked in FY 2009-10 at \$7,077 and will be \$6,652 if the supplemental education bill is passed for FY 2013-14. This is an increase of \$239 million in total spending over FY 2012-13.

The education fund has been growing at the same time Colorado has been reducing per-pupil funding. The fund had \$1.1 billion in it after FY 2012-13 and is expected to grow again in FY 2013-14.

The JBC recently presented five options for using the education fund. These options included eliminating the negative factor and various options for gradually increasing the base per pupil.

The Legislature re-interpreted school finance law in 2008 to address state budget shortfalls. The Legislature introduced two mecha-

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In addition to the routine, county road and bridge eyes busy year

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Each year, Rio Blanco County staff members identify priority road and bridge projects for the coming year, and, officials say, the county road system will receive a new bridge, asphalt overlays, drainage improvements, a wildlife crossing and intersection improvements during 2014.

A deficient drainage structure at mile post 19.2 on County Road 5, which also serves as a livestock and wildlife crossing, will be upgraded. The new structure will improve drainage, allow wildlife to cross at a major migration point and continue to serve as a livestock crossing.

The concrete box culvert, along with the wildlife fencing that extends approximately a quarter-mile from each corner of the structure, will help channel animals safely under the road. This system will help decrease wildlife-vehicle collisions along this deer migration route and will be funded through the county's Federal

Mineral Lease Funds and a CDOT enhancement grant.

"Our department worked closely with the Colorado State Division of Parks and Wildlife to develop this mutual plan to reduce wildlife mortalities and property damage," said Dave Morlan, director of the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department. "We are looking forward to beginning the project this spring."

Pending funding approval by the Federal Lands Access Program, a full-movement intersection at County Road 5 and County Road 3 will be constructed.

The project will add acceleration and deceleration lanes and improve sight distance on a blind corner. A deficient drainage structure will also be replaced with a concrete box culvert.

"If we receive the funding, we will begin the improvements on County Road 5 this spring," Morlan said. "The intersection of CR5 and CR 3 is close to a blind corner, so the

acceleration/deceleration lanes will increase safety."

The CR 10 bridge, also known as the Stillwater Bridge, on the road to South Fork Campground and the White River National Forest, will be replaced this summer. The current bridge is structurally deficient, as determined by Colorado State Bridge Inspectors.

In 2012, the bridge was rated at 49.5 out of a possible 100, a cause of concern for county officials, Morlan said. The existing bridge will remain in service while the new bridge is being built on the downstream side. Construction will last two to three months and bring the bridge into compliance with the requirements of the Colorado State Off-Road Bridge System.

The bridge across the White River off CR 8 at mile post 12.9, locally known as "the Purple Bridge," is also structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.

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COURTESY PHOTO

This snow plow was doing routine snow removal work last week on County Road 4, also known as Mesa Road. Besides routine maintenance, the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department has several major projects on tap for the year.

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BRIEFS

Pediatric Clinic open house Friday

MEEKER | Pioneers Medical Center's Pediatric Care Clinic will hold a public open house on Friday afternoon.

The open house will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the clinic, located on the second floor of the Hugas Building, at the intersection of Sixth and Main streets in Meeker.

The public is invited to attend the open house and check out the facility.

CPR/EMT classes offered by fire district

MEEKER | The Rio Blanco Fire Protection District is offering a series of classes that are open to the public.

The district is currently offering CPR/First Aid classes at the fire station at 236 7th St. in Meeker and will soon be offering EMT-Basic classes, also at the station in Meeker.

Please call 970-878-3443 for more information.

Pioneers sets weekly foot clinic Tuesday

MEEKER | Pioneers Medical Center Home Health will be offering its monthly Foot Clinic on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Pines Apartments, 875 Water St. in Meeker.

A certified nurse assistant will trim toenails, provide skin care and check blood pressures. Persons found to have circulatory or foot problems will be referred to a physician. Please call 878-9265 to schedule an appointment.

Williams increases dividends to 40 cents

RBC | The Williams' (NYSE: WMB) board of directors has approved a regular dividend of \$0.4025 on the company's common stock, payable March 31, 2014, to holders of record as of March 14.

The first-quarter 2014 dividend is an increase of \$0.0225 from the previous quarterly dividend of \$0.38 per share.

The company continues to expect to increase the full-year dividend by 20 percent in each of 2014 and 2015, to \$1.75 and \$2.11, respectively. Williams' full-year dividend for 2013 was \$1.44 per share.

The expected quarterly increases are subject to quarterly approval of Williams' board of directors. The company has paid a dividend each quarter since 1974.

Williams Partners increases dividends

RBC | Williams Partners L.P. (NYSE: WPZ) announced Monday that the regular quarterly cash distribution its unit holders will receive has been increased to \$0.8925 per unit.

The board of directors of the partnership's general partner has approved the quarterly cash distribution, which is payable on Feb. 13 to unit holders of record at the close of business on Feb. 6.

The new per-unit amount is a 7.9 percent increase over the partnership's distribution of \$0.8275 per unit that was paid in February 2013. It is also a 1.7 percent increase over the partnership's previously quarterly distribution of \$0.8775 per unit.

Besseghini 7th at NWS

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Sandra Besseghini and her dog Mik of Meeker took seventh place out of 41 contestants in the Intermediate Sheepdog Trial at the National Western Stock Show in Denver on Jan. 26.

After volunteering at the Meeker Classic for 18 years, Besseghini said it is really fun to be on the other side of the game, albeit not at the level of the Classic. She said Mik, an ex-trial dog who came into her life 18 months ago, is teaching her to be a handler.

"We compete with huge enjoyment and, frequently, minimal success," Besseghini said. "Like me, Mik is old. He's keen on sheep but very kind to them — unlike some of what you may have seen at the Classic last fall.

"We would do very much better in the trials left to us if we could rent five sheep to practice on for a half hour twice a week, or a place to keep some," she said.

With a non-classic appearance, Mik doesn't look like most border



Sandra Besseghini and Mik

collies as he is a classic smooth coat, prick-ear border collie out of Amanda Milliken's stock.

"Mik had lived in a four-foot by four-foot concrete kennel all his life and didn't know house pet things like how to walk up and down stairs," Besseghini said. "He learned quickly."

NEW ARRIVAL ...

COURTESY PHOTO

MEEKER | Talen and Gracelyn Walker would like to announce the birth of their brother, Kellan Maddox Walker. Kellan was born Jan. 5, 2014, at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Parents are Chance and Caitlin Walker of Rifle. Grandparents are Pat and Niki Turner of Rifle, Donna and Chris Torres of Meeker, and Merrill and Lynn Walker of Mountain View, Wyo. Great-grandparents are Tom and Carol Turner of Glenwood Springs, Sam and Beverly Bryan of Rifle, Ron and Peggy Elmer of Meeker and Wes and Marie Walker of Mountain View.

DISMAL END TO GOOD SEASON ...

RENE HARDEN

Neither the confidence nor the spirit of Sweetbriar owners Gary and Kathy Staley of Rangely, nor a Broncos-themed parade down Rangely's Main Street on Sunday afternoon, could help the Broncos as the Seattle Seahawks trounced Denver 43-8 in Super Bowl XLVIII on Sunday evening. The Broncos had a great season, posting a 15-3 record through the playoffs, but the No. 1 NFL offense of all time came up short against a stingy Seattle defense.

Pioneers Healthcare Foundation casts wide shadow

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The outreach of the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation made "2013 a year of great service and community support for healthcare services in Meeker," stated Trina Zagar-Brown, chairperson of the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation (PHF).

"Our mission is to be a catalyst for philanthropic giving that supports access to healthcare, healthcare education, services, equipment and technology," she said. "The foundation is humbled by our community's generosity and support for our programs. Meeker's belief in the foundation's mission motivates us all to be ever more diligent with its resources and push forward to further enhance our programs in support of healthcare in the area."

Updates on some of those services include:

■ Meals on Wheels served approximately 2,800 meals in 2013. The Meals on Wheels program provides a nutritious meal five days a week to many area elderly residents who may not be able to cook for themselves. Volunteer drivers deliver the one mid-day meal Monday through Friday. Each year, it costs almost \$19,000 to make and deliver the meals. There is no charge for the meals. However, many of the recipients, their family, friends and local businesses donate to PHF to support the program. In 2013, PHF was able to award \$10,000 to offset the meal costs of the program.

■ Scholarship winners are working toward nursing and kinesiology degrees.

■ The Kris Borchard Strive for Excellence Fund awarded a graduate school scholarship to Brittni Turner to pursue her master's degree in youth intervention programs, depression

and suicide awareness. Turner is attending the University of Wyoming.

■ As a 501c3, PHF was able to apply for and was awarded a grant from the Freeman Fairfield Trust to assist Pioneers Medical Center to purchase a portable ultra-sound machine. The machine is used for a wide variety of patient care situations from emergency care to pain management.

■ Blazin' Trails, funded through a United Way grant, is a free wellness program designed to inspire our community to start-and continue-on a journey of personal wellness. Each person can design their own itinerary using the resources, tools and support provided through Blazin' Trails.

The Blazin' Trails Program is designed to: Promote preventive care

and appropriate medical screenings that will be the foundation or "map," for each individual's path to better health; to incorporate fitness opportunities to encourage people to add more physical activity to their days and adopt healthier habits; to foster improved nutrition and lifestyles by monthly information classes and real-world tools that empower people to make healthier choices.

■ Pioneers Healthcare Foundation is very proud to be part of the team to develop the hospice-type care program for Meeker. Because of a dynamic volunteer group, community support and the leadership of HopeWest; HopeWest-Meeker has been established and is providing hos-

pice and palliative care in our community

"The Pioneers Healthcare Foundation is just two years old, and it is great to see the foundation having a positive impact in our community," Zagar-Brown said. "We are eager to hit the ground running in 2014. This year, we will focus on supporting the new Pioneers Medical Center. One of our goals is to encourage philanthropic giving to support enhanced services and technology at the new facility. It should be a fun year."

For more information about the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation please call Margie Joy at 970-878-9317 or check out the Internet site at www.pioneershealthfoundation.org

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Rio Blanco Stitchers give quilts to HopeWest-Meeker

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The tags on the quilts will read, "Quilts Because We Care," on each of the beautiful, unique and heartfelt gifts from The Rio Blanco Stitchers. The quilting group has donated the first three quilts to HopeWest-Meeker, the Meeker branch of the palliative care center out of Grand Junction.

Jan Keller said the quilting group meets once a week with 15 to 20 people and that there are currently nine completed quilts and several more in progress.

"Our hope is to give every patient involved with the Meeker center a quilt," she said.

Quilts have been sewn by Linda Jones, Barbara Phelan, Penny Brown, Donna Collins, Pat Daggett, Peggy Shults, Jan Keller and Lori Farris. Toby Smith donated 2,200 squares of material her mother cut and pressed for use in the quilts.

Smith is the chair of the HopeWest-Meeker Advisory Board, which includes the Rev. Scott

Hollenbeck, Kent Borchard, Solveig Olson, Bev Steinman, Margie Joy, Ken Harman and Betty Lou Moyer.

Olson is program director in Meeker and will coordinate volunteers. There are already more than 30 volunteers for the program, which accepted its first patient on Monday.

HopeWest is "dedicated to profoundly changing the way our community experiences serious illness and grief — one family at a time."

It opened in Meeker as a result of tireless efforts by the advisory board, volunteers passionate about helping people and the leadership of HopeWest President and CEO Christy Whitney.

The HopeWest program offers a variety of assistance, ranging from bereavement care to helping caregivers shovel snow, light housekeeping, reading and listening.

Services are available now and can be obtained via referral from a family member, a friend or a primary care physician.

For more information, contact Olson at 878-9383.



QUILTS FOR HOPE ...

The Rio Blanco Stitchers have nine quilts completed and more on the way for patients with the newly opened HopeWest-Meeker, a palliative care program. Quilts have already been sewn by Linda Jones, Barbara Phelan, Penny Brown, Donna Collins, Pat Daggett, Peggy Shults, Jan Keller and Lori Farris, and Toby Smith donated 2,200 squares of material her mother cut and pressed for use in the quilts.

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Lincoln to return to Meeker

MEEKER I To commemorate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the presidency and life of Abraham Lincoln, one of America's greatest presidents, the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC) and the Rio Blanco County Historical Society (RBCHS) will jointly sponsor an encore performance by John Voehl of Littleton in mid-February. Voehl will return at 7 p.m. on Feb. 18 to the Meeker High School Auditorium. A second show will be performed on Feb. 19 for students in the district at a time yet to be announced.

Voehl entertained youth and adult audiences with his performances in March 2013. He offers a wide range of Lincoln stories and anecdotes in his performance repertoire that previous audiences may not have experienced.

All persons are invited and welcomed to attend this outstanding performance. For more information on John Voehl productions, visit www.abelincolnlive.com/press/default.html online.

Free insurance help is offered

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a household income estimate for 2014. For more information, call 970-987-2679.

MEEKER I Free help is available in Meeker and Rangely this coming week through the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services, representing Connect for Health Colorado.

Meeker and Rangely will host open enrollment events for Connect for Health Colorado health insurance options marketplace.

The Rangely event will be Tuesday from 1 to 6 p.m. at Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main St.

The Meeker event will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market St.

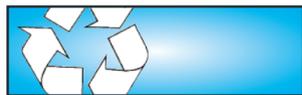
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FROM MY WINDOW...

Variety of meetings provides useful information, ideas

By SEAN McMAHON
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Looking out the rear window this week, it has been a busy time all around.

First was the Jan. 23 public meeting between the Meeker School District and district parents and concerned citizens on how to deal with a \$1 million-plus budget shortfall.

About 80 people showed up to hear from Superintendent Mark Meyer how the shortfall came about and then a plea from Meyer and the board that members of the community give feedback to the board on how they might deal with the shortfall.

Many great suggestions were brought forth and everyone's deep concern was obvious. It seems that each person who spoke had another unique way to deal with the shortfall in at least a small way; others in a more broad manner.

Some of the ideas included cutting extra-curricular activities, and that was followed up by pleas from parents not to cut those activities.

One person brought up revisiting the mill levy election that failed in November, but that can't be done for two years.

One person suggested not purchasing computers for a while, stressing that having live teachers in the classroom is more important than the many computers the schools use.

That brought arguments that the students need to keep up on computer

technology and that computers can't be eliminated.

Another suggestion was that smaller buses be used when possible and that those who go to away games or other competitions pay a portion of the cost — while having parent volunteers drive the buses and save the cost of drivers.

Returning to a four-day school week was suggested, but Meyer pointed out that the schools are being used by many factions in the community on Fridays and Saturdays, and there are athletic games on those days as well.

Charging more for community use of the facilities was a suggestion, and so was cutting extra-curricular activities by the same person who didn't want to see art or music cut just because they don't have the largest enrollments.

Another suggestion was to cut the tax levies of other special districts in the county or to have them "contribute" voluntarily to school district coffers.

Meyer said the county can't just cut the funds going to other districts and have them redistributed, and he pointed out that if they would volunteer funds it would be great and most welcome but that realigning the levies would probably take action by the Colorado State Legislature with major involvement of the Rio Blanco County commissioners.

There were some viable suggestions presented, and there were some somewhat wacky ideas, but MSD Board President Bill deVergie, Meyer and the district board members

vowed to look at each and every one and to give all ideas some consideration.

The two things everyone agreed on were that a long-term solution needs to be found and that, hopefully, the Legislature will lead the way with new formulas; and secondly, that no one wanted to see a reduction in the teaching staffs because, as several people said, "we have a great group of teachers now, and there aren't many districts in which teachers dig so deep into their own pockets because they care so much for their students."

Something will need to be done, and it would be great if the Legislature would do what it should. But to the district board members and administrators, I would say good luck; you have some tough decisions ahead of you.



The next public forum was the Jan. 25 economic development forum held at the Meeker Hotel and hosted by the new group, the Rio Blanco Citizens for Economic Development. Approximately 40 persons showed up to hear ideas and offer ideas regarding bringing more tourism or development dollars to the Meeker area.

The special guest at the meeting was Kelli Hepler, the agri-tourism director for Delta County, who pointed out the successes that area has had with increasing the number of filled beds in Delta, making that county "a place where people want to stop."

Hepler said Delta suffers because it has Aspen on one side and Telluride on the other and that most people just motor on through between the two destinations.

"We took stock of what we had to offer and we discovered we had vine-

yards, mines, ranches/farms, wildlife and historic properties to promote, and we have done a pretty good job at slowing people down and having them stop for a day or two," she said. "They check out mainly our vineyards but also to visit the mines and ranches and farms because these are activities that many people on the Front Range have never seen."

She said that with \$6,000 from the county and some state funding, all the groups got together and everyone found and offered cooperation at every turn.

The vineyards offered tours and tastings, the mines started giving tours, the ranches and farms invited folks out for a day or two to see what goes on. Groups decided to promote the presence of the wildlife and there were many historical buildings in the area, so there were lots of activities that could captivate visitors for a day or two and the hotels saw an increase in bed occupancies.

"One of the most enjoyable activities was sending folks from the Front Range or other big cities out to the farm and ranches," Hepler said. "You'd be surprised at how many people don't know where a ribeye steak really comes from or where the lettuce or tomatoes or other crops originate. Some people just thought they showed up at the grocery stores by magic. It has been fun to educate those folks and show them all that is involved."

Hepler said Meeker needs to sit down with all its factions and do an inventory of area offerings and set about promoting those things for people passing through and get the word out across the state what is available in the area.

"You have some gorgeous mountains where people would love to camp and go hiking; you have some of the best fishing in the state and probably the best all-around hunting," she said. "You have some fabulous historic buildings that state history fans would love to see and visit

and you have many farms and ranches that could be pulled into the discussion"

Hepler and Gary Zellers, president of and speaking on behalf of the Meeker Arts and Cultural Committee (MACC), pointed out that what is needed most is some individual or some group to jump up and take over the mission.

Several times it was mentioned that Katelin Cook, the former executive director of the Meeker Chamber of Commerce who was recently hired as Rio Blanco County economic development director, might play a major role in uniting all groups in the county interested in economic development and pull them under one umbrella so as not to duplicate efforts.

"You have so very much to offer to the daily or short-term and even long-term visitors to the area that it is a shame it isn't organized now," Hepler said. "You have a wonderful museum, many historic buildings, quite a bit of Colorado history is tied to this area of the state and you have the potential for several activities and outdoor and off-road adventures."

"Rio Blanco County would be a natural for promotion on the Front Range as a terrific place to get away to, a place that offers great outdoor activities and a great place to relax and take things a little bit slower for a couple of days."

And last of the public meetings was Saturday's Rio Blanco Stockgrowers' annual meeting, dinner and dance.

Oftentimes, where there is something like this going on — a meeting of a group with a single interest like ranching, I will run in, get a photograph and be on my way to the next assignment.

On Saturday, I arrived at the beginning of the public portion of the membership meeting about 1:30 p.m. and I left at 4:15 p.m. after a thoroughly interesting and enthralling meeting.

All the major players were present.

Bill Ekstrom, the county's CSU Extension Service Agent, offered an oversight of the issues relevant to the

area and gave an interesting update on what the service does, can do and would like to do.

He was followed by representatives of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and each addressed pertinent issues facing ranchers and farmers and pretty much all of agriculture in Northwest Colorado.

Last week's visit by Interior Secretary Jewell to Craig was termed a success as she was given first-hand experience seeing what is being done locally to keep the sage grouse or greater sage grouse species from being listed as an endangered species.

It was explained to her, it seems, the importance to the farmers and ranchers to continue to grow or graze in this part of the state. It was explained to her the intertwined web between agriculture, hunting, water rights, grazing, etc., and that if any one of those entities is hurt, then all are hurt, and there may still be no advancement for the sage grouse or greater sage grouse because cutting back on public use won't eliminate or decrease the numbers of predators in the area, where predation is probably the No. 1 cause of problems for the sage grouse.

It was also explained that grazing leases are sometimes threatened, that water rights are under attack from several directions and that the increased regulations brought on by the state and the feds are all adding up to make it tougher on smaller operations, like most in Rio Blanco County, to stay in businesses.

Yet, the stockgrowers seem ready to trod on and do what they have to do to stay in business. Certainly there is concern and frustration, but it is up to all factions of agriculture like the stock growers to educate our state and our nation's lawmakers to the reality of farming and ranching.

When more people understand where their food comes from, the regulations these folks in agriculture must deal with and how ridiculous some of those regulations are.

When more people know what goes into getting a great ribeye steak from the ranch to the table and how

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Updated on area river systems

Dear Editor:
Please find attached a draft version of the Yampa/White basin overview that was included in the SWSI 2010 report, including some revisions suggested by the CWCB Board in November 2013. As you may know, CWCB staff will present a first draft version of Colorado's Water Plan Chapter 2. Overview of each basin at the CWCB Board meeting in March, 2014.

The objective of this chapter is to demonstrate the diversity of needs and interests throughout Colorado and to highlight each basin's importance in relation to Colorado's water values.

The Yampa River, White River and Green River basins cover roughly 10,500 square miles in northwest Colorado and south-central Wyoming. The basins are defined, in part, by the Continental Divide on the east.

The elevation in the basins ranges from 12,200 feet (Mount Zirkel) in the Park Range to about 5,100 feet at the confluence of the Yampa and Green rivers at Echo Park within Dinosaur National Monument. The basin contains diverse landforms including steep mountain slopes, high plateaus, rolling hills, incised sandstone canyons and broad alluvial valleys and flood plains.

Large portions of the basins are federally owned lands. Livestock, grazing and recreation are the predominant land uses.

Near the towns of Craig, Hayden, Steamboat Springs, Yampa and Meeker, much of the land is dedicated to agricultural use. The mountains are densely covered by forest. The valleys and plateaus are mostly covered by shrub land with some forested areas.

The Steamboat Springs area, featuring a destination ski resort, is likely to experience continued and rapid population growth. For the Yampa River, White River, and Green River basins, key water management issues for the next 40 years include:

The emerging development of gas

and oil shale resources which impacts water needs both for direct production needs and the associated increase in municipal use; agriculture, tourism and recreation are vital components of this basin's economy. As the needs of communities and industry grow, competition between sectors could increase; industrial uses, especially power production, are a major water use. Future energy development is less certain.

While rapidly growing in some areas (Yampa River/Steamboat Springs area), the basin as a whole is not developing as rapidly as other portions of the state. This has led to concern that the basin will not get a "fair share" of water use afforded to Colorado under the Colorado River Compact in the event of a compact call.

Implementation of a successful Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program is vital to ensuring protection of existing and future water uses.

Agricultural producers in the basin would like to increase the amount of irrigated land by 14,000 to 18,000 acres, but the lack of financial resources is an impediment.

Kate McIntire
Outreach, Education
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Water Supply Planning Section
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Department of Natural Resources
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Thanks for the help during hospital stay

Dear Editor:

For the last six years I, along with family and friends, have had the pleasure of hunting elk out of Karl Maser's Ute Lodge. The beauty of the mountains and the camaraderie of the hunt, plus the people of the Meeker, Colo., area, make my hunting a secondary blessing. As they say, getting an elk is just icing on the cake!

We've always hunted the third rifle season, and we arrived in Meeker on Oct. 31 and started our hunt on Nov. 2. The deep snow this year was

an unexpected obstacle, but the Sleepy Cat area of the White River National Forest was especially beautiful.

The first four days of the hunt were trying but fulfilling since this was a gift to myself, having just retired.

At the end of day four, my dream hunt ended suddenly and painfully. I experienced a sudden onset kidney stone attack. That 32-mile trip to Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker will be a ride I'll never forget. But thank God that wonderful facility was there at the end of an elk-dodging journey.

Some have said, "We're sorry your hunt was ruined," and I say my hunt was only interrupted, but my good times in Meeker continued.

After a short time in the emergency room my intense pain was alleviated and I spent the next two and a half days as a patient; no, more like a guest of the Pioneers Medical Center.

In my lifetime, I've been a patient in the largest hospitals in Pittsburgh, Penn. They were efficient and the staff was professional. I've also been a patient in small town hospitals and the care was more personal. But I've never been a patient in a facility as small as Pioneers and I've never been in a medical facility maintained and staffed by such caring, tender and loving medical professionals.

Dr. Albert Krueger and the nurses met me in the emergency room, and what a surprise. I was made to feel like family. I was more than a patient. The manner in which they went out of their way to do little things to make me feel better was amazing.

Hospital food: I've never had better served in a restaurant! The young men who cleaned my room and brought my food were cheerful and efficient. Sorry I can't remember their names.

I do remember Elizabeth Vetter, Cyndi Moody, Kathy Maloney, Kim Warren, Dianne Baughman, Teresa Matinsciano, Susan Shelton, Nancy Richardson and Kathy Warren, who were my nurses and PCTs. If I failed to mention anyone else who cared for me, I apologize. Your diligent service was deeply appreciated.

Now, three months later, I still

remember and say "thank you." Your community should truly be thankful to have such neighbors who are so attentive and conscientious in their care for those who require comfort and healing during times of need and suffering. Words cannot adequately express my feelings of appreciation for the medical staff at Pioneers Medical Center. I pray that your lives will be blessed as you blessed mine.

Gary L. Smith
Summerville, Penn.

Thanks to Sheepdog Trials volunteers

Dear Editor:

The Meeker Classic Championship Sheepdog Trials Board held a "Souper-Volunteer" dinner for all of the 2013 volunteers on Jan. 19. Fun was had by all with a nice crowd

of more than 80 volunteers in attendance, most being from Meeker but a few traveling from the Roaring Fork Valley and Cimmaron, Colo.

The evening featured homemade soups and a variety of door prizes including a guided fly-fishing float trip for two along the Grew Reef of the Platte River, generously donated by Charlie Cunningham of Casper, Wyo. Lots of volunteers went home with door prizes, but it was Red Leavitt's lucky night, winning the fishing trip and a cash prize!

The five days of the Meeker Classic Championship Sheepdog Trials brings more than 6,000 visitors to the Meeker area for the annual event. For 28 years, the entire event is made possible by a team of local and out-of-town volunteers.

The volunteers perform a variety of duties including but not limited to

distributing posters, set-up for the event, parking crew, ticket sales and working the concessions booth.

With more than 300 volunteers helping each year, the event runs smoothly, providing one of the best experiences for the handlers and a unforgettable experience for the spectators.

The Meeker Classic Championship Sheepdog Trials Board would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our volunteers. We really could not do it without you. Your time, dedication and generosity are greatly appreciated!

If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers please email trials@meeekersheepdog.com or call 878-0111.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Russian energy dominance over

By CHRIS FAULKNER
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Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Russian President Vladimir Putin has won some begrudging admiration for his strategic triumph during the Syria crisis. Let him have his moment. It won't last long. A new development threatens to rob Putin of a significant part of his international heft.

That development, of course, is America's energy revolution.

By ExxonMobil's estimates, natural gas is on track to becoming the second-largest energy source in the world by 2025, outpacing even coal. And the United States just became the biggest natural gas producer on the globe, overtaking — you guessed it — Russia.

While the United States will benefit economically, politically and diplomatically from this energy revolution, Russia will come out the biggest loser. Start with simple economics.

As much as 40 percent of Russia's economy is dependent on its oil and gas sales. According to some experts, the U.S. shale boom could undermine this source of growth, causing Russian oil exports to plummet by as much as 25 percent over the next several years as other nations embrace the American energy alternative.

There's a political factor at play, too.

The post-Soviet government has sought a social contract that goes something like this: The Kremlin will ensure economic stability just so long as the citizenry kindly stays out of politics. But building political legitimacy

on economic progress can be an awfully risky endeavor, as Putin will soon learn.

And while it's possible that Russia may have untapped natural gas resources, the country is not competitive in developing them — nor is it likely to be.

Russia's political class is heavily entrenched in its business sector, which is as corrupt as Siberia is cold. Efficiency isn't the country's strong

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many people in between are involved in raising the price of that steak up to what it is at the grocery store...

When more people understand the labor, the costs and the methods of getting lettuce, carrots, beans, etc., from the ground to the table, the

more appreciation there will be for the tough work of the ranchers and farmers and then, perhaps, by removing so many levels of the middle man, the fun and highly lucrative days of farming and ranching will return without forcing outrageously high costs onto the consumer.

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Our Immutable God (2)
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THE Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (Jas. 1:17). Writing about God's immutable nature, Puritan Thomas Watson put it beautifully: "There is no eclipse of His brightness. His essence shines with a fixed luster." The pictorial text before us reveals much about this aspect of God's nature.

First, God is controlling. He is the Father of lights. Father is patēr (English "paternal") speaks of a progenitor, ancestor, father, mentor, or model. God is, indeed, the Progenitor, the Father, the Controller of all things. Lights, then, is a clear allusion to the heavenly bodies He hung in space.

Second, God is constant. Variableness translates parallax, a compound comprised of para, "from, beside," and allassō, "to change," and so to change from one form or condition to another. No is a tiny word in the Greek (ou) but one with huge meaning. It is "a negative particle," expressing full and absolute negation. God, therefore, never changes from the condition in which He has been for all eternity—perfection.

Third, God is consistent. Most graphic of all, neither is there with God a shadow of turning. Shadow (aposkiasma) literally means "to shade" and metaphorically means "the slightest degree or trace." The light from our sun gives off approximately one half million candlepower per square inch. Now consider how many square inches there are in the sun, as it is about 110 times larger in di-

ameter than the earth. We might also add, our sun (called Sol) is actually a quite average, even mundane, star. But all this light is but a flicker in comparison with the light of God. Further, the sun, like God, casts no shadow. "Oh, but the sun does casts shadows," someone might object. We answer, however, that is only so from our perspective, not the sun's. The same is even truer with God. When we are tempted to question God and what He does, let us realize that any "shadows" we see are only from our perspective. God knows what He is doing whether we understand it or not.

Further still, turning is tropē, which was used often by Classical Greek writers to refer to the heavenly bodies (stars, planets, and moon) as they were in constant motion in their courses. So, while those, and everything else in the universe, is in constant motion and change, God never changes, never varies, never has the minutest waver in His character or conduct.

Again, in a universe that does nothing but change, let us rejoice in the knowledge that God never does.

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses declare about God's immutability: Hebrews 1:12; 6:17; 13:8; Revelation 1:4?

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Sheriff's Office to test CodeRed

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office will conduct a countywide test of its CodeRed 911 reverse-calling system at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 10.

This test of the system will allow the RBCSO to remove any phone listings that are no longer valid and to ask the public that may not have received the test call to either contact the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office or go to the community sign-in site.

By going to the county's website at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us and clicking on the sheriff's page or logging onto the Sheriff's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RBSO911Communications and clicking on the CodeRed logo, you will be taken to the community sign-in page. You can list basic landlines and cell phones in case you are away from your residence and still want to receive emergency notifications.

Please list a name, address, phone number and any additional cell phones

as you wish. By adding a cell phone provider you can also receive text messages in addition to any recorded messages.

You may also create an account that you can update if you move or change phone numbers, although it is not mandatory that you do so.

If you have any questions or problems with our CodeRed system, please contact the RBCSO at 970-878-9600. The sheriff's office is available 24 hours a day, and personnel will be happy to assist you.

ENERGY: Russia's infrastructure is aging

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suit. Don't expect any new infrastructure to be built without the Kremlin's friends siphoning off a bit of cash first.

Russia's Soviet-era energy infrastructure is aging and was of questionable quality even when it was first erected. There's reason to believe Russia is already performing at capacity, adding further questions to its competitive potential.

In 2007, when Time magazine named Putin its Man of the Year, two of its correspondents remarked to the man himself that he "must feel lucky that the price of oil is so high."

"Fools are lucky," Putin responded. "We work day and night!"

And yet, a savvy observer might note, Russia continues to fall behind in the energy-export race.

And keep in mind that the United States is beating Russia on price, too.

The price of American natural gas is about a third of Russia's. International buyers are catching on. Where Russian gas giant Gazprom once fulfilled the orders for 37 percent of Europe's natural gas supply, it now sells only 25 percent.

This extra competition is internationally disruptive. The Kremlin has long used its near-monopoly in the energy sector as a tool to assert its global power.

For example, in 2006 and 2009, Russia tried to strong-arm the Ukraine by shutting off its gas supplies, leading to energy shortages across Europe.

Putin used this geopolitical move to underscore his influence throughout the region, winning diplomatic points at the expense of Europe's shivering families that winter. Russia's move was retaliation against the Ukrainian government, which has been leaning westward since the Orange Revolution.

Likewise, Russia has used energy prices to try to control its neighbors.

After the 2003 Rose Revolution, Georgia too began to orient its foreign policy towards the West and away from Russia. The Kremlin promptly responded by announcing significant price increases for gas.

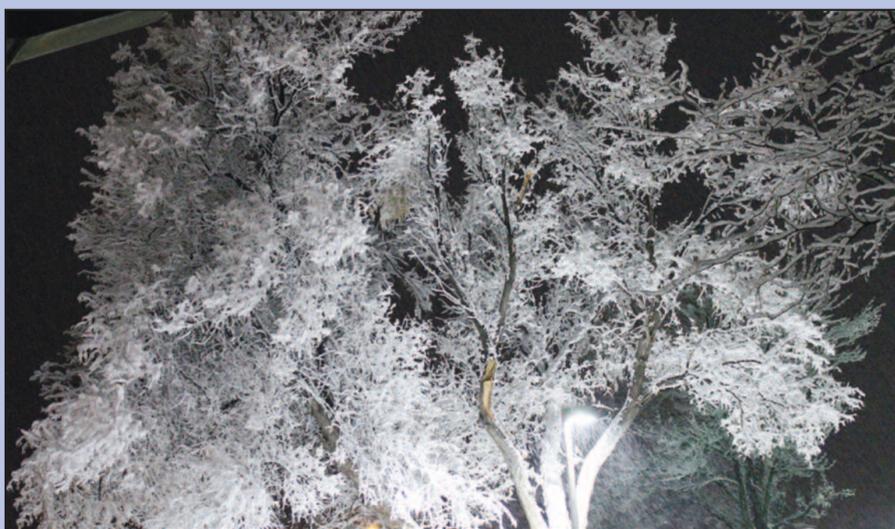
However, despite this move, Georgia has been able to supplant its supply somewhat, thanks to its neighbor Azerbaijan. This alternative has given the local government confidence to hold firm against Russian pressure.

These are just two examples among many demonstrating how Russia's energy policy supports — and sometimes drives — its foreign policy.

But as the global energy equation tilts toward the United States, Russia's influence and international leverage diminishes. The United States must continue to develop its natural gas supply. The benefits resound far beyond the domestic sphere.

Chris Faulkner is president and chief executive officer of Breitling Oil and Gas.

HOARFROST IN RANGELY...



RENE HARDEN

Hoarfrost coated trees around Rangely last week as a winter storm warning predicted up to a foot of snow in the area. Several inches supplemented the thinning blankets of snow around town in what has been, so far, a relatively mild winter on the west side of the county.

Meeker Chamber dinner tickets on sale

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Tickets are now available for the 2014 Meeker Chamber annual dinner, when Meeker's outstanding businesses and citizens will be honored.

The dinner will be held Feb. 28 at the Fairfield Center at 200 Main St. Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., the annual awards ceremony is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and the entertainment will begin at 8 p.m.

Those who attend are invited to enjoy the dinner and enter Meeker's

Amazing Race! Attendees will be given a passport to "tour our town," and they complete the challenges at each pit stop to win.

There is also still time to nominate Meeker's outstanding businesses and citizens.

The Meeker Chamber of Commerce seeks to recognize businesses that have made a significant impact in the community for the past year.

These awards will be based upon innovative business ideas, accomplishments in efforts to improve the community, exemplifying positive customer services, volunteer contri-

butions, civic involvement and leadership.

Award winners will receive recognition in chamber newsletters, chamber website and social media and other chamber print publications.

A nomination form must be completed for the business you think is most deserving of the title of small business, large business, non-profit organization, energy industry partner or outstanding citizen of the year.

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Chamber sets public economic development meeting

MEEKER I The Meeker Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Stakeholders will hold a public meeting on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Kilowatt Korner.

The group is meeting prior to the Rio Blanco County Economic Advisory Board meeting so the advisory board can accurately represent the stakeholders with their proposed direction and involvement in economic development. This meeting is open to everyone.

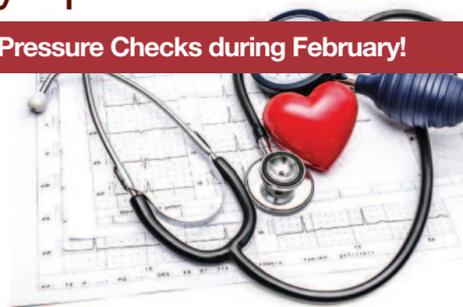
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Colorado Northwestern athletes give back to community — “Pink Out” women’s ball game tonight —

By **HEATHER ZADRA**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I While Colorado Northwestern Community College athletic teams use their experiences on the court, field or arena to hone skills and spur on improvement, the teams’ community efforts speak to a different kind of drive.

Sometimes it’s expressed as CNCC athletes showing support to their counterparts at Rangely High School, cheering them on at home games.

Other times, students meet specific needs as they pitch in for community-wide events like Septemberfest and help to run recreation center programs.

The impetus to help can extend over months, like the CNCC volleyball team’s biweekly reading program at Giant Step Preschool and Child Care Center.

Almost always, the motivation behind the effort is twofold: to strengthen ties between “the college on the hill” and the community and to teach student athletes that what they do now, within and outside of their sport, will shape them for life.

The themes are ones CNCC coaches have approached in different ways.

“It’s important for our young women to know how much this community supports us financially and with the support they receive in the stands,” said volleyball head coach April Sanchez. “Athletes helping in the community learn not only about their talents but also the gifts they’re able to give back.”

The elementary education major, for instance, who participates in the Giant Step reading program, may come to understand relatively quickly whether her major is a good fit, Sanchez said.

Some efforts, like a Jan. 25 food drive coordinated by the women’s basketball team and two-year college honor society Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), remind students of the connection between the college and a small town. The



The Colorado Northwestern Community College’s women’s basketball team worked with honor society Phi Theta Kappa to collect five boxes of food at the basketball teams’ home games against the College of Eastern Utah on Jan. 25. The drive is part of CNCC athletic teams’ larger effort to create and participate in events that link students and the community.

drive, held during the first home game of the new year, produced nearly full stands and five boxes of food for the Rangely Food Bank.

“I’m from a small place and I think these kinds of activities are important,” said first-year women’s head basketball coach Aundrea McCormick. “We need to be more of a positive influence in the community.”

McCormick said that since that first game against the College of Eastern Utah, she has increasingly noticed townspeople’s faces among those of students and staff. She hopes the trend bodes well for tonight’s “Pink Out” home

game against North Idaho College, where the women’s team will wear and sell \$15 T-shirts to benefit the Kay Yow Cancer Fund for breast cancer research. The fundraiser lasts throughout February.

Although organizations like PTK have been working in the community for years (the honor society’s monthly “Rangely Reads” literacy event has been a town staple for a decade-and-a-half running), the college’s athletes may be engaging townspeople more this year than ever before.

How that has happened varies. Some coaches build on connections they’ve already

established, like men’s basketball head coach Adrian Hayes’ longtime partnership with the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Parks District (WRBM). Several athletes on the men’s team helped coach the rec center’s boys’ basketball program throughout January.

Then, on Jan. 30, during the halftimes of CNCC’s games against Snow College, the men refereed showcase games between the boys’ teams.

“The men’s team helping us out with basketball was huge,” WRBM aquatics/recreation director Camilla Kennedy said. “I hope that’s something we can do every year. It got the little boys more excited and, when that happens, they get more out of it.”

Sometimes, teams find ways to help that extend beyond their sport, like the women’s softball team attending and donating to Aveahna Klein’s chili dinner fundraiser in December and planning to give blood at Kathy and Ian Kottenstette’s Bloodmobile drive in March.

Just as often, though, it makes sense to connect to people via the thing athletes know and love best: their sport.

Maybe that’s why the volleyball and softball teams host intensive clinics at little to no cost to participants, or why Sanchez’s team is planning a Special Olympics event in Rangely on April 27.

“I think for me, the understanding of small towns is that everyone is interlinked, whether you realize it or not,” Sanchez said. “And with our campus being up on the hill, away from the town, we need to get down into the community to engage with people.”

Above all, the events let community members become familiar with students whose drive goes beyond athletics and even academics at CNCC.

“If we can keep getting this much response out of the community, that would be great,” women’s basketball team captain and CNCC sophomore Jasmine Thomas said. “The food bank and these kinds of events are a good way to let people know who we are.”

RHS Panthers split weekend games with Hayden, Soroco

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I The Rangely High School boys’ basketball team split league games last week and will host another Saturday.

The Panthers defeated Hayden, 45-36, in front of a home crowd, but lost 50-43 in Oak Creek to the South Routt County (Soroco) Rams. The Panthers will host Vail Christian on Saturday.

“Friday against Hayden, we played pretty well but were kind of up and down all night,” head coach Eric Hejl said. “We got in a lot of foul trouble, so it was difficult for us to really get in the flow of the game. Connor (Phelan) started off hot but then had to sit with two fouls, and that was kind of the theme of the night.”

The Panthers led 14-9 after the first quarter and 25-17 at halftime. Rangely held the Rams to three points in the third quarter but were outscored by one in the final period.

“For the most part, we did a good job of playing defense and rebounding with Cameron (Enterline) leading the way; but things like missed free throws and unforced turnovers allowed them to keep it a game until late in the fourth quarter,” Hejl said. “It was a win we had to get and we did. That’s what matters in the end.”

All the Panthers scored against the Tigers with Phelan leading the team with nine while Kaulan Brady and Mitchell Webber each added eight. Enterline and Morton each



Rangely senior Cameron Enterline had a momentum-changing breakaway dunk against the Soroco Rams, but the Panthers could not hold off the Rams’ comeback in the second half. Rangely will host Vail Christian on Saturday.

scored six, Colt Allred finished with four while Kelton Elam and Layne Mecham each added a basket.

“On the road on Saturday, I knew we would have to play better than we did on Friday if we expected to win; for the first half we did,” Hejl said. “After we got through the first quarter and got our rhythm, Cameron got a momentum-boosting breakaway dunk and we were able to get our lead as high as 15 at one point before halftime.”

The Panthers took a 10-9 lead into the second quarter, where they held the Rams to four and added 15 to their score.

“I knew Soroco was a dangerous second-half team and we talked about it in the locker room. But early in the second half, they started to slowly gain momentum and

we just kept missing open shot after open shot,” he said. “Eventually, they were able to overtake the lead and we had too little, too late in terms of a comeback.”

Morton led the Panthers with 10, Allred scored nine, Enterline eight, Brady seven, Phelan added six and Webber finished with three.

“Defensively we played hard and for the most part played pretty well,” Hejl said. “But when you shoot as poorly as we did from the foul line, the field and especially from three-point range, it’s gonna be really hard to win games.”

“This week in practice, there will definitely be an emphasis on shooting and shot selection,” he said.

The Panthers host Vail Christian on Saturday.

Cowboys ranked No. 9

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

MEEKER I A new year’s winning streak and another decisive conference win has put the Meeker High School boys’ basketball team in the rankings this week. Colorado Preps put the Cowboys at No. 9, adding the remark that “The red hot Meeker Cowboys have won five straight.”

The team, behind head coach Klark Kindler, are gaining momentum and confidence as post season approaches. They hosted Soroco on Friday night and came out with a 61-48 win.

“It was closer than the final score would indicate,” Kindler said. “We made our free throws down the stretch and got away from them late.”

Meeker led after the first quarter 15-8, but trailed at half 30-28. The Cowboys did what they have been doing all year, making better adjustments than their opponent at the half. They outscored the Rams 14-7 in the

third and 19-11 in the final eight minutes.

They were led in scoring by Jeremy Musgrave with 24 points, followed by Dylan Mobley with 14, Raul Lopez with 10, Ty Dunham with seven and Matt Frantz, Kash Atwood and Joe Newman all adding a bucket.

Meeker played Hayden on Saturday, and Kindler said, “We got down 9-0 right out of the gate and then went on a 23-2 run to get a comfortable lead.”

The Cowboys got the lead and never looked back as they beat the Tigers 65-45.

Even scoring helped secure the win as Mobley and Musgrave had 18 points each, Lopez added 16, Dunham had eight and Newman added five.

Conference play is coming close to an end, and Kindler said, “We are close to locking up the first-round home game for the pig-tails and we are right there competing for the conference championship.”

The team hopes to add to its



Raul Lopez goes up for two of his 10 points against the Rams.

streak as members face Vail Christian on Friday night, then on to Baggs, Wyo., on Saturday.

Rangely girls get league win at home

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

RANGELY I The Rangely High School girls’ basketball team got a win this weekend at home against league opponent the Hayden Tigers.

The lady Panthers beat the Tigers 38-30 behind the scoring efforts of Aimee Hogan and Simone Heinle with 10 points each.

Coach Quinton Kent said, “We were excited to finally get a win. I was pleased with the defensive effort as we held Hayden to 10 points fewer than their season average.”

Desiree Coombs added five for the team, Tessa Slagle had four in the game as did Lindzey Thacker, Kayte Allred finished with three and Dawn Sephens added two. Rangely shot well from the free throw line, making seven of 10.

Kent said, “In an eight-point win, seven freebies were huge for us.”

The team played Soroco on Saturday. The team played well again in the first quarter, ending up tied with nines.

“Aimee Hogan beat the buzzer from the top of the key to tie the game at nine at the end of one.”

Soroco shooters got hot from the field, built momentum and were too much to handle as the Panthers fell 68-22.

Hogan led all scorers with 11, followed by Thacker and Heinle with four and Slagle with two.

Thacker was leading rebounder on the weekend as she grabbed eight boards in the win against Hayden and six more Saturday. Allred pulled five big rebounds in the win and Hogan added 10 rebounds to her 21 points on the weekend.

The Panthers host Vail Christian on Saturday.



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Hughes led the lady Cowboys in scoring against the Soroco Rams with 17 then led Meeker to victory with 20 points against the Hayden Tigers the following day.



Cowboys host dual meet tourney Saturday

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The No. 2-ranked 2A Meeker Cowboys wrestling team will host seven teams Saturday for a dual meet tournament, starting at 9:30 a.m.

All the Cowboys got on the mat last week, when they wrestled in Palisade against the host Bulldogs and the Hotchkiss Bulldogs, losing to the former and beating the latter, then nine Cowboys, mostly JV, competed in a tournament in Grand Junction on Saturday, claiming several champions.

"We wrestled pretty well," head coach J.C. Watt said.

The Cowboys gave up three forfeits to Palisade, won seven of 11 matches and lost the dual 35-31. Meeker won six of eight matches against Hotchkiss and won the match 50-16.

Tristin Pelloni (113), J.C. Henderson (138), Casey Turner (145) and Tyler Ilgen (285) won both of their matches in Palisade. Dillan Frantz (152), Devon Pontine (160) and T.J. Shelton (170) only wrestled one match and won.

Kylloe Goedert (126) and Aaron Cochran (132) each won one and lost one. Sheridan Harvey (106) and Calvin Shepherd both lost their matches.

In Grand Junction, Goedert and Cochran both won their brackets as did Anthony Watt (145).

Coach Watt said Frantz and teammate Jake Henderson tied for first place "in an epic 22-22 match."

Hunter Garcia finished third in his bracket and Caleb Bradford was fourth. Nick Burri and Cody Nielsen each won a match but did not place.

Wrestlers from Hayden, Coal Ridge, Grand Valley, Glenwood Springs, Rifle, South Routt County (Soroco) and Battle Mountain will be in Meeker on Saturday for the tournament. Teams will be split into two pools and each team will dual the other three teams in their pool, and each team will get one additional dual, wrestling between the two pools.

Matches start at 9:30 a.m. "We hope to have a lot of community support again," coach Watt said.

Panthers travel for competition

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I The Rangely High School wrestling team has been traveling the state and eastern Utah for unfamiliar competition this season, and that trend will continue this weekend.

The Panthers traveled to the southwest corner of the state last weekend and will travel near to the southeast corner this weekend before the regional and state tournaments, where the Panthers' journey will end.

Rangely traveled to Ignacio on Friday for a dual, then wrestled in the Butch Melton Invitational on Saturday, when all six Panthers placed in the tournament, which featured teams from Colorado and New Mexico.

The Panthers split matches wrestled against the Ignacio Bobcats but lost the dual 39-24. Heath Peters (132) and Lucas Heinle (145) pinned their Bobcat opponents but Kiki Ruiz (138) and Caleb Lawson (152) lost. Ethan Allred (160) and Ryan Wilczek (195) received

forfeits.

In the tournament, all Panthers won matches and three advanced to the championship match. Peters, Heinle and Allred all wrestled in the championship match of their respective weights but all were defeated by "quality" opponents from New Mexico.

"There were some quality wrestlers from Colorado and New Mexico at this tournament," head coach Jeff Heinle said. "We went down there to see other teams from our region and it looks like we are going to have a tough regional tournament this year in Grand Junction. Ignacio and Dove Creek both have solid wrestlers."

Peters finished fourth, Ruiz was fifth and Wilczek placed sixth in his bracket.

Rangely finished fifth as a team with only six wrestlers, behind Bloomfield, N.M., Piedra Vista, N.M., Ignacio and Dove Creek.

The Panthers will travel to Crowley County this weekend for the final regular season tournament before the state-qualifying regional tournament in Grand Junction.



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Panther junior Ethan Allred uses a cross face against Bloomfield, N.M., opponent J.D. Robinson in the 160-pound championship match, which Robinson won. Robinson was a New Mexico state consolation champion last year. The Panthers will wrestle in Crowley County this weekend.

Lady Cowboys remain unbeaten in league play

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

MEEKER I The Meeker High School girls' basketball team continued their unbeaten league play as they defeated Soroco by 29 points and Hayden by 45 points over the weekend.

Meeker had nine players score against the Rams with three of them in double figures. Sydney Hughes led

the way with 17 points followed by Taylor Neilson with 14 and Deena Norell with 13. Megan Parker added five points, Aly Ridings added three and Taylor Morris, Reese Pertile, Jamie McLaughlin and Jenna Walsh each added a bucket.

The lady Cowboys played solid defense, holding their opponent well below what they frequently score. Meeker out-rebounded the Rams significantly with Hughes pulling 10

boards, giving her a double-double. Neilson had nine rebounds, Ridings and Norell each grabbed eight and Megan Parker had six.

On Saturday, the team proved they have an incredible offense to match their tenacious defense scoring an incredible 35 first-quarter points. Meeker not only had a scoring frenzy, they held Hayden to nine points.

The tempo slowed in the second quarter as the lady Cowboys scored

13 and the Tigers had six, making the score 48-15 at intermission.

Meeker came out of the locker room strong as they outscored Hayden again, 18-5, finishing up with the 78-33 win.

Hughes once again led all scorers with 20, followed closely by Ridings with 19, Piper Haney and Norell with eight each, Neilson with seven, and Morris had four, while Walsh and Parker rounded out the scoring with two each.

The lady Cowboys will work to stretch their streak as they play Vail Christian and Little Snake River this weekend.

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2/15 @ HOME vs. Hotchkiss - 1, 2:30, 4
2/18 @ HOME vs. Meeker - 4, 5:30, 7
2/28 @ District Tournament

RHS Wrestling

2/7-8 @ Crowley County
2/14-15 @ Regionals - TBA
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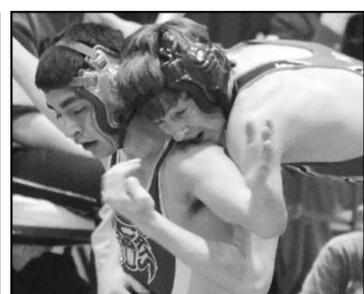


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2/8 @ Little Snake - 1:30, 4:30
2/14 @ Hotchkiss - 4:30, 7:30
2/15 @ HOME vs. Paonia - 2, 5pm

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OBITUARIES

David Daniel Bowlds

Dec. 29, 1957 ~ Jan. 30, 2014

David Daniel Bowlds, 56, of Rangely, Colo., passed away Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colo. He was born Dec. 29, 1957, to Dan and Joanne Bowlds in Glendive, Mont., one of six children.

David attended and was graduated from high school in Sidney, Mont., in 1976. Upon graduation, he entered the workforce through the oilfield industry, working for Mitchells Oilfield Service as a roustabout, Shell Oil, Coastal, El Paso and, most recently, Encana in Rangely, Colo.

David married Cindy in Montpelier, Idaho, in August 1978, and from their union was born their beautiful daughter, Heidi. He remarried in July 2007 to his current wife, Nita, in Rangely.

David was involved in Cub Scouts and Webelows; he enjoyed baseball, basketball, football, archery and golf. He loved watching all sports, especially football. David loved spending time in the great outdoors, camping, fishing and traveling. He was determined to make sure Nita was able to see some new place each and every year on their family vacations.

David is survived: by his wife, Nita Henson of Rangely; his mother and stepfather, Joanne and Warren Carl of Gillette, Wyo.; his father and stepmother, Dan and Shirley Bowlds of Beulah, N.D.; his daughter, Heidi Bowlds (Joe Watson) of Rupert, Idaho; his stepchildren, Brian Lewis, Bradley (Jayda) Lewis, Kenneth (Tiana) Henson and Stephanie Henson (Justin Steele), all of Rangely; and Andrea (CJ) Koenig of Meeker, Colo.; his brothers, Roger (Dalene) Bowlds of Bakersfield, Calif., Brent (Brenda) Bowlds of Sidney and Jason (Robbie) Playle of Belgrade,

Mont.; his sisters, Jennifer (Shane) Conley of Bar Nunn, Wyo., and Julie (Ron) Enget, of Beulah, N.D.; and his 25 grandchildren, Kendal Carson, Kaydee Abel, Christian Watson, Kayden Lewis, Bryton Lewis, Wyatt Lewis, Tyson, Lewis, Trey Lewis, Kinley Lewis, Stephen Koenig, KeyAnna Koenig, Aspen Steele, Marshall Henson-Statz, Mariah Henson, Kenneth Henson Jr., Kylor Henson, Brianna Henson, Dakota Henson, Caity Henson, John Coleman and Dustin Coleman.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Rangely Christian Church, 501 Darius Ave. in Rangely with a memorial service at 1 p.m. There was a reception immediately following at the Rangely Elks Lodge, 633 E. Main Street in Rangely. There will also be a special memorial service planned for the second week of June in Sidney, Mont.

The family wishes to extend a special heartfelt thank you to the Rangely District Hospital EMS crew and ER crew members who took care of Dave and transported him to St. Mary's Hospital so quickly and the staff at St. Mary's Hospital ICU who gave such tender, loving care not only to Dave, but to all of Dave's family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who dropped off food, cards, sent prayers and condolences to us throughout our difficult time.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Mesa Funeral Service, Grand Junction, Colo.



David Bowlds

Michael Blain Lockhart

April 5, 1982 ~ Jan. 27, 2014

Mike broke his earthly bonds, beginning his trip to heaven on Jan. 27, 2014, as a result of a motorcycle accident in Naples, Fla.

Michael was born in Meeker, Colo., to Sam and Jean Lockhart. He attended school there until 1997, when he moved with his parents to Montrose, Colo.

Michael is survived by: one son, Ethan Isaiah; his parents; two sisters, Tammy (Ron) Biom of Bozeman, Mont., and Sandra (Bentley) Henderson of Basalt, Colo.; a brother, Charles (Kathy) Lockhart of Arvada Colo.; and many nieces, nephews, aunts uncles and cousins. He left a host of friends here and in Florida, where he has lived for several years.

Mike loved outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, hiking and riding his motorcycle.

A memorial service will be planned for later this summer in the Meeker area. A memorial fund has been set up to help with motorcycle safety issues in the Naples, Fla. area. Donations can be made to the Mike Lockhart Memorial at any Alpine Bank or sent to Alpine Bank, 1660 Hwy. 92, Delta, CO 81416.



Michael Lockhart

Public input on Colorado water sought in Rangely today and Meeker Feb. 24

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colorado is developing a water plan that will affect everyone, and roundtable discussions in Meeker and Rangely in February will help residents learn what they need to know and how to help shape the future of Colorado water.

Hosted by the Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Round Table, meetings will be held in Rangely tonight from 6-8 p.m. in the Weiss Building on the campus of Colorado Northwestern Community College, 500 Kennedy Dr., and Feb. 24 in Meeker from 6-8 p.m. in the 4-H building at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, 779 Sulphur Creek Rd.

Water is essential to Colorado's quality of life and economy, yet we face an uncertain future. This is due to increasing gaps between water supplies and water demands; the trend of permanent buying and drying of productive agricultural lands in order to meet growing municipal demands; and greater uncertainty due to drought, climate change and more.

Marsha Daughenbaugh of the Community Agriculture Alliance said, "If we don't take responsible action now, the consequences will be great. Hundreds of thousands of acres of Colorado's most productive farm and ranch lands will dry up, our cities and towns will have insufficient water, wildfire response will become more difficult and the environmental health of our watersheds will be increasingly threatened."

Gov. Jon Hickenlooper issued an executive order in May 2013 directing the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to develop Colorado's Water Plan. Creation of this plan is a grassroots effort drawing upon eight years of unprecedented work, dialog and consensus-building that water leaders from across the state have engaged in through the Inter-basin Compact Committee

(IBCC) and Basin Roundtable process.

Colorado's Water Plan will be aligned with our state's water values: vibrant and sustainable cities, viable and productive agriculture, a robust skiing, recreation and tourism industry, and a thriving environment that includes healthy watersheds, rivers, streams and wildlife.

Colorado's Water Plan is a grassroots effort. Each Basin Roundtable will develop its own plan. These Basin Implementation Plans (BIPs) will identify the specific challenges to a secure water future that each basin faces, the strategies it will pursue to address those challenges and the projects and methods that the basin may implement to meet its water needs.

These BIPs will then be incorporated into Colorado's Water Plan.

The IBCC will continue to facilitate dialogue across the basins and continue its work of refining and adding to the list of action items around which there is consensus, including a thorough examination of options for new water supply.

The CWCB is tasked with drafting the plan. To do so, it will be reviewing and combining technical information and policy recommendations, incorporating the work of the IBCC and Basin Roundtables and conducting any additional technical analysis needed.

"The most effective way to get involved is to be engaged in your Basin Roundtable and attend their meetings," Daughenbaugh said.

Residents can visit www.coloradowaterplan.com to learn more about the Yampa-White-Green River Basin Round Table.

To contact Daughenbaugh, call 970-879-4370 or email her at marshad@communityagalliance.org.

Written comments can be e-mailed to: watercomments@gmail.com.

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431 DUI arrests made in state over New Year's Eve enforcement period

DENVER I New Year's Eve celebrations turned sour for many users of Colorado roadways who chose to ring in 2014 by driving impaired. Preliminary reports indicate 431 people were arrested for DUI during the New Year's Eve enforcement period through the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) ongoing The Heat Is On impaired driving prevention campaign.

The New Year's Eve crackdown began on Dec. 27 and lasted through Jan. 2. Arrest totals in 2013 were lower than the 2012 New Year's Eve enforcement period, when 501 people were arrested for DUI. During the 2013 New Year's Eve enforcement period, there was one alcohol-related fatality. In encouraging Coloradans to "Drink and Don't Drive," CDOT supports an individual's right to celebrate so long as they do so responsibly and don't put the lives of others in danger. Overall, 6,989 people were arrested during 12 enforcement periods in 2013, a 28 percent decrease from the 9,784 arrests reported during the same enforcement periods in 2012.

"Our troopers operate under the mission of keeping Colorado safe, first and foremost," says Col. Scott Hernandez, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "We hope that people continue to hear the message about the dangers of driving impaired. Being arrested for DUI is a real nightmare. It's expensive, it can result in loss of driving privileges and it's incredibly dangerous for the individual and those around them."

"It's comforting to know that CSP and many other top-notch Colorado law enforcement agencies are doing their part to keep impaired drivers off Colorado roads," says Darrell Lingk, director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. "Each year we strive for zero fatalities; 2014 is no exception." Preliminary reports show that the highest arrest totals came from the Denver Police Department (49 arrests), Aurora Police Department (36 arrests), Colorado Springs Police Department (28 arrests) and Larimer County Sheriff's Office (26 arrests). The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year with 12 specific DUI enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events. More details about the campaign, including DUI enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips, can be found at HeatIsOnColorado.com.

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RBC STOCKGROWERS' MEETING...



Roughly 40 ranchers from around Rio Blanco County gathered Saturday at the District Court courtroom in the county courthouse in Meeker for the Rio Blanco Stockgrowers' annual meeting. A variety of government and agricultural speakers spoke during the three-hour meeting, leading the speakers was Rio Blanco County Commission Chairman Jon Hill of Rangely. Behind him, from left, at the table are: Rio Blanco Stockgrowers' Association immediate past president George Rienau, association secretary Teresa Anderson and new association president Kelly Sheridan.



Approximately 100 people took part in the dinner and dance portion of Rio Blanco Stockgrowers' annual meeting, dinner and dance on Saturday evening in Meeker. The meeting was held Saturday afternoon in the District Court courtroom in the county courthouse and the dinner and dance were held at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center with Ma Famiglia catering the dinner and music provided by Matt Holliday. The evening of dancing was hosted by DJ Cordell Jumonville.

SEAN MCMAHON

Grants available to cut local fire risk

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Colorado Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for a second round of awards under the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program.

This phase will provide \$5.2 million in grants to reduce the risk of wildfire in areas where human development and forested lands overlap, areas often called the wildland-urban interface.

The program, created under Senate Bill 13-269 and passed last year by the Colorado General Assembly, is focused on projects that reduce the risk for damage to property, infrastructure and water supplies, and those that limit the likelihood of wildfires spreading into populated areas. Funds will be directed to non-federal lands within Colorado.

The first round of grants, totaling just over \$4 million, was awarded to 25 recipients in 16 counties in August.

Eligible applicants include community groups, local governments, utilities, state agencies and non-profit groups. Applicants must contribute 100 percent matching funds, which can include in-kind resources, for a 50-50 grant-to-match ratio. Applicants must also identify plans to make use of the woody material resulting from the projects. Those plans can include using the materials for biomass energy and/or traditional forest products.

Examples of projects considered for funding include: creation of defensible space around homes and structures based on Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) guidelines; construction of fuel breaks based on CSFS guidelines; fuels reduction

beyond defensible space, designed to protect water supplies and/or reduce fire intensity.

Up to 25 percent of total grant funds are available to pay for the purchase of equipment that will increase current and future capacity for hazardous fuels reduction. Applicants interested in using funds for these purposes can use a specific application form for capacity building.

All applicants must coordinate proposed projects with appropriate county officials to ensure consistency with county-level wildfire risk reduction planning. The deadline to receive proposals is March 13 and awards are anticipated in early May.

A more detailed overview of the grant program and its requirements and limitations, as well as the grant applications, instructions and other materials, are available through this

link of the Department of Natural Resources website: dnr.state.co.us/WRRG

Earlier grant recipients have been working with Colorado Forest Restoration Institute to measure conditions before they begin treatment; this is part of a significant monitoring effort that will help forestry officials understand the impact of grant funds when the projects have been completed.

Awardees have also been working with the Colorado Wood Utilization and Marketing Program (CoWood) to maximize opportunities for woody material that is removed from sites.

Additionally, awardees have been working with Colorado Youth Corps to identify opportunities for youth to get involved as a labor force on the ground.

Friday is deadline for chamber directory

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | As a Meeker

Chamber of Commerce member, you can list your business in the local membership directory, include a

coupon and reserve your ad space in the 2014 Meeker Booklet, which is created and distributed annually by the Chamber of Commerce.

The deadline for this year's booklet is tomorrow, Feb. 7.

The chamber has 10,000 copies printed each year. They are distributed to town visitors and can be found in town locations and at events and businesses and throughout Colorado and 10 neighboring states.

If you have included an ad in the past booklets, we will contact you regarding updating your ad. If you haven't placed an ad before, please contact us to place your ad.

Advertising in the booklet is exclusive to Meeker chamber members only.

If you are a bronze, silver, or gold medallion member, an ad in the booklet is included with your membership.

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ROAD: Keeping busy

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Engineering and design work will be completed in 2014 and construction is planned for 2015.

"Both bridge projects are funded through a 20 percent county match and 80 percent State Bridge Grant funds," Morlan said.

Asphalt paving will improve CR 72, the Wray Gulch Landfill Road, which is currently a gravel surface. The pavement will provide smoother, safer travel to this facility 1.5 miles off State Highway 64. Quicker, more-efficient snow removal and reduced maintenance requirements are the objectives for this improvement.

CR 1, the Blue Mountain Road, will receive a nine-mile asphalt overlay to the Moffat County line. This route links State Highway 64 with U.S. Hwy. 40 and is a vital access to oil and gas activity north of Rangely. The road is due for an overlay because of rutting, roughness and poor drainage.

These are only a few highlights of the road improvement projects the department will undertake in 2014, Morlan said.

"Throughout the year, county road crews are busy repairing and maintaining the 900-plus miles of county roads," he said. "Of course the most important job facing the department is road emergencies, keeping roads safe as they respond to snow and ice in the winter and mud-

slides and washouts the rest of the year."

The major spring and summer maintenance projects are done to extend the life of road surfaces and to make driving safer and smoother.

Some of the jobs scheduled are: application of a magnesium chloride blend for dust control and surface binder to 103 miles of gravel roads in April and May; in July, 24 miles of paved roads in the Rangely District will be chip sealed. The department's objective is to chip seal all paved roads every five to nine years to save money on overlays; and crack sealing 40 miles in early spring will be done to prevent water from penetrating pavement, and, in August, pavement striping will be done on about 114 miles to make night driving safer.

To maintain a sufficient supply of gravel, crushing is planned at a pit in the Rangely area.

"We do our best to ensure the county road system is as safe and smooth as possible with the funding we receive," Morlan said. "Road staff work hard to leverage local taxes with grants to maximize the work we do."

"Input is always welcome because we work for the citizens of Rio Blanco County and everyone using roads in our county," he said.

The public can call 878-9590 with any questions for the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, Morlan said.

Hunter safety classes offered in Craig

Special to the Herald Times

CRAIG Residents of Rio Blanco County will have an opportunity to earn their Colorado Hunter Education Card by attending four classes in two days offered by Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Craig in March, May or June.

The classes will be held at the Moffat County School District's administrative building, located at 755 Yampa Ave., the weekends of March 22-23, May 3-4 and June 28-29. Students must attend both days.

Hunter education is required for those born after Jan. 1, 1949, who plan on purchasing a hunting license. However, the class may be taken by anyone, whether they plan to hunt or not.

"The course teaches aspiring hunters a variety of very useful information that will keep them safe and help them become responsible and ethical sportsmen and women," said District Wildlife Manager Mike Grooms. "However, any outdoor recreationist can benefit from the variety of topics covered, including

basic navigation, survival and wildlife species identification."

Grooms, who will serve as class instructor, stresses there are only a few chances to take the course locally each year, and he encourages everyone to take advantage of these opportunities.

There is no age limit. Younger pupils, however, must be able to read and understand the material and test and must be able to handle a firearm safely.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive their

hunter safety card and will be able to purchase a hunting license.

Space is limited. To register, contact the Craig Chamber of Commerce at 970-824-5689. The classes begin at 8 a.m. and will wrap-up at approximately 5 p.m. each day.

Hunter education has been required in Colorado since 1970, in response to a significant number of hunting-related injuries and deaths in the prior decade. Today, the class is required in all 50 states and hunting is considered one of the safest of all outdoor activities.

MSD: JBC says mid-year help is a one-time offer

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nisms to accomplish budget cuts. One is categorical buyouts and the other is the negative factor.

Categorical buyouts have been used to accomplish budget cuts in locally financed districts. Meeker has paid an average of \$200,000 per year from 2010-2013, and that is expected to be about the same for 2014.

In the past, the Meeker district was able to set a mill levy to recover the categorical buyout, but because of restrictions in the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), without a public vote, Meeker can no longer set a mill levy to recover this funding.

At the beginning of the fiscal year,

the CDE calculates revenue projections to estimate the annual budget for local districts and estimates the local share, which is how much local tax revenue a district can produce. For many districts, Colorado made up the difference between required budget and local revenues; this is called the state share. Meeker is one of a handful of districts that does not have a state share, but meets its budget with local funding.

State-supported districts have experienced up to 15 percent cuts using the negative factor. Until this year, Meeker has not been affected much by the negative factor. A total of \$1,213 for FY 2011-12 to FY 2012-13 was paid by Meeker for the negative

factor, but this year the negative factor is \$123,350. This high negative factor is the result of changes in property assessments and valuations this year.

Now that the recession is over, many districts are looking to reduce or remove the negative factor, and Meeker may benefit from this effort.

The MSD will still have a budget deficit for FY 2013-14 and will need to decrease its budget for FY 2014-15.

The JBC was very clear that this mid-year help is a one-time offer. Meeker will need to use a portion of the district reserves to meet the shortfall, leaving just under six months of funds in reserve.

Recently, taxpayers in Meeker received their annual Rio Blanco

County real estate property tax notice. A typical house in Meeker pays more than \$100 dollars a year to support the Meeker School District, which collects 9.2 mills. A mill is 0.1 percent (0.001) of the assessed property value in the area that supports the local government taxing district, in this case the Meeker School District.

The Meeker sanitation district got 9.5 mills for 2013, the county got 9.1 mills, the hospital got 7.3 and the recreation district got 7.5, and the town of Meeker got 8.7. All told there are 11 special taxing districts for Meeker for a total mill levy of about 57 mills, which is more than \$600 for most homeowners.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF DINOSAUR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 1, 2014
TO: THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR COLORADO ABSENTEE VOTERS:
Any registered elector of the Town of Dinosaur may cast a ballot at such election by an absentee voter's ballot. Application for an absentee voter ballot may be made orally or in writing to the Town Clerk from this date forward until 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2014. All applications must be filed on or before such time and date.
All absentee voter ballots to be cast in the Municipal Election must be received by the Town Clerk on or before 7:00 p.m. Tuesday April 1, 2014, Election Day.
Please contact Tamara Long, Town Clerk at the Dinosaur Town Hall 374-2286, concerning any questions or requests you may have regarding absentee voter ballots.
TOWN OF DINOSAUR
By: Tamara Long
Town Clerk
Publish: February 6 and 13, 2014
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Rangely
The Rangely Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday February 11, 2014 in the Court Room of the Rangely Municipal Building at 209 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado for the Second and Final Reading on the following:

Ordinance 684 (2013)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 13.04.130 (A) AND (B) AND 13.12.170 OF THE RANGELY MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT REVENUES TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS.

All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.
BY: Lisa Piering Clerk/Treasurer
Published: February 6, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Vernon Dale Lane, a/k/a Dale Lane,
Deceased,
Case Number 14 PR 30002.
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Co-Personal Representatives or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or before June 9, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.
Vicki Jo Lane, Co-Personal Representative
6101 County Road 2
Rangely, CO 81648
Brandon M. Lane, Co-Personal Representative
1454 19 Road
Fruita, CO 81521
David A. Younger
Attorney of Co-Personal Representatives
Hoskin, Farina & Kamp
200 Grand Avenue, Suite 400
PO Box 40
Grand Junction, CO 81502
(970) 986-3400
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LEGAL NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 13-19
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On November 7, 2013, 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): Robert Brown
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for HIGHLANDS RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, LTD
JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association
Date of Deed of Trust: June 09, 2011
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: June 10, 2011
Recording Information (Reception Number): 301390
Original Principal Amount: \$69,948.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$67,371.02
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.
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN LOT 28, TAMARRON SUBDIVISION, TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED APRIL 10, 1980 AS DOCUMENT NO. 194871 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 28; THENCE SOUTH 135.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 28, 24.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°09'53" EAST, 135.00 TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT; THENCE EAST 23.72 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
The property to be foreclosed is:
Also known by street and number as: 205 E Raven Ave, Rangely, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/12/2014, 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.
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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; IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; 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: 11/08/2013
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

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

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
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.
Attorney File # 1068.06512
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF DINOSAUR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 1, 2014
Friday, February 28, 2014 is the last day to register to vote for the April 1, 2014 Municipal Election. In order to be eligible to vote in the municipal election, you must be an U.S. Citizen, at least eighteen years of age and a resident of the Town of Dinosaur thirty days prior to the election.
You may pick up registration forms at Dinosaur Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur Colorado, or register in Craig at the County Clerks Office. During regular business hours.
By: Tamara Long
Town Clerk
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LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice
A public hearing has been scheduled for February 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a request by Meeker Lions Club for (4) four Special Event Liquor Licenses to be used at 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 on the following dates:
February 28, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
March 8, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
March 15, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
April 2, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Liquor Clerk
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Gary Clyde Coulter a/k/a Gary C. Coulter,
Deceased,
Case Number 14 PR 30000
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the undersigned or to the District Court of Mesa County, Colorado, on or before June 4, 2014, or said claims may forever be barred.
Reida M. Coulter, Personal Representative
c/o J. Richard Livingston, Esq.
Livingston & Mumby, LLC
2764 Compass Dr., Ste 200A
Grand Junction, CO 81506
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LEGAL NOTICES

RIO BLANCO COUNTY
2014 Weed & Pest - Herbicides
REQUEST FOR BID
PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK
2014 Rio Blanco County Weed & Pest-Herbicides. Rio Blanco County is soliciting bids to purchase herbicides for application as show on Exhibit A. The list reflects the approximate number of containers of each herbicide which Rio Blanco County anticipates it will purchase in 2014. The quantities listed on Exhibit A are estimates only and are not a commitment by Rio Blanco County to purchase the quantity of product shown on Exhibit A. Some products allow for pricing based on different sized containers. The bid list is based on chemical usage of previous years and interest in specific products that may possibly be used during the 2014 spray season.
Generic products of the same, formulation, labeling and restrictions may be submitted in lieu of a name brand product but must be noted on the bid to be accepted. All products purchased must at the time of the initial delivery of that product include the most current Material Safety Data Sheet. All chemicals will be delivered to the Rio Blanco County chemical storage facility located at 779 Sulphur Creek Road, Meeker, CO.
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
Contract Documents are available on-line at the County's website at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us on the Public Announcements page, or at the Rio Blanco County Weed & Pest Dept. 779 Sulphur Creek Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641.
BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS
Must be licensed to deal/sell Restricted Use Pesticides.
PROJECT COORDINATOR AND QUESTIONS
Matt Scott, Weed Control Supervisor, (970) 878-9672. All Bidders are advised to review the list found on Exhibit A. Any questions regarding this Request are to be directed in writing to Matt Scott at the above address or via email at msscott@co.rio-blanco.co.us.
DELIVERY SCHEDULE
Chemicals will need to be provided upon request from April, 2014 through October, 2014
BID SUBMITTALS
Bidder shall submit sealed bids for this request which shall include all information required. Bids shall have Bidder's name and address and "Sealed Bid-2014 Rio Blanco County Weed & Pest - Herbicides". Mail or hand-deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 before Thursday February 20, 2014 at 4 P.M. OR Hand-deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO until 10:45 A.M. on Monday, February 24, 2014. No bids shall be received after 4 P.M. Thursday February 21, 2014, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.
BID OPENING
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners meeting will commence at 11 A.M. Bids shall be opened and read in public soon thereafter as listed on the agenda on February 24, 2014 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room at 200 Main St., Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.
BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any 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 30, 2014
By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman
Published: January 30 and February 6, 2014
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TOWN OF DINOSAUR
DISBURSEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2014
VENDOR DESCRIPTION, TOTAL
Gross Salaries, \$6,643.00
Contract Labor, \$-
P.E.R.A., Monthly Contributions, \$1,435.16
Colorado Dept. of Revenue, CWT, \$173.00
IRS, FWT/Med, \$653.66
Centurylink, Phone, Fax, Internet, \$240.32
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,142.19
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$84.05
Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$40.00
Caselle Inc., Support, \$251.00
LR Gateway Services LLC, Gas, Oil, grease, \$421.61
WestWater Engineering, Professional Services, \$15,073.49
Sav on Propane, Propane, \$3,083.35
Rangely Auto Parts, Fuel filter & tarp, \$42.80
Moffat county, 4th Qtr law enforcement & election, \$12,175.10
FedEx, Grant loan & water test, \$59.56
CML, 2014 Dues, \$331.00
Colorado Rural Water Association, Dues & Class, \$375.00
Rangely True Value, Ext. cords, adapt, paint, flooring base anti freeze, \$454.61
Severson Supply Co, Plow Parts, \$331.42
Stewart Welding & Machine Inc., Replaced cutting blade on plow, \$523.85
The Sign Man, Stop signs, \$445.69
International Code Council, Dues, \$125.00
Craig Ford, Police vehicle, \$26,668.00
L.A.W.S., Equipment & labor for police vehicle, \$3,884.18
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$74,657.64
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly to the electors of the Meeker Sanitation District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, three (3) directors will be elected to serve a four-year term. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available from: Gail Frantz, the Designated Election Official for the District, at 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms must be filed with the Designated Election Official for the District at the above address not less than 67 days prior to the election (Friday, February 28, 2014).
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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
By: /s/ Designated Election Official
Published: February 6, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF DINOSAUR
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 1, 2014
To: Any person, who is eligible by law, to be a candidate for the Offices of Mayor or Trustee for the Town of Dinosaur to be elected at the Municipal election to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 please

PUBLIC NOTICE
Unless specifically exempt by law, all persons owning, possessing, or controlling taxable business personal property with a total actual value greater than \$7,000 (per business, per county) are required to report the personal property to the county assessor by April 15, 2014. Personal Property Declaration Schedules have been mailed to every business, or company known to own, possess, or control taxable personal property in the county. Non-receipt of a Declaration Schedule DOES NOT excuse taxpayers from declaring taxable business personal property to the assessor. Licensed equipment that has a SMM tag or Z-Tab is not required to complete a Personal Property Declaration Schedule. If you have not received a Declaration Schedule and own business personal property in Rio Blanco County, please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970-878-9410.
Completed Declaration Schedules are due April 15, 2014. If you fail to file a Declaration Schedule, the assessor will establish a taxable value based on "best information available" and add a penalty of up to 25% of the valuation for the assessment of omitted property that is subsequently discovered.
Colorado law requires the county assessor to begin hearing objections to personal property valuations no later than June 13, 2014. Objections to personal property valuations must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office no later than June 30, 2014. If you have questions concerning your Notice of Valuation(s), please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970.878.9410.
Real Property
Colorado law, C.R.S. 39-1-104(10.2), currently requires a two-year reassessment cycle for all real property in the state of Colorado with year 2014 being an intervening year. Therefore, 2014 Notices of Valuation (NOV) will be sent only to property owners who had a change in valuation from last year. Changes in value may be attributed to new construction, demolished property, etc. Notices of Valuation will be sent on or around May 1, 2014 to those property owners that had a change in value. The NOV describes the property you own, gives the actual (or market) value for the prior and current years and describes the process to present objections to the assessor. If a property owner does not receive a Notice of Valuation (no change in value from last year), please check the "Actual Value" on the 2013 Property Tax Notice you received in January 2014 from the Rio Blanco County Treasurer. The Rio Blanco County Assessor will hear objections to real property classifications and 2014 valuations beginning no later than May 2, 2014. Objections to the valuation or classification of real property must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the Rio Blanco County Assessor no later than June 2, 2014. If you have questions concerning your Notice of Valuation(s), please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970.878.9410.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Rio Blanco County **qualifying** seniors and disabled veterans are urged to submit applications for their property tax exemption if they have not already done so. For more information please go to the Colorado Division of Property Taxation website at www.dola.colorado.gov/ dpt, click "Forms", then click on either "Disabled Veterans Exemption Application" or "Senior Exemption Forms" and follow the instructions. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the Rio Blanco County Assessor's office at 970.878.9410. If you have applied in the past and your application was approved for the exemption, you **do not** need to reapply.
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
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By: /s/ Cindy Rholl
Designated Election Official
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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
February 12, 2014
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 7:00 PM
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
A. Posting of Meeting Notice
B. Board Meeting Dates
C. Special District Association Membership
D. Meeker Chamber Membership
E. Designate Election Official, Polling Place
6. Old Business
A. Disinfection Upgrade Progress
B. Sewer Back Up Procedures, Review and Update
C. Plant Manager Report
D. Office Manager Report
7. Attorney
8. Board
A. Delinquent Accounts
B. Approve Current Bills
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 DINOSAUR
DISBURSEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2014
VENDOR DESCRIPTION, TOTAL
Gross Salaries, \$6,643.00
Contract Labor, \$-
P.E.R.A., Monthly Contributions, \$1,435.16
Colorado Dept. of Revenue, CWT, \$173.00
IRS, FWT/Med, \$653.66
Centurylink, Phone, Fax, Internet, \$240.32
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,142.19
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$84.05
Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$40.00
Caselle Inc., Support, \$251.00
LR Gateway Services LLC, Gas, Oil, grease, \$421.61
WestWater Engineering, Professional Services, \$15,073.49
Sav on Propane, Propane, \$3,083.35
Rangely Auto Parts, Fuel filter & tarp, \$42.80
Moffat county, 4th Qtr law enforcement & election, \$12,175.10
FedEx, Grant loan & water test, \$59.56
CML, 2014 Dues, \$331.00
Colorado Rural Water Association, Dues & Class, \$375.00
Rangely True Value, Ext. cords, adapt, paint, flooring base anti freeze, \$454.61
Severson Supply Co, Plow Parts, \$331.42
Stewart Welding & Machine Inc., Replaced cutting blade on plow, \$523.85
The Sign Man, Stop signs, \$445.69
International Code Council, Dues, \$125.00
Craig Ford, Police vehicle, \$26,668.00
L.A.W.S., Equipment & labor for police vehicle, \$3,884.18
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$74,657.64
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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White River Conservation District
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PUBLIC NOTICE
RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on Monday March 24, 2014, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:15 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
Re-Plat 14-01 - Alan Nielsen Minor Subdivision to resolve a boundary line encroachment issue between the land owners. 75 RBC Rd. 43, in Section 4, T1S, R93W, 6thP.M. (PIN# 162304200122) - Alan Nielsen/Howard S. Nielsen Memorial Pak, Shey L. Wangnild, & Ernest and Diane Kinzli Family Trust.
Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly, to the eligible electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("District") of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a polling place election will be held on the 6th day of May, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, one director will be elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors, and three directors will be elected to serve four-year terms on the Board of Directors.
In order to be a candidate for one of the director positions, a qualified individual must submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form. Self-Nomination and Acceptance Forms are available from Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official of the District. Contact information is as follows:
Cathy Kiser
101 Ute Road
Meeker, CO 81641
7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(970) 878-3403, ext. 404
(970) 878-3214 (Fax)
cathyk@meekerrecdistrict.com
The Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form must be returned to the Designated Election Official by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014. A Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form that is not sufficient may be amended once at any time before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014. Earlier submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit correcting an insufficient form.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that application for an absentee ballot may be filed with Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official, at the contact information referenced above, no later than the close of business on Friday, May 2, 2014, except that, if the applicant wishes to receive the absentee ballot by mail, the application must be filed no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official
Publish: February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2014
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If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is close of business on **Friday, February 28, 2014** (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, March 3, 2014** (the sixty-fourth day before the election).
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for a mail-in ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Friday, May 2, 2014**, except that, if the applicant wishes to receive the mail-in ballot by mail, the application shall be filed no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014**.
White River Conservation District
Stacey Gould, DEO
Published: February 6, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

LEGAL NOTICES

tions for absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, May 2, 2014).
RIO BLANCO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
By: /s/ Vicki Crawford
Designated Election Official
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATV, BOAT and Snowmobile Owners! You can now renew your Colorado OHV registrations on line at:
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Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 7 p.m., Weds. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m.
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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 crimes.

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

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

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

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

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON
Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal
878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program
Meals served at noon.
Reservations appreciated.
Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
FRIDAY, February 7: Sloppy Joe w/ bun, peas, scalloped corn, and peaches.
MONDAY, February 10: Sweet & sour chicken, steamed brown rice, chinese vegetables, strawberry applesauce and fortune cookie.
TUESDAY, February 11: French dip w/ auju, oven browned potatoes, mixed vegetables, orange and chocolate pudding.
WEDNESDAY, February 12: Corn beef & cabbage, potatoes & carrots, banana, cornbread and vanilla pudding.
FRIDAY, February 14: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Hamburger stroganoff, pasta, orange spiced carrots, beets, apricots, and biscuit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

For XC Skiing & Snowshoeing See:
White River Nordic Council at Facebook
For Grooming Reports, Events & Info

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE JANUARY 2014
NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.
Feb 1, No Bus
Feb 2, AM Bus
Feb 3, Bus in town
Feb 4, Bus in town
Feb 5, Bus in town
Feb 6, Bus in town, Grand Junction
Feb 7, Bus in town
Feb 8, No Bus
Feb 9, AM Bus
Feb 10, Bus in town
Feb 11, Bus in town, Foot Clinic
Feb 12, Bus in town
Feb 13, Bus in town, Rifle
Feb 14, Bus in town
Feb 15, No Bus
Feb 16, AM Bus
Feb 17, Bus in town
Feb 18, Bus in town
Feb 19, Bus in town
Feb 20, Bus in town, Grand Jct Medical
Feb 21, Bus in town
Feb 22, No Bus
Feb 23, AM Bus
Feb 24, Bus in town
Feb 25, Bus in town
Feb 26, Bus in town
Feb 27, Bus in town, Craig
Feb 28, Bus in town
Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW EDEN Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117. All services are confidential.

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HOMESCHOOL CLUB
Meeting every 2nd Monday of the month!
February 10, 6pm at 1033 Market Street
We will discuss curriculum options, club field trips and an opportunity for students of all ages to make Valentines cards together. Suzan Pelloni 970-623-2900

Pioneers Medical Center Home Health will be offering the monthly **Foot Clinic on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pines Apartments, 875 Water St.** A certified nurse assistant will trim toenails, provide skin care, and check blood pressures. Persons found to have circulatory or foot problems will be referred to a physician. Please call 878-9265 to schedule an appointment.

AUCTIONS
ESTATE AUCTION-SATURDAY, February 15th at 10:00 a.m. 180 Corner Lane, Craig CO. 3 electric wheelchairs, 1924 Stray Day dance invitation-Meeker CO, household furniture, small appliances, antiques & collectibles, coins, cast iron, ammo, tools and more. Estate of Ruth & Monty Sheridan, for more information call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Services (970) 260-5577. See web www.cpauction.com. "Call me about a sale for you."

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

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Notice of General Municipal Election

To be held on
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
At Town Hall 209 E Main
Rangely, Colorado

I, Lisa Piering, Town Clerk of Rangely, Colorado, DO I HEREBY GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE of a General Municipal Election for Town of Rangely Mayor and Council members to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at which time there will be elected:

ONE MAYOR, SERVING A 2-YEAR TERM
and
THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS, SERVING A 4-YEAR TERM

Each position shall be voted upon by the entire electorate of the Town. The person receiving the greatest number of votes for the Mayor, 2-year term shall be elected.

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

There will be one question that will be placed on the ballot at the time of this release.

Every person who has attained the age of 18 years possessing the following qualifications is entitled to register vote at all municipal elections:

He/she is a citizen of the United States;
He/she resided in the State of Colorado for thirty days prior to the municipal election at which he offers to vote.

The polls will be opened at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the election and will be closed at 7:00 p.m. April 1, 2014 at Town Hall, 209 E Main, Rangely Colorado, 81648.

Ballot's will not be mailed to electors unless you fill out an absentee ballot request application. Your application must be returned to the town clerk's office on or before March 28, 2014. You can download absentee ballot applications at [HYPERLINK "http://www.rangely.com" www.rangely.com](http://HYPERLINK) or come into the Town of Rangely offices at 209 E Main for blank forms. This application is necessary even for voters who were previously on Rio Blanco County's permanent mail-in voter list, which was recently eliminated as part of the state's election law adopted last legislative session.

*NOTE: The First day that nomination petitions maybe circulated is February 10, 2014.

Lisa Piering
Town Clerk/Treasurer

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Coaching Vacancies
The Meeker Re-1 School District is seeking qualified applicants to serve as Assistant Baseball and Assistant Track coaches at Meeker High School for the 2013/2014 season. Interested applicants must submit a letter of interest, a resume and a completed coaching application to the Meeker School District office. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until positions are filled. Applications can be picked up at the District Office located at 555 Garfield St. or downloaded off the Meeker website. The Meeker Re-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer



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CDL driver with tanker endorsement for work in the Piceance Creek area. Class A and oilfield experience preferred. Mountain driving helpful. Two years experience. Employee stays in camp during two weeks on, one week off. DOE Send resume to CDL Driver Position, PO Box 2013, Grand Junction, CO 81502 or email to employment@huffco.co

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

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

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

SPORTS OFFICIALS The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking Sports Officials with immediate openings for Youth Basketball. The season runs from January through March. There are ongoing openings for Youth Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball, Youth Flag Football, and Youth Soccer. Part time without benefits; hiring range is \$11.81-\$14.43/hr. Requirements include, but are not limited to: knowledge of sport and rules, ability to multitask and communicate effectively with adults and children. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. The ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

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2002 PONTIAC Grand Am, V6, 200,000+ miles. Asking \$1,000 OBO. Located at Rangely Airport. Call for details. (970) 854-5294.

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HOMES: RANGELY

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LAND/LOTS

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RENTALS: MEEKER

SMALL 2BDR house, deal for one or two people. \$500/month plus utilities. NS, NP. One year lease. Call (970) 878-3432.

1BDR, 1BA apartment, \$375/month. And a fully furnished 1BDR, 1BA apartment, \$400/month. Both include all utilities. Security deposit and references required. Call (970) 220-2150.

2BDR, 1BA remodeled manufactured home. All new appliances and flooring. \$550/month. 3BDR, 2BA apartment \$575/month. Both include water, sewer and trash. Deposit and references required. Call (970) 220-2150.

3 BDR, 1.5 BA, nicely furnished townhouse. Washer & dryer included. NS, water, trash & sewer included. \$775/mo. plus security deposit. 878-5858.

FOR RENT: Newly renovated- 4BDR, 1BA house. All appliances included. Water and sewer paid. NS, NP. \$850.00 a month. Call (970) 878-3257.

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY
1 BDR furnished apartment utilities included, quiet setting, no smoking, no pets. 878-4141 or 878-4198 leave message.

RENTALS: MEEKER

3BDR, 2BA, fenced yard, private location. References and security deposit required. \$850/month. Call (970) 878-5828.

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

LARGE HOUSE with river frontage for rent. Close to town. Available January 2014. \$1,900/month. References, deposit and minimum 1 year contract required. Call (970) 878-4138.

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RENTALS: MEEKER

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RENTALS: RANGELY

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1BDR, 1BA apartment. All utilities and wifi included. No smoking, no pets. \$800/month plus deposit. Call Ken (970) 675-8461.

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

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

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

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

1170 Cleveland Street, large home with full basement, family room, rec room, carport, nice trees. \$149,900

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

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

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

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

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

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

624 Market St. - Large restaurant building, currently being leased and recently remodeled with outstanding location. \$652,500

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

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

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

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

2 adjoining fantastic vacant lots in Sage Hills - **Reduced to \$35,000 each.**

41 developed lots in Sanderson Hills Re-subdivision, including Streets, Curbs, Electricity, Gas. Priced at \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots. **Call for details. Contractors, get started building.**

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- ◆ NEW! 642 12th Street Cute and Clean Bi-level, VERY motivated seller . \$165,000
- ◆ 1394 Ridge Road, move in ready, 3 bdrm, 2baPRICE REDUCED! \$255,000
- ◆ 1343 Sage Ridge Rd - New 3bdrm home, full basement \$219,000
- ◆ 517 Park Avenue - COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, PRIME locationSALE PENDING!
- ◆ SOLD! 1217 Main Street - Great starter home, 15000 SF corner lot \$149,500
- ◆ 242 Park Ave. - large site, 2+ bdrm home, large shop \$145,000
- ◆ Garfield St. Townhouses - 5 units, back on the market, buy 1 or all . . . \$29,900-\$49,900
- ◆ Vacant Lot - 1280 Garfield, includes water tap. Make Offer \$25,000
- ◆ 1036 Lance Cir - Ranch style home, full finished basementSALE PENDING!



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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *NEW 825 2nd St-4+ BR, 2 BA home , well maintained, fenced yard, 3 car garage & heated shop. \$235,000
- *NEW 1425 Mountain View Rd.-4 BR, 3 BA home on a private lot with amazing views. Well maintained. \$189,900.
- *NEW 146 Garfield- Unique commercial property or ? Loading dock, workshop, small apartment, storage. \$100,000
- *830 Water St- Great Rental Property -Lg family home or can be a 2, 3, or 4 plex, big shop. \$175,000.
- *910 Water St, Space 6- Very nice 3 BR, 2 BA, double-wide trailer. \$59,000 Sale Pending
- *1369 Juniper Rd.- Beautiful home on 2 large lots, 3BR, 2 1/2 BA, attached garage, landscaped w/ sprinkler system, covered patio. \$275,000 Also a 3rd adjacent lot available @ \$35,000
- *917 4th St.- Beautiful 5 BR, 3 BA home on 2 quiet, private lots. Basement, garage, trees. **Reduced to \$260,000**
- *830 Water St- 3BR, 2BA one level home, fenced corner lot. Garage. Move in ready. \$175,900
- *585 Cleveland St.- 3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every area! Private fenced back yard, shop, big carport, trees. **SCHEDULE A SHOWING. \$449,000**
- *970 9th St.- 4 BR 3-1/2BA two story log home, large lot, carport. \$169,000 **REDUCED!**
- *11 East Main St- 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. **REDUCED \$193,500**
- *562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000 **MAKE AN OFFER!**
- *643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$129,000. **REDUCED!**
- *939 Park Ave.-4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jetted bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. \$294,900 **SOLD**

RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *NEW 1190 CR 63 - 376 Acre Hunting & Grazing Property-12 mi. E. of Meeker, 3 BR, 2 BA home, borders Oak Ridge state hunting land. Cattle grazing land. Creeks, ponds. \$1,100,000.
- *1161 CR 8- 5 acres, river view, remodeled 2-BR 2 BA, carport, deck, A/C, new heating system. \$349,000
- *950 CR 14- Mountain cabin 26 miles up river. 2 BR, 1 BA with great views, in the woods. \$289,000.
- *13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$360,000
- *4637 CR 8- 77 irrigated acres, 2 story home, barns, shop, sheds, hay pastures, good water. \$690,000.
- *River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
- *2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, Beautiful setting! \$65,000 **REDUCED**
- *710 Shaman Tr.- 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
- *24530 County Rd. 8- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000
- *40 Acres up South Fork- Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access, **HUNTING. \$585,000.**
- *13051 CR 8- 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. \$435,000. **SALE PENDING!**

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- *NEW 145 Garfield- commercial building w/ apartment, loading dock, over 3,000 sq. ft. \$100,000
- *109 Market St.-3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location Next to new Family Dollar Store \$299,000
- *Rifle, CO-9 vacant lots near City Hall & new theater, excellent investment opportunity. \$1,800,000
- *Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 1/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, cafe, living quarters. **Reduced \$130,000.**
- *Silt, CO- 15 Acre River Front Commercial- 1-70 frontage road, just off of Silt exit, next to Holiday Inn Express. Excellent visibility & access. Utilities to boundary. Water rights. \$950,000.
- *304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000

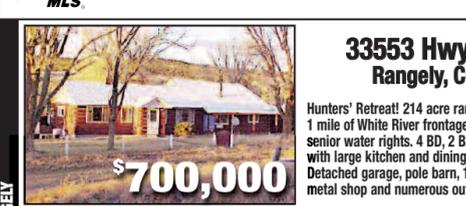
RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- *County Rd. 8- mile marker 29 1/2, amazing 29 acre parcel with a driveway, building site, water rights & more, borders BLM & National Forest \$349,000
- *NEW Juniper Rd. - large lot in Sage Hills. \$35,000
- *860 Shaman Trail- 5.5 acre lot just east of Meeker, Ute Terrace Sub., town water, awesome views. \$90,000
- *Ridge Estates- 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. **Prices starting from \$75,600.** 1 mile south of town.
- *359 Love Lane-5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000
- *River Property-19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- *Several nice building lots on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000. 1144-1146 Michael **SALE PENDING!**
- *20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$63,000
- *Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4: 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loading shed, great site. **REDUCED TO \$79,000.**
- *Little Beaver Estates Lot 5: 35 acres, good pond, pasture. Partially fenced. \$83,000.
- *Little Beaver Estates- 20 35 acre lots bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000, Lot 12 **SOLD!**
- *Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$100,000
- *1187 Park Ave- 2 corner lots, zoned for multi-family, lots of trees. Town Ditch. \$65,000.
- *879 Pine St.-11,250 Sq. ft. lot, great neighborhood, nice building site. \$28,000
- *100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.

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Hunters' Retreat! 214 acre ranch with over 1 mile of White River frontage. Excellent senior water rights. 4 BD, 2 BA ranch home with large kitchen and dining area. Detached garage, pole barn, 1200 sq. ft. metal shop and numerous outbuildings.

- ◆ 300 4th St. East, 3 BR 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur, 1744 Sq Ft built in 1981. Large garden space with water tap. Two large outbuildings. Lots of room to park toys. \$130,000
- ◆ 3103 Moffat County Rd 104, Skull Creek Flats, Dinosaur, 1.792 sf single family home w/ 360 sf addition, all on a total of 30 acres. numerous out buildings, include 1200 SF pole barn and finished 1008 SF frame built garage. \$219,000
- ◆ 315 8317 N. Grand Ave. Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. Priced to Sell! \$139,500 **Excellent income property.**
- ◆ 5 acres vacant land on CR 104, Dinosaur. Skull Creek Flats, Area 10 w/ Great views \$7,500

- ◆ NEW LISTING: 980 9th Street. Top of 9th Street, 3 bed, 2 1/2 bathroom home. With lg. laundry/hobby room, upgraded kitchen, 2 car garage, lots of storage and great views! (24 hour notice to show) Priced to sell. \$177,000
- ◆ 1376 Juniper Rd. Extensive remodeling on the 1st level, beautiful chef's kitchen w/ pantry and lots of working room, granite countertops, all new appliances new flooring through-out entire main level Large walk-in master bedroom closet, new paint & bannisters. Total 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 3 car garage with asphalt driveway. 20,000 + sf lot. \$280,000
- ◆ 757 3rd Street, Awesome 3 BD, 1 3/4 Bath home meticulously remodeled. Italian marble floor in bathrooms w/ Jacuzzi tub in master bath, nice open Kitchen & dining area, beautiful hardwood floors on the main level and a fully finished basement with built-in entertainment center. Covered patio and to complete this property a wonderful 780 SF detached garage wired for sound system. \$245,000
- ◆ RIMROCK CAMPGROUND- 73179 HWY 64/Meeker- Great Income property, 14.5 acres offering 1,435 SF home w/ 238 SF att. front office. numerous cabins & outbuildings, single wide mobile home rental. Good producing water well. 30 full RV hook-ups w/2 primitive sites, tent sites and fully laundry area W/ coin-op machines. Large established shade trees. Have to see this one - Priced to move \$438,000

1153 & 1163 Market Street - SOLD | 208 E. Rio Blanco - SOLD | 1025 Jill Drive - SOLD
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RESIDENTIAL

- 307 & 311 S. Sunset Ave. Duplex on large lot 2 bed 1 bath each \$40,500
- 924 Tropic Sweet 3 BD/2 Bath Manufactured Home on large lot w/garage \$80,000
- 511 E. Rio Blanco Ave. Comfortable 3 Bd/1 Bath home on large lot 1,362 sq.ft. \$120,000
- 606 E. Rio Blanco Ave. Spacious 2 story 3 bed 2 bath 2040 sq. ft. \$139,900
- 1121 Foothill Dr. Updated home 3Bd/1 Bath 2 car garage Built in 1946 1,797 sq ft \$168,400
- 1101 Tanglewood Ln. Well kept 3Bd/2 Bath Built in 1982 1,512 sq ft \$167,900
- 226 Morrison Ave. Bi-level next to park 3Bd/2 Bath 1,686 sq ft 960 sq ft garage \$183,000
- 208 Hillcrest Cir Spectacular views 3Bd/1.75 Bath w/sauna Built in 1983 1,960 sq ft \$185,000
- 1524 La Mesa Beautifully updated home 3 BD/2 Bath. 1544 sq. ft. 2-car garage. \$219,000
- 236 Ridge Rd. Spacious 3 Bd/2.5 Bath home. 2,803 sq. ft. with 2-car garage. \$224,900
- 1380 La Mesa Cir. Gorgeous home 3Bd/2 Bath built in 2006. 1932 sq. ft. \$249,000

COMMERCIAL

- 111 Foothill Dr. 6 plex Great Investment Property \$350,000
- 313 W. Main St. 1,920 sq. ft. Commercial Building with great energy updates! \$129,900

DINOSAUR

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

LOTS/LAND

- 3 lots in Ridgeview Sub. Various