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Crab crackin' ...

Roughly 300 people attended the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Crab Crack on Saturday night on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus, where the chamber also announced the community's top businesses of the year. For photos of the winners, see Page 9A.



Meeker schools may again ask voters to fund shortfall

By **BOB LANGE**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Voters in the Meeker School District may be asked again in November to pass a tax levy override to fund the district and help bail out the district in its major funding shortfall.

Two financial consultants and the district attorney conference-called into the Feb. 4 meeting of the Meeker School Board to offer their insight about mill levy overrides and why the 3A ballot initiative didn't pass in November.

Both consultants emphasized the importance of a public process to develop any ballot initiative and to make sure to have public input in determining the amount and purpose

of the proposed overrides.

Consultant Dan O'Connell has studied the successes and failures of school finance measures statewide and found a pattern of success in even years and failure in odd years. He said only 27 percent of the funding measures passed in 2013 and only 17 percent passed in 2011. In contrast, 94 percent of the measures passed in 2012 and 70 percent passed in 2010.

To pass school funding measures, "the onus is on the local community," O'Connell said.

O'Connell, who is with the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Capital Markets, worked with the MSD to craft the bond measure for the Meeker Elementary School in 2008 and RBC services the bonds for the building fund.

He said the district could ask for a

\$914,000 mill levy and stay within state requirements. Any mill levy override passed by the voters cannot exceed 25 percent of the district's total program budget.

"Assessed value is going down, but is still at a historical high," said O'Connell. The assessed property value in Rio Blanco County was \$57 million in 2000, and is now \$790 million.

Since bond payments and budgets of special taxing districts are not directly dependent on assessed value, mill levies are adjusted to raise funds as needed to meet obligations in a given year.

There is public concern about the participation of bond companies in public funding campaigns as described by David Olinger in a *Denver Post* article in May 2013. The article

stated that in several cases, school districts paid unusually high fees for the amount of bonds sold after an investment bank contributed election services to the campaign.

O'Connell acknowledged the potential conflict and said he could not participate in the effort directly but could do a workshop or help with mailers if the district reimburses his expenses.

Later in the meeting, the Meeker School Board did not sound comfortable with anything other than reimbursing expenses for a workshop or maybe printing a brochure. No decision was made to hire either financial consultant.

There is a balance of about \$200,000 left in the elementary school construction fund.

Superintendent Mark Meyer said the

funds could be used for building maintenance anywhere in the district, according to measure passed by the voters. To make his point he read the statute passed by voters in 2008.

Later in the meeting the board passed a measure to use the funds, and Meyer asked the principals to come up with a list of projects at each of the schools for the board to vote on.

Later there was discussion of mill levies for special taxing districts within Rio Blanco County with MSD's Attorney Darryl Farrington. Farrington is general counsel to approximately 35 school districts and boards throughout Colorado.

There was consensus among Farrington and the MSD board and that special taxing

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List of GOP candidates on the rise

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RBC I The Republican Party in Rio Blanco County is amassing a number of candidates who have filed for election or re-election to office in 2014, including a number of incumbents who will be running to remain in office.

With the announcement that long-time Sheriff Si Woodruff will not be running again, Republicans Anthony Mazzola and Mike Joos of Meeker have filed their intent to run with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office.

Republican Boots Campbell, who is presently an employee of the county Clerk & Recorder's office, has filed her intention to run for clerk and recorder as incumbent Nancy Amick will not be running for re-election.

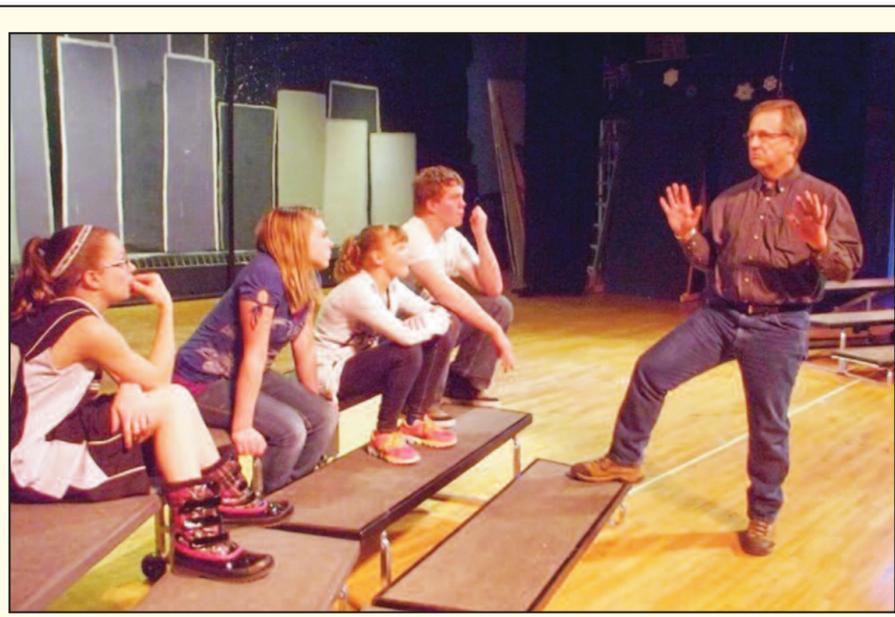
The remainder of those Republican candidates who have filed candidate affidavits are incumbents: Assessor Renae Neilson, District 1 County Commissioner Shawn Bolton, County Coroner Dr. Albert Krueger, M.D.; County Surveyor Jonathan Leif Joy; and County Treasurer Karen Arnold, who is also secretary/treasurer of the Rio Blanco County Republican Party.

Readers can track further filings by candidates of either party by visiting the Secretary of State's site: www.tracer.sos.colorado.gov, enter "Candidate Search," for jurisdiction, choose Rio Blanco, and, for election year, choose 2014.

Registration for CNCC open

MEEKER I Registration is open for Spring 2014 classes at the Meeker office of Colorado Northwestern Community College.

The following classes are available: Microsoft Excel I, Excel II and PowerPoint in March and April; Herbs for Health and Healing Advanced Feb. 20; Pre-GED Preparation Feb. 24; and Intermediate Knitting March 12.



COURTESY PHOTO

Professor Timothy Pinnow, chairman of the theater arts department at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, led a performing arts outreach seminar at Meeker High School on Saturday. From left to right are Savanna May, Sena Zellers, Analise Amack, Layton Bair and Pinnow. Two more seminars are planned this year.

Meeker arts council begins series of theater workshops

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MEEKER I Professor Timothy Pinnow, chairman of the Department of Theater Arts at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, presented the first of a series of performing arts outreach workshops for drama students at Meeker High School on Saturday.

Introduction to acting and development of characters was the featured topic. It began with students practicing the walk and body language of various characters, followed by development of character voice expression techniques.

Each student was asked to emulate a character they knew or had performed in previous theater productions, which resulted in quite a variety of creativity on the part of the students, including Layton Bair, Sena Zellers, Analise Amack and Savanna May. Directors included Laurie Zellers and Bob Amick.

At the close of the workshop, students asked Pinnow how he got his start in performing arts, and he

related the story that his mother had volunteered him at age 9 for a part in a play to fill in for another student who became ill just the night before the performance. As it turned out, he performed the part very well, and developed a great enthusiasm for performing arts.

He acted in high school and majored in theater and dance in college, then entered a career as a professional actor and dancer. He has performed in a plethora of classic Shakespeare productions, Broadway musicals and plays before becoming a professor and theater arts department chair.

Pinnow has invited the drama club students to join in a workshop at Colorado Mesa University on March 1, when they will be participating in more acting training and will tour the Robinson Theater at the Moss Performing Arts Center. They will meet with cast and crew members of "Legally Blond" and then attend the performance that evening.

Meeker High School Drama Club members, International Thespians Society Troupe 1284

members and the Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group cast from the ERBM Recreation and Parks District participated in the workshop and will travel to Grand Junction on March 1.

A third performing arts outreach program later in the spring will feature a similar trip to Denver, where the students will participate in workshops and orientation sessions with cast and crew members of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and a Buell Theatre production. Students will also visit the Denver Art Museum, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, IMAX Theater and Gates Planetarium during their trip.

The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council and the ERBM Recreation and Parks District, in cooperation with the Meeker School District, are pleased to sponsor these performing arts and cultural outreach seminars for the benefit of the youth and adults of Meeker schools and community, Amick said.

County: Courthouse, Rangely expansion top priority for this year

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RBC I In 2014, Rio Blanco County will implement a number of projects to update several county facilities and services.

"There are several projects planned throughout the year," stated Eric Jaquez, the county's planning coordinator. "I think the residents will be pleased with the improvements."

The Courthouse Renovation and Expansion Project will be in full swing in 2014, with project completion expected in 2015.

In November 2013, Reilly Johnson was selected as the architectural firm on the project, and company officials have been meeting with the courts, sheriff's staff and other users of the building to gain a full understanding of current and future needs.

The architects are currently working on a conceptual design, and the commissioners have requested that the conceptual design meet four key criteria:

Develop a plan that will bring the sheriff's offices, judges' chambers,

district and county courts, and the detention center into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and current state regulations; create an environment for the historical downtown square of Meeker that will encourage economic traffic, while maintaining and enhancing a public gathering area that can be utilized for various events including concerts, community celebrations, and more; produce an architectural design that fits the flavor of the current downtown buildings; and take into consideration the historical value of, and explore possibly repurposing the old Meeker Elementary School building.

In Rangely, two county departments will be relocating to offer residents more centralized access to services.

The Health and Human Services staff will move from Rangely Town Hall to their own building at 101 E. Main, west of the Rangely Library, (formerly the Rio Blanco Realty

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Appreciation Tea to be held for Shimko Feb. 22

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MEEKER I The Rio Blanco County Historical Society Board and museum members are grateful for Sandy Shimko's 13 years of dedicated, dependable service.

In light of her recent resignation, there will be an Appreciation Tea in the lobby of the Meeker Hotel on Feb. 22. Everyone is invited to come by between 2 and 4 p.m. to enjoy a hot cup of tea, a snack and share stories and appreciation of Shimko's accomplishments.

Shimko began working in the White River Museum on weekends in 2001. Coming from a pioneer family herself, she offered a unique love for history. Her main duty soon became on-site docent as she gave information to the many visitors who passed through the museum.

She used her research skills pulling together information to share



Sandy Shimko

with local pioneers, as well as for publications and presentations.

She was instrumental in initiating the accession of museum artifacts into digital files and even served as the board secretary at one time.

Sandy certainly did her part to help keep history alive through her efforts at the White River Museum and the board commended her for the time served.

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BRIEFS

Memorial cribbage tournament Saturday

RANGELY | The annual Carl Rector Memorial Cribbage Tournament, sponsored by Silver Sage RV Park, will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, starting at 9 a.m. at Rangely Elks Club No. 1907 in Rangely. Entry fee is \$20, which includes lunch. All proceeds will go to the Elks Club's youth programs. For more information, contact Tim Webber at 629-1715 or at the WRBM Recreation District at 675-8211.

Free health insurance help offered

MEEKER | Free health insurance help is available in Meeker over the next two weeks through the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services, representing Connect for Health Colorado. Meeker will host open enrollment events from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays Feb. 19 and Feb. 26 as a Connect for Health Colorado insurance options marketplace. The Meeker events will be held at the Meeker Public Library. Persons are asked to bring a laptop computer if one is accessible; otherwise, one will be provided. Attendees are asked to make sure to have Social Security numbers for all members in your household, current insurance policy information and a household income estimate for 2014. For more information, please call 970-987-2679.

You Got Talent competition coming

RBC | "Colorado You Got Talent" will be holding auditions in Rio Blanco County this summer, and talented individuals from this and surrounding counties are invited to take part. "Colorado You Got Talent" is Colorado's largest premier talent competition. Its auditions are for the best youths and adults to compete in the 2014 state regional finals. The competition will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday June 8 at Mountain Valley Bank in Meeker. All ages and kinds of talent are welcome in the competition. For more information, check out the website: www.coloradotalent.org.

Student exchange hosts sought

RBC | World Heritage Student Exchange Programs is now looking for American families to host high school students from Eurasia. Each of these exceptional students have received scholarships through the U.S. State Department-sponsored "Future Leaders Exchange Program" (FLEX) and will spend an academic year in the United States. This historic program seeks to foster democracy and values inherent in a free market economy. Support of these students and this program reinforces the United States' commitment to education and opportunity throughout the world. To become a host family or find out more about World Heritage and the prestigious FLEX Program, please contact local area representative Courtney Wade, at 720-209-1145 or 866-939-4111, via email at Courtney@World-Heritage.org or visit www.whhosts.com. World Heritage looks forward to welcoming Rio Blanco County residents to the ranks of host families nationwide, contributing to world peace and understanding through student exchange programs.

PRESENTATIONS ...



Student Chevy Mohr, at podium, and industrial arts and technology teacher Zach Clatterbaugh presented two wood name-plate plaques, one for current MSD board members and one for past MSD board members. Clatterbaugh said Mohr designed and built the plaques, including engraving the metal plates. In the back row, from left, are current board members Dan Chinn, Mindy Burke, Bill deVergie, Marnell Bradfings, Bud Ridings, Kurt Blunt and Todd Shults.

BOB LANGE

MSD presentations offer looks at student life

By **BOB LANGE**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Student presentations are common at Meeker School Board meetings, and the Feb. 4 meeting was no exception with the Meeker High School football players being recognized, Future Farmers of America (FFA) members who recently went to a national convention were introduced, and there was a safe driving presentation by Meeker Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Meeker High School football players J.C. Henderson, Jake Phelan and T.J. Shelton were recognized for their all-conference team selections and Joe Newman, Tristan Pelloni, Raul Lopes and Willis Begaye were chosen to the honorable mention all-

conference team. Activities and athletic director Brett Steinacher expressed how proud he was of the football team this year. Two teams competed at the National FFA Convention & Expo and had the opportunity to visit Louisville, Ky., landmarks like the Louisville Slugger factory. For her ability to select and evaluate livestock, Madi Shults was recognized with a gold emblem while Sam Baylie and Maclaine Shults earned silver and Ty Dunham earned bronze for individual livestock judging. The livestock team earned silver overall. The FFA agricultural issues team made up of Kaylynn Dunham, Jamie McLaughlin, Brittany Smith, Tristan Nielson and Anna George earned a bronze emblem. To qualify for the National Agricultural Issues Forum, teams must design a presentation that addresses contemporary agricultural issues. The teams competed at local and state levels for the privilege of

representing their state at the national convention. "If you text you're next," was one of the sayings to remind students and parents not to drive while distracted. The Meeker chapter of the FCCLA will be presenting a red ribbon week presentation at the elementary school and other community events to remind people how dangerous distracted driving can be. Shelby Burke and McKenna Kummer made the presentation to the board Tuesday night. Student Chevy Mohr and industrial arts and technology teacher Zach Clatterbaugh presented two new wood plaques, one for current board members and one for past board members. Clatterbaugh said Mohr designed and built the plaques, including engraving the metal plates. Teacher Chris Foreback reported on the Alternative School or the "Alt School" as students call it. Foreback is helped by John Strate, Scott

Aldridge and many other teachers as needed. The purpose of the school is to proactively help at-risk students. Foreback said 50 to 60 percent of his students work outside of school and the school does its best to tailor curriculum to the unique needs of its students. "Some days, we have breakthroughs and it makes the effort worthwhile," Foreback said. The Alternative School currently has 19 students. Foreback said he had six transitions to regular classes, two completed General Educational Development (GED) tests and he lost only one student this year. Past Alternative School graduates have gone on to study automotive repair, welding, nursing, midwife school, truck driving, culinary arts, surveying and some have gone on to four-year colleges. Foreback said the biggest factor toward seeing success lies with parental involvement.

Benefit snowmobile run Sunday

By **SEAN McMAHON**
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MEEKER | The third annual "I Ride with James" Poker and Snowmobile Ride will be held Sunday to help support the James Sizemore Memorial Scholarships and Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue. Beginning at 10 a.m., snowmobilers should meet at the Lost Creek Trailhead at the end of County Road 8. There will be a buy-in of \$25 for five cards or participants can buy

extra cards for \$10 each at the end of the ride. The highest straight hand wins the grand prize, followed by first, second and third places. Check-in for cards is 3 p.m. with prizes awarded at 4 p.m. Grand prize is a brand new Polaris 120 kids' sled. First place for the poker run is \$1,000, second place pays \$500 and third place wins \$250. There is also a prize for oldest snowmobile and another for ugliest snowmobile. There will also be prizes for all kids who attend. Supporters will be able to buy a set of hands even if they don't ride

snowmobiles. Folks are also invited to enjoy the eat-all-you-can-eat chili, hamburgers and hot dogs after the ride. Cost is by donation only. Cathy Sizemore said the event is in memory of her and Mike Sizemore's son, James, who was killed Feb. 11, 2011, in an avalanche on nearby Sand Peak. "Our registration building is James' old school bus that he used to take a bunch of his friends dirt biking," Sizemore said. "So each year since his death on President's weekend in 2011, we have held this memorial in memory of James and his bus." She said the five-stop poker run helps fund two \$1,000 scholarships for Meeker High School seniors - one for a male student; the other for a female student. Other funds go to assist Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue. "It really is a great time for a couple of great causes," Sizemore said. "It's a lot of fun to take part in and to watch, and we welcome anyone who wishes to take part or just stop in and watch to come and join us."

The Dick Merriam family extends our heartfelt appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness. A sincere thank you for all the flowers, food, cards and donations. We are truly blessed to live in such a warm and wonderful community.

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The Pioneers Medical Center Pediatric Care Clinic had its public open house on Friday, and the medical staff at the clinic was present to meet visitors and introduce them to clinic's services. In one of the examination rooms are, from left to right: medical assistant Nicole LeBlanc; Dr. Elizabeth Buisker, D.O.; Dr. Kellie Turner, M.D.; and Dr. Chris Williams, M.D. The clinic is open Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The physicians have partnered with Rocky Mountain Youth Center to develop a pediatrics program for the Meeker Community. The clinic is a youth-only (ages birth to 15 years) kid-friendly atmosphere. The phone numbers for more information at or about the clinic are 878-9334 or 878-4014.



Dr. Chris Williams, M.D., left, shows the Pioneers Medical Center Pediatric Care Clinic to visitors during Friday afternoon's open house on the second floor of the Hugus Building, at the intersection of Sixth and Main streets in Meeker. Visitors to the clinic included Kristen Battige with two-month old daughter Lilah, and Nicole Dupire with 1-year-old twins Parker and Myles. The clinic offers up-to-date developmental screenings and guidance as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and follows the gold standard for pediatric and adolescent care.

State awards funds for breast-feeding groups in Rangely; Meeker is later

By HEATHER ZADRA
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RANGELY A breast-feeding support group cosponsored by the Rio Blanco County Women, Infant and Children (WIC) office and Rangely District Hospital (RDH) held its first meeting last week for expectant and nursing mothers in Rangely.

The group, funded in December by a \$5,350 Colorado WIC Breast-feeding Supportive Communities special projects grant, will provide speakers, educational resources and personal and professional support to mothers considering breast-feeding or who are currently breast-feeding, WIC educator and project coordinator Mary Dillon said. The grant will also fund a breast-feeding group startup in Meeker in the next two months.

Fifteen agencies statewide received WIC grant monies with organizations proposing to partner with other contributing agencies given priority, award letters stated. In addition to RDH and WIC collaborating to support breast-feeding — RDH registered nurse Tanja Saunders will help lead the support group — Dillon hopes other local organizations, like New Eden Pregnancy Care Services and the Rangely Moms group, will find ways to get involved.

"From my perspective, whenever community resources are pooled together, the entire community benefits," Dillon said. "This isn't just a job for most of us. It's a commitment to the community."

The grant award letter from Jennifer Dellaport, the state WIC Program breast-feeding coordinator, stated that the review committee liked Dillon's proposal to eventually provide 24-hour support to nursing women via volunteers and professionals involved with the support group. Until nurses receive lactation management training via WIC in April, though, Dillon said she's willing to be available whenever mothers have questions or concerns.

Colorado has a history of support for breast-feeding, with the fourth-highest percentage nationwide of mothers who have ever breast-fed, at 89.1 percent, according to the Center for Disease Control's 2013 Breast-feeding Report Card. More than 56 percent of Colorado mothers still breast-feed their infants at six months, the 10th-highest ranking in the country and just a few percentage points shy of the federal government's Healthy People 2020 initiative to have 60 percent of mothers still nursing after six months.

Dillon said collaborative efforts like the breast-feeding support group can help Rio Blanco County come abreast of state trends.

"We have so many moms here who are craving support and education," Dillon said. "I think we have a great start with New Eden and the

(Rangely) Moms group. Now we just need to be able to reach more moms."

The American Academy of Pediatrics and La Leche League International have long touted the benefits of breast milk for babies. But cultural trends — like the practice of feeding infants tainted cows' milk in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, resulting in skyrocketing infant mortality rates — along with stigmas around breast-feeding and hit-and-miss public education campaigns kept the percentages of breast-feeding mothers in the 20s until the early 1970s.

A surge in breast-feeding in the 1970s paralleled the women's health reform movement, pushing breast-feeding rates up an average of 3 percent per year throughout the decade. But by the mid-1980s, rates of mothers who initiated breast-feeding or nursed their babies at least once before leaving the hospital, had declined, leading government agencies and private organizations to collaborate on educating mothers, particularly minority and poor women, about the advantages of breast-feeding to themselves and their children.

Now, more than two decades later, the focus is on factors proven to increase the likelihood of breast-feeding initiation and duration: giving mothers training and support at the centers or hospitals where they give birth; providing access to volunteer and professional help after they come home; and offering continued support in work and childcare settings as babies grow.

Dillon said the Rio Blanco County support groups will focus on initiation and duration by providing resources via a breast-feeding "library" bought by grant dollars, giving women access to lactation consultants at Saint Mary's Hospital when they need extra help and offering a space for mothers to encourage each other in their efforts.

Weekly sessions, held in Rangely District Hospital's conference room from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, will teach mothers topics ranging from sleep and mothers' and babies' nutritional needs to physical changes mothers undergo while nursing.

Dillon, who attended a Glenwood Springs breast-feeding support group with daughter Jessica and then-newborn grandson Jack in October, said the help her daughter and other women received from the group was tremendous.

"I realized that someone who doesn't have support is really set up for failure," she said. "It's one of those things. If you know somebody else is breast-feeding who's going through the same thing, it keeps you wanting to stick with (nursing), too."

WIC and RDH are required to spend the special project grant funds for Rio Blanco County breast-feeding support groups by June, after which time Dillon plans for the groups to be self-supporting.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

Mini vacation drove off cabin fever; wind here no problem

By SEAN McMAHON
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I had a great relaxing mini-vacation over the weekend. It was just what the doctor ordered to clean the fog off my windows, and I never even left Rio Blanco County.

I hadn't been out of Rio Blanco overnight since September and the cabin fever had been closing in a bit. So instead of just crossing the county to cover the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Crab Crack, my wife and I left here at noon on Saturday, went to lunch when we arrived in town, checked into a comfortable motel, watched the Olympics and the insides of our eyelids throughout the afternoon until it was time to take a shower and get ready for the Crab Crack.

After the chamber's annual Crab Crack, which was one of the most impressive and delicious meals my tired old windows had ever seen or my stomach had eaten, we went back to the hotel, watched more Olympics,

went to sleep and checked out of the room about 11:30 a.m. This was a real treat for someone who is usually out of bed by 6 a.m.

It was just the getaway or change of scenery that was needed.

I haven't been able to get over to Rangely as much as I have wanted this winter just because of the weather and late-night fear of hitting a deer or elk among the driving snowflakes.

But the Crab Crack was truly impressive.

The capacity 300 people did a fine job of eliminating between 600 and 700 pounds of king crab meat as well as plenty of other goodies from potatoes au gratin to salad, and green beans to chocolate-frosted yellow cake, with all the water and iced tea one could drink or all the beer and wine that one could purchase and consume. (For those of you around — and I know there are many of you — who have never eaten king crab, there is nothing quite like it on this earth. When it comes to eating, there are three favorites that jump out

immediately, in order, and that is king crab, lamb and good prime rib.) King crab is nothing like snow crab or Dungeness crab; it is much, much larger, meatier and sweeter.

It was a great time to see the acquaintances I do have in Rangely and a wonderful opportunity to meet many more Rangely residents.

The food was good for lunch downtown on Saturday and Sunday, although the choices were few on Sunday, and it was a great time to drive around and visit a few shops, set my foot for the first time in the White River Market and just check out the town some more and visit the parks, even though they were pretty well blanketed with snow.

The getaway was brief, it was fun and it was friendly. It brightened the darkness of a long winter and rejuvenated the spirit.



Thanks Rangely, you made my weekend.

I generally hate telephones. I am on the phone at the office almost constantly and while I am sitting at my desk, the cell phone rings fairly often.

I do, however, admit to being a bit of a weather freak, so I keep my phone close so I can find out what is happening around Northwest Colorado for what I might expect to see in Rio Blanco County within the next couple of hours.

I often hear from Meeker residents that this has been a long, cold winter and that many are already looking forward to spring.

Well, I can safely say that this week has the first forecast 40-plus-degree highs that my phone has shown me since before the big cold-out in December. While I wouldn't mind admitting that I would like to see the temperatures a bit higher, I really enjoy watching the snow.

I also get a kick out of the people of Rio Blanco County who think this place is windy.

Sorry, folks. I don't think so! I grew up in Boulder, which they used to say had the highest wind of any metropolitan area in the United States. I can believe it. I have seen a lot of roofs blown off a lot of houses in that city.

Then I spent nine years in Central Wyoming around Riverton and

Casper, neither of which is a metropolitan area but will give Boulder at run for windiness any day.

Then I spent nine years in Southern Arizona, which is also really windy from March through October and sometimes from March to March. The only good thing about that is that the wind or a good strong breeze is usually welcome from May to October because it is really hot as well.

Then I spent another four years in Wyoming with two of those years at Rawlins, which is known by Wyomingites and other travelers as being along that nasty I-80 corridor, where it never stops blowing.

Then I spent 18 years in Northwest Arizona, about 90 miles southeast of Las Vegas and I can say that from April to October, it can blow for weeks at a time.

When my wife and I got tired of Arizona, we sat down and looked all over Colorado and Wyoming (my home state and hers, respectively) for a place that wasn't windy. We both like snow; cold temperatures can be dealt with; we wanted a small town; we needed to be within two hours of an airport; and the reason we looked at Colorado and Wyoming is that we haven't spent much time in the last 30 years near family. But the No. 1 thing we looked at was the wind.

While we both like the winter, we didn't like that everywhere we've lived for the past 30 years — including Arizona — the snow fell horizontally. In its left-alone, natural state,

snow actually falls from high to low. It doesn't naturally fall from right to left or from front to back. It falls down. We hadn't seen that in nearly 30 years.

But it falls down in Rio Blanco County.

It is really a beautiful sight when snow falls down and builds up all around you. What a difference from all those places where snow blows sideways and causes five or six foot drifts.

When we lived in Rawlins, we had a townhouse less than a block off Interstate 80. It had a 10-foot high fence all around the back yard, which was about 25 feet wide.

Each winter no matter what we did, the snow in the back yard was down bare on the west side of the yard and we could walk the snowdrift up and over the 10-foot fence to the east.

That isn't winter. That is a prolonged blizzard.

The weather is wonderful here in the winter — made all the better just because snow is left alone and because it falls down.

I have seen exactly three days since I moved here almost 11 months ago today that I would consider windy, and even they weren't windy for more than two or three hours at a time.

Appreciate it, folks. If you think this place is windy, you haven't been outside of Rio Blanco County very much in your life. Yet, that may be a good thing!

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Thanks to all who dined at Cuppa Joe and Wendll's Wondrous Wiener Wagon to support "Plates for Non-Profits"! Profits that day went to support the Meeker Community Wrestling Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Food donations from Watt's Ranch Market, and sales from lunch brought in over \$700 for the Wrestling Club. Congratulations to Rev. John Laughlin and Christine Lubner who won the drawing of two free tickets to the Dual Wrestling Meet.

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Join the Chamber at the Annual Dinner and Award Ceremony. This year's theme is "Meeker's Amazing Race", where there will be fun

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February 14-May 3, 2014 Museum of the West, 462 Ute Ave, Grand Junction

The Rio Blanco Historical Society and White River Museum has an exhibit at the Museum of the West telling the story of the Milk Creek Battle and the commemoration site at the Milk Creek Battlefield Park. The theme of the entire exhibit is "Treasures of the Community." Each participating museum, historical society and library will fashion their contribution to the overall exhibition using stories and artifacts from their collection.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
More details about these January events can be found on our Community Calendar on our website www.meekerchamber.com
Please visit our website to add your own public event!
Items in bold are sponsored by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.
Events sponsored by others are indicated

- Feb 16: "I Ride with James" Poker and Fun Ride
- Feb 17: Presidents Day - No School
- Feb 18: Meet Abraham Lincoln
- Feb 19: "Active Adult" Game Day -Cards and Coffee
- Feb 22: Vocal Trash - ERBM Rec & Parks District
- Feb 28: Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Award Ceremony

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd ANNUAL "I RIDE WITH JAMES" POKER AND FUN RIDE
Sunday, February 16, 2014, 10am
Lost Creek Trailhead at the end of RBC Rd 8

Grip and Rip it! Proceeds from the ride help support the James Sizemore Memorial Scholarship and Search and Rescue. \$25 Buy in for 5 cards, purchase extra cards for \$10 each at the end of the ride. The highest straight hand wins. Check in for cards is at 3pm, and prizes will be given at 4pm. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd, as well as a grand prize of a brand new Polaris 120 Kids Sled! All you can eat chili, burgers, and hot dogs after the ride!



MEET ABRAHAM LINCOLN!
Tuesday, February 18, 7pm, Meeker High School



The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council and Rio Blanco Historical Society are sponsoring "An evening performance with Abraham Lincoln", by John Voehl, renowned historian and Lincoln presenter. He performed here in March of 2013 and has a plethora of Lincoln stories and anecdotes in his performance repertoire which previous audiences may not have experienced.

VOCAL TRASH
Saturday February 22, 2014 5:30pm at the High School Auditorium

Join the ERBM Parks & Rec District for an evening of music, dance and comedy theater! This high energy Texas-based vocal group will electrify both young and old with their tight acapella harmonies and industrial "stomp" style drumming. This is a show you do not want to miss. Tickets are \$5, 5 years and under are free. Doors open at 5:30, show starts at 6pm.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanking chamber for honor

Dear Editor:
A huge thank you goes to the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce for honoring Sweetbriar as the town's business of the year.

A special thank you goes to Peg Rector for her hard work and continuing support.

Gary and Kathy Staley
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Neilson glad to serve, will seek re-election

Dear Editor:
This is an open letter to the residents of Rio Blanco County:

It has been an honor to serve as your Rio Blanco County Assessor this past year. It is with pleasure that I announce my candidacy for re-election.

I believe knowledge of the area, the resources and the ever-changing state legal structure will be critical in the coming term. The assessor's office is audited each year by the State of Colorado and we have always passed the audit. The office staff and budget have been maintained with little change throughout the booms and busts our county experiences.

I enjoy serving the citizens of Rio Blanco County and I am committed to all residents and taxpayers of the county.

If re-elected, I will continue to operate my office in a friendly, professional manner and value property according to Colorado law.

If you would like me to speak at an organization, event or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your assessor; it has been a privilege. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Renaë Neilson

Rio Blanco County Assessor
Meeker

CRED: Oil, gas work together for safety

Dear Editor:
For more than 60 years the oil and natural gas industries have worked closely with local community leaders to ensure fracking exists safely alongside Colorado's communities and environment.

And with more than 10,000 oil and natural gas wells drilled in western Colorado in the past 10 years, this community partnership remains stronger than ever. And we hope to see that continue.

In fact, one of my favorite organizations, Community Counts, provides tools to strengthen communication between oil and natural gas companies and Coloradan communities. And many Colorado energy companies have joined Community Counts to do just that, to communicate with their neighbors across Colorado.

By listening and responding to Coloradans' concerns, these industry members strive to balance the economic and social benefits of energy production with the impact of operations on the environment.

Because in the end, oil and natural gas workers call Colorado home too. Like you, they strive to keep Colorado safe and prosperous for generations to come.

Jon Haubert
Coloradans for Responsible
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Cox takes on Tipton for seat in Congress

Dear Editor:
Longtime Republican activist and former Republican Colorado House District 54 candidate David Cox announced his run for Colorado's 3rd

Congressional District on Saturday in Grand Junction.

"I am running to end the corruption of our federal government and return to the state a focused and controlled constitutional government.

Our federal government is out of control. Our representatives disregard and disrespect the law of the land by ignoring or assisting in criminality while fudging the rules that have protected us and allowed us to prosper.

We must send a representative to Washington, D.C., who will demand that our Constitution be respected so that the prosperous and free society we enjoy will be renewed and strengthened. The hour is late and we must begin the renewal process as soon as possible.

"I am willing to stand up and be a strong voice for real free markets, state's rights, a constitutionally limited federal union, sound money, secured borders and strong military defense.

I'll work with other like-minded representatives and begin the careful process of eliminating the massive cronyism and criminality at work in our Capital as we move America forward with equality under law, individual responsibility, fidelity of contract and respect for private property—the foundation that has given us the opportunity to live free and prosper."

For more information, email me at jaimejcox@gmail.com

David Cox
Grand Junction

Udall speaks on PILT, state priorities

Dear Editor:
In case you missed it, I wrote an op-ed piece for Sunday's *Steamboat Pilot & Today*, discussing the importance of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program to Colorado communities and the need to support the program.

I welcomed the short-term exten-

sion of the program included in the 2014 Farm Bill and urged the passage of his bipartisan bill to permanently fund and reauthorize the program.

"Colorado counties need a long-term solution to protect them from the perennial uncertainty of whether congressional gridlock will force them to cut essential services such as education, road repair and public safety," I wrote. "We must do better, which is why I am proud to lead the bipartisan effort to permanently reauthorize and fund the PILT program. ... The time for Congress to act is now, and I will keep fighting with Coloradans by my side to ensure rural communities and our high quality of life are not the victims of Washington-style gridlock and partisanship."

The PILT program issues federal payments to local governments to help offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable federal lands within their jurisdictions. The program's payments compensate these communities for their support and for foregoing tax revenues from these federal lands. The formula used to calculate payments is based on population, receipt sharing payments and the amount of federal land within an affected county.

I am a strong supporter of the role PILT payments play in supporting rural Colorado communities. I also successfully urged the U.S. Department of the Interior last year to restore mineral leasing revenues to Colorado communities, which often depend on those funds to help run

local governments and schools in addition to supporting other critical community services

Northwest Colorado communities, in particular, count on PILT funds to support vital services. In 2013 alone: Rio Blanco County received more than \$497,000 for the nearly 1.5 million acres of federal land within its boundaries; Moffat County received more than \$554,000 for the nearly 1.7 million acres of federal land within its boundaries; Routt County received more than \$1.47 million for the more than 661,000 acres of federal land within its boundaries; and Jackson County received more than \$170,000 in funding for the more than 513,000 acres of federal land within its boundaries.

The full \$32 million that Colorado counties received under the PILT program last year may sound like small change in Washington, D.C., but our local communities know just how important this support is to keeping teachers in schools and plows on the roads. In most counties across Colorado, these payments constitute significant portions of their budgets.

Despite this, Congress last year threatened to pull out the rug from under Colorado communities and end its support for the PILT program. Thanks to the voices of county leaders throughout Colorado who stood with me in support of the PILT program, I was able to successfully include a one-year extension of the PILT program in the bipartisan and deficit-reducing farm bill.

Although this was a significant win for Coloradans across the Centennial State, we cannot rest on our laurels until next year. More importantly, we cannot leave our rural counties at the mercy of the annual congressional budget process, which could leave them high and dry.

Colorado counties need a long-term solution to protect them from the perennial uncertainty of whether congressional gridlock will force them to cut essential services such as education, road repair and public safety. We must do better, which is why I am proud to lead the bipartisan effort to permanently reauthorize and fund the PILT program.

After years of work to bridge the partisan divide, I am glad to say that support for the PILT program no longer is limited to lawmakers from rural and Western states. There is a growing bipartisan consensus that Congress needs to step up to the plate and fulfill our end of the bargain so our local partners can support the police, firefighters, schools, and other essential public services Coloradans and Americans across the West count on.

The time for Congress to act is now, and I will keep fighting with Coloradans by my side to ensure rural communities and our high quality of life are not the victims of Washington-style gridlock and partisanship.

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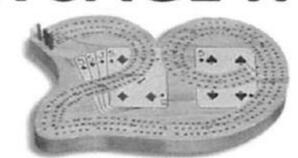
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Our Immutable God (3)

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THE Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (Jas. 1:17). Understanding God's immutability produces some profound results in our thinking and living.

First, it deepens our *adoration of God*. What is there in the world to really adore? In our world, in our society today, there are no absolutes; in men's minds all things are relative and constantly changing. But we can truly adore the God who never changes. In fact, this should be one of the major reasons we *do* worship God—He *never* changes.

Second, it deepens our *assurance in God*. What assurance is there in the world? As the old adage goes, "Nothing is a 'sure thing.'" But because God never changes, there *are* some "sure things."

(1) We can be sure of His truth. Psalm 117:2 declares: "The truth of the LORD endureth for ever" God's Word does not change from year to year or from generation to generation. We can stand on it knowing that it will *never* change.

(2) We can be sure of our security in Christ. "The foundation of God stands sure, the Lord knows who are His" (2 Tim. 2:19). Think of it! Our security of salvation actually stands in the immutable character of God!

(3) We can be sure of strength and comfort. "Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord God is everlasting strength" (Is. 26:4). Human relationships can destabilize and waver, but in God there is stability.

(4) We can be sure of answered prayer. Would not prayer be absolutely worthless if God were not immutable? In the words of Puritan Stephen Charnock: "Prayer is an acknowledgement of our dependence upon God; which dependence could have no firm foundation without unchangeableness." Does this mean prayer "changes God's mind?" While that is a popular thought, it is incorrect. *Prayer works with God's mind as He works out His purpose*. Again, Charnock puts the matter beautifully: "Prayer doth not desire any change in God, but is offered to God that He would confer those things which He hath immutably willed to communicate; but He willed them not without prayer as the means of bestowing them."

Third, it deepens our *attitude toward God*. As we will see, God is unchangeable in His holiness, that is, His attitude toward sin. Therefore, our attitude toward God should be to emulate His unchanging holiness. Consider Charnock once again: "This doctrine will teach us to imitate God in this perfection, by striving to be immovable in goodness. God never goes back from Himself; He finds nothing better than Himself for which He should change; and can we find anything better than God to allure our hearts to a change from Him? Can we be perfect? No, but we should ever be striving for perfection, striving to be holy in our living."

Scriptures for Study: What does God promise in Hebrews 13:5? Why do you think that is possible?

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GUEST EDITORIAL

A REVIEW: 'Evolution of the National Parks; Dinosaur could be a lake

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a review of author Robert Keiter's book "To Conserve Unimpaired: Evolution of a National Park Idea." It takes a wide look at the National Park Service's beginnings and the changes in the mindset within the organization from its inception to the present day. For example, if the NPS had its way, Dinosaur National Monument could have been "inundated" by Echo Park Dam.

By **SANDRA ZELLMER**
Special to the Herald Times
Courtesy of 'High Country News'

RBC In "To Conserve Unimpaired," professor Robert Keiter provides an unvarnished view of "America's best idea" — the National Park System. Keiter, the country's pre-eminent legal expert on the subject, tackles the question: Why does the park idea still evoke so much controversy when its value is so widely acknowledged?

not just about parks. "As highly valued and visible public places, the national parks are inherently political entities ... reflecting our larger dialog about nature conservation and its role in our civic life."

Keiter traces the evolution of each major idea that has shaped our vision of the national parks.

In the early days, the Park Service actively sought to improve visitor experiences by attempting to control nature. Not only did the agency suppress wildfires, it also eradicated wolves to protect more "desirable" wildlife and fed bears garbage "to create an evening spectacle for park visitors."

If it weren't for David Brower and the Sierra Club, Dinosaur National Monument would have been inundated by the massive Echo Park Dam. But they could not stop the Park Service from punching through a network of new roads to facilitate tourism.

Brower captured the dichotomy of all national parks: "Part schoolroom

and part playground and part — the best part — sanctuary from a world paved with concrete, jet-propelled, smog-blanketed, sterilized, over-insured, (and) aseptic — with every natural beautiful thing endangered by the raw engineering power of the Twentieth Century."

The challenge of conserving those "beautiful things" looms even larger today, as we face the pressures of climate change and ever more people and development.

One can't help but wonder whether the legal mandate governing park management, the Organic Act of 1916, is adaptable enough to endure.

In fact, the National Park Service's management ethos did begin to change in the 1960s with the influential Leopold report - by legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold — which recommended that parks be managed to represent a "vignette of primitive America" with minimal human intervention into natural processes.

Keiter shows how the Organic Act can continue to accommodate changing views of the national parks while ensuring that conservation comes first.

He points the way toward conserving the parks "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations," as the law specifies, through science, collaboration and a heightened sense of social justice, connectivity and diversity, both human and ecological.

Yet, as Keiter concludes, "The parks will always be confronted with new demands and threats, testing our commitment to the fundamental principles underlying the hallowed notion of conserving nature in an unimpaired condition."

CNCC FLIGHT TEAM...



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The Colorado Northwestern Community College flight team took second place behind the U.S. Air Force Academy at the National Intercollegiate Flight Association regionals last week at Embry Riddle University in Prescott, Ariz. The team qualified for the nationals to be held in Columbus, Ohio, in May. Members of the team in the back row, left to right are: Joe Carey, Ben Miszuk, Curtis Noel, Ben Fitzgibbons, Bradley Antista, Camille Elliott, Peter Larralde, Geneva MacGill-Collins, Nathan Hardin, Josh Stieb, Andrew Dihle and James Zorn. In the front row are Jason Krueger and David Blood. The team will now begin to raise funds so they can take part in the national competition.

BLM seeks resource advisors

Special to the Herald Times

RBC The Bureau of Land Management's Northwest Colorado District is seeking local public nominations for five open positions on its Resource Advisory Council, which advises the district on public land issues.

The Northwest Resource Advisory Council consists of 15 citizens with diverse interests in public land management, including conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreationists, state and local government officials and energy industry representatives. It pro-

vides advice to the BLM's Northwest Colorado District, which includes Colorado River Valley (Silt), Grand Junction, Kremmling, Little Snake (Craig) and White River (Meeker) field offices.

"The advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based Resource Advisory Councils is a vital part of the BLM's collaborative approach to land management," said BLM Acting State Director Ruth Welch. "Citizen input enhances our agency's ability to administer and conserve these lands for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations of Americans."

The BLM, which manages more land than any other federal agency, has 29 RACs across the West, where most BLM-managed land is located. The diverse membership of each RAC is aimed at achieving a balanced outlook that the BLM needs for its mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple uses.

The descriptions for RAC positions are as follows: Category One — Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation; Category Two — Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations; and Category Three — Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

Five positions are open for nomination on the NW RAC this year, including two positions in Category 1, one position in Category 2 and two positions in Category 3. Nominations for the Northwest District RAC must be submitted by March 27 to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: David Boyd, 2300 River Frontage Rd., Silt, Colo., 81652. Additional requirements and nomination forms can be found by going to www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Resource/racs/nwrac.html or by calling Boyd at 970-876-9008.

ELECTION



Boots Campbell
Candidate for RBC Clerk & Recorder

I've been a resident of Rio Blanco County for 32 years and have been working in the Clerk & Recorder's office since April 2006. My main position is in the Motor Vehicle Department, but I have been involved in and have knowledge of all aspects of this office. I will very much appreciate your support.

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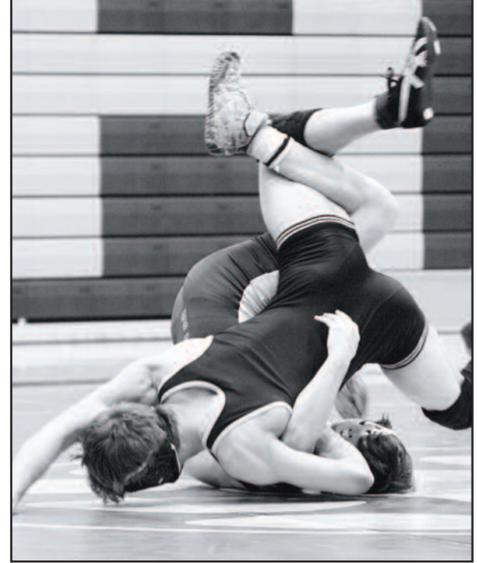
By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I Ranked No. 2 in 2A by On the Mat, the Meeker Cowboys wrestling team finished the regular season with four dual meet wins and will enter arguably the toughest 2A regional tournament (Region 1) in the state, since it features the Cowboys and the defending state champion and No. 1 ranked Paonia Eagles.

The Cowboys defeated Rifle 50-



Meeker senior wrestlers Aaron Cochran, Calvin Shepherd and J.C. Henderson (above) return to their team after the coin flip in Rifle. The three seniors will lead the No. 2 ranked Cowboys into the state-qualifying regional tournament at Grand Junction High School starting Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. (Left) Shepherd is pictured using a "Meeker Cradle" to score back points in the Meeker dual meet tournament Saturday. (Right) Henderson uses his right leg and left arm to control his Rifle opponent, while using his right arm and left leg to balance his opponent upside down and score back points. The top four wrestlers in each weight will qualify for the 2014 Colorado State Wrestling Championships in the Pepsi Center the following week.



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18 in Rifle, then hosted a dual meet tournament Saturday, where they defeated Hayden (57-9), Coal Ridge (59-18) and Basalt (72-6). The Cowboys only lost two matches in each of the first three duals and a for-

feit was the only points Basalt received. Meeker won 42 matches, 19 by pin fall in the duals and eight Cowboys won all of their matches.

Sheridan Harvey (106), Tristin Pelloni (113), Aaron Cochran (132),

J.C. Henderson (138), Casey Turner (145), Dillan Frantz (152), Anthony Watt (JV, 145), T.J. Shelton (170) and Tyler Ilgen (285) all won their final matches of the regular season in the Meeker tournament.

"We are wrestling aggressively and with a lot of confidence right now," head coach J.C. Watt said of his team's progress.

Kylloe Goedert (126) and Devon Pontine (160), won all but one match

two and lost two.

The Cowboys will fill 12 of 14 weights in the Region 1, state-qualifying tournament this weekend at Grand Junction High School. Fans unable to attend can follow the action online at

each and Chase Rule, who moved up two weights, won

www.trackwrestling.com.

The top four placers in each weight at the regional tournament, will qualify for the 2014 Colorado State Wrestling Championships, held in the Pepsi Center in downtown Denver Feb. 20-22. Coach Watt hopes to qualify at least 10 for state and with a few breaks, he believes all his wrestlers could qualify.

Panthers change travel plans, place four in Norwood

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I Weather caused a change in plans for the Rangely Panthers' wrestling team. The team was scheduled to wrestle in Crowley County, but a winter storm forced them to cancel the trip over the Continental Divide. Instead, they wrestled in a tournament in

Norwood the week before the state-qualifying regional tournament.

"This was a good tournament for us late in the season, seeing two teams we have not seen all season," head coach Jeff Hejle said of the competition in Norwood.

The Panthers placed four of their six wrestlers in the top four, including one champion and finished sixth as a team.

Rangely senior Lucas Hejle won the 145-pound bracket by pinning all three of his opponents. Hejle will be the No. 1 seed in the regional tournament this weekend in Grand Junction.

Caleb Lawson (152) and Ethan Allred (160) both lost in the semifinals of their respective weights but came back and won their consolation brackets and senior Ryan

Wilczek finished fourth in the 195-pound bracket. Kiki Ruiz (138) and Nych Deleon (JV-145) did not place.

Coach Hejle said the Panthers will put the "finishing touches" on their moves for the state-qualifying regional tournament, which starts Friday at Grand Junction High School.

"This region is the toughest

region in the state, with the wrestlers we have competing," Coach Hejle said. "If you are fortunate enough to qualify, you have a good chance of placing at state. This region is a mini-state tournament, you need to win the first round if you are going to have a chance of going to state. Any mistake you make could cost you a shot at going to state no matter what period or round."

Coach Hejle said Heath Peters will also wrestle in the regional tournament in the 132-pound bracket.

"I'm excited and nervous for our wrestlers all at the same time," Coach Hejle said. "This weekend will be the toughest matches we have had to wrestle all year, with what is on the line. We have a chance to send our full squad to state if we wrestle smart and tough."

TOURNAMENT TIME...



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

The Barone Middle School girls' basketball teams hosted Steamboat Springs last weekend at the Meeker Elementary School in the final games of their regular season. Rangely will host the seventh- and eighth-grade girls' basketball tournament Saturday with league teams coming from Meeker, Craig and Steamboat Springs. The Rangely eighth-grade A-team hopes to finish with a two-year unbeaten record. The Barone Middle School seventh-grade A-team from Meeker will also try to finish an unbeaten season, and all teams have a chance to win in their season finales.

Panthers get win, host Soroco Rams tonight

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I The Rangely High School Panthers defeated the Vail Christian Saints in a league basketball game at home Saturday, and they will host the Rams from South Routt County (Soroco) in a non-league game today, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Rangely's defense gave the Panthers time to get rolling on offense and beat the Saints 54-41.

"Our game plan early on was to work the ball inside and try to get some easy baskets in close," head coach Eric Hejl said. "We were getting the looks we wanted, but, for whatever reason, the shots just wouldn't drop early. Luckily, our defense came to play in the first half, buying us some time until we got our offense clicking a little better."

The Panthers led 9-7 at the end of the first quarter and outscored the Rams in the second quarter to take a 24-13 lead into the locker room at halftime.

"Andrew (Morton) did an absolutely awesome job of shutting down their leading scorer, and Cameron (Enterline) was his usual self around the rim, mak-

ing sure they didn't get anything easy in close," Hejl said of the play of two of his seniors. "Connor (Phelan) was able to tough it out on a bad ankle he tweaked in practice earlier in the week and Layne (Mecham) also contributed good minutes off the bench, when we got in foul trouble," Hejl said of his other senior and Mecham.

Hejl said sophomore Kaulan Brady left the game with a sprained ankle.

Rangely only scored seven points in third quarter but scored 23 in the final eight minutes to put the game away.

Enterline led all scorers with 13 points, including two three-pointers, he pulled down 14 rebounds for another double-double and blocked eight shots on defense. Phelan scored 11, Mitchell finished with nine, Colt Allred had eight and Brady scored seven. Morton added five and Kelton Elam made a free throw.

"In the end, I feel like it was a pretty complete team win," Hejl said. "As long as we can work out some minor bugs this week in practice, I feel good about how we are coming together as we move into the three games that will basically decide everything in terms of seeding for districts. Right now it's still anybody's ball



TRACY ENTERLINE

Rangely senior Connor Phelan goes up for two of his 11 points against Vail Christian.

game and, if we play with intensity and confidence, I like our chances against anybody."

The Panthers host the Rams tonight, then play in Paonia on Friday before hosting the Hotchkiss Bulldogs on Saturday, which is also "Parent Night." Rangely will host Meeker on Tuesday.



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LUCAS HEJLE, SENIOR
Rangely High School

Hejle won an individual championship in the Norwood tournament Saturday by pinning all three of his opponents. Hejle will enter the state-qualifying Region 1 tournament Friday in Grand Junction, as the No. 1 seed in the 145-pound bracket.

ALY RIDINGS, SENIOR
Meeker High School

Ridings lead the lady Cowboys with 20 points in a victory against the Vail Christian Saints, pulled down seven rebounds, had four assists, one steal and one rounded out her game with one blocked shot.



Cowboys control own destiny

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

Next three games determine league championship

MEEKER I The Meeker boys' basketball team secured a home game for the first round of district tournament with a big win Friday night against the Vail Christian Saints. The Cowboys will compete for the Northwest League championship.

Meeker will play Paonia, Hotchkiss and Rangely in the next week and the games will determine the top four places in the conference.

Friday night the Cowboys came out with a very strong first quarter, knowing the Saints were going to be tough on their own court. Meeker took a first quarter 24-19 lead and built their lead to 10 by half time, 39-29.

Vail made a run in the third quarter but the Cowboys were too much with three scorers in double figures. Jeremy Musgrave and Raul Lopez each had 18 points in the game and Dylan Mogley added an impressive sixteen points to the win. Rounding out the scoring was Ty Dunham and Joe Newman with four each and Kash Atwood added two.



Meeker's big men, Joe Newman (33) and Ty Dunham (32), pictured here playing defense against Hayden, helped their team to a victory in Vail against the Vail Christian Saints. The final three games of the regular season will determine the league champion.

The boys' team won themselves the advantage of playing at home, and set up a week of basketball where they control their own destiny. Win this week and they are in first place, a great accomplishment any season, but very impres-

sive when the team has climbed its way to the top through hard work and commitment to getting better every week. The league is extremely competitive and it has created a situation that will no doubt bring exciting games.

Rangely plays "help defense" for league win

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Outstanding defense and team basketball gave the Rangely girls' basketball team another league win, this time against Vail Christian on Saturday.

Rangely held Vail to 25 total points, but it was the Panthers' third quarter that was worth the price of admission.

The lady Panthers worked together to hold their opponent to one point in the eight-minute period.

Coach Kent said, "We were proud of our defensive effort." He added, "I was really proud of how many players stepped up in little ways to help get the win. It was a

balanced effort and I like the way they played together."

The team scoring was very indicative of the group effort as three Panthers had seven points, Aimee Hogan, Kayte Allred, and Desiree Coombs. Lindsey Thacker and Tessa Slagle each added six points, giving Rangely a 33-25 win.

The Panthers came out to a 7-4 first quarter lead after eight minutes, but Hogan, a senior, got into foul trouble in the second quarter. Vail Christian made a run and was up by seven at one point.

Rangely tightened the defense and went into the locker room down two before coming out with the necessary adjustments. The team stopped Vail's top scorer and took

the lead in the third, keeping it to the end.

"Desiree and Simone (Heinle) did a great job defending." Kent said, as the two were given two tough defensive assignments. "Everyone else did a good job of playing defense and putting pressure on their ball handlers and making shots when we needed them."

This win was a big victory for the Panthers as the postseason approaches. There is still a lot of basketball to be played, and confidence late in the season is extremely important.

This week Rangely will play in Paonia on Friday, then host Hotchkiss on Saturday, finishing their regular season against Meeker next Tuesday at home.

Lady Cowboys play for conference championship

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker High School girls' basketball team won

another league game Friday night, not only securing a home game for district tournament, but they will be playing for a bye in the first round.

Meeker will play Paonia this week, a team they have beaten in Paonia earlier in the season. The game will determine the conference champion.

The Cowgirls came out to a 10-point first-quarter lead in Vail, up 20-10 after eight minutes. They went into intermission leading 32-20, and had a huge third quarter, outscoring their Vail opponents, 19-3.

Meeker never looked back and won, 67-40.

Aly Ridings led all scorers in the game with 20, followed by Sydney Hughes with 13, Taylor Neilson with 10, Piper Haney with eight, Deena Norell and Reese Pertile with six, and Megan Parker and Jamie McLaughlin

each had two.

Neilson led the team in rebounds with seven on the night, followed by Haney with five.

Meeker traveled to Baggs, Wyo., on Saturday and took control early, up 27-21 at half. But foul trouble took its toll, and Little Snake River ended the game winning by one.

Meeker looks ahead to putting themselves in great position for the post season. The lady Cowboys have played well all season, and that has them one game away from their second consecutive league championship.

The seeding is important going into the district tournament and even more important as they enter the regional playoffs.

Meeker is in the state rankings and in the running to be playing deep into the post season.

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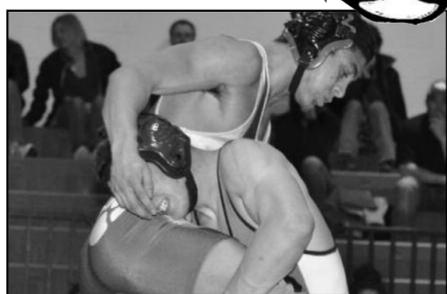
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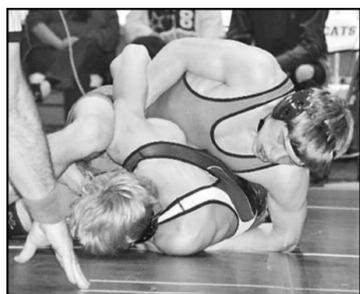


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2/18 @ Rangely - 4, 7pm
2/25 @ District Pigtails - Paonia

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Rangely Chamber of Commerce ANNUAL MEETING



The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce presented three major awards on Saturday evening during the annual Crab Crack on the Colorado Northwest Community College campus. Emcee John Whipple, right, the outdoor leadership coordinator and challenge course manager at CNCC, presented the chamber's Community Service Award to Beta Robertson.



Three major awards were presented at the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Crab Crack Saturday evening in the Colorado Room in the Weiss Center on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus. Emcee John Whipple, left, an employee at CNCC, presented the Business of the Year Award to Sweetbriar owners Kathy Staley, right, and her husband, Gary, center.



Roughly 300 people had a great time Saturday evening at the annual Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce's Crab Crack, where, for most, 600 to 700 pounds of king crab was foremost on everyone's mind. However, emcee John Whipple, left, the outdoor leadership coordinator and challenge course manager at Colorado Northwestern Community College, took the minds of Steve, center, and Elaine Urie, right, off of food long enough to present them with the chamber's Rangely Industrial Business of the Year Award.

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OBITUARIES

Micheal 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.

Micheal 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.

Micheal is survived by: one son, Ethan Isaiah; his parents; two sisters, Tammy (Ron) Biorn 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.



Micheal Lockhart

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 Micheal Lockhart Memorial at any Alpine Bank or sent to Alpine Bank, 1660 Hwy. 92, Delta, Colo. 81416.

Judith Gaye Herndon Wheeler

Sept. 17, 1934 ~ Jan. 31, 2014

Judith "Judy" Gaye Herndon Wheeler passed away in Prescott, Ariz., on Jan. 31, 2014. She was born in Denver, Colo., on Sept. 17, 1934, the oldest child of V.P. and Bernadine Herndon.

When she was 7, she was joined by a sister, Linda Ruth. Judy grew up in Englewood, Colo., where she was a member of the Mayflower Congregational Church and was graduated from Englewood High School in 1953.

After graduation, she was employed as a proof operator at a local bank in Englewood.

In 1956 she married Frank Wheeler and began her married life at Fort Carson Army base in Colorado Springs, where Frank was stationed.

She often told the story of how she would do the laundry in a wringer washer hooked to the kitchen sink. When she was finished running the clothes through the wringer, she would have to go out the front door, around the house and in the back door to take them out, so tiny was their little house.

In 1957, they had a daughter, Dorothy (Dottie), and moved back to Englewood. Her son, David, was born there in 1959, and she spent many years as a full time mother.

Judy had a beautiful voice, and, after the family moved to Boulder, she joined the Sweet Adeline's singing group. She sewed her own costumes and enjoyed performing the barbershop quartet style music.

She volunteered as a leader in Camp Fire Girls and was on the sidelines for Pop Warner football. In 1973, the family moved to Meeker, Colo., where Judy worked in the family-owned retail business and started the first TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club in that area. She was a Lifetime KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) and was very proud of that accomplishment.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed



Judith Wheeler

books of all types. She shared her love of reading with the residents of the local nursing home, where she volunteered as an activities coordinator. Her quilts are prized possessions of her children and grandchildren, as were the multitudes of baby bibs she embroidered for her grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She loved antiques and had gathered a large collection of beautiful dishes and glassware over the years.

In 1984, she began spending her winters in Congress, Ariz., and moved there permanently in 1992 to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She worked as a receptionist at a treatment center for eating disorders in Wickenburg, Ariz., and lived the life of a "Desert Rat" until moving to Prescott in 2003. Her final years were spent at the Prescott Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she received exceptional loving care from their incredible staff.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents and her sister. She is survived by: her children, Dottie (Jerry) Talkington of Sedona, Ariz., and Dave (Jan) Wheeler of Prescott, Ariz. She is also survived by her greatest treasures, her grandchildren, Sam (Kelly) Wheeler, Ben (Gabby) Wheeler, Tylar Talkington, and Tori Talkington. Judy will be missed by her sister's family in Colorado as well, brother-in-law Rich Bond, nephew Rick Bond and nieces Sheri Woodke and Kris Rutz and their children and grandchildren.

A celebration of Judy's life will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014 at 2180 W. Jockey Path Road in Prescott, Ariz. 86305.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to your favorite charity in her memory.

MACC brings Abe back for another performance

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER To commemorate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the presidency and life history 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 Tuesday to the Meeker High School Auditorium. A second show will be performed on Wednesday 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.

Media quotes on Mr. Voehl's performances include:

"Voehl is living history as the 16th President of the United States. He has become an expert on the man who fought to guarantee that all men are treated equal. 'They (the kids) were enthralled with Lincoln, It wasn't me, it was Lincoln,' Voehl said."

Tickets for chamber dinner

MEEKER 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 a.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 contributions, 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.

The forms can be picked up at the Meeker Chamber of Commerce. Nominations are due by Monday.

DEATH NOTICE

Wayne Eugene Moody

Feb. 8, 2014

Wayne Eugene Moody passed away on Feb. 8, 2014. Graveside services were

held at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 12, 2014, at Highland Cemetery in Meeker.

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COUNTY: OHV trails set for expansion

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Building).
"In the new location, Health and Human Services will have more space, and, more importantly, will be able to provide additional client privacy," Jaquez said.

The second part of centralizing services is to relocate the Rangely office of the county clerk office, currently housed at the West Annex Building, into the Rangely Town Hall, filling the vacancy left by Health and Human Services.

This will locate the county clerk's services and health and human services in the same city block, making it easier for citizens to utilize their services.

"We hope bringing these offices into the center of Rangely will make the services more accessible and convenient for our residents," Jaquez said.

In the spring of 2014, construction on public restrooms and showers will begin at Columbine Park on the east end of Rangely. Columbine Park hosts

many 4-H, livestock and equine events but has been limited in recruiting more events due to the limited facilities. Additional services at Columbine Park may yield an economic impact through various events and additional utilization of the park.

The fairgrounds in Meeker will receive several upgrades and maintenance improvements throughout the year. The parking area around the 4-H building will be paved and drainage will be improved. The grandstands will also receive upgrades, including painting and bringing the electrical system into compliance with state code.

This year will also be a key year for further development of the Wagon Wheel OHV Trails. Utilizing awarded grant funds, there are three primary objectives: a) complete the Wagon Wheel Trails System signage and educational kiosk installation at trailheads; b) make improvements to various parking areas; and c) connect the trail system to the Town of Meeker by constructing a multi-use trail running

from School Street, paralleling State Highway 13, and connecting to County Road 8.

The county has initiated the Rio Blanco County Trails Master Planning process, which will determine the feasibility and next steps in expanding recreational opportunities, including off-highway vehicle recreation, snowmobiling, hiking, mountain biking activities and more.

The existing Wagon Wheel OHV Trail System currently consists of approximately 250 miles of trails easily accessed from Meeker. The focus of the master plan is to extend connectivity throughout Rio Blanco County and Northwest Colorado, while expanding the trail system onto federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, further incorporating the western side of Rio Blanco County.

"All of the projects planned for 2014 will increase services, provide potential for economic contribution or offer improved safety for RBC residents and visitors" Jaquez said.

SCHOOL: May be on November ballot

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districts can reduce mill levies by votes of the particular board members but that they cannot fund missions that are outside of their mandate.

For example, the fire district could not fund building a football field or hiring more teachers.

All mill levy increases would need to go to the voters.

Special taxing districts can lower their own mill levies by votes of their boards but they may not transfer monies or give their mill levy funds to the MSD.

Also, if special districts lower their mill levies and need more funds in the future, they would need to go to the voters to raise them again.

There was also some question about if Meeker passed a mill levy increase, could it be taken by the state or could the state reduce district funds in other ways.

Superintendent Meyer made a clear statement in response in that "Mill levy overrides don't go into the formulas for Colorado Department of Education (CDE)."

Board member Marnell Bradfield was convinced, that "We have to go for a mill levy override, regardless."

Mark Meyer and Bill deVergie

talked about convening a citizen's group to work for school funding and that both had been approached by community members interested in serving.

The board expressed concern that the community would see the help

from the Legislature's Joint Budget Committee (JBC) approved last week as fixing the district's fiscal problem.

"The JBC is a partial, short-term fix" deVergie said. "The big picture is still out there."

DEER ON CNCC CAMPUS...



RENÉ HARDEN

A deer on the Colorado Northwestern Community College's campus in Rangely pauses in front of the large blue-and-orange tent near the school's ice tower. The tent serves as a staging area for climbers and houses snow-making equipment.

MEEKER

School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF FEB. 17-21, 2014

Mon.	Feb. 17 - No School Today!
Tues.	Feb. 18 - Chicken Nuggets, Applesauce, Beans, Oatmeal Cookie
Wed.	Feb. 19 - Lasagna, Salad, Breadstick, Seasonal Fruit
Thurs.	Feb. 20 - Turkey & Swiss Croissant, Potato Wedges, Pears & Peaches
Fri.	Feb. 21 - BBQ Rib Sandwich, Soup, Fruit

RANGELY

School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF FEB. 17-20, 2014

Mon.	Feb. 17 - Spaghetti, Roll, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
Tues.	Feb. 18 - Chicken Strips, Roll, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
Wed.	Feb. 19 - Pizza Calzone, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
Thurs.	Feb. 20 - Corn Dog, Tator Tots, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

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Colowyo Coal Company is seeking a motivated person or persons to lease over 2,000 acres of exquisite Yampa riverfront ranch property, including irrigated and sub-irrigated property for grazing and haying in Moffat County. Consideration for a hunting agreement (separate agreement required) is possible and will be evaluated as an option in conjunction with this lease.

This property is located approximately 7 miles south of Craig, Colorado, on the west side of State Highway 13. The successful person(s) will be safety conscience and self-motivated, work with integrity and demonstrate excellent communications skills while managing all activities required by the lease/agreement and consistent with good agricultural practices. This will be a maximum five (5) year lease that will begin May 1, 2014.

Applicants must be 18 years old, with a valid driver's license, and be able to successfully meet all of the safety and lease commitments, as well as show proof of insurance and ability to meet the financial requirements of this lease and agreement.

All interested parties must contact Colowyo Coal Company by email to cduran@tristategt.org or tfolks@tristategt.org by **February 26, 2014**. The email must include full name, home address, business address (if applicable) and contact information. Colowyo will fax or email those interested persons a Request for Proposal packet that will describe the process and associated deadlines; all deadlines are mandatory and no late materials will be accepted.





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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 a 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 Publish: February 6 and 13, 2014 Rio Blanco Herald Times

**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 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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**2014 RIO BLANCO COUNTY
ROAD 1 OVERLAY PROJECT
REQUEST FOR BID**

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

2014 Rio Blanco County Road 1 Overlay Project. Roadway beginning 2 miles west of Rangely from State Highway 64 travelling north 9.0 miles to Moffat County line. Work includes providing and installing a total of approx. 21,100 tons HBP Grading "SX" 75 Gyration PG 58-28F to overlay Rio Blanco County Road 1 (mile post 0-9.0) with 1" leveling course and 2" overlay. The project includes providing and placing approx. 662 gallons of pavement marking paint and hauling and placement of 2,640 cubic yards of county-provided shoulder gravel.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on Rio Blanco County's website at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us on the Announcements page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on February 13, 2014.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

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

WORK SCHEDULE

The Project shall start on or after June 2, 2014 and be completed by July 3, 2014.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS

Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud at 570 2nd Street, Meeker, CO 81641 before Monday, March 3, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: Monday, March 3, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

BID SUBMITTALS

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2014 CR 1 OVERLAY PROJECT" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.

Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 6, 2014. No bids shall be received Friday, March 7 through Sunday March 9, 2014. Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on March 10, 2014. Do not depend on overnight delivery.

Mailing: RBC Commissioners, P.O. Box 1, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641 Hand-delivery address: RBC Commissioners, 200 Main St. Meeker, CO 81641

BID OPENING

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on March 10, 2014 at the Rio Blanco County 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 PREFERENCE

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

BID AWARD

The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of words. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum. Rio Blanco County reserves the right to negotiate a contract with the selected bidder.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

Dated: February 13, 2014
By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman
Publish: February 13 and 20, 2014 in Rio Blanco Herald Times

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

1. Be a registered elector;
 2. Attain the age of eighteen years or older on the date of the election and;
 3. Reside in the Town of Dinosaur for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.
- Nomination petitions may be circulated and signed beginning on Monday February 10, 2014. Nomination petitions and an information sheet for prospective candidates will be available at Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, on or after 9:00 am., February 10, 2014. Regular office hours at Town Hall are 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00, Monday through Friday.
- The last day for the circulation and signing of nomination petitions shall be Friday, February 28, 2014 on or before 5:00 p.m. All nomination petitions shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Town Hall by this date and time.
- The following town Officers will be elected at the election:
- 1) Mayor—two year term;
 - 2) Three members of the Town Board of Trustees—four year terms.
 - 3) One member of the Town Board of Trustees—two year term.
- Dated this 21st day of January, 2014
Town of Dinosaur
By: Tamara Long
Town Clerk
Publish: February 6 and 13, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**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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**Meeker School District RE-1
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Central Office – 555 Garfield Street
7:00 pm.**

AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Shults will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda
Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting February 4, 2014

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING

AGENDA ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
Celebrations/Recognitions
Enrollment Update
DAC Update
District Leadership Team Update
Principal, Mid-Year Report
Mid-Year Progress Toward District Goals
Survey Results
Resolution, Erasing the Negative Factor
Superintendent Contract for 2014/15
School Year
RBC Capital Markets vs. George K. Baum and Company
BOE Member Resignation
Certified/Classified Report

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Action Items for a Blanket Motion

Approval of Negative Factor Resolution
Approval of Renewal of Superintendent Contract for 2014/15 School Year
Approval of Mill Levy Assistance
Approval of BOE Member Resignation
Approval of Certified/Classified Report

OTHER BOE INFORMATION

ADJOURNMENT

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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
RIO BLANCO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, and particularly to the electors of the Rio Blanco Fire Protection 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, two (2) directors will be elected to serve a four-year term. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available from Vicki Crawford, the Designated Election Official for the District, at 236 7th 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).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications 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
Published: February 13, 2014
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MEEKER
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 1, 2014**

NOTICE TO VOTERS
Monday, March 3, 2014 is the last day to register to vote for the April 1, 2014 Mu-

**2014 RIO BLANCO COUNTY
CHIP SEAL PROJECT
REQUEST FOR BID**

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

2014 Rio Blanco County Chip Seal Project. Work consists of seal coating and fog coating approximately 23.71 miles of County roads near Rangely, CO. The County will provide a portion of the chips to be used. The County may provide the Traffic Control on this project.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract Documents shall be available online at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us on the Public Announcements page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on February 13, 2014.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

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

WORK SCHEDULE

This project shall start June 16, 2014 and be completed by August 1, 2014, pending delays due to adverse conditions.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS

Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641. All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before March 5, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Vendors must attend mandatory pre-bid meeting: March 4, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

BID SUBMITTALS

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2014 CHIP SEAL PROJECT" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected.

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

Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 6, 2014. No bids shall be received Friday, March 7 through Sunday March 9, 2014. Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on March 10, 2014. Do not depend on overnight delivery.

Mailing: RBC Commissioners, P.O. Box 1, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641 Hand-delivery address: RBC Commissioners, 200 Main St. Meeker, CO 81641

BID OPENING

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on March 10, 2014 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, P.O. Box 1, Meeker, CO 81641. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. will be returned not opened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID PREFERENCE

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

BID AWARD

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

RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

Dated: February 13, 2014
By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman
Publish: February 13 and 20, 2014 in Rio Blanco Herald Times

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municipal Election. In order to be eligible to vote in the Municipal Election, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least eighteen years of age and a resident of the Town of Meeker thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election. You may register at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO or at the County Clerk's office, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 550 Main Street, Meeker, CO during regular business hours. Dated this 30th Day of January 2014.

TOWN OF MEEKER
By: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
Publish: February 13th, 20th and 27th, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MEEKER
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 Meeker to be elected at the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 please take notice: A candidate's qualifications for eligibility to hold public office are:

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

Nomination petitions may be circulated and signed beginning on Monday, February 10, 2014. Nomination petitions and an information sheet for prospective candidates will be available at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, on or after 8:00 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2014. Regular office hours at Town Hall are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The last day for the circulation and signing of nomination petitions shall be Friday, February 28, 2014, on or before 5:00 p.m. All nomination petitions shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Town Hall by this date and time.

The following Town Officers will be elected at the election:

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

Dated this 30th day of January, 2014.
TOWN OF MEEKER
By: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARING**

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE - Notice is hereby given that on Monday February 24, 2014, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:

Re-Zone 14-01, Åi Robert Rolan, applicant is requesting to change the current Agricultural zone of his property to Rural Residential. 1822 Meath Dr. Meeker, T1S, R92W, S6 (PIN# 162301100092).

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. Published: February 13, 20, 2014
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**A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
(NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF)**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District of Rio Blanco County(ies), Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an 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, 3 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms and 1 directors will be elected to serve 2-year terms. Eligible electors of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):
Linda C. Gordon
215 Hillcrest Avenue
Rangely, CO 81648
970-629-1116

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 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, that applications for and return of 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 5:00 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, May 2, 2014).
Rangely Rural Fire Protection District
Designated Election Official Signature
Published: February 13, 2014
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**TOWN OF MEEKER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING
Tuesday February 18, 2014
7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO**

I. Call to Order

**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

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 Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 1/16/2014
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

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

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, Two (2) directors will be elected to serve a four-year term.
Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available from Cynthia Stults, the Designated Election Official for the District, at 225 Eagle Crest Drive, Rangely, CO 81648. 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**). **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that applications for and return of absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, February 28, 2014).
RANGELY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
By Designated Election Official
Published: February 13, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Board of County Commissioners
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Rangely, Colorado
Tentative Board Agenda**

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and

**2014 RIO BLANCO COUNTY
ROAD 72 PAVING PROJECT
REQUEST FOR BID**

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

2014 Rio Blanco COUNTY ROAD 72 Paving Project. Work for Rio Blanco County includes providing and installing approx. 4,382 tons HBP Grading "SX" 75 Gyration PG 58-28F to pave COUNTY ROAD 72 (mile post 0-1.41 and 1.43-1.475) with 2" leveling course and 2" top mat lift. The project includes placing 564 cubic yards of shoulder gravel and providing and placing 53 gallons of pavement marking paint.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county's website at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us on the Public Announcements page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on February 13, 2014.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

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

WORK SCHEDULE

The Project shall start on or after May 5, 2014 and be completed by May 30, 2014.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS

Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before Monday, March 3, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: Monday, March 3, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

BID SUBMITTALS

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2014 CR 72 PAVING PROJECT" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.

Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 6, 2014. No bids shall be received Friday, March 7 through Sunday March 9, 2014. Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on March 10, 2014. Do not depend on overnight delivery.

Mailing: RBC Commissioners, P.O. Box 1, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641

Hand-delivery address: RBC Commissioners, 200 Main St. Meeker, CO 81641

BID OPENING

Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on March 10, 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 PREFERENCE

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

BID AWARD

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

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

Dated: February 13, 2014

By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman

Publish: February 13 and 20, 2014 in Rio Blanco Herald Times

**2014 RIO BLANCO COUNTY
QUINN DRAW PIT CRUSHING
REQUEST FOR BID**

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

2014 QUINN DRAW PIT CRUSHING PROJECT. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for crushing approximately 33,000 cubic yards of Class 5 Aggregate Base Course, modified. Quinn Draw Pit is located approximately 0.4 miles south of State Highway 64 on RBC Road 122.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the County's website at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us on the Public Announcements page, the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second St., Meeker, CO 81641 on February 13, 2014.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

Interested vendors shall be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing.

WORK SCHEDULE

It is intended that the project shall start approx. July 21 and be completed by October 15, 2014.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS

Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Any questions regarding this bid are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the above fax number.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Interested vendors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept. at 570 Second Street in Meeker. Vendors shall visit the pit and become familiar with all site conditions.

BID SUBMITTALS

Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2014 QUINN DRAW PIT CRUSHING" written on the sealed envelope. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company.

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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: February 13, 2014

By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman

Publish: February 13 and 20, 2014 in Rio Blanco Herald Times

LEGAL NOTICES

answers. It is your time to express your views.
11:00 a.m. Call to order:
*Pledge of Allegiance
*Changes to the February 18, 2014 Tentative Agenda
*Approval of the February 18, 2014 Agenda
CONSENT AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2014
*Minutes of the January 27 & February 10, 2014, Board meetings
BUSINESS AGENDA:
General:
*Bid Award & Contracts:
*2014 Cattleguards and Wings
*Bids: Road & Bridge:
*2014 Dust Control Project
Resolutions:
*Contracts/Agreements/Grants:
*Agreement with Jim Neff dba Western * Slope Info Services for I.T. Service
OTHER BUSINESS :
*County Commissioners Updates
*Public Comments
ADJOURN:
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 24, in Meeker at the County Administration Building in Meeker. Please check the County's website for information at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/commissioners if you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
Published: February 13, 2014
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LEGAL NOTICES

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 the 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 & Kampf
200 Grand Avenue, Suite 400
PO Box 40
Grand Junction, CO 81502
(970) 986-3400
Publish: February 6, 13 and 20, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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: newedenpccs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and 402 W. Main Street Room 171 Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 620-7096. All services are confidential.

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.

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

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.

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WEDNESDAY, February 19: Chicken noodle soup, whole wheat crackers, chopped spinach, yellow squash, and citrus salad.
FRIDAY, February 21: Chili dog w/ bun, onions/cheese, 5 bean salad, fresh orange, banana, and chocolate chip cookies.

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Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

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

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

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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■ Environmental Services Tech
■ RN - Walbridge Wing
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HELP WANTED: FULL TIME

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HELP WANTED: FULL TIME

Applications must be received at Town Hall no later than Thursday March 6, 2014. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Faxed applications are accepted. Published: February 13, 20, 27, 2014

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.

HUFFCO SERVICES

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

RETAIL MERCHANDISERS needed for service work in Rangely. Knowledge of POG's preferred. This position is as an Independent Contractor. Contact Downey. (303) 997-5836

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 878-5033, or contact him at sean@theheraldtimes.com

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- *710 Shaman Tr- 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
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Marijuana is now legal in Colorado

By Megan Raymond



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Colorado legalized marijuana on Jan. 1, 2013. Since then, the state has made millions in taxes just off cannabis sales.

The legalization of marijuana has opened for debate for several years and Colorado is one of the few states who has already legalized marijuana. It was the nation's first states to legalize it as well. According to the Huffington Post, having legal marijuana has saved the state thousands since they have not needed to arrest hundreds of people. The state has saved anywhere from \$12 million to \$40 million over the past year. Colorado has "removed itself from this immense waste of resources, and life altering criminal justice consequences, that persistently defines marijuana prohibition."

Not only has the state of Colorado saved money by legalizing marijuana, but it gained large tax revenues as well. In fact, the state had gained more than \$1.24 million dollars of revenue, simply by legalizing marijuana. The

purchase of marijuana is limited to one ounce, unlike alcohol, which is unlimited. This one ounce costs about \$200. There is an additional 25% tax in addition to the 2.9% tax that is already imposed on it. It is one of the most heavily taxed consumer products in Colorado. The initial revenue would amount to \$67 million dollars, with about \$27.5 million going to build new schools.

Colorado is the first state to regulate marijuana from seed to sale, according to CNN.com. However, it is not the only state to legalize it. Washington soon followed but dispensaries will not be open until 2014. There is also an argument that marijuana is less dangerous than alcohol or tobacco.

Buyers of medical marijuana would face no additional charges and it still requires a physician's prescription.

Colorado residents can buy up to an ounce with a valid ID and non-Colorado residents can buy up to a quarter ounce. There are only three dozen stores or so and Denver had 18 of them. Many stores are still seeking licenses statewide. People who buy the marijuana can share it with friends, as long as money is not exchanged.

Pot cannot be smoked in public places or buildings owned by the state. However, they can be smoked on private property with the permission of the owner. The counties and communities can decide not to allow recreational marijuana stores in their region, as Colorado Springs and Greeley have done.

Ski resorts are worried that people would begin smoking on balconies while people are using the mountains.

People are able to grow up to six pots of marijuana in their homes, but only if they are enclosed and locked up.

People who are under the age of 21 can still be arrested for possession. In the city of Denver, people between 18 and 21 have a decriminalized policy for them. If someone under the age of 18 possesses marijuana, they can go to a juvenile assessment center rather than going to jail. This ensures that people "don't have to live into adulthood with mistakes they might have made when they were 19," Councilman Albus Brooks said in a Denver Post article.

Recreational pot is now legal in two states and there are many more states that are debating on following.

New schedule creates new challenges for students

By Devon Vondette

On Mon., Jan., 13, 2014, the spring semester for Colorado Northwestern Community College began.

With big plans and several changes in store, the students of CNCC plunged into their initial classes.

As most students had a history at CNCC some new students were experiencing the institutional atmosphere in Rangely for the very first time.

As a shock to the returning students, what they thought they knew about how classes ran at CNCC was now a thing of the past.

During the duration of the fall semester and into the winter break, CNCC board members, faculty, and other members of the college discussed a new schedule structure.

Taking athletics, academics, meals and other factors into the day of a student, a plan was devised to make each day a little easier.

Due to the commitment of athletics and the time that is needed for each sport, something

had to be done to give adequate amount of time to not only the sport but to all other areas of the student's life.

This schedule also had to focus on the non-student athletes.

The majority of students have outside jobs and responsibilities that need to be taken care of.

In order to get a handle on time, the CNCC administration decided on this structure; Classes begin at 7:45 a.m. and proceed until 12 noon.

Lunch break occurs from 12-12:45 p.m.

From 12:45- 2:30 p.m. afternoon classes are held.

Afternoons from 2:30- 6:15 p.m. a block was installed for mandatory athletic contacts and no classes are to be held at this time, (with an exception of flight, maintenance and one English class.)

Evenings from 7-10 p.m. the night block for classes is held.

With a couple of tweaks and exceptions to the schedule, Monday through Thursday this schedule is put into play.

"I think it is frustrating. I know the schedule is supposed to help give us time, but I think the old schedule helped us create more time. Now I have to begin my day earlier and crunch meals into 40 minute slots and practice in a certain amount of time."- Bryce Osborne

Humans Set Their Sights on Another Planet to Destroy

By Dale Nielsen

Humans have finally found a new place to congregated in our solar system. It seems that Jupiter's moon Europa has liquid water. Researchers found some water busting through Europa's ice surface. This can only be one of two things. There is water on Europa, and there is water on Europa. It seems that after years of thinking that Jupiter's moon Europa may be the the most earth-like candidate in our solar system, we found the proof to back it up.

The Hubble telescope which we sent into orbit in 1990, observed this water coming from the southern pole region of Europa. The Hubble space telescope which was put into orbit to do this very type of thing has been a very useful tool for us in understanding our existence. Hubble Space Telescope has photographed everything from

supernovae and nebulae to other distant and very similar galaxies to our own. To say that The Hubble Space telescope has opened our eyes is an understatement. It has singlehandedly multiplied what we know about the universe by billions.

Finding water on Europa is the biggest thing since nuclear fallout, well at least since we found water on Saturn's moon Enceladus. Back in 2005 Hubble did the same thing to Enceladus, leading us to believe if this moon orbiting Saturn has water, it would be a fair assessment to think that One of Jupiter's Moons would have similar properties. Our hunch was correct, Through cracks in the surface called fissures water came spurting from Europa.

Surprisingly enough the amount of water coming from these cracks is caused by the distance away Europa is from Jupiter. This is the

same general idea behind tides and their ferocity here on Earth. The tidal movement idea also confirms that there is a full blown ocean on Europa, "The apparent plume variability supports a key prediction that Europa should tidally flex by a significant amount if it has a subsurface ocean," according to Kurt Retherford, of the Southwest Research Institute.

So where does this whole water on Europa discovery lead us? Could there be life in other places? Well for creatures that are similar to what we see on Earth all you need is carbon and water. Europa supplies the hard part, now all you need is carbon. It would be safe to say that underneath the icy surface of Europa life is probably flourishing. Just within our solar system, we can see places that could support life, what do you think the rest of the universe could hold?



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An artist's representation of the water vapor on Europa



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New Eden Pregnancy Center

By Tiffany Record

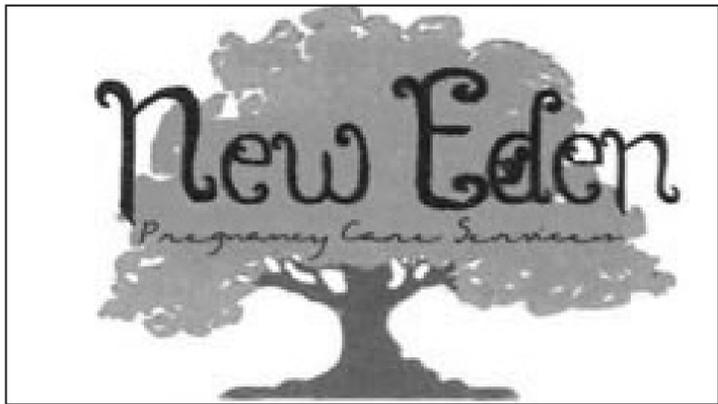
As small as Rangely, Colorado may be, you can find a pregnancy outreach center here for expecting mothers who may need assistance. New Eden is an all volunteer, non-profit organization put together by women and others in the community in order to create a safe place for young women to go in a complicated time. As a young expectant mother, sometimes the shock of everything can be overwhelming and a girl may not be able to provide all the necessities for a new baby. New Eden is a place to go during this time to gain support, advice from other mothers, clothing and even pregnancy tests. The services provided by the center are completely free and will remain confidential, without judgement being put on anybody that arrives in the door.

The organization has come under a new director, Melissa Norman, whom has outlined a few key components of the center. "New Eden offers confidential guidance and education as well as material guidance, pregnancy testing and post-abortion counseling, free of charge. Our purpose is to love, encourage and educate pregnant women in need. New Eden primarily exists to care for women and their unborn children. First, we provide accurate

information about abortion and the life that is growing inside of every pregnant woman. Second, loving the woman for the unique individual that she is. New Eden offers a baby boutique, free diapers, wipes, formula, baby food and other material items." Although, these are not the only things that the center does for people in the community.

Coming up the 6th of May, New Eden will be celebrating the birthday of the center. In this time Ms. Norman says they have helped a dozen young women through this confusing time. New Eden was started by pastors in Meeker almost 4 years ago. Due to the fact that women from Vernal, UT and Rangely would travel to Meeker to seek services, this triggered opening up a center here in Rangely, CO. This provided more convenience to people that may not be able to travel as far as Meeker to gain the support that these women need.

If there is any chance that you are a young woman or even a single father that may need assistance there is a way to contact the volunteers at New Eden. Contact them @ newedenrangely@gmail.com or call 970-620-7096. They are currently located at 402 W. Main St. rm 171 and are open Monday and Thursday 10 a.m.-4p.m. For more information visit www.newedenpcs.com.



Advising Corner

By Robyn Wilson

"Be responsible." These are words that you hear every day, and it is more important than ever to take those words to heart. Your higher education is a great privilege and with that, comes great responsibility. According to a study from Harvard and the Asian Development Bank, only 6.7 percent of the world's population has a college degree. You can be one of them, but you need to take your education seriously. For maximum success, follow these



simple guidelines, and you will find yourself walking across a stage with a diploma in your hand.

1. GO TO CLASS!

Kreig's Kicks

"Rants and raves by me, Kreig."



Photo by Robert Byrnes

Kreig Kohl

People have never been able to truly exist in peace. It's a natural instinct to want to fight amongst ourselves, whether it be for land or power, Religion or wealth, people always fight. This of course does not mean large scale conflict. It can simply mean small scale conflicts. Now while these are instincts it doesn't mean automatic hatred or that people should be rude. Conflict can be handled in a very civilized and non-angry way.

Now of course these conflicts happen daily. This does not mean to search them out or not but instead find better ways to handle them. Yelling at someone just cause you believe a directive you gave them wasn't followed doesn't do anything but breed anger and make that person want revenge of some type. Anger only begets anger and violence only begets violence. To truly handle confrontation without a negative we must let the negative emotions go. This is not the easiest

thing to do though.

To truly handle confrontation without anger or violence we must learn to either deal with things passively or with happiness. To do this we must first figure out to control our emotions. There are many techniques that can do this. I myself hold my tongue and say the angry things in my mind. I don't say things that could be harmful, at least not to the person's face as its difficult to always keep those thoughts from leaving my mouth. If someone does start to push my buttons and make me angry I remove myself from that situation completely until I have calmed down.

Another easy way to handle those negative emotions is to have a mantra or anything that can distract you from them when they begin to bubble up to the surface of your thoughts. Some people use the old what would Jesus do idea and others us random soothing

sounds but no matter what it is they find something that keeps them calm.

As a final end all resort to keep emotions in check go out for a run or a drive. It removes you from the situation and it keeps you from being able to do anything that could be harmful. The further out you are from the situation the more logical you can be about thinking about it and thus the better you can handle it when you have to go back to it.

Throughout the semester your instructors send us referrals for those who are not attending class, and we will contact you about this bad behavior. It is very difficult to make up work if you fall behind. Do not skip any of your classes unless you are absolutely unable to attend. If you are an athlete who is traveling this spring, contact your instructor and discuss how you will stay on track while you are gone, and always attend class when you are on campus. Be responsible and follow through on the commitment that you made to yourself when you began this journey.

2. COMPLETE ALL ASSIGNMENTS!

Not completing your work will dramatically bring down a grade. Your instructors have designed their homework to assist you to learn the material for future papers, projects, and tests. Whether or not you feel that every assignment, lab report, or quiz is necessary, a zero significantly affects a final grade.

3. CREATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR INSTRUCTORS!

Here is a secret. Your instructors want you to visit them. Drop by their office and tell them what you think about their class, tell them how their class will help you meet your goals, or simply ask them a question about a topic that

interests you. Always inform your instructors why you missed class. Every instructor enjoys getting to know their students on a more personal level, and one of the benefits of being at a small school.

4. ASK FOR ASSISTANCE!

Utilize the Learning Center in Rangely and ALAP Center in Craig for additional assistance. It is a great place to study, learn study strategies, and get individualized attention. Both instructors and peer tutors are regularly scheduled to help you learn in the following subject areas: Math, English, Literature, Philosophy, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology. Take advantage of these great services and see Sheila Harper in Craig or Ramona Smalec in Rangely for additional assistance and information.

5. SEE YOUR ADVISOR!

Remember to see an advisor at least once a semester to discuss your classes, difficulties you may be having, and your future plans. We are here to help you, but you are the key to your success. As Napoleon Hill said, "You are the master of your destiny. You can influence, direct and control your own environment. You can make your life what you want it to be." Robyn Wilson, Advising and Intervention Specialist, 970-675-3292, robyn.wilson@cncc.edu

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MONKEYS AT TYPEWRITERS

Brass Floors

By Kane Usami

Episode 2: Safe Zones: Part I

Reno awoke in a daze on his musty cot in his drabby shack.

Dust floated over, and coated anything that entered his home. The grimy, bare wood walls that surrounded him seemed to not stand together as a wall, but rather as individual poles which made up more of a tight fence than anything. These shabby walls, which were made up of remnants of destroyed houses, and dead trees, held up an even shabbier roof. The rood was flat, creating a perfect surface for snow, and water to build up on. The rood was composed of some old, decomposing logs sheeted with some tin metal. He sluggishly reached for one of his revolvers. The rising sunlight oozing through the cracks in his ceiling reflected off of the gun, shining bright, happy light into his eyes.

Reno squinted and grumbled to himself in a hoarse early morning voice: "I need a cigarette."

He reached into his rucksack

sitting on the dirt floor, pulling out a pouch of tobacco and rolling papers. Reno proceeded to talk to himself about petty things while rolling his cigarette. Reno did this quite often actually. Beginning when he was but a child, while he was all alone, studying and working he would start to speak to himself. It helped him cope with stress and become even more secluded and independent than before. Whether or not that was a good thing? Well...

Reno smoked his cigarette and he felt better, he stood up and started his process for the dat. First by pulling on his olive green canvas pants, then his tan canvas shirt, he put on his socks, and boots, he put on his gun belt, his rucksack, and finally his father's hat. This was basically all he owned, and he often wondered why he stayed in the small establishment of Jacobstown. He pondered this thought and suddenly a dream started to surface in his mind.

Reno was walking, walking fast. He didn't know where he was, but he knew that it was important. He didn't have his guns, he didn't

have a knife, and he felt extremely vulnerable and naked. He picked up the pace jumping into a hard jog. Soon the setting changed from fdesert wasteland to something he had only heard of in stories: trees. He felt an immense feeling of relieving happiness wash over him, he no longer felt naked or exposed, and he felt content without any discerning feeling whatsoever. Then...

Reno came out of his dream viewing trance in awe. He thought of the trees, their immense beauty, and even their scent. The vividness of the dream disturbed him slightly. The noise they made when they rustled in the wind. It was almost as if he had seen these sometime in his life. If so, he did not remember.

Reno went off about his day, first checking traps that he had laid out for small animals to fall into. All of his seven traps were full at one time, but two of the prizes were eaten in the trap by a larger animal. Then he took the pelts and furs that he had collected from the animals and traded them for three .357\ magnum shells at the traders

post in Jacobstown. He saved the meat and set it out to dry. He then walked back out to reset the traps.

All the while the dream was seated firmly at the base of Reno's mind. Reno quietly pondered the meaning of it all in his head while walking. He wondered, and thought, and argued, and sighed. Finally he came to an agreement with his inner self, and he let a slight smile spread across his lips while he nodded to himself. He dropped the light foliage he was using to camouflage his traps, got up off the ground, and walked home.

Reno opened the door of his shack, he grabbed his lantern, and the rest of his meat reserves. He rolled up his woolen blanket that was on his cot and stuffed it into his rucksack. Reno double checked his home, and then he left. In the middle of the night, he set off.

Perhaps to find the "green friends" he had dreamt about. Or maybe because this was what Reno truly was: a wanderer.

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Dan: A Brass Floors companion series

By Dale Nielsen

I wake with a start. My sleep has been patchy to say the least. The whole living to survive has permanently destroyed my sleeping habits. I dress quickly, slipping my old flannel and pants over my long-johns without a sound. I put my trusty bandana on and grab my bag. People always said the apocalypse would be fun, I beg to differ. At first, shooting stuff and scavenging for food was an adventure, but it got old real quick. I do my wandering alone and have thus become a more internalized person, more than I had ever been. I haven't spoken to anyone in over 35 days. At first, the solitude was refreshing; I had always thought of humans as mere characters in this game we call life. Their companionship was unnecessary and and burdensome, and often times annoying. But now, not having seen a living soul in this short amount of time, had created a void inside me. My brain had always been a problem for me, I could grasp concepts easily and figure out my problems, but when it came to using my hands and

fingers my problems had always reared their ugly head. I begin walking, extinguishing my fire beforehand. I don't want to give the cannibals any reason to think there are still normal folk in this part. The last person I had come in contact with was a woman whom I enjoyed my company with. One morning, though, she disappeared and I haven't seen her since. It was almost a relief to me, less people to care for the better. I'm lost in deep thought before I realize something, I can hear the sound of moving water. I pick up my pace and come to a huge bluff, and at the bottom see a clear lake. I cannot believe my luck. I scree run to the lake and stop inches from the water. I look into the water and see something I hadn't seen in a while. My reflection. I don't even recognize who I am looking at anymore. Before the end of humanities dark days on this earth had come about, I was a mere boy of 18. Now the man looking back at me had a man's face and scraggly beard. I wept, this whole thing had been harder than hell for me, I'm no daring desperado just a young man with the smell of death and disaster

on my hands. After regaining my composure. I look into the deep pool and see movement and it looks like there could be meat for dinner tonight. I rig a rod using yucca fibers as a line. Should be easy right? Not when you have the dexterity of a man with paper bags taped to his hands. I finally cast my line into the darkest pool I can see. I wait for hours getting nothing. Not even a nibble. I retreat back to the bank and can't believe my eyes, there in front of me is the noblest dog I have ever seen. I look into his dark brown eyes as he looks into mine and we sit there for a few minutes in wonder lust. He is a handsome dog, with a big black grey mane from tip to tail with two big brown eyebrows. "I shall call you Abel," I say to myself and the nearby dog. I lay down next to him and pull out my last can of beans. His eyes light up as I open the can; I halve it and he eats it ravenously. I wrap my bandanna around his neck to show my ownership of this beast. This precious creature put into my life will serve as my companion.

The Ride

By Tiffany Record

Adrenaline comes over his body, He mounts gripping hard to the rope. The metal around him rattles, Tension begins to build. One hand in the air the shoot swings open, Cheers from the crowd over take the stadium. Dirt flies into the air, The next eight seconds will change his life forever.

My head flutters, Dirt surrounds me. The ground shakes beneath his hooves, The crowd keeps me focused on my ultimate goal. I must hold on for eight seconds. My body is numbing with every second. The cheers slip from my ears, I only hear the sound of my heart beating. I can feel his heart beating against

my legs, With every buck my grip loosens. But I must hold on four more seconds, I look over and see my son with my old cowboy hat. I will do this for him. I will make him proud. Nothing else is important to me, Just two more seconds. I hear nothing until the buzzer makes that glorious sound. I have held on for eight seconds!

One day I will be just like him, He has taught me the importance of the eight second ride. I wish to feel what he feels. I want the cheers to be for me. His old hat covers my eyes, But I can see tears run down his face. He has won this one just for me. Walking towards me his chaps move with every step. He grabs me and hugs me, "Son, one day you will feel the rush of that eight second ride."

Cannibalistic ghost ship may invade the U.K!

By Tanner Nielson



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Yes, you read that title right. A ghostly and abandoned ship is off floating in the North Atlantic waters and it may be headed straight to Mother England or Ireland. But what makes the boat a cannibal? It's the fact the hunk

of metal is filled with thousands of rats spawning and eating what's left on the ship; each other. But how did a boat get filled with these plague and fear inducing creepy crawlies?

Well, in 1976 a 1400 ton ship

was constructed in Yugoslavia in order to sail much more efficiently in the coldest regions on the planet, all while carrying only the most royal of Russians. What is the name of the present day ghost ship? It was known for mostly its trips to Antarctica and the Arctic Circle. It was originally called the Lyubov Orlova.

Why is there a speculation of cannibalistic rats? Well, according to Pim De Rhoades, who is a Belgian salvager, told The Sun, "There will be a lot of rats and they eat each other. If I get aboard I'll have to lace everywhere with poison." And that, is the source of those ratty rumors (pun intended). Not to mention, he actually had never even been aboard the Lyubov Orlova. For all we know, the rats could be tea drinking gentlemen who aren't feasting on each other's

diseased flesh. How did the ship get lost in the first place though?

The Lyubov Orlova was first, um, misplaced, in February of last year. There are many theories on how the boat was first let go, but this one is the most accepted: the boat was on its way and being towed from Newfoundland to the Dominican Republic and was somehow cut loose. Zoinks, this story sounds like a mystery for Scooby Doo and the gang.

According to BBC though, the ship is still yet to be sighted off any of England's coasts. So where is the ship? No one really knows. The U.K and Irish Coastguard are not worried about any ghost ship attacking though, not even if the ship IS Russian. The Irish Coast guard speculates that the ship has probably sunk. The assistant to the British Prime Minister, David Cameron, was quoted with saying this jewel: "Gosh, we're almost in a B-movie script development meeting here." So is there any way to track the Orolov?

Meet the Press



Megan Raymond
Editor-in-Chief/Layout Editor

"I am currently a sophomore at CNCC and I was Layout Editor last year. I was on my high school yearbook staff for four years and was EIC for one. I wanted to be on the paper because I enjoy being a part of journalism and I have won numerous awards for photography and for writing. I love Disney and space and I enjoy making people smile. I am very optimistic and happy. I love to read and write and I have an eye for design. One day I hope to work for Disney or be a kindergarten teacher."



Kimber Kinney
First Year Staff Writer

"I'm currently a sophomore at CNCC and a senior at Rangely Jr./Sr. High School. I've lived in Rangely for 18 years now and I'm a huge redneck. My favorite thing is to do cheerleading and rodeo. After I graduate from both CNCC and the high school in May, I will be going to become a paramedic like my mom and do a little cop work like my dad. I currently work at Rangely District Hospital as a CNA. I joined the newspaper for high school credit and thought it'd be a good experience."



Tiffany Record
First Year Staff Writer

"Hello everyone, my name is Tiffany, I am currently a Junior attending Rangely High School. This is my first time taking journalism and hope to share my passion of writing with everyone throughout this semester. With support from my peers and my readers I wish to improve my writing skills and better learn to entertain through my talents."



Zach Glasgow
First Year Staff Writer

"Salutations readers, my name is Zach Glasgow. I am currently a Junior at Rangely High School. Through this class I am hoping to improve on my writing skills, and make new friends, and to just have fun in general."



Kristina "Nina" Herrera
First Year Staff Writer

"I am a freshman at CNCC and this is my first year being involved in journalism. I love to write just about anything so I'm very excited to be a part of this team!"
-Women's basketball team
-Planning on majoring in Sports Psychology



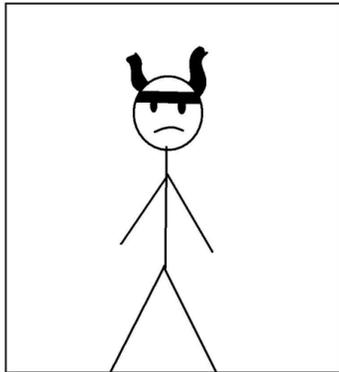
Devon Vondette
First Year Staff Writer

"Hello Everyone! Here is a little background on me. I am a 20 year old sophomore, here at CNCC. I am the current 2013-2014 student government president, Women's Basketball Athlete and Rodeo Athlete. I will be graduating this spring with my associates of arts and moving toward my dream of becoming an Orthodontist. I enjoy spending my free time with friends, family and mostly with my better half. I will be looking forward to spreading all of my great ideas with you."



Kreig Kohl
Copy Editor and second year staff writer

"I am a sophomore here at CNCC, mainly studying Psychology. I'm 20 years old originally from Ocala Florida but more recently Brighton Colorado. I've lived in five states; Florida, Georgia, Colorado, Wyoming, and Nevada. I write because writing is something I enjoy and something I'm skilled in. As any avid reader knows I have my opinions, I stick to my opinions and any attempts to change my opinions or divert me from my course of action is ill advised."



Lucas Kane Noel
First Year Staff Writer

"I am a senior in high school and I enjoy writing very much. I got into journalism because I have a passion for writing. I believe it is one of the only art styles that can communicate exactly what you want, how you want and I am not good at much else. I enjoy the outdoors and my relationship with technology is both loathsome and loving. I believe the most versatile food is either the egg or the peanut."

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Tobin Gutkes
First Year Staff Writer

"Hi everyone, my name is Tobin Gutkes. I am currently a sophomore at CNCC playing baseball and studying Business. I was born and raised in St. Augustine, Florida. I enjoy boating and fishing back home in the sunshine state, as well as hiking and skiing out here in the west!"

Super Bowl, cont.

Denver Broncos. Many fans thought after the great season they had leading up to the Super bowl they would for sure win, but was a big disappointment when the Seattle Seahawks went home with the win. This is the first super bowl the Seahawks have ever won. However during the game there were a lot of missed calls by the refs or not true calls that they called on both teams but manly the Broncos.

During the third quarter the Broncos made their first touchdown, but did not do them very well since the Seahawks were way ahead of them in points. After the final score 48 - 8, with the Seahawks winning, many Bronco fans posted all over facebook how disappointed they were in the team, or even how they thought or believed that Peyton Manning threw the game, and that they could of won if it was not for him. After this game there were many bronco fans all over the states upset.

Where the Super bowl was being held, after the game a big riot broke out from many bronco fans, but many the Seahawk fans. Over \$25k damage was done to Historic century old Pioneer Square; fireworks were launched, burning furniture making bonfires, cause lots of damage near the University of Washington, wild parties turning into riots, throwing bottles at Police Officers, and more. This did not start until shortly after midnight. Officers had to push crowds of 3,000 out of where they were destroying, or arresting people because they were getting aggressive with the officers and trying to hurt the officers.

Even though the Seattle Seahawk fans were not very appropriate in New Jersey, both teams, the Broncos, and Seahawks had a great season, especially making it to the Super bowl, they all worked very hard to make their way to the Super bowl. The Seahawks came ready to win, and they showed everyone it was their time to win for once.

Ben Wrights strong start leads Spartan baseball in series opener

By Tobin Gutkes

Spartans baseball pick up their first win of the season against Arizona Western on Friday, January 31st as they top the Matadors 3-2. Starting pitcher for the Spartans, Ben Wright pitched 5 solid innings, as he allowed just 1 run on 3 hits, picking up 6 strikeouts. Mathew Mannens came in relief, pitching 3 2/3rds innings, allowing no earned runs, with 4 strikeouts. Starring at the plate was short stop Jake Morgan. Morgan had three hits and was a home run shy of hitting for the cycle. Ryan Mitchell also had a pair of hits. Wright got the win for Colorado as Mannens got the save.

The Spartans split the series against the Matadors and start the season series off with a 1-3 record.

Head Coach Lou McCollum adds this to say about his team. "This year we are better in every aspect then we were last year. The amount of talent in our offense as well as our pitching staff will make us a top contender in the SWAC. A huge part of our success this year is with the addition of our first year pitching coach, Joe Cates. Coach Joe has brought great insight to our players, along with his playing experience and knowledge of the game he makes a great addition to our ball club."

Colorado baseball heads next to Arizona on February 8th, as they take on the Bears of Phoenix College.

Broncos face off against the Sea Hawks in Super Bowl 48

By Kimber Kinney



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The 2014 Super bowl was held on February 4th, 2014 at Metlife Stadium, at the Meadowlands Sports Complex, in East Rutherford, New Jersey. This game was played by the Seahawks and the Broncos. This was the first time

in twenty years that the Denver Broncos have made it to the super bowl, and the first time in nine years that the Seattle Seahawks have made it as well.

The 2014 Super bowl did not start off well or end well for the