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## CRAB CRACKIN' ...



Tickets sold out early for this year's '50s-themed Crab Crack, put on by the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce.

(Top) Rangely Town Manager Lisa Piering (right) and Mayor Andy Shaffer (left) recognized Matt and Konnie Billgren (center) for their contributions to the community during their time in Rangely. For the past four years, Konnie has been the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Matt has served as a Rangely Town Board Trustee. The Billgrens will be moving out of state next month.

(Middle) The W.C. Striegel table dressed in their 1950/60s best.

(Bottom) Ron and Alisa Granger channeled Grease characters Danny and Sandy.

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## RBC issues discussed at interagency meeting

From wolves to coronavirus to Colowyo...

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**RBC** The county commissioners hosted an interagency meeting Tuesday afternoon following the regular board meeting. Leaders and representatives from multiple county departments and area entities presented updates on activities and projects.

### BLM—KENT WALTER, WHITE RIVER FIELD MANAGER

Walter said the BLM's comment period on changes to grazing regulations closes March 6. Documentation for the revisions is available at <https://tinyurl.com/ru8eq8>.

Walter also said approval of the travel resources management plan, the Buffalo Horn land exchange, a wild horse gather plan for outside the herd management

area and an environmental assessment for wild horses inside the management area are underway.

Comments are also open on the proposed sale of six BLM parcels—four in the Strawberry Creek area and two along the Grand Hogback in Garfield County. The BLM considers the parcels "difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands." If approved, the parcels would be sold to White River Lodge, LLC.

Walter also said the White River Field Office has several employment opportunities available.

### WILDLIFE SERVICES—DAVID MORENO AND JUSTIN EWING

Moreno reported on a meeting in Craig Feb. 10 aimed at educating the public about wolves. Conservation methods, including trapping, were

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## Local agricultural groups join forces to fight wolf reintroduction

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** Rio Blanco Stockgrowers Association, Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau members, and Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association are joining forces to oppose the dangerous ballot initiative that will force wolf introduction on Colorado's Western Slope. These local agriculture organizations are coordinating Dance Without Wolves, a fundraiser to provide information and education about the negative impacts wolves would bring to our rural communities.

"Our community and others like ours on the Western Slope are the ones that will be impacted first by this measure," said Brian Collins, Rio Blanco Stockgrowers President and a local rancher. "We need to unite to protect our way of life and counter this serious economic threat to our families and local businesses. We are asking our neighbors to take action and sup-

port this event as a means to fight back."

The dinner and dance will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. beginning with happy hour, followed by a steak dinner at 7 p.m., and dancing to the Mainline Band after dinner. There will be a live and silent auction to assist with fundraising. Tickets are required for the event and available for \$25 each.

In November, voters in Colorado will decide whether or not to force wolf introduction along the state's Western Slope by voting on Initiative 107, a measure funded significantly by large out-of-state donors. This measure goes against state wildlife experts who have already rejected the introduction of wolves into the state multiple times and have a "free-ranging" wolf plan in place backed by scientific processes, research and expert guidance. The Coloradans Protecting Wildlife group and its supporters say management should be done by the experts,

not by the ballot box. The measure is expected to cost taxpayers state-wide nearly \$6 million over eight years. Based on the serious economic impacts experienced in neighboring states with the Canadian wolf, the toll on our local community will likely be much more.

Rio Blanco Farm Bureau President Janice Weinholdt said, "We enjoy an idyllic lifestyle with the largest elk herd in America and other abundant wildlife essentially in our backyard. Cattle and sheep ranching preserve a significant amount of our open space and visual aesthetics. All of this will be devastated by forced wolf introduction. We need to protect these historic treasures and our way of life in this valley we call home."

Tickets are available in Meeker at Parts City, MGM, the Rio Blanco Farm Bureau office, and in Rangely at Nichols Store or by calling 970-220-2154 or 970-620-6088.

## CPW to host mountain lion management meetings in NW Colorado this month

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** Colorado Parks and Wildlife has scheduled six public meetings to provide updates on a proposed new management plan for mountain lions in northwest Colorado.

At the meetings, CPW wildlife managers will explain the management proposal, which provides for maintaining a stable mountain lion population across the Western Slope. Mountain lions in Colorado have historically been managed on smaller, localized scales—similar to the management of Colorado's deer and elk. Current research, however, shows that managing mountain lions on a landscape scale is more appropriate and effective. A careful review by CPW biologists of research studies on mountain lions from Colorado, Wyoming and Montana has helped wildlife managers evaluate populations and set harvest objectives that align with the best available science.

Those interested in mountain lion management should attend the meetings, especially hunters, outfitters, farmers, ranchers and landowners.

Big game management plans provide guidance to

wildlife managers who attempt to balance the biological capabilities of animals, their habitat and public requests for wildlife-related recreation opportunities. The management plans drive important decisions, which include the license-setting process, and strategies and techniques to reach population and harvest objectives.

Here's the meeting schedule:

- Steamboat Springs: Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m., Steamboat Springs CPW office, 925 Weiss Dr.
- Kremmling: Feb. 11, 6 p.m., CSU Extension Hall, 210 11th St.
- Glenwood Springs: Feb. 12, 6 p.m., Glenwood Recreation Center, 100 Wulfsohn Road.
- Gypsum: Feb. 18, 6 p.m., Community Center, 52 Lundgren Blvd.
- Meeker: Feb. 19, 6 p.m., at Mountain Valley Bank, 400 Main St.
- Grand Junction: Feb. 19, 6 p.m., Mesa County Central Services, 200 Spruce St.
- Rifle: Feb. 20, 6 p.m., Colorado Mountain College, 3695 Airport Rd.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **Works in Progress** Feb. 14 and Feb. 28 from 1-4 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center MP Room. Bring your works in progress—needlework, crafts, miscellaneous projects—to get something done and enjoy the company of other crafters. FREE! ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.
- **Meeker Public Library Book Club** will meet Monday, Mar. 9 at 1 p.m. to discuss "The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat" by Edward Kelsey Moore. All are welcome to join in the fun.
- **Childcare available at WRBM** Monday-Thursday from 8-10:30 a.m. \$3/hour/child without a pass. \$2.50/hour/child with purchase of a 20 punch pass for \$50. Call WRBM at 970-675-8211 for more information.
- **Open Gym Basketball for adults** at Parkview Elementary on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. Youth open gym on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. Carry in clean shoes to participate. Free. Call WRBM at 675-8211 for more information.
- **Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park.
- **Tiny Open Gym** Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. at the Admin Gym. Bring your one to four-year-olds to burn off some energy! Runs through Feb. 25. Maximum of three children per parent/caregiver. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.
- **"Geezer Gather"** every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Veteran's Community Center, 290 4th Street. Adults 55+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. 970-878-3758.
- **Friday Craft Class** for middle school through adults. Every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. February's craft will be jewelry making. Space is limited to 10 participants. Call 878-5911 or drop by to sign up.
- **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 2-9 p.m. at WREA's Kilowatt Komer. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making personal and comfort quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.
- **Drop-in adult volleyball** Tuesdays 7:30 to 9 p.m., MES Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in volleyball will run through Feb. 25. A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.
- **Drop-in adult basketball** Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the MES Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in basketball will run through Feb. 26. A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.
- **Youth Open Gym Basketball** Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the MES Gym for K-8th grade boys and girls Jan. 17-Mar. 6. Youth under 8 must have a parent/caregiver 13 or older present. At least four participants need to arrive by 1:15pm or open gym will be cancelled for the day. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings held Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8 p.m. at New Creation Church, Rangely.
- **Art On A Kart Master the Masters.** Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month for an evening of art and friendship. Canvas, paint, drawing and painting techniques are included. \$30 per person. Call or text Liz Waters 970-274-3794 to confirm or ask questions.
- **Storytime** at the Rangely Regional Library Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
- **Meeker Lions Club** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 290 Fourth St. New members are always welcome. It's a great way to give back to the community and spend time with a fun group of people.
- **Rangely Community Resource Pantry Hours:** Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- **Gentleman's Group** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Adults 55+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.
- **Children's Story Hour** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.
- **Foot Clinic.** Pioneers Hospital Home Health Foot Clinic will be at MVCC on the second Wednesday of each month, to trim toenails of anyone who has trouble with the task. 290 4th St. Please call PMC Home Health 970-878-9265 to schedule an appointment. Thank you.
- **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Wendll's.
- **Game Day** for adults 55+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshment, conversation and a game of cards.
- **The VFW, American Legion and their Auxiliaries** will meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 290 4th St. For further information call 970-878-5326.

Email calendar events by 5 p.m. Mondays. Listing dependent on available space.  
calendar@ht1885.com

# CUTEST COUPLE ...



**Ted and Mary Ann Williams of Meeker are the winners of the HT's 2020 Cutest Couple's Contest. They have been married for 50 years.**

**Congratulations, Ted and Mary Ann!**

**This year's inaugural Cutest Couple Contest was put together by our HT interns and voting took place on the @herald\_times\_faces\_of Instagram. Fifteen couples entered the contest.**

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## FFA announces scholarship program

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The Colorado FFA Foundation announced the formation of the Edward B. Cordes Scholarship fund at The CoBank Center for Agricultural Education, Fort Collins on Jan. 31. Ed Cordes along with his wife Polly Jessen, son Matt Cordes, and daughter Katie Cordes have pledged a transformational gift to the Colorado FFA Foundation to create a scholarship fund which will provide full tuition scholarships to Colorado FFA members attending college or trade school for at least the next 30 years.

Edward B. Cordes grew up in Roggen, Colorado, on a diversi-

fied farm. In high school, his agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor, Wayne Ball, had a profound impact on Cordes' life. Ball played a key role in motivating Ed to complete his bachelor's degree from Colorado State University and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska. Ed eventually started his own successful business, Cordes and Company, became the chairman of the Board of Guaranty Bank and Trust, and served on a number of public and charitable boards. Through all of his travels and business experiences, Ed remembered how impactful his experiences in FFA and his advisor were on his life and how much they contributed to his

success. During the last six years Ed has served on the Colorado FFA Foundation board of directors (several as chairman) and has assisted in raising funds to positively impact FFA members all across the state.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board and we did incredible things for FFA and ag education in Colorado, but this one is very personal. This scholarship is for students that have drive and ambition, but might not be able to attend college or a trade school because of financial constraints. This fund alleviates that burden and will allow FFA members across Colorado to better themselves and better those around them — the very mission that FFA teaches all of its members — just like Mr. Ball did for me. This is in honor of him," Ed Cordes said.

The scholarship also honors Benny Mendoza, who taught Ed "respect for the dignity of his fellow human beings regardless of race, creed, or economic circumstances." The scholarship selection criteria contemplate that approximately 50% of scholarship funds will be awarded to qualified students of Latin American descent.

Tom Lipetzky, Chairman of the Colorado FFA Foundation Board of Directors added, "we are honored that the Cordes family has entrusted us with this gift. Ultimately over the next several decades, this scholarship will put at least 30 of our FFA members through college and trade schools on full scholarships. We thank the Ed and his family — this gift will change lives."

Agricultural education Instructors and FFA advisors across Colorado are encouraged to nominate students for this scholarship. The first scholar will be awarded in the spring of 2020.

For more information about this scholarship or other work of the Colorado FFA Foundation please contact Don Thorn, executive director, at dthorn@coloradoffa.org.

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## RBC COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE FORUMS

RANGELY: Monday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m. @ CNCC

MEEKER: Thursday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. @ Meeker Public Library

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Rector Memorial Tourney Feb. 15

**RANGELY** | The Carl and Peggy Rector Memorial Cribbage Tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Elks 1907 BPOE at 633 E. Main St. in Rangely beginning at 9 a.m. Pool play will be followed by a bracket tournament. Entry fee is \$20 and includes lunch. Additional drinks can be purchased at the Elks Club. All proceeds go to the Elks Club kids' programs. For more information call Tim at 970-629-1715 (cell) or 970-675-8211 (Rangely Rec Center).

## Waving Hands deadline Feb. 15

**RBC** | Waving Hands Review, the literature and arts magazine of Northwest Colorado, is seeking submissions of your creative work. Categories include artwork, poetry, fiction and non-fiction. A \$50 cash prize is awarded for the piece selected as Editors' Choice in each category. Deadline for submission is Feb. 15, 2020. Visit the Waving Hands homepage and submission guidelines by clicking on the Waving Hands logo on the CNCC website: www.cncc.edu. Waving Hands Review is an award-winning publication of Colorado Northwestern Community College.

## Pesticide applicator workshop

**RBC** | Colorado State University Extension is hosting a Pesticide Applicator Workshop, Thursday, Feb. 20 in the NEH Room at the RBC Fairgrounds. Private and Commercial Core Credits (\$50) will be offered during the morning session 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Commercial credits (\$30 each) for Categories 109, 206 and 103 will be offered in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Contact Linda Masters at the Extension office for info or to reserve your spot: 970-878-9490.

## 'Dance without wolves' Feb. 22

**MEEKER** | The Rio Blanco Stockgrowers Association, in partnership with Rio Blanco Farm Bureau and Rio Blanco Woolgrowers, will host a "Dance Without Wolves" steak dinner and dance on Saturday, Feb. 22 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Fairfield Center. Tickets are \$25 each and proceeds go toward Coloradans Protecting Wildlife. Call 970-220-2154 or 970-620-6088 for tickets.

## Community networking Feb. 24

**RANGELY** | Please join us on Monday, Feb. 24 from 12-1:30 p.m. on the Rangely Campus in the Weiss Conference Room to hear an update from Vice President of Instruction Keith Peterson. He will present an update from the feedback received during the community outreach events in November 2018. Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to Keely Ellis at 970-675-3219 or email Keely.Ellis@cncc.edu by 12 p.m. on Feb. 21.

## United Way workshop Mar. 3

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Human Resource Council, in collaboration with Moffat County United Way, is teaming up to provide up to \$20,000 in funding to Meeker 501(c)3 nonprofit and governmental organizations. If your organization is considering applying for funding to support a project, please attend an informational workshop on March 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mountain Valley Bank Community Room (400 Main St.). Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP by email to [thalandras@bankmvb.com](mailto:thalandras@bankmvb.com).

## Woolgrowers' annual meeting

**RBC** | The annual meeting for Rio Blanco Woolgrowers will be Friday, March 6 at the RBC Fairgrounds with a call to order at 9 a.m. and presentations beginning at approximately 10 a.m. Speakers will include representatives from the Colorado Woolgrowers Association, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services, and more. Call 970-878-5369 for questions and to confirm attendance for lunch.

## RBCHS seeking photos for project

**MEEKER** | The Rio Blanco County Historical Society is seeking a photo of the original Meeker hydroelectric power plant (circa 1899 to 1917) for documentation purposes. Anyone with such resources is asked to contact the White River Museum at 970-878-9982 or email Kay Bivens at [thebivens3@gmail.com](mailto:thebivens3@gmail.com).

## Workforce workshop April 2

**RBC** | How do businesses attract and retain the workforce they need in an era of record-low unemployment rates? Join us for Find/Keep: A community conversation on workforce attraction and retention in Northwest Colorado. Held in Silverthorne on April 2 from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. To register, visit <https://www.vailvalleypartnership.com/event/find-keep-summit/>

## Rodeo Bible Camp this summer

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Rodeo Bible Camp will be held June 16-18 at the RBC Fairgrounds. The camp is for boys and girls, ages 10-18. Participant fee is \$150. Clinics offered include rough stock, barrels/poles, goat tying, team roping, breakaway roping, team sorting, horsemanship and colt starting. The camp will end at the Thursday night Meeker Summer Rodeo Series where campers can demonstrate what they've learned and win buckles. For more information call 970-260-6820.

# GALAPAGOS GOALS ...



The arrival of a helicopter on Main Street in Meeker last Saturday had some folks wondering what was going on, but the 160 or so attendees of the fundraiser for the Meeker International Ecology Program's Galapagos trip knew what was up. Classic Air Medical donated a 20-minute helicopter ride for the event's silent auction. Pictured are seven of the eight Meeker High School students who are going on the trip in June: Hadley Franklin, Hamp Hightower, Aspen Merrifield, Alana Nielsen, Savannah Mendenhall, Gabriel Richardson and Jose Garcia. Not pictured is Mason Holliday, who was at Adams State for Honor Choir. The winner of the helicopter ride was Kelly Sheridan.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

# Facts, opinions and the mixed-up middle

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something specific. We don't pay anyone for letters to the editor or for guest posts, in case you were wondering.

It's important, especially in today's highly polarized culture, to be cognizant of the difference between opinion and fact. I think much of our current frustration with "mainstream media" comes from the failure to clearly delineate the difference between opinion and fact. Filling the 24/7 airwaves with "hot air" from pundits and self-proclaimed experts, consultants and analysts is a great way to spend hours, or even days, dissecting the latest juicy story, but it's not a great way to let folks know if they're getting facts or just a lot of speculation, educated guesses, or unvarnished opinion.

The internet hasn't helped. Advertising and propaganda are easier than ever to disguise as "news" stories, and there's a plethora of "experts" online to validate our individual flavor of confirmation bias.

That said, if you don't agree with something, you don't have to be afraid of it or spit on it or call it names. We should be open to reviewing opposing opinions and examining information that's presented for accuracy and truthfulness. We might find out we've been wrong about something, maybe for years, and that's OK. That's called learning and evolving and growing, and it's an important part of being a good human.

This week, and for the next few weeks, the opinion section of the HT will be pretty full of — wait for it — opinions.

Giving our readers a space to share their personal views is one way we record the "first draft of history" for our community. The people who take the time to write and submit an opinion piece care passionately about their subject and do their due diligence to provide evidence they believe supports their position. Whether I agree with them or not, they earn my respect for making an effort, adhering to some rules, and being bold enough to put their name in print. It takes a lot more courage to publish your thoughts and beliefs in print than it does to tweet 280 characters or share a snarky comment on Facebook.

You might ask, what is the difference between a letter to the editor and a "guest post" or "guest column."

Letters to the editor are generally submitted in response to something we've written or advertised previously. I get a few letters to the editor from people who spam email editors nationwide on various subjects, ranging from the political to the religious. If there's no concrete local connection, I usually toss those unless they're universally compelling and we have space that can't be filled with something locally relevant.

Guest columns, or guest posts, come from community leaders, local or regional experts in a field, or local individuals who have contacted me directly and asked about publishing

GUEST POST

# Fluoride in our water; it's not just about our teeth (Part 1)

By ELAINE URIE AND LISA HATCH  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** In April, Rangely voters will vote on fluoridation of our drinking water to continue or to stop it.

Our message is simple from proved sources, fluoride prevents tooth decay when applied topically; fluoride is toxic to our physical health when ingested. It's about awareness to facts/truth/proved studies, "drinking" Fluoride does not reduce tooth decay, and it is toxic and causes physical disease. Our information is from Fluoride Alert, Wikipedia and other sources as provided (<https://fluoridealert.org/issues/sources/>). Educate yourselves on truth and vote no for fluoride in our drinking water.

QUESTIONS:

■ What is the body composition of fluorine? Our body is composed of minute amounts of fluorine, a gas, <1% (chart), 0.0026 (mass), 0.0012 (atomic %), is toxic in high amounts; and doesn't have an essential biological role.

■ Where does fluoride come from? Fluoride is a naturally occurring element in soil, water and foods; it can be produced synthetically. "Fluoride is not a nutrient." Fluoride or Fluosilicic Acid (hydrogen fluoride and phosphoric acid) is the toxic chemical, a byproduct of fertilizer plants. Originally the fertilizer plants discharged this acid into the air and waterways, causing air pollution and killing the fish. After litigation, wet

scrubber plants were installed capturing the chemical toxins; this toxin or byproduct is now sold to fluoridate our drinking water (<https://fluoridealert.org/issues/water/fluoridation-chemicals/>)

■ Who controls Fluoride in drinking water? The EPA sets the safe levels in drinking water, (.07 – 1.9%). Levels can be difficult to control as waters can have natural fluoride already. \*Dr. William Hirzy, Senior VP of EPA's headquarters stated, "If this stuff gets into the air, it's a pollutant, if it gets into the river, it's a pollutant; if it gets into the lake it's a pollutant; but if it goes right into your drinking water system, it's not a pollutant... There's got to be a better way to manage this stuff." (See video

of Dr. H and other videos on fluoride at <http://fluoridealert.org/fan-tv/hirzy/>)

Bottom line: It's not safe to fluoridate drinking water — vote no!

We encourage you to do your own research — ask questions in your favorite browser: Is fluoride toxic? How do I avoid fluoride in beverages and food? How do I reduce fluoride exposure? Several sources speak to fluoride being toxic as a poison to our bodies: [PoisonPace.com/Fluoride](http://PoisonPace.com/Fluoride), Fluoride Action Network, Mercola – Take Charge of Your Health, Fluoride Toxicity from Wikipedia, Global Healing Center. The book "The Fluoride Deception" by Christopher Bryson is interesting reading... Educate yourselves for health!

GUEST POST

# Climate change—is it a crisis? (Part 1)

By LEONA HEMMERICH  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** While there are a growing number of people proclaiming the warning that climate change will destroy the earth, it seems to me we need to look at both sides of this issue — something the mainstream media has failed to do. While I commend the young Greta Thunberg for wanting to be involved in world politics, we must remember she is simply making an emotional case for what she has been taught in schools and learned from her parents and the media. The fact

that she addressed the United Nations does not mean her statements were backed by sound science. No one disagrees that the climate is changing and always has been changing ever since the world began. The questions are:

What are the causes? Is the issue overblown? What about the consensus?

Is there only a single cause that can be identified? Is it a threat?

Can we really prevent it? Just what can we do about it?

Many today firmly believe that global climate change is occurring because of what man is doing. Back in the '70s the cry was that the world was cooling, at least that's the way the media spun the story. Then global warming became the mantra. People of notoriety like Al Gore championed the idea as they flew around the country in their private jets telling everyone else to stop polluting the atmosphere. Now the catch phrase is: "CO2 emissions are getting so high we will all die." How do we know? Consensus science tells us so.

Let's break that down. We all know the world was much colder in past years — even in recorded history. There is plenty of evidence that the Ice Age created the Great Lakes in this country as well as carving out other canyons as glaciers covered a good portion of the globe. No one argues with that, but most would say that nothing like that has happened since recorded history. My question here is, how many of those who would say that, have actually read much of recorded history? According to those promoting the coming climate catastrophe, temperatures have remained rather constant until the past 50 years or so (depending upon who's drawing the chart.) Dr. Willie Soon, an astrophysicist, geoscientist and researcher at the Solar and Stellar Physics Division of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, and others have shown that the "hockey stick chart," as they call it, ignores the "Medieval Warm Period" and the "Little Ice Age" which occurred between 800-1500 AD. (1) If you Google Little Ice Age, even Wikipedia has a brief discussion about it. (2)

We are also told that polar bears are nearing demise due to climate change. Supposedly they are losing their habitat. (3) But are they? A number of articles can be found that completely refute that idea. Not only are the polar bears not disappearing, according to papers written in 2016/2017,

their population is on the rise. (4) It is entirely possible that climate change has nothing to do with the polar bear population, but rather other factors such as hunting and lack thereof that may have played a bigger role in this picture.

One of the reasons we're told climate change is a threat is that we have more forest fires from the extra hot temperatures than we've ever seen before. This extrapolation is easily refuted by Dr. Soon and others who point out that the charts used to promote that hypothesis start with the year 1960. When you look at the graphs on hot days and forest fires that start with the year 1926, you can see that the number of hot days recorded was far greater in the mid-1930s than anything we've ever seen. There were also more forest fires during those years than what we see today. (5) By way of reference, that was also coincided with the Great Dust Bowl in the mid-west. Keep in mind that while we did have greater factory pollution in its early days, automobiles were not at all ubiquitous like they are today, nor was there a lot of air travel. Certainly industrialization was not as widespread worldwide as it is today. The population then — just over 2 billion — was about 1/4 of what it is today, (6) and the population of the United States was only around 130 million compared to the roughly 330 million today. (7) Therefore, since people cannot be blamed for the hot temperatures in the 1930s, why is humanity to blame today when it was worse then?

We are told the world will end, and we will all die if we don't stop the increase of CO2. If CO2 continues to increase, we are told, the ice caps will melt and the oceans will flood the lowlands of the earth. CO2 is being blamed as the big greenhouse gas that will kill all of us, but is that true? Dr. Soon will tell you that as opposed to causing global warming, he sees it as following global warming. (8) So just what is a greenhouse gas and how much of the atmosphere is occupied by greenhouse gasses? The North Carolina Climate Office defines it this way. "The atmosphere is composed of a mix of several different gases in differing amounts. The permanent gases whose percentages do not change from day to day are nitrogen, oxygen and argon. Nitrogen accounts for 78% of the atmosphere, oxygen 21% and argon 0.9%. Gases like carbon dioxide, nitrous oxides, methane, and ozone are trace gases that

account for about a tenth of one percent of the atmosphere. Water vapor is unique in that its concentration varies from 0-4% of the atmosphere depending on where you are and what time of the day it is. In the cold, dry arctic regions water vapor usually accounts for less than 1% of the atmosphere, while in humid, tropical regions water vapor can account for almost 4% of the atmosphere. Water vapor content is very important in predicting weather."(9) To make that a little easier to understand, let's look at the amount of impact CO2 has on the whole. Our atmosphere as a whole is fairly stable, while the Greenhouse gasses are all variable. All greenhouse gasses except water vapor only account for less than one-tenth of one percent (0.0009). Let's take a stack of 100 pennies and pull one out. Then cut that one penny into 10 pieces and pull one piece out. Next cut a 10th off that little piece and what remains will show you what an extremely small part of the total atmosphere is composed of the smaller greenhouse gasses. Keep in mind that CO2 is less than half (0.0004) of that part of a penny. All the other greenhouse gasses noted above are in that little part of the penny as well.

Dr. Soon and others insist that water vapor (H2O), which makes up most of the earth's greenhouse gasses, has far more effect on the climate than CO2. (10) Plus, there are other aerosols and pollutants in the air that are not considered into the equation.

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Must be at least 18 years or older, with a valid driver's license, and be able to successfully meet all of the safety, lease commitments, as well insurance and financial requirements of this lease.

All interested parties must contact Colowyo by email to [cduran@tristategt.org](mailto:cduran@tristategt.org) by February 19th, 2020, the email must include full name, address and business address, if applicable. A mandatory information meeting will be held February 26th, 2020 at the Quality Inn located at 300 South Highway 13 in Craig, Colorado. At this meeting, interested parties will be provided an informational packet on the lease and properties.

\*Final acreage will be determined prior to initiating final lease agreement.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Wolves will impact us all**

Dear Editor:  
DON'T DANCE WITH WOLVES. This sounds like a really fun party coming up on Feb. 22. There is going to be steak and fixings, live music, a great auction and much more but I'm not certain that all the folks in Rio Blanco County who read the Herald or check out posters at the Post Office really understand the importance of what this party is about.

As noted, all the proceeds are going to Coloradans Protecting Wildlife. What does that really mean to all of us? Not much more than banding together to raise funds for a consortium of groups who are going to work to save our way of life.

As a livestock producer (sheep), I know that non-native wolves being introduced into the western slope of Colorado will have an adverse impact on us, as well as the cattle industry. In fact it may be the straw that breaks the camel's back and puts some of us out of business. However, these wolves are going to impact every resident of our county.

Hunting is an economic driver for everyone, from guides and outfitters to local business, i.e. lodging, restaurants, grocery stores, fuel sales, auto repair, tire sales, warm clothes, orange vests and caps, and the list goes on and on.

These wolves are going to devastate our elk herd, could eliminate our mule deer and moose, and don't forget about antelope and bighorn sheep.

Coloradans Protecting Wildlife's effort will be a lion's attempt to affect the Front-Range voter. We know those folks don't care about calves or lambs, perhaps a few care about horses, but most of them do care about Colorado's wildlife.

Today we know that most voters get their information from TV ads and social media and those two things take big dollars. The idea is to be able to cast doubt in the minds of front-range voters in the need to introduce a wolf who was never native to Colorado into our western slope landscape, especially when we know they are coming in from Wyoming on their own.

If you cannot join the fun at Don't Dance With Wolves on Feb. 22, I encourage everyone to go to the website rethinkwolves.com and click on the donate spot and donate \$5, \$50, \$500 or whatever you think you can afford, every penny counts in this fight for the livelihood of every resident or visitor to Rio Blanco County.

Thanks in advance for taking the time to read this

and hopefully do your part at whatever level you think appropriate.

Connie Theos  
Meeker

**Congrats on ESEA award**

Dear Editor:

I was so impressed by the article in the paper about the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) award. The Meeker Elementary was honored by the Colorado Department of Education. out of 750 Colorado schools only two were selected and Meeker Elementary was one of them. Congratulations to the principal, the staff and anyone else who has a part in this program.

How exciting was the \$10,000 check the school can use to improve programs.

We have an awesome school district. I'm proud to be a part of that history.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Donna M. Collins (DC)  
Meeker

**New NEPA regs are 95% good**

Dear Editor:

I have been expecting a push back from the environmental groups on the newly proposed NEPA regulation revisions as published by the Council on Environmental Quality, because 95% or better of the proposed changes are good. So, I was not surprised to see the letter to the editor last week. I would encourage everyone to look at them and comment. Revising these regulations will make all of our lives easier.

If you go to www.regulations.gov you will be able to find the proposed rules and be able to comment.

These things come in waves. On Jan. 21 the BLM announced that they have started the process to revise the grazing regulations. Right now all they are doing is scoping issues for an Environmental Impact Statement. As there is probably not one person in this county that does not owe their living to federal land, we all need to keep track of the process in order to keep it moving in the right direction.

The Rio Blanco County Commissioners are working on both sets and it is always better if all kinds of people comment on these kinds of proposals.

Jon Hill  
Rangely

**Thank you from Galapagos group**

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank everyone that was able to attend and/or contribute to the Meeker International Ecology Program's prime rib dinner fundraiser held on Saturday night! The atmosphere was absolutely crammed with generosity and good cheer! The Galapagos ecology students Jose Garcia, Gabriel Richardson, Savvy Mendenhall, Alana Nielsen, Aspen Merrifield, John Hampton Hightower and Hadley Franklin (Mason Holliday was not able to attend due to an honors choir competition), worked hard to host a prime rib dinner event at the Fairfield Center. Matt and Shana Holliday prepared the prime rib dinner along with a lot of help from the other parents. The meal was donated by Elk Creek Ranch, White River Bakery, Watt's Ranch Market, and Ma Famiglia's. Evie Chambers, Iris Franklin and Janet Spencer provided the yummy desserts. The dinner was followed by delightful entertainment provided by the Hollidays. Chipper's and the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council supplied the bar. We are extremely grateful for Meeker Arts and Cultural Council's willingness to secure the liquor license for the evening and for Rio Blanco County's consent for us to use the Fairfield Center — thank you for all of your help Bruce Bair!

Thanks to the Rio Blanco Herald Times' advertisement of our event, and promotion between friends and family, 160 people attended the event. That is approximately 6% of the population of our small town! Silent auction items, donated by local businesses and individuals, were available for bid. Gardner Mendenhall arranged for a helicopter to land nearby to promote Classic Air Medical's silent auction donation of a scenic helicopter ride. Kelly Sheridan, being brave enough to hand over his checkbook to his brother JH, was the happy winner of the helicopter ride. David Cole donated not just one, but three, scenic flights in his plane! Doug Merrell, Janet Spencer and Chuck Reichert (and families) will be enjoying those plane rides over the Flattops. Other donors included: John Kelley's Gunsmithing (many people donated funds towards a gift certificate for a gun and the LK Ranch luckily outbid Bailey Franklin); Trail and Hitch Tiny Homes overnight

Sincerely,  
Ann Franklin  
Meeker

stay (winner Scott Hollenbeck); Erin Musser's oils and diffuser (winner Joy Allen); Outfitters/Mexican House/Meeker Café/Ma Famiglia's gift certificates (winner Bev and Rich Meyer); Maym Cunningham art (winner Robyn Blackwood); Pat Daggett art (winner Jody Meakins); Jay Sullivan art (winners Dixie Massey, Martha Cole and Loretta McCoy was the lucky winner of three limited edition prints); Sable Mountain Outfitters pack trip (winner Bailey Franklin); Stanley and Vicki Crawford pig roast (winner Meeker Golf Club); Kirstie Kilduff Photography (winner Meredith Deming); Blanco Cellars and The Little Cheese Shop (winner Peggy Whalin); Erin Sackett's resin fairies (winner Sarah Jennings) and her fairy light (winner Kay Rizzo); Toby Leavitt's silver necklace and earrings (winner Jody May) and her beautiful handmade ceramic turtle made especially for this fundraiser (winner Kent Borchard); Iris Franklin's instant pot (winner Vicki Crawford); Franklin Home-Raised Turkey (winner Bill Pate); Diana French massage (winner Robyn Blackwood); Ute Lodge Old Baldy Yurt stay (winner Dylon Merrell); Ute Lodge campsite (winner Jamie Reck); Ben Quinn pottery (winner Kathleen Kelley); Trevor and Chrissie Nielsen's Bowie knife (big winner Tom Kilduff); Mountain Man basket (winner Debbie Cook); Nancy Richardson's wine bottle opener (winner Dylon Merrell); Ron and Janet Spencer's homemade goodies (winner Christine Halandras); and Elaine Jordan's wind chime (winner Sharon Day). Stanley Crawford and Mike Dinwiddie each donated more funds to take home the leftover prime rib. Thanks to each and every one of you that contributed to an amazing evening! We are so grateful for this community and all of your generosity towards our ecology trip to the Galapagos Islands this June.

GUEST COLUMN: LOOSE ENDS

**Small Talk**

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
Special to the Herald Times



Dolly Viscardi

**MEEKER I** A long time ago there was a special category of conversation called small talk. It served as a bridge to ensuring the continuance of a casual conversation. "How is the weather there?" was not a loaded question.

Anytime one old local cowboy was asked about the latest weather, he only had one answer. "It was jes an ol' equinoxer, I tell ya." He didn't launch into any meteorological explanation, make any excuses about causes, or otherwise rant and rave about the unusually severe snowstorm, gray, overcast days, or the melt-and-pour warm weather that precedes some of the strongest storms here. These days with all the changes in weather forecasting and the use of state-of-the-art technology, you still have the old cowboy attitude, "It is what it is."

These complaints are registered usually between November and June. Yet, much like this year's weather, it doesn't matter if one is used to it, it requires acceptance to be able to deal with it. Old-timers' stories of going stir crazy — or having cabin fever — after a long winter still ring true up in the high country, but from all reports it varies year to year. The only thing predictable about winters here in the White River country is that we have one. Growing up in the Midwest, I was used to spring just starting to peek over winter's shoulder in early March, and by the end of the month all of the crocuses and daffodils would be up.

During the years I've lived here, I've come to expect the extreme temperatures, the sudden blizzards and piles of snow, but I have also come to expect that one year seems to differ from the next. However, one thing stays the same, as we experience these variations during what often appears to be one big weird season- fall, winter, and spring. The white stuff starts flying in October, and stretches to April and even May some years.

Waking up to the "drip, drip, drip" of melting snow seemed surprising in January. I know the ice

that is melting fast will freeze again in a few days. Overhearing bits of conversation in the post office and on the streets of Meeker, I concluded cabin fever seems early

this year: "I'm tired of being cooped up" and "gotta go somewhere warm."

Cold, gloomy, weather turns people into weather story badgers. They begin to hoard the little morsels of worst weather stories, until they pile up like crumbs in the kitchen corner to be swept away with a lot of grumbling. Spitting and hissing at the other badgers, who dare to steal one morsel, they get a little testy.

Long ago I overheard two men bickering, as they exchanged outlandish weather tales, claiming to remember the absolutely worst winter of the season. Outdoing themselves with tales of trucks not starting because of the below zero temperatures and fingers and toes almost to the point of falling off with frostbite, they took such pleasure in topping the other one's story. It wasn't until they turned around to walk back to their vehicles, I saw the two storytellers transform themselves back into young men who had no time for small talk.

I miss the old cowboy who sat in front of the old hardware store on the "Liars Bench." He would dismiss all of us and go about his business of telling real old time tales, "It's jes that Ole Equinoxer, I tell ya."

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**The Parable of the Good Samaritan (1)**  
By Dr. J. D. Watson  
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church  
... But a certain Samaritan ... had compassion ... (Lk. 10:25-37)

**H**ERE is another of our Lord's most famous parables. Even literary critics have considered it one of the best stories ever told and the perfect model for the short story.

Sadly, some have severely damaged this magnificent story by turning it into an allegory. Early Church Father Origen (185-254), for example, viewed every element of the story as having a symbolic meaning: the victim as Adam; Jerusalem as paradise; Jericho as the world; the thieves as man's hostile influences; the victim's wounds as sins; the priest as the Law; the Levite as the Prophets; the Good Samaritan as Christ; the donkey as Christ's body carrying fallen man; the inn as the Church; the two denarii as the knowledge of the Father and the Son; and the return of the Good Samaritan as Christ's Second Coming. Such so-called interpretation is tragic because it misses the simple point of the story. While allegory views the parable as teaching salvation, it does no such thing; its emphases are self-denial, sacrifice, compassion, and benevolence. These become blazingly clear when we study the people in this classic story, for the best stories are character-driven.

First, the lawyer saw a problem to argue. The occasion of our Lord's parable was His response to a challenging question from a lawyer (nomikos), an expert in the Mosaic Law. While some view the lawyer's question as possibly sincere, the language strongly indicates that it was meant to provoke an argument. The word behold and the abruptness of the lawyer standing up imply that he rudely interrupted Jesus. Further, tempted (ekpeirazō) means "to put to the test"; as did other

critics, this man was testing Jesus to see if He would agree with or contradict the Law. While the lawyer quoted the Law in verse 27 (Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18), he went on in verse 29 to try to justify himself with that very Law and then asked the academic and argumentative question, **Who is my neighbor?** Such people do not want answers; they just want argument.

There is a very important lesson here. Christian "apologetics" are enormously popular nowadays. It is common for Christians to debate atheists, evolutionists, cultists, and so forth in open forums. The Greek *apologia* (e.g., Acts 22:1; 26:1; 1 Pet. 3:15), however, simply does not imply such an idea. It was originally used as a legal term for an attorney presenting a defense for his client, but such a defense of God's Truth involves simply declaring it, not debating it. Is it not significant that there is no church office of "apologist" in Scripture? As did our Lord, we are simply to proclaim the Truth, not argue and debate it (1 Cor. 2:1-5). Our arguments and "evidences" are not compelling, rather it is "the gospel of Christ" alone that "is the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16).

**Scriptures for Study:** Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. What observations can you make about Paul's "method" of evangelism?

We hope you will visit our website ([www.TheScriptureAlone.com](http://www.TheScriptureAlone.com)), where you will find not only our podcast of these devotional studies but also other resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files. You are also invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is: "continu[ing] stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

TASTES LIKE SUCCESS ...



COURTESY PHOTO

The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is the esteemed recipient of this year's "Chicken," awarded to one community by other participating Main Street communities. "I'm not sure how it all started, but it symbolizes that we are doing a great job," said Chamber Executive Director Stephanie Kobald.

INTERAGENCY MEETING: wolves, water, weeds and more

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discussed, but Moreno said it's important to know that those methods only apply to Wildlife Services, not to the general public or to livestock producers.

Ewing said he has been working on the corvid problem—crows and ravens—at the landfill, and this year appears to be getting some help from a pair of golden eagles. In previous years the ravens were numerous enough they chased off the eagles, but the eagles have since "set up a kind of territory" and are taking out crows and ravens on their own.

**COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE—AREA MANAGER BILL DEVERGIE**

deVergie extrapolated on the discussion about wolves, responding to a question from Commissioner Gary Moyer about what defines wolves as "established" in an area. If a species is considered established, federal law would negate introducing additional animals. deVergie said there would need to be two reproducing wolf packs existing within the state for 16-18 months for them to be considered established. At this time, there's one confirmed pack in the extreme northwest corner and a lone male wolf with a radio collar in North Park (Jackson County).

"As long as wolves are federally protected, we [CPW] have hardly any authority to do anything," deVergie said. "We're going to have to start working hard to determine where we're going as a state agency now that we know we have a pack existing. It's all new territory; we're going to have to adapt and learn as we go along."

CPW is also revisiting its plan for management of mountain lions, as problems have increased in rural communities across the Western Slope. CPW is hosting several meetings to discuss the West Region Mountain Lion plan. There will be a meeting in Meeker

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. at Mountain Valley Bank open to the public.

At this point, deer and elk winter survival looks pretty good for Rio Blanco County, deVergie said.

**RBC NATURAL RESOURCES—LANNIE MASSEY**

Massey said there have been 21 drilling applications, two spills ... "none of them real major," and three or four pipeline abandonments.

**RBC ASSESSOR—RENAE NIELSON**

Rangely's property taxes went up, Nielson said, due to the hospital mill levy. The county's tax valuation is up about 5.5% due to oil and gas.

**RBC ROAD & BRIDGE—DAVE MORLAN**

Morlan said this summer Road and Bridge plans to widen corners on the Burro Mountain road for public safety and are working on a couple of bridge replacements. The county has received a grant to replace the bridge across the White River at County Road 73, "one of the worst bridges in the state," Morlan said.

This year's spring thaw load restrictions in the Piceance Basin are on track to start the first week of March. The restrictions generally last 20-28 days and have an impact on Natural Soda and other industries that haul heavy loads.

**RBC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT—TY GATES**

Gates said the multijurisdictional hazard mitigation plan is being adopted, along with a county-wide emergency operations plan.

**RBC SHERIFF—ANTHONY MAZZOLA**

"Last year we got beat up hard with the criminal justice reforms," Mazzola said. Legislation that is "easier" on criminals is hard on law enforcement, such as a bill introduced this year that would allow a 72-hour grace period for people who fail to appear in court. He has committed to spending more time working with other agencies and organizations to "at least make our voices heard as a county sheriff's office," at the state legislature.

The Sheriff's Office has a part-time opening for a nurse at the jail.

**U.S. FOREST SERVICE BLANCO RANGER DISTRICT—CURTIS KEETCH**

Keetch said the Blanco District is moving forward with the Yellow Jacket timber management project. The scoping period starts Feb. 20. Of a 39,000 acre area, the project proposes treating 2,300 acres of forested land. Timber removed would be hauled to a mill in Montrose and a mill in Gypsum. The project would require realignment of two roads in the area to improve the travel corridor.

Keetch said the Buford-New Castle road widening will happen this year and said they have received letters to support a review of the travel plan to allow OHV use.

The Blanco District is also planning a small parking area at Miller Creek at the forest boundary. Keetch praised the district's internship program with Colorado Mesa University, established by Mary Cunningham in memory of her son Jake. The program, in its fourth year this year, should place 40 interns. This year will also be the 18th year Cunningham has led

the local observance of the World Migratory Bird Day in May, giving students an opportunity to identify local migratory birds.

The Rocky Mountain Youth Corps will return this summer to help replace the roof on the Lost Creek shop, which was damaged in a fire last year. The building itself was spared thanks to the volunteer fire department, Keetch said.

GeoCorps students will be posted at Spring Cave again this year to talk to visitors about the bat population, the cave and white-nose syndrome.

With only four permanent employees on the district, Keetch echoed the sentiments of others—jobs are available.

**ERBM RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT—SEAN VONROENN**

VonRoenn said the rec district plans to install LED lights at Paintbrush Park to finish the baseball field, is moving forward on pond construction at Circle Park and working with the Town of Meeker to plan additional improvements at Circle Park and conceptual ideas for the in-town river corridor.

**WHITE RIVER AND DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICTS—CALLIE HENDRICKSON**

Hendrickson said this will be the third year of reviewing the algae bloom on the White River and that they expect a report in 2021.

Water is a focus for the districts, with discussion about water management. She urged people to review a report to be released in the next few weeks and comment. The report will be available online at [whiterivercd.com](http://whiterivercd.com).

**PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER—MARGIE JOY**

PMC will celebrate its 70th year this year, and the Walbridge Wing turns 60, Joy said. Meeker Family Health saw more patient visits in 2019 than 2018. They're coming from surrounding areas, Joy said, and not just for ortho visits, although tracking ZIP codes of ortho patients reflects people coming in from as far as Alaska, Vermont and North Carolina.

The expansion will add jobs, Joy said. "...About \$2 million in annual payroll once the build-out is done."

In the second half of 2020, PMC will begin a feasibility study about needed senior services.

PMC's search for a CEO is still ongoing. "It is a very specialized position," she said.

**RBC EXTENSION OFFICE—LINDA MASTERS**

Masters, just over a year into her role as RBC Extension Agent, said, "There have been a lot of changes at Extension in the last year or two."

She said the 4-H program is "going strong" and they are always looking for 4-H leaders. She's also working closely with the Fair Board and expects this year's county fair to be better than ever. "We're so far ahead of the game from where we were last year," she said.

Masters also said Colorado State University is doing live webinars that are available to the public. The current webinars are on ag marketing.

**RBC BUILDING DEPARTMENT—LADONNA CARLSON**

Carlson said building has been good in the last year, and hopes that

trend will continue.

**RBC WEED AND PEST—JANE TURNBURKE**

There is a pesticide workshop Feb. 20 in Meeker that will meet continuing education credit requirements for pesticide applicators. (See News Briefs on Page 3A for details.)

**RBC IT—DYLON MERRELL**

Cybersecurity training for county employees has been completed, Merrell said.

**RBC SALES TAX—DEB MORLAN**

The new sales tax rules that went into effect last year has increased the sales tax revenue coming back to the towns and county from online purchases. Morlan said the December distribution report came out to 261 legal-size pages of accounts that paid sales tax back to the towns and county for online purchases.

**TOWN OF MEEKER—TOWN MANAGER LISA COOK**

Cook said the town's well improvements project should be finished by early summer. The town plans to install a new 8-inch water line down the full-length of Water Street; sidewalks from Market Street to the high school and a crosswalk signal at Fifth and Market streets. The town's recycling program is now being operated by Eagle River Waste Services and the town is cleaning up and renovating its property at the end of Third Street.

Cook also said there will be additional meetings at the end of April about the updates to the comprehensive plan and the land use plan.

**RBC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—MAKALA BARTON**

Barton said economic development is working to maintain and be part of the conversations around Tri-State's decision to close the Craig power plant and the Colowyo coal mine. "Moffat County is obviously the focus, but we don't want to be forgotten," she said. "We're collaborating with the Department of Labor to do some outreach and regional studies."

Barton, with Commissioner Jeff Rector and Moffat County Commissioner Don Cook are working on a draft proposal to help communities impacted by the loss of fossil fuel extraction to renewables.

Economic Development is also working on marketing, providing county news and department spotlights to the public, and is continuing work with the Small Business Development Center.

**RBC DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES—BARBARA BOFINGER**

While DHS is traditionally reactive, not preventive, Bofinger said they want to "focus on those kids and families who haven't walked through our doors" to do some prevention and intervene before they have a need.

**RBC PUBLIC HEALTH—ALICE HARVEY**

Harvey shared her progress in creating a community health database to track communicable disease like influenza in the county. With coronavirus in the news, she said the threat in RBC is very small and will probably remain so. Still, they are focused on surveillance, prevention and awareness. "Public health touches everything," she said.

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**Pop Up Driver License Office Feb. 20, 21**

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is pleased to announce its first Pop Up Driver License Office is coming to Meeker for two days in February.

The office will be at 555 Main St. in space provided by Rio Blanco County, and will be more convenient for Meeker and Rio Blanco County residents who have previously driven to Craig, Glenwood Springs or Grand Junction for DMV services. There has not been a driver's license office in Meeker since 2015.

The office is set to be open from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20 and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, and will offer most licensing services. These include:

- Driver license and commer-

cial driver license renewal

- New and renewal identification cards

- Department of Transportation medical cards

- Driver License or ID card name changes

- Motor Vehicle Records

- Out-of-state driver license and ID card transfers

- Driver license downgrades

Future pop-up dates are planned for March 19-20, April 16-17 and May 7-8. Hours of operation are currently slated to be the same as those on Feb. 20-21. The DMV is also exploring making future Meeker pop-ups full service, where residents can test for and obtain a driver license, but there is currently no timeline on when that would be available.

The DMV works hard to serve all Coloradans and the Pop Up Driver License Office in Meeker is just the latest effort.

Previous pushes to better serve Coloradans include being one of the first states to offer a digital ID in October 2019, the expansion to 35 online services in 2018, and many more.

"We are excited to offer driver services in Meeker," DMV Senior Director Mike Dixon said. "I greatly appreciate the support of Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell in establishing a driver license office that will allow us to provide driver services to the residents of Northwest Colorado."

For her part, Campbell said she is thrilled to have licensing services offered in Rio Blanco County, making the process much easier for locals.

"We're ecstatic to have a driver license office back in Meeker," Campbell said. "It validates our town and county, and makes it seem not so remote."

# Commissioners support increasing cemetery board seats from three to five

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RBC** In work sessions prior to the regular board meeting, commissioners discussed a plan for finding a substitute for building inspector LaDonna Carlson when she's not available. The county has been advertising for the position. The board agreed to put together proposals comparing hiring a part-time employee and contracting the position. Carlson said most inspections take less than two hours, not including driving time.

The county is drafting a resolution turning plumbing inspection responsibilities over to the state. The state plumbing inspector lives in Rio Blanco County, Carlson said. "It's kind of a bonus for us."

Shane Pfeiffer with the White River Snowmobile Club asked the commissioners for a \$2,500 donation from the economic development budget to subsidize a video production by Boondock Nation to promote the area's snowmobiling locations and amenities for snowmobilers.

"Snowmobiling is something we have in our backyard already," Pfeiffer said. "It's not something we have to build." The town of Meeker and the Meeker Lodging Tax board have already agreed to support the proposal.

The commissioners said they would make an official decision during the meeting next week in Rangely.

Jessica Valand, Northwest Workforce Area Director with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, spoke to the board about the status of Rio Blanco County's workforce.

The Workforce offices, which are funded by federal and state government, focus on ensuring job seekers have access to meaningful employment and making sure business has access to the talent they need.

Commissioner Jeff Rector said there are two bills in legislation that would help funnel some of the money in the

state's unemployment fund to Workforce.

Valand shared a demographic report for Rio Blanco County related to employment. Read the entire report here: <http://www.theheraldtimes.com/county-beat-february-13-2020/rio-blanco-county/>. Some of the highlights from the report include:

- A self-sufficiency wage for a single adult with no dependents in Rio Blanco County is just \$8.90 per hour (if health insurance is paid for). For an adult with an infant, a preschooler and a school-age child that hourly wage rises to \$33 an hour.

- The number of jobs in RBC (3,214) has decreased by 198 during the last five years but is projected to grow by 89 jobs by 2025.

- The median income in RBC is \$4.5K below the national median

- The majority of businesses in RBC have 1-4 employees; only three have more than 250 employees.

- There are 589 companies employing RBC workers, and 262 establishments in operation.

- The total working age population (everyone 16 and up) is 4,992.

- Labor force participation (everyone over 16) in RBC is 58.3%, which is substantially lower than the state, at 69% and the nation at 63.3%. "That's going to be something to think about. There are actually quite a few people who could be working," Valand said.

- Roughly 1/3 of residents "have eyes on retiring" in the next 10 years

- There are 1,235 "millennials" in RBC

- 926 residents work outside the county

- Construction and extraction are the top employers, followed by office and administrative work and transportation and material moving.

- 65% of RBC jobs don't require more than a high school diploma.

## COUNTY BEAT

- Growth projections for labor are led by personal care and service jobs, building and grounds cleaning and maintenance, and healthcare practitioners.

- Government jobs (including schools, college, federal, state and local) make up more than 1,200 of the full-time positions in the county, followed by construction and extraction.

- In the regular meeting, the commissioners:

- Approved Lions Club special permits to serve alcohol at the Fireman's Banquet March 14 and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet April 4, and approved a special liquor license for the Stockgrowers' annual meeting on Feb. 22.

- Approved CDOT certification of street inventory road miles.

- Approved a final contract settlement for RB7 geo-technical engineering not to exceed \$5,500.

### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed John Moffitt to the Building Board of Appeals; Vince Wilczek to the Lower White River Pest Control District Board; Dorothy Chappell and Bill Jordan to the Meeker Colorado Civic Improvement Corporation Board; and Sarah Ward to the Rangely Regional Library District Board.

- Tabled the appointment of delegates and alternates to the Council on Aging Board until next week's meeting in Rangely.

- Tabled the appointment of Fair Board members until next week. Commissioner Rector requested comments from Fair Board members about reducing the number of board members from nine to seven, following a reduction from 11 to nine a few years back.

- Approved Carl Maser to the Meeker Lodging Tax Board. Maser turned in the sole application for the three-person board.

- Requested discussion

about changing the cemetery district board appointments from three members to five and reducing the terms from six years to three in response to concerned constituents.

"There have been some citizens concerned that the cemetery board is not very answerable to the public because we appoint them and then that's the end of our role in it," said Commissioner Gary Moyer. "Our state legislators have been approached to change that statute."

By phone, resident Carol Parr shared her concerns: "I feel sometimes there's a conflict of interest and a perception that we need to get five people on there. Regardless of who's on there now, you always have two going to agree; and one always out-voted. I think it would be a more fair board to have five members."

Commissioners agreed they would support a change to the state statute if presented.

There are still open positions on several boards countywide. Visit <https://rbc.us/159/Boards-Commissions> for more information.

### AIRPORTS

- Approved 2019 stormwater discharge annual reports.

- Approved federal/state reimbursements for repainting the runway numbers.

### LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- Approved letter supporting exemption for 811 locate requirements for annual or emergency road maintenance as presented in House Bill 20-1173. According to Road and Bridge Director Dave Morlan, the requirement extends the wait time for regular road maintenance.

- Approved a letter extending the Rural Jump Start Program and modifying the competition clause as presented in House Bill 20-1003.

### BID OPENINGS/AWARDS

- Bids were opened for the 2020 weed and pest herbicides and will be reviewed and recommended for award on Feb. 25.

- Heard a recommendation to split the cost for Columbine Park panels between two bidders, but changing the number of panels ordered. Commissioners requested a review and return to the original bid.

### CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- Approved a per hour contract with Thomas Pickett & Co. of up to \$20,000 in regard to board of assessment appeals. The firm will provide expert testimony on behalf of the county.

- Extended a contract with HDR Engineering as the county's "on-call" engineering firm.

- Approved the Emergency Operations Plan between the county and the Town of Meeker, which has also been adopted by Pioneers Medical Center and is expected to be approved by the Town of Rangely. Rangely District Hospital is "still deciding," according to Emergency Manager Ty Gates. RDH completed its own plan last year.

- Approved a CCITF agreement with the Town of Rangely for purchase of a sixth Rangely Police Department vehicle and equipment not to exceed \$31,493, and a CCITF agreement with the Rangely School District for a new school bus, not to exceed \$41,000.

- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the state's Dept. of Motor Vehicles to provide a "pop-up" driver's license office in Meeker at the courthouse once a month.

- Approved an easement for access to the Oak Ridge Broadband Tower Point with the State through the Department of Natural Resources.

- Approved a services contract with HDR Engineering for the CR 73 bridge replacement for a new total of \$6.9 million

- Approved the 2020 Emergency Fire Fund Participation agreement. "When a fire exceeds county capability

### BY THE NUMBERS: RBC employment

**\$8.90/hr** = self-sufficiency wage for a single adult with no dependents and paid health insurance

**\$33/hr** = self-sufficiency wage for an adult with three dependents

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The majority of RBC companies have **1-4 employees**.

RBC labor force participation is **58.3%**, substantially lower than the state and national average.

For more details and statistics, visit [tiny.cc/rbcemployment](http://tiny.cc/rbcemployment)

ties we pass it off to the state," explained Sheriff Anthony Mazzola. "Counties that participate, the state picks up the cost; with the recent fires in the last few years we've already paid over 10 years of our premiums to this."

- Approved an agreement for services with NW Consultants for the design of the Columbine Park multi-purpose arena waste system design.

- Approve the back-up power project with Ducey's Electric for the courthouse election room as required by state statute.

- Approved contract for small government software with ESRI for the ArcGIS software for \$25K per year for a three-year period.

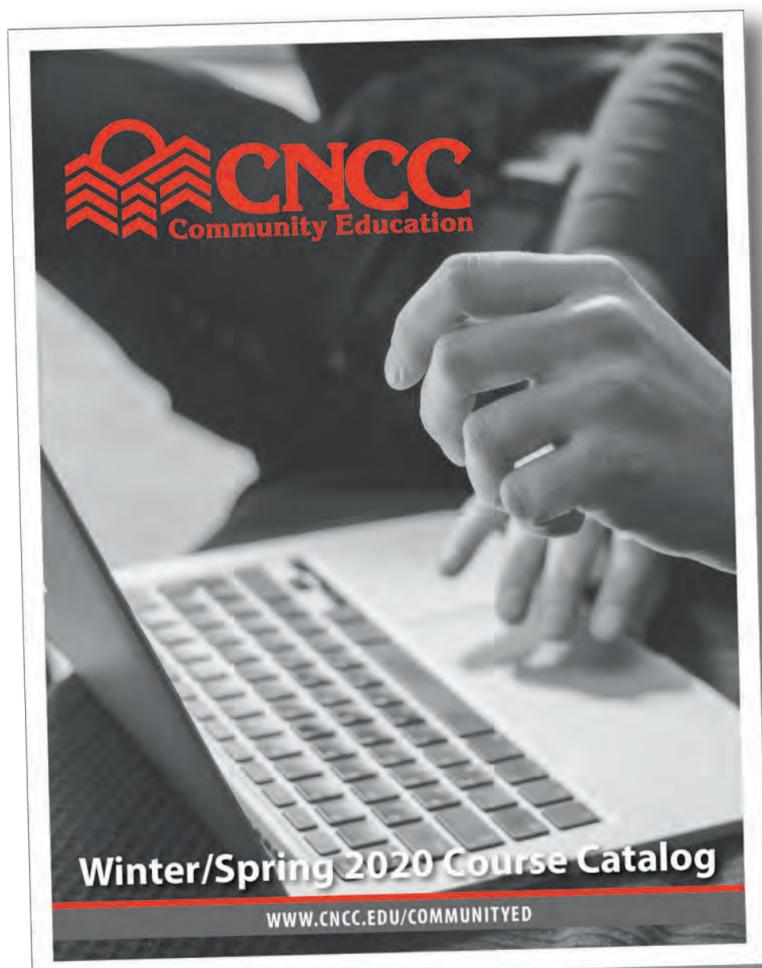
- Approved the annual operating plan with state and federal agencies for fighting wildland fires, determining what equipment is available, etc.

Following the road and bridge department update, public comment from Mona Avey and Renae Nielson, and commissioner updates, the board adjourned to an executive session to receive legal advice, to discuss personnel matters with Mark Litzelman (Facilities Dept.) and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations.



Winter/Spring 2020

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3/19	Th	6-8 p.m.	Rolling with Sushi	\$64
3/24-3/25	TW	6-8 p.m.	True Colors Program	\$40
3/30-5/4	M	6-8 p.m.	Grief Recovery	\$38
Rangely				
Date(s)	Day(s)	Time	Course Title	Price
2/22	S	9 a.m. - noon	Pet First Aid	\$35
3/7-3/21	S	11 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Welding: AC/DC	\$340
3/10	T	6-8 p.m.	Chocolate for Chocolate Lovers: History & Truffle Making	\$40
3/12	Th	6-p p.m.	Rolling with Sushi	\$64
3/21-4/12	S/Sun	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Fundamentals of Basic Search & Rescue (SAR I) & (SAR Tech II)	\$888
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## RHS DECEMBER/JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH ...



COURTESY PHOTO

**Congratulations Hannah Wilkie and Hunter Hanvey for being the Rangely High School students of the month for December.** Hannah Wilkie is planning to attend Chadron State College in Nebraska. Her goal is to become a family and consumer science teacher. Throughout high school, she has been active in volleyball, cross country, basketball, track, National Honor Society and student council. This year Wilkie is an aid for the high school office. She is always very helpful and friendly and will complete any task that is needed done. She always has a great attitude and gets her things done with a smile on her face. Hunter Hanvey is planning to attend a welding school to get his certification for welding. Throughout high school he has been active in football and FFA. Hanvey has stepped up his junior and senior years and become a student any teacher can count on. He completes all of his school work and works hard to succeed. Hanvey is also willing to help any teacher or student when needed. Congratulations to both Wilkie and Hanvey.

**Congratulations to Crimsen Blankenship and Sydney Cole for being the Rangely High School Students of the month for January.** Blankenship plans to attend UCCS in Colorado Springs to study forensic science. She has been active in volleyball, choir and drama throughout her high school career. Blankenship has taken off with the life skills class and excelled this year. Not only has she begun to design and sew her own clothes, she has also stepped up and helped fellow students learn how to sew and work their sewing machines. Teacher Jimmie Mergelman has watched Blankenship excel and become a leader in this class. Sydney Cole has plans to attend CNCC and then transfer to CMU. He hopes to pursue a career in law enforcement. Besides this, Sydney has goals to play college basketball and to possibly travel to Europe to play professional basketball. The junior class takes on the concession stand and every year there's a student who really steps up to help. This year it has been Cole. He has worked each week to restock the concession stand and make sure that it is ready to go for the next event. He has done all of this with no complaining and with a smile on his face. It is great to see students willing to step up and work to better their classes and the school. Congratulations to both Blankenship and Cole.



MARK LAROWE PHOTO

Skijor Meeker is set for Feb. 21-23 with plenty of events to keep locals and visitors busy.

## Skijor set for Feb. 21-23

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER |** The Skijor Meeker schedule has been finalized and looks to be a fun-filled competition Feb. 21, 22 and 23. The weekend will kick-off with a kid friendly registration event with refreshments available at Meeker Coworking, starting at 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, followed by an adult oriented Snow Ball at the Buffalo Dance Hall starting at 8 p.m. Races begin at 10 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday. The Lions Club will be on hand to serve hot food during the event. On Saturday, teams will be auctioned during a Calcutta event at Meeker Coworking. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the Calcutta begins at 5 p.m. Afterwards, event partic-

ipants are encouraged to participate in a walkable dine-around with Meeker restaurants or go over to the stockgrowers' dinner and dance at the Fairfield Center (200 Main St.) There will be a Cowboy Church service at the Fairgrounds on Sunday followed by final racing. Awards will be held in the afternoon at the 4H Building following the final race. There is an entry fee and team registration is still open. Juniors (12 and under) are free. Novices are welcome and experienced racers run in the open division. Skiers and riders can register solo and will be paired up the day of the race.

"You can ride your horse or ski, do a little dancing or bid on a team at the Calcutta. Skijoring is the perfect answer for Meeker during winter months when we

start to get cabin fever," said event organizer Diana Jones. Registration, full schedule, special event lodging rates and dine-around information can be found at [skijormeeker.com](http://skijormeeker.com).

"All questions are welcome. If we don't we don't know the answer we will find out," Jones added.

(Please note: dogs and drones are strictly prohibited. Both pose serious safety issues and people ignoring this rule will be asked to leave.)

*Skijor Meeker is a nonprofit organization comprised of a bunch of fun loving Meeker residents dedicated to growing the winter sport of skijoring through hard work, volunteerism, ingenuity and good old fashioned grit.*

## Unexpected hiccup found during auxiliary gym demo

By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER |** No remodel or renovation project happens without at least one unexpected surprise. In the case of the renovation at Meeker High School, the auxiliary gym is the source of one of those surprises. According to Superintendent Chris Selle, as contractors got into the auxiliary gym, they discovered the walls "were not built as designed."

"What you see on both the interior and exterior of the walls is CMU and brick veneer, respec-

tively," Selle said via email. "In between the veneers are structural CMU columns. Those columns were designed to be filled with grout and rebar. Some have grout and rebar, some just have grout, but most of the columns have neither. Because of this, the structure will not handle lateral/shear loading it was designed to withstand."

The columns will need to be reinforced to handle the loads they were designed to handle. "The solution we are moving forward with is relatively intrusive and complex, but allows construction to stay on schedule," Selle

said. The added cost of the repairs is between \$1-1.5 million.

"This is the only significant unforeseen condition we have come across. As such, we had a healthy contingency in our budget that will be used to absorb cost increase. We knew we would run into something unforeseen as part of a remodel, which is why we budgeted for a strong contingency. As mentioned, it will also allow us to stay on schedule," Selle said.

The renovation project is still "in good shape" from a schedule and a cost standpoint, Selle said.

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## Regional wrestling competition this weekend RBC teams headed to Montrose



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTOS

MHS senior Ridge Williams is ranked sixth in his weight class by On The Mat Rankings. For more Meeker wrestling photos download the free ZAPPAR app from your phone app store and scan the ZAP code.



GAYLE ZIMMERMAN PHOTOS

RHS senior Tytus Coombs went 5-0 in the final tournament of the regular season in Meeker. For more photos from the Meeker Duals, download the free ZAPPAR app from your phone app store and scan the ZAP code.

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Last weekend the Rangely Panthers wrestled in Meeker for their last tournament of the regular season in a pool with Meeker, Basalt and Olathe. The Panthers first dual of the day was against Meeker.

“We lost this dual but it was a lot of fun and competitive. We actually tied the Cowboys with matches won-lost, winning five and losing five. Meeker outmatched us in the matches they won by securing more pins. It was good seeing our county rivals against each other since we have not dualled them all year,” said head coach JC Chumacero.

The Panthers lost against Meeker and Olathe but defeated Basalt, then won the second pool defeating Palisade and Coal Ridge. Colton Stevens (113), Alex Black (138) and Dalton Dembowski (195) came up short this weekend. Freshman Colton

Stevens lost a couple of his matches in the final seconds. “He wrestled the most competitive I have seen him all year,” Chumacero said.

Braxton Moore (120), Justin Rusher (152), Anthony Garner (170), Del Garner (195) and Byron Mackay were able to secure wins. Zane Varner (145) went 4-1 on the day, and Tytus Coombs (160) went 5-0. The season came to an end for three of the young men on the team as only one wrestler per weight can be entered at the regional tournament. Freshman Sage Rhea (145), freshman Kasen Lebleu (152) and sophomore Brent Cantrell (170) have ended their seasons. “These three put in a long grueling season just like the rest of team,” Chumacero said. “They put in a heck of a season and I couldn’t be more proud of them. I am excited to have them back next year. Next weekend is regionals where we hope to keep our season rolling and punch a ticket to the ‘Big Show.’”

By TIFFANY JEHOEK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Cowboy wrestling season is headed into regional competition. This past weekend they hosted twice: Friday their dual against third-ranked Cedaredge was tough. Cedaredge has eight ranked wrestlers, including a returning state champion. Meeker didn’t come out on top, but any time you can get on the mat can teach some valuable lessons.

Saturday the Meeker duals kicked off at 9:30 a.m. Weather conditions caused some changes in the schools that participated. Hotchkiss made a surprise appearance and Glenwood Springs did not make it.

In Pool A, Meeker took first place over Olathe, Rangely and Basalt. The day

opened with Rangely, the Cowboys won 48-20. “We are wrestling really well,” said head coach JC Watt. “We were the only team that filled all the weights.”

The Cowboys went on to win two more duals against Olathe (57-21) and Basalt (66-16).

The wins put Meeker atop the Pool A bracket and they entered the Gold Bracket for the final matches of the day, wrestling for first place. Once again winning their duals, they defeated Moffat County (48-29) and then Rifle (42-34) and sealed the championship.

The team now looks forward to regionals, “if we can keep our kids healthy, we will be ready,” commented Watt.

Regionals will begin Friday at 4 p.m. at the Montrose Events Center and then wrap-up Saturday with wrestling beginning at 9 a.m.

## Lady Panthers fall to Cowboys, aim for home court wins Friday, Saturday

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** As most of the Western Slope League scrambled to reschedule Feb. 7-8 games, the annual Rio Blanco match between the lady Panthers and the Cowboys took place as scheduled. The lady Panthers took the floor looking to take down another undefeated Western Slope League team as they did the Hotchkiss Bulldogs the weekend before. The outcome, however, was not what the Panthers wanted as they fell to their cross-county rivals 41-51.

The Cowboys set the fast-paced tone of the game early as they jumped out to a 15 point lead by the end of the first quarter. Leading with six points, Julia Dinwiddie converted some Panther turnovers to power the Cowboys. The lady Panthers were able to weather the onslaught of scoring by the Cowboys through the first quarter and level the game out after. Kacie Lapp was the lone scorer of the first quarter for the lady Panthers.

In the second quarter the Panthers got into a rhythm offensively and scored eight points. The Panthers were also able to slow the Cowboys down

and hold Meeker to nine points. At the half the Cowboys held a 28-12 lead over the Panthers. Lapp continued to lead all Panther scorers as she recorded six points in the first half. Hannah Wilkie, Mary Scoggins, and Kyrah Phelps all scored two points each to help the lady Panthers.

The second half proved to be more friendly to the Panthers as they outscored the Cowboys 29-22 in the third and fourth quarters combined. Wilkie led all Panther scorers with eight points, Scoggins added seven, Lapp added six more to her scoring, and Adelynn Halcomb scored five. The lady Panthers cut the deficit to seven points at one point in the fourth quarter but the Cowboys converted on their free-throw attempts to take home a 10-point victory.

The Panthers will look to finish their regular season on a winning streak to head into the district tournament.

The North Park Wildcats will travel to Rangely on Friday, Feb. 14 and then travel to Paonia on Saturday, Feb. 15. The De Beque Dragons will complete the lady Panthers regular season when they travel to Rangely on Friday, Feb. 21.



MELANY NETON PHOTO

The Moffat County Bulldogs 200 free relay and 400 free relay teams have qualified for state competition. Alexa Neton, Ellina Jones, Jeni Kincher and Kelsey McDiffett are on the 400 free relay team. McDiffett, Jones, Neton and Anna Cooper are on the 200 free relay. The girls have been practicing at the Meeker Recreation Center and Kincher is a student at Meeker High School. Fellow MHS swimmer Kate Lockwood suffered an injury earlier in the season. The state 3A championships are this week in Thornton, Colorado.

## Swim relay teams qualify for state

By TIFFANY JEHOEK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Following fantastic performances at the Southwest Conference Championship Meet last Friday and Saturday for the Moffat County swim team, five girls are headed to state.

During a meet at Gunnison the 200-yard freestyle relay team made up of Ellina Jones, Jeni Kincher, Alexa Neton and Kelsey McDiffett, qualified for state with a time of 1 minute 54.33 seconds. Now two more relay

teams are making the trip.

The 200-yard medley relay qualified last Friday with a time of 2:8.87. The medley consists of one girl swimming each of the four strokes, Jones swims the backstroke, McDiffett is the second leg swimming the breaststroke, Ann Cooper swims the butterfly, and Neton is the final leg swimming the freestyle.

Saturday, in the last event of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay swam a qualifying time and are also headed to state. Teammates Jones, Kincher, Neton and McDiffett swam a

combined time of 4:12.42 to qualify.

Individually McDiffett qualified for the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley and Neton cut 23.9 seconds off of her 500 yard freestyle to qualify.

The Colorado State Championship swim meet is next weekend at the Veteran’s Memorial Aquatic Center in Thornton, Colorado. Both the swimming prelims and finals will be on Saturday, Feb. 15 for class 3A.

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### COWBOYS

■ **WRESTLING**  
2/14-15 @ REGIONAL Wrestling @ Montrose  
2/20-23 @ STATE Wrestling @ Denver

■ **BASKETBALL**  
2/13 @ HOME v. Soroco, 4:30, 6, 7:30  
2/14 @ Hotchkiss, 6 & 7  
2/15 @ Baggs, 1:30, 3  
■ **GIRLS SWIMMING**  
2/14 @ STATE @ Thornton

### PANTHERS

■ **WRESTLING**  
2/14-2/15 @ REGIONAL Wrestling @ Montrose  
2/20-23 @ STATE Wrestling @ Denver

■ **BASKETBALL**  
2/14 @ HOME v. North Park, 1, 2:30  
2/15 @ Paonia, 1, 2:30, 4  
2/21 @ HOME v. De Beque, 4:30, 6

Schedules provided by school district; subject to change.



CATHIE DOLAN PHOTO  
Meeker's Tilly Brown goes up for a shot surrounded by Rangely Panthers Hannah Wilkie (4), Kacie Lapp (3), Adelynn Halcomb (23), Mary Scoggins (11) and Zoey Peck (13).

# Cowboys win three in a row

By TIFFANY JEHOREK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker Cowboys have won three in a row. The boys' basketball team is 6-3 in the league and 7-8 overall. They have been picking up steam these last few games and are sitting well going into regionals.

"We are playing much better," commented head coach Klark Kindler. "We are really doing some great things."

Friday in Rangely during the game against the Panthers the Cowboys opened with an excellent first quarter ahead 17-4.

"The boys got off to a good start and then we got into some foul trouble," said Kindler.

In the second quarter, Rangely

rallied back to take it to the locker room up by one over Meeker 23-24.

"Rangely got some momentum going, but it fired the boys up," commented Kindler. "They worked really hard and made some big plays in the fourth quarter, especially the last two to three minutes."

In the fourth quarter, despite the lack of home crowd advantage, the Cowboys outscored the Panthers 20-12 for a final score of 53-44.

The duo of senior Cole Rogers with 17 points and junior Ryan Phelan with 10 points led the Cowboy offense to victory.

Defensively, senior Elijah Deming had six rebounds and had a team high of nine.

This week is a busy week for the basketball teams with lots of traveling and games on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Thursday will be the second to last regular-season home game. "We have Soroco. They are big, but not quick," Kindler said.

Friday Meeker is hosted by Hotchkiss and Saturday they travel north to Baggs to take on Little Snake.

Commenting on how the boys are preparing for this weekend, Kindler said of Hotchkiss, "They are really up and down, and we are unsure as what to expect. They have lost to some bad teams and beat some good ones, and Little Snake is our last non-league game."

Thursday JV games begin at 4:30 p.m.

## Lady Cowboys win 50-41

By TIFFANY JEHOREK  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The lady Cowboys came out strong in the first half of the game against Rangely and the score was 19-4 Meeker going into the second half.

"We came out intense on defense," said head coach Jamie Rogers. "We caused turnovers and capitalized on the steals. Rangely adjusted in the second quarter and the game stayed pretty even from then on."

The final score was 50-41.

Seniors Kirsten Brown and Julia Dinwiddie were the top scorers Friday, Brown had

13 points and Dinwiddie 16. These two seniors, Brown and Dinwiddie, were also responsible for 11 steals. It was a whole team effort on defense. Sarah Kracht had five steals and Hailey Knowles had four, as a team there were a total of 23.

Headed into three varsity games, Rogers calls it a "big weekend." Meeker will be taking on Soroco and Hotchkiss, teams currently tied for second in the league, they both have one loss, "We have to take care of business," Rogers said.

Varsity will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday against Soroco, the rest of the weekend the teams will be on the road.



CATHIE DOLAN PHOTO  
Meeker's Elijah Deming takes the shot against Panther Sydney Cole (55) and Dylan LeBleu (4).

## Panthers come up short against Cowboys, Rangers

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Rangely's boys came up short against their county rivals, the Meeker Cowboys, on Friday. The Cowboys jumped out to a 17-4 lead, but the Panthers roared back with a 20-6 run in the second quarter and had a 24-23 lead at halftime. Meeker captured a one-point lead, 33-32, at the end of the third

quarter and capitalized from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter making 12 of 14 free throws. Cole Rogers had 19 points for the Cowboys and Ryan Phelan pitched in 10. For the Panthers, Dylan LeBleu was the high-point man with 14 while Gabe Polley contributed 11 points. Meeker also won the JV boys contest.

On Saturday, the Panthers looked slow of foot at Vail Mountain, but held a 42-30

lead at the end of the third quarter. The Gore Rangers outscored the Panthers 23-4 in the fourth quarter to capture a 53-46 league win. Dylan LeBleu was the high-point man for the Panthers with 10 points.

Rangely hosts the North Park Wildcats on Friday, Feb. 14, and travels to Paonia on Saturday, Feb. 15. The Panthers are now 5-11 overall with a 4-5 league record.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22	Race Day	9 a.m. Volunteer Meeting 9:15 a.m. Competitor Meeting 9:30 a.m. Course Meeting 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony 10:00 a.m. Race Starts	RBC Fairgrounds 835 Sulphur Creek Rd.
	Calcutta Auction	4:30 p.m. Doors Open 5:00 p.m. Calcutta Auction	Meeker Coworking 627 Main Street
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23	Dine-Around Meeker	6:30 p.m. to closing	Meeker restaurants
	Race Finals and Awards	8 a.m. Cowboy Church 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony 10:00 a.m. Start, awards to follow	RBC Fairgrounds 835 Sulphur Creek Rd.

Please note: dogs and drones are strictly prohibited. Both pose serious safety issues and people ignoring this rule will be asked to leave.

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# MORE CRAB CRACK ...



Cheryl Mazzola "Frenchy" and Alisa Granger "Sandy" pose for a photo.



Deven and Lisa Striegel all dressed up to rock around the clock!



Sam Tolley, Person of the Year.



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Partner of the Year, Moon Lake Electric.



Business of the Year, Rangely NAPA Auto Parts.

(Not pictured, not in attendance) Small Business of the Year, Country Bandit K-9 Services.



Elaine Urie shows off her winning raffle item

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Join the River District at noon Wednesday, Feb. 19 for a free webinar featuring presentations from Colorado River District Deputy Chief Engineer Dave Kanzer and Dr. Jeffrey Deems, a research scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

## Colorado River District to host annual "Know Your Snow" webinar Feb. 19

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The snow falling on the West Slope this winter will turn into the water we drink, play on and grow our food with this spring. The community is invited to learn more about Western Colorado's snowpack during the Colorado River District's second annual "Know Your Snow" webinar.

Join the River District at noon Wednesday, Feb. 19 for "Know Your Snow." The webinar will feature presentations from Colorado River District Deputy Chief Engineer Dave Kanzer and Dr. Jeffrey Deems, a research scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center. "Know Your Snow" is free to attend, though you must register online at [bit.ly/KnowYourSnow](http://bit.ly/KnowYourSnow). A recording of the webinar will also be emailed

to registrants after the event.

"Know Your Snow" will highlight the latest research in snow science and the connections between snowpack and water supplies on Colorado's Western Slope. Webinar participants will have a better understanding of our snow hydrology and its impact upon our water supplies in the face of our warming climate. They'll also hear updates on current snowpack and snow monitoring on the West Slope.

Over the last 20 years, snow scientists like Kanzer and Deems have noted that things are changing, causing water managers to grow concerned. Already, the Colorado River District is studying the risks to our snowpack and water supply to plan for an uncertain future.

"Snowfall and snowmelt patterns are less predictable,"

Kanzer said. "Our water supply systems were designed and built in response to historical patterns, and they may also need to adapt and change. We're seeing shorter snow accumulation seasons, more precipitation falling as rain and snow accumulating in smaller ranges on the mountainside. With these changes, we need to change our approaches to managing our water supply."

"Know Your Snow" will explore these changes and how we might adapt.

"In this presentation, we will be 'connecting the drops' and exploring how our river flows and water supplies in Colorado are linked to seasonal weather patterns," Kanzer said.

Register for the webinar online at [bit.ly/KnowYourSnow](http://bit.ly/KnowYourSnow).

## SPEAKING OF SNOW ...



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

Huge amounts of snowfall, nearly a foot in both Meeker and Rangely over the course of a week, has made for excellent sledding conditions.



## RBC COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE FORUMS

**RANGELY: Monday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m. @ CNCC**

**MEEKER: Thursday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. @ Meeker Public Library**

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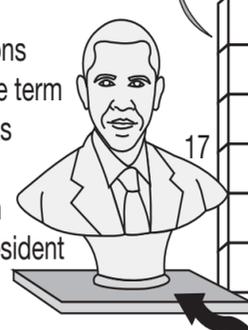


## Honoring The Presidents

February 12th is the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth. Many people think he was the greatest U.S. President! He kept the union of the states together. He freed slaves. He is still remembered today for his powerful and heartfelt speeches.

Read the clues to help you fill in this puzzle about Lincoln:

- he was \_\_\_\_\_ on February 12, 1809 in Kentucky
- his family lived in a one-room log \_\_\_\_\_
- there were no \_\_\_\_\_; Abraham spent his days playing or working
- he loved to \_\_\_\_\_; would walk for miles to borrow a book
- in 1836, he received his license to be a \_\_\_\_\_
- in 1842, he married \_\_\_\_\_ Todd Lincoln; they had four sons
- he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for one term (Whig Party); opposed the spread of \_\_\_\_\_ into new areas
- in 1858, he ran for the U.S. Senate, but was not \_\_\_\_\_
- the Republican party, which opposed slavery, chose Lincoln to run for President (1860); he won, becoming the \_\_\_\_\_ President
- right away some southern states split from the \_\_\_\_\_; they wanted to start their own government
- Lincoln did not want the country to \_\_\_\_\_; the Civil War began with the Confederate Army, led by Gen. Robert E. Lee, having the upper hand
- during the war, in 1862, Lincoln signed the "Emancipation Proclamation" giving \_\_\_\_\_ to all slaves (in the south)
- after a \_\_\_\_\_ (1863) at Gettysburg, PA, the war's tide turned - the Union Army led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant began to win
- Lincoln traveled to Gettysburg to give a \_\_\_\_\_ - it has become famous: *The Gettysburg Address*
- in 1864, Lincoln was elected \_\_\_\_\_ again
- the Confederate Army \_\_\_\_\_ in April 1865; Lincoln urged all Americans to make peace and get along
- five days later, Lincoln went to the \_\_\_\_\_ with his wife, where John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln and killed him



A bust or a statue of a President is one way we can honor him.

Lincoln was famous for wearing a stovepipe hat!

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## How We Honor The Presidents

Today we remember and honor the work of the presidents by naming schools, libraries and other buildings after them. We name parks after them and put up statues to honor them. How many things can you think of that we put the image of a president on? Find and circle below the ways in which we honor presidents.

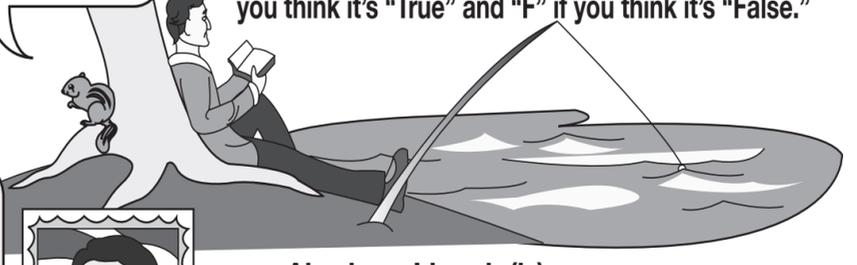
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Abraham liked to tell jokes and stories. He also liked to fish and wrestle.

## Abraham Lincoln's Younger Days!

What do you know about President Lincoln's childhood? It's always fun to learn how presidents spent their time as kids growing up. Read each statement. Circle "T" if you think it's "True" and "F" if you think it's "False."



### Abraham Lincoln(s):

- was born in Kentucky. When he was seven his family moved to Indiana. T F
- lived in a wild area with many bears and other wild animals. T F
- Mom died when Abraham was 9 years old. T F
- had 24 brothers and sisters. T F
- loved to read books from the "Harry Potter" series. T F
- had a horse. T F



Color in the puzzle to find out what the first line of President Lincoln's famous speech, the Gettysburg Address, says!

## Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created...

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- B = Blue
- W = White

# DAYS GONE BY

## The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

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■ Notwithstanding the flu, our merchants all report good business conditions at present.

■ Constant work on the eradication of milkweed and larkspur is cutting down the stock losses in this country.

■ John R. Hilkey of the Park, rendered valuable assistance to his neighboring flu victims

by keeping his car in constant commission for medicine and doctor calls.

## The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

■ The arrival of Marie Ann Etchart has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Etchart.

■ The White River Toastmasters chapter recently voted in a new slate of officers for 1970. Gus Halandras will chair the group, backed up by Ron Hilkey and Harold Anderson.

## The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

■ Frank Cooley tapped the new magic money machine at the First National on Feb. 10. He was

the first to test the automatic teller machine in the bank's new glass atrium. The machine worked just fine — once Cooley got his password entered correctly.

■ Meeker experienced a very slight earthquake at 6:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. The tremor lasted less than 5 seconds.

■ Tom and Liz Watt celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Feb. 13 with their friends at the Fairfield Chuckwagon senior lunch program.

## Rangely Times 50 years ago

■ Les Kyle was elected to head the Rangely Chamber of Commerce at a membership meeting Friday.

■ We've had some reaction to one of the letters to the editor published recently, questioning us as to why we print such "drivel." As long as a

letter is not obscene, libelous or otherwise in poor taste, our column is open to Times readers.

■ Congratulations to the Panther wrestling team and their coaches for winning the 1970 NWL wrestling championship and good luck in the state tournament this weekend.

## Rangely Times 25 years ago

■ A group of concerned citizens have banded together to fight for the people's future rights to use public land.

■ Lillian Peacock and Jeri-Johnson Byers have been busy these past few weeks putting up notices and writing letters to support their candidacy. Both come into the election with the same ideal, to do some good for the community.

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## RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

Feb. 3-9, 2020  
Meeker Dispatch Center administered 422 phone calls last week including 31 911 calls, 48 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 123 outgoing calls. A total of 142 calls for service were created, 67 for the Sheriff's Office, 63 for MPD. Note the department breakdown of calls may differ from the total number reported due to individual incidents with multiple agencies responding.

- Law enforcement conducted 13 traffic stops.
- Sheriff's Deputies issued no citations on 10 stops
- MPD issued warnings on five stops
- There was one traffic arrest by RBCSO, no DUIs
- 14 traffic crashes occurred in RBC one with minor injuries. RBCSO and MPD assisted Colorado State Patrol on 13 calls. Two crashes involved deer.
- Sheriff's Deputies responded to 69 requests for service.
- 12 911 hangups/tests
- 2 alarms
- 16 agency assists,
- 3 animal calls
- 12 security checks
- 5 attempts to serve civil papers
- 2 citizen assists
- 4 motorist assists
- Two traffic hazards
- One each: citizen assist, K-9 deployment, narcotics, suspicious inci-

dent, traffic complaint and VIN inspection

Meeker Police Department responded to 45 requests for service.

- 3 911 misdials
- 4 agency assists
- 6 animal calls
- 15 business checks
- 4 citizen assists
- 3 traffic complaints
- One each: fraud, snow complaint, suspicious incident, traffic hazard and VIN inspection

Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to 10 calls.

- Two alarms, 2 ambulance requests, 1 fire call for noxious fumes at a residence and 2 medical transports to other facilities,
- Rio Blanco Detentions
- 20 current inmates, 14 males and 6 females
- 1 warrant arrest
- Booked in 5, RPD 2, CSP 1 and two by RBCSO
- 5 inmates released
- 3 transports to or from other facilities.

This information is a weekly review of the calls for service that were requested at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions or would like an explanation of the call types listed please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

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  - Single pip cards
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  - Call forth
  - Long John Silver's walk
  - Sauna product
  - Dashing style
  - Pariah, for medical reasons
  - Back arrow key
  - As opposed to gross
  - Kane and Goldberg, TV characters

- Georgia \_\_\_ university
  - Poseidon's domain
  - MXN, as in currency
  - Snowman Olaf's favorite thing
  - "2019 eponymous movie character
  - Errand runner, at court
  - Matter of debate
  - Harry Potter's Hedwig
  - Ineffectual vomiting
  - Giblets part
  - "Famous movie director, Spike
  - Ruhr's industrial center
  - Played at military funerals
  - Flow alternative
  - Nostradamus and such
- DOWN**
- Hunk of something
  - Flavored with kola nuts
  - Absent without leave
  - Gives a helping hand
  - Antebellum
  - Pillow filler
  - \_\_\_ colonial or \_\_\_ classical
  - Oven emanation?
  - Lady's man
  - Ne plus ultra
  - Famous Coward
  - Man Ray's genre
  - Back of a saddle

- Popular Byzantine artwork
- Nile viper
- Reminder of times past
- \*First African American to win Best Actress Oscar
- More slippery
- Allegro and lento, in music
- \*Nobel Peace Prize laureate, 1984
- Like fair share
- Arch and ball location, pl.
- \*On Debi Thomas' foot when she won Olympic medal
- Busybody, in Yiddish
- Work detail
- Bid, past tense
- Coffee shop order
- D'Artagnan's weapon of choice
- Get the picture
- \*Harlem Renaissance poet
- Fur shawl
- Canada flyers
- Handle of #45 Down
- Most populous continent
- Invitation request
- Regrets
- Commoner
- Diamond's corner
- Walkie-talkie word
- Japanese money, pl.
- \*Du Bois

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## WHAT IS A PUBLIC NOTICE?

These pages include a variety of notices required by law to inform the public of government activities. Notices may include meeting agendas, proposed ordinances, tax and budget info, liquor licenses, foreclosures, summonses and bid invitations. Access free searchable archives at [publicnoticecolorado.com](http://publicnoticecolorado.com).

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Meeker Sanitation District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 5th day of May, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms and 2 director will be elected to serve 2-year terms. Eligible electors of the Meeker Sanitation District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):

Gail Frantz  
265 8th Street  
Meeker, Colorado 81641  
970-878-5192

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Tuesday, February 28, 2020 (not less than 67 days before the election).

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 2, 2020 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Tuesday preceding the election, April 28, 2020.

§Gail Frantz  
Designated Election Official  
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#### LAND LEASING OPPORTUNITY

Colowyo Coal Company is seeking a motivated person or persons to lease sheep grazing ranch property, in Rio Blanco and Moffat County. This lease will be for approximately 35,000 acres of deeded and leased land. These properties are located approximately thirty (30) miles south of Craig, Colorado.

The successful person(s) will be safety conscience, be self-motivated, work with integrity and demonstrate excellent communication skills while managing all activities required by the lease and consistent with good agricultural practices. This will be a maximum of a five (5) year lease and will begin May 1st, 2020.

Must be at least 18 years or older, with a valid driver's license, and be able to successfully meet all of the safety, lease commitments, as well insurance and financial requirements of this lease.

All interested parties must contact Colowyo by email to [cduran@tristatereg.org](mailto:cduran@tristatereg.org) by February 19th, 2020, the email must include full name, address and business address, if applicable.

A mandatory information meeting will be held on Friday February 26th, 2020 at the Quality Inn located at 300 South Highway 13 in Craig, Colorado. At this meeting, interested parties will be provided an informational packet on the lease and properties.

\*Final acreage will be determined prior to initiating final lease agreement.

#### A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 5th day of May, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 3 year terms and 1 director will be elected to serve 2 year term. 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 - Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, February 28, 2020.

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 close of business, on Friday February 28, 2020. 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 2, 2020 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

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Rangely Rural Fire Protection District  
Linda C. Gordon /Designated Election Official  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the Petition of:  
**Harvey Franklin Lowell Case No. 2020C2**

Public Notice is given on February 10, 2020 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court. The petition requests that the name of Harvey Franklin Lowell be changed to Lowlen Franklin Lowell

§JERI M. GILCHRIST  
Clerk of Court  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process-Public Participation in accordance with the FCC's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement. Hemphill, LLC intends to construct a communications facility at 16680 Co Rd 103 (approximately .91 mi NW of Co Rd 103 & Co Rd 80), Rangely, Rio Blanco County, CO (39.922561, -108.62468). The facility will include a self-supporting telecommunication tower with an approximate overall height of 156 ft. and associated equipment. Hemphill, LLC is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We respectfully request that parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking relative to potential effects on cultural or historic properties or with questions on the proposed facility should contact GSS, Inc., 1054 Texan Trail, Suite 300, Grapevine, TX 76051; Ph. (862) 651-0034 within 30 days of the posting of this notice. (GSS #D20015-CO)

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#### 2020 RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD 8 SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT REQUEST FOR BID

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK  
2020 Rio Blanco County Road 8 Surface Treatment Project. Rio Blanco County is seeking a qualified contractor to perform surface improvements to Rio Blanco County Road 8 in the Meeker area.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### Improvements include a 1" leveling course and 2" overlay.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS  
Contract Documents shall be available on-line at [www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp](http://www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp), or on Rio Blanco County's website at [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) on the Bid Postings page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on February 6, 2020.

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 26, 2020 and be completed by June 19, 2020.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS  
Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396, [van.pilaud@rbc.us](mailto:van.pilaud@rbc.us). 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 Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address, email or fax number.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING  
Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting:  
March 3, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO.

BID SUBMITTALS  
Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "2020 CR 8 SURFACE TREATMENT 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 Monday, March 9, 2020. Do not depend on overnight delivery.

Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on March 10, 2020.

mailing: RBC Commissioners, Attn: Vicky Edwards, P.O. Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641  
Hand-delivery address: RBC Commissioners, 555 Main St. 3rd Floor Meeker, CO 81641

BID OPENING  
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on March 10, 2020 at the Rio Blanco County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 555 Main St. 3rd Floor, 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 3, 2020  
By: Jeff Rector, Chairman  
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#### BID REQUEST

**Piceance Weed and Pest District Hand Spraying of Herbicide and Aerial Spraying of Herbicide**

The Piceance Weed and Pest District is soliciting bids for Herbicide hand spraying and Herbicide aerial spraying. Bid packets are available by calling Chris Uphoff at 970- 379-9244 or email [tcuphoff@msn.com](mailto:tcuphoff@msn.com). Mailed bids are due to the Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 21, 2020. If hand delivered the bids are due no later than 11:00 a.m. on February 25, 2020 to the County Commissioners, County Administration Building, 555 Main, Meeker, CO. The bids will be opened according to the agenda on February 25, 2020. All bids must be clearly marked "Herbicide Hand Spraying" or Herbicide Aerial Spraying" on the outside of the bid.

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#### TOWN OF DINOSAUR

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2019**

Gross Salaries, \$18,609.71  
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$2,292.39  
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$502.00  
IRS, FWT/Med, \$1,733.68  
FPPA & D & D, Monthly Contributions, \$1,561.98  
Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet, \$403.80  
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$4,189.01  
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$82.00  
Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$20.00  
Caselle Inc, Support, \$340.00  
Lizard Analytical Lab, Wastewater tests, \$40.00  
City of Grand Junction, Wastewater test, \$153.00  
Butler - Snow, Professional Services, \$2,653.87  
Comdata, Fuel, \$596.31  
Walmart, Bleach, \$142.33  
Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursements, \$18.24  
S. Swofford, Computer equipment, alarms, serviced vehicle, \$495.83  
Office Depot, Ink, \$84.98  
Zions Bank, Computer equipment, I'd's, \$1,887.88  
R. Blakley, Gas, water certificate, \$117.00  
Rangely True Value, Lock, keys, sand paper, thumb drive, \$129.04  
NAPA, Wiring equipment, \$359.96  
Mansfield Printing, Receipt books, \$179.00  
Verizon, Cell phone bill, \$187.50  
FedEx, Postage, \$55.77  
AGNC, Class, \$50.00  
SGS, Water tests, \$304.20  
State of Colorado, Permit, \$1,501.00  
Colorado State Patrol, Dispatch, \$1,481.00  
County Health Pool, Insurance, \$2,834.20  
Miracle, Playground Equipment, \$1,996.60  
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$45,002.28  
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**DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2020**

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Disruptive Diesel & Auto, Worked on dump truck, \$669.52  
One Beat CPR, Police Equipment, \$1,258.00  
Country Health Pool, Insurance, \$2,834.20  
Zions Bank, Backflow prevention, topper, \$1,720.22  
Colorado Water Res. & Power AUTH, Loan payment, \$2,500.00  
Rangely True Value, Concrete adhesive, sink hose, \$48.74  
NAPA, Anti freeze, wiring for truck, \$234.79  
Core & Main, Service charge meter reader, \$250.00  
CNC Technical Services LLC, Radio & equipment, \$6,901.85  
TKS Backflow & Hydrant, Backflow checks and testing, \$250.00  
L. Hedge, Mileage, \$200.94  
R. Wilczek, Halloween supplies, \$209.53  
Vernal Winnelsgo, Gasket, \$12.16  
L.A.W.S., Siren & lights, \$3,337.95  
Korf, Police Truck, \$37,312.13  
A & A Topper, Topper for truck, \$1,059.00  
Akronpc.net, Set up server and workstations, \$2,700.00  
Browns Hill Engineering, Calibrated headworks, \$1,649.70  
Dawson, Rod and loading frame, \$3,492.45  
Sands Law Office, Professional services, \$1,321.00  
CML, Dues, \$336.00  
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$100,122.51  
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#### NOTICE OF MEDICAID APPLICATION

Please take notice that Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District has filed an application with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for Medicaid Certification of its proposed nursing facility located at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive in the Town of Meeker. This application has been filed pursuant to the applicable Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing regulations for new facility certification and will be available for viewing by the public at the department's offices at 1570 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203 or at the department's website: [www.colorado.gov/hcpc](http://www.colorado.gov/hcpc)  
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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**2019 or 2020 Polaris Ranger or Can Am Defender UTV Bid**

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals, for a new 2019 or 2020 Full Size UTV Polaris Ranger or Can Am Defender with a 50 hp engine minimum and a 2-inch receiver hitch, will be accepted at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO until Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. The bid proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Board meeting at 7:00 P.M. on February 18, 2020 and awarded at the March 3, 2020 Board Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 345 Market Street in Meeker.

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

The bid proposal must be placed in an envelope, securely sealed and labeled "Meeker 2020 UTV bid" and be received no later than Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. Contact Russell Overton, Public Works Superintendent at 970-942-7555 or Lisa Cook, Town Administrator, 970-878-4962 for additional information.

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#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Water Street: Water Line Replacement CLOSING BID DATE – March 3, 2020**

**TOWN OF MEEKER**  
**345 Market Street**  
**Meeker, CO 81641**

You are hereby invited to bid for the construction of the Water Street, Water Line Replacement Project for the Town of Meeker. This project includes the construction of approximately 3,650 linear feet of water line and the installation of appurtenant fittings and services. The project site is located on Water Street from Tenth Street to Third Street and it includes portions of Eighth Street and Seventh Street to the south of Water Street. The Project Owner is the Town of Meeker. The Project Engineer is Chris Hale, P.E. of Mountain Cross Engineering, Inc. in Glenwood Springs.

A complete set of plans, specifications, and contract documents may be obtained after February 10th, 2020 from the offices of Mountain Cross Engineering, Inc. (970-945-5544) or at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, on Wednesday, February 19th, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

Bid Proposals shall be mailed or delivered to Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 by 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. The Town Board of Trustees will award the bid on Tuesday March 17th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 345 Market Street in Meeker. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or a check in the amount of 10% of the bid made payable to The Town of Meeker as bid security, along with 3 references for similar work. Performance and Payment Bonds are required. The successful bidder must maintain workers compensation and general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000 during the project.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add, or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; and the right to disregard all non-conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Purchasing Policy. All Bid Proposals and Bid Security shall be sealed in an envelope with "Water Street - Water Line Replacement" written on the front.

Contact Russ Overton with the Town of Meeker 970-878-5530 or 970-878-5344 for additional information or with any questions regarding this project.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER  
Lisa Cook, Town Administrator  
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#### Meeker Sanitation District

**Accounts Payable January 31, 2020**

Total Payroll, \$26,105.11  
Quickbooks Payroll Svc. Direct Deposit Fee, \$43.50  
Federal Tax Withholding, \$3,098.00  
Social Security Withholding, \$4,558.63  
Medicare Withholding, \$1,066.14  
PERA Retirement, \$6,138.67  
U.S. Postal Service: Postage, \$299.07  
CEBT: Health, Dental, Vision, Life Ins., \$11,079.90  
AFLAC: Employee Accident Ins., \$41.22  
State of Colorado: 4th Quarter 2019 Taxes, \$2,215.00  
ERBM Recreation & Park District: Annual Membership, \$137.50  
Atmos Energy: Natural Gas Svc., \$2,511.63  
B.A. Lawrence LLC: Service on Blowers, \$1,085.00  
Century Link: Telephone Service, \$336.87  
Cimarron Telecom: Broadband, \$155.00  
Colorado Analytical Labs: Testing, \$132.00  
Colorado Rural Water Assn.: 2020 Membership, \$275.00  
Co. S.D.A. Workers Comp. Ins.: State Comp. Ins. Audit, \$153.00  
Employers Council Service: Poster Update Service, \$78.00  
ESRI: ArcFIS GIS Maintenance, \$400.00  
First Bancard Visa: Adobe, Parts, Postage, Safety Clothing, \$480.79  
Charlie Frantz: Snow Removal, \$140.00  
JVA Inc: Engineering Services, \$432.00  
Networking of the Rockies: Set Up Scanner, \$150.00  
Northwest Auto: Install 1 tire, \$317.73  
Office Depot: Office Supplies, \$620.17  
Rio Blanco County : White River Monitoring Program, \$1,634.50  
Rio Blanco County Fleet Dept.: Fuel, \$232.93  
Rio Blanco Herald Time: Publish Accts. Payable, Call for Nominations, \$67.75  
Town of Meeker: Water Svc., \$24.00  
Union Telephone: Call Phone Svc., \$272.84  
Utility Notification Center: Line Locates, \$8.94  
Valley Hardware: Misc. Supplies, \$8.78  
Watt's Ranch Market: Misc. Supplies, \$33.45  
W. Co. Electrical Control Specialist: Test Motor, \$302.50  
WREA: Electric Svc., \$7,011.75  
NHPA, Playground Equipment, \$1,996.60  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**Parent/Petitioner: Kimberly A Asselin for Minor Child: Karyl Ann Orris Case No. 05DR43**

Public Notice is given on February 7, 2020 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Minor Child has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court. The petition requests that the name of Karyl Ann Orris be changed to Karyl Ann Asselin

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Clerk of Court  
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#### TOWN OF DINOSAUR

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2020**

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PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$2,377.82  
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$519.00  
IRS, FWT/Med, \$1,787.10  
FPPA & D & D, Monthly Contributions, \$1,562.50  
Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet, \$406.97  
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,718.38  
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$82.00  
Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$20.00  
Caselle Inc, Support, \$340.00  
Lizard Analytical Lab, Wastewater tests, \$40.00  
City of Grand Junction, Wastewater test, \$153.00  
Comdata, Fuel, \$892.04  
Walmart, Tissue, Bleach, \$140.94  
Rio Blanco Herald Times, Budget notice, \$8.04  
Disruptive Diesel & Auto, Worked on dump truck, \$669.52  
One Beat CPR, Police Equipment, \$1,258.00  
Country Health Pool, Insurance, \$2,834.20  
Zions Bank, Backflow prevention, topper, \$1,720.22  
Colorado Water Res. & Power AUTH, Loan payment, \$2,500.00  
Rangely True Value, Concrete adhesive, sink hose, \$48.74  
NAPA, Anti freeze, wiring for truck, \$234.79  
Core & Main, Service charge meter reader, \$250.00  
CNC Technical Services LLC, Radio & equipment, \$6,901.85  
TKS Backflow & Hydrant, Backflow checks and testing, \$250.00  
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#### Airport Master Plan Meeting Public Notice

Meeker Airport Coulter Field is in the process of completing an Airport Master Plan. The third public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Hearing Room, 555 Main Street in Meeker. The meeting will include presentation of the facility requirements and development alternatives. The public is invited to attend and provide input on the project, ask questions, and provide feedback. More information is available on the Master Plan at [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us). Tracy Hodgins at T-O Engineers at 970-945-5544 or [thodgins@to-engineers.com](mailto:thodgins@to-engineers.com). Information is also available on the T-O Engineers website at <https://www.to-engineers.com/> by clicking on "Project Portal" and selecting "Meeker Airport Coulter Field – Master Plan".  
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#### RBC WEED & PEST DEPARTMENT

Undesirable Plant Management Advisory Commission Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the New 4-H building at the fairgrounds.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**TOWN OF RANGELY**  
**CITY BEER AND WINE LICENSE**  
**BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to consider the application filed on January 30, 2020 by California Wok, LLC, located at 321 E Main, Unit 5 & 6, Rangely, CO 81648 for a liquor license in Va A S y name. The hearing will be held in the Court room of the Municipal building at 209 East Main, Rangely, CO 81648, on March 10, 2020 at 7:10 p.m. Remonstrances may be filed with the Rangely Liquor Licensing Authority, Attn: Janet, at 209 East Main, Rangely, CO 81648.

All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.  
By: /s/Marybel Cox  
Marybel Cox Clerk/Treasurer

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5,445.42, Dpty Coroner  
5,328.10, Facility Mgmt Laborer  
4,909.72, Shrf Rif Detention  
4,530.40, Surveyor  
3,635.91, Shrf Rif Det Cntrl Spec  
2,993.49, Shrf Court Security  
2,655.60, WRR Rif Cook  
2,080.50, Planner  
1,924.00, R&B Admin Asst III  
1,885.18, Shrf Court Security  
1,706.31, Airport Coord  
1,469.46, FFLD/Frgnds Temp  
1,417.05, C&R Motor Veh Compl Agent  
1,213.03, Shrf Detention Deputy  
1,100.81, Commissioner  
750.19, Deputy Coroner  
514.58, Shrf Rif Dispatcher  
407.28, Deputy Coroner  
352.38, Shrf Rif Detention  
140.35, Building Inspector  
118.79, Deputy Coroner  
56.65, Assr Admin Analyst  
55.00, DHS Caseworker I  
Total: \$7,796,455.81  
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**Public Notice**  
**Meeker Housing Authority Vacancies**  
The Town Board of Trustees is seeking letters of interest from qualified individuals to fill five positions on an Interim Board for the Meeker Housing Authority. Qualifications for the positions are to be: a registered voter within Rio Blanco County; eighteen years of age or older and must have resided within Rio Blanco County for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the appointment. For further information please call Lisa Cook at 878-5344.  
Mayor Regas K. Halandras  
Board of Trustees  
Town of Meeker  
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**Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado**  
**Rio Blanco County Annex Building**  
17497 Hwy 64  
Rangely, Colorado 81648  
**Tentative Agenda February 18, 2020**  
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.  
1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:  
A. Pledge of Allegiance  
B. Changes to the February 18, 2020 Agenda  
1)  
2)  
C. Move to Approve the February 18, 2020 Agenda  
2. CONSENT AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2020  
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.  
A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.  
B. Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020.  
3. BUSINESS  
A. None  
4. BID OPENINGS  
A. 2020 Dust Control Project  
5. BID AWARDS  
A. None  
6. MOU'S, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS  
A. Move to approve/deny an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and DRU Consulting, LLC for consulting services regarding an update to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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7. RESOLUTIONS  
A. Move to approve/deny Resolution No. 2020-05, a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, vesting jurisdiction over plumbing permit and inspections to the Colorado State Plumbing Board.  
8. OTHER BUSINESS  
A. Public Comments  
B. County Commissioners Updates  
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS  
A. None  
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 25, 2020 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse 555 Main Street 3rd Floor Hearing Room Meeker, Colorado 81641. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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**Monthly Food Distribution**  
**Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds**  
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Thursday, February 27, 2020  
Thursday, March 26, 2020  
Thursday, April 23, 2020  
Thursday, May 28, 2020  
Thursday, June 25, 2020  
Thursday, July 23, 2020  
Thursday, August 27, 2020  
Thursday, September 24, 2020  
Wednesday, October 22, 2020  
Wednesday, November 25, 2020  
Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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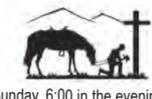
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Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970.  
Women's NA/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m., St. Timothy's.

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

The Rangely Food Bank is open on Saturdays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

RBC | Attention Rio Blanco County Veterans: Veterans may be eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel costs to receive VA medical care. If you do not currently receive VA travel compensation please contact the Rio Blanco County Veterans Service offices. Rangely: John 'Hoot' Gibson, 970-878-9695. Meeker: Joe Bob Dungan, 970-878-9690. Travel compensation is made possible through the Veterans Trust Fund Grant and VFW Post 5843.

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**RESIDENTIAL**  
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**RURAL RESIDENTIAL**  
1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranch cabin, turnkey. \$157,000.

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Ranch for sale on Strawberry Creek - Adjoins BLM, some alfalfa and oat fields, home workshop, new large metal building, barn and arena. Great location and outstanding views! Realtor owned. Call for details!

NEW! 1001 County Rd. 35, Meeker - 136 acre Ranch, mostly irrigated with headquarters. Good meadows, water and spring rights. \$1,100,000.  
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789 8th St. NEW 410 Cleveland St. 1346 Sage Ridge Rd.

1104 Mark Cir. 112 Main St. 1134 Michael Cir.

**FOR SALE IN MEEKER**

TBD CR 15 - 2BD/2BA 390±ac w/ Water...\$895,000	1057 Sage Ct. .... SALE PENDING
789 8th St - 5BD/3BA Bed&Breakfast...\$625,000	1350 Sage Ridge Rd. .... SALE PENDING
410 Cleveland St - 2BD/1.75BA 1,732 SF...\$330,000	353 Park Ave. .... SOLD
1346 Sage Ridge Rd - 3BD/2BA, +Views...\$287,000	64646 Hwy 64. .... SOLD
1134 Michael Cir - 3BD/2BA, +Updates...\$275,000	646 Main St - Commercial Building...SOLD
1947 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA, Cabin No. 2, River...\$250,000	440 Garfield St. .... SOLD
1959 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA, Cabin No. 3, River...\$250,000	
112 Main St - 3BD/2BA w/Guest Cottage...\$207,000	
1042 Park Ave - 3BD/1BA 2,340 SF, +Barn...\$204,000	
1104 Mark Cir - 4BD/2.75BA 2,351 SF...\$183,000	
9 E. Main St - 2BD/1BA 2,208 SF, LG Yard...\$179,000	<b>RANCH LAND CR 15</b> 390± Acres with Log Home Domestic Well, Spring & Pond Great Horse Property
1128 Main - 2BD/1BA-Office+Lg.Garage...\$175,000	<b>FOR SALE IN RANGELY</b>
440 Cross L - Lot 3. 4.4±acres w/Utilities...\$100,000	258 E. Main St. - Commercial/Res...\$240,000
	315 & 317 N Grand Ave. - Duplex...\$140,000
	Wolf Creek - Vacant Land...SOLD

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**1040 MAIN ST.**  
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!  
Seven, 2 BD/1BA units with additional studio unit w/ 3/4BA & kitchenette! Good location and good rental history! \$425,000

◆ 791 11th St. — Remodeled 4BD/2BA with large lower level family room. \$173,000 SALE PENDING!

**HOME PLACE RANCH**  
529 County Road 326, Silt  
63.1± Acres. Log home. Water rights, Pivot, Alfalfa hay, Metal Barn. Equipment included. \$750,000.

**BAKER'S PEAK VISTA RANCH-506± Acres, 10cfs Water, Improvements, Hunting. PRICE REDUCTION \$1,100,000.**

**FOUR SPRINGS RANCH-343.98± Acres, 15.2cfs Water, Improvements, River Frontage. PRICE REDUCTION \$1,100,000.**

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**GRASSLANDS RANCH-327± Acres, Excellent Grazing, Adjoins BLM and State Land. Great Baker's Peak Hunting Area. PENDING**

**NEW! 492± Acres, Mountains, Iron Fences, Metal Barn, Log Lodge/house, Log Guest House, Springs, Alfalfa, Hunting. PENDING**

**NEW! 120± Acres with well, off County Road, Hunting. PENDING**

**MAYBELL PROCESSING-Wild Game Processing Plant. Business, Building and Land. \$280,000.**

**98 GAME RESERVE DRIVE-5 acres, views, elk, moose, deer, antelope. \$25,000.**

**568 FALCON DRIVE-5.17± Acres, Hunting, Recreation. SOLD!**

**NEW! 2148 TIMBERLANE LOOP ROAD-Beautiful 5± Acres. Trees, Views, Hunting, Recreation. SOLD!**

**NEW! 3539 BOULDER DRIVE-4.61± Acres. Trees, Views, Pond, Hunting. SOLD!**

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**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**

- \*395 6th St. - Residential/Commercial corner lot near post office. 2 story, 4 BR, 2 BA, beautiful hard wood floors, basement. Previously used as offices, retail and residential. Great location. PRICE REDUCED TO \$235,000
- \*1123 Park Ave. - Nice 2007 singlewide manufactured home on 1 full lot. 2 BR, 2 BA. Furnished. \$115,000 SOLD!

**RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...**

- \*210 CR 75- Pappose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. \$30,000 SOLD!
- \*92 CR 59- 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$115,000. SOLD!

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- \*MUST SELL - MAKE AN OFFER-.81 Acre Lot East off of School St., fenced, great home site, currently a hay field, not annexed, utilities nearby. \$45,000
- \*2101 Meath Dr.- .35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$89,900.
- \*1751 Bright Water Lane- 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistern. Borders BLM. 14 miles west off of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000.
- \*2 Large Multi-family Lots in Sanderson Hills, near Rec Center. Zoned MFLA- \$140,000 for both, or sold separately.
- \*5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views. \$75,000.

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40± Unencumbered Acres-1,449' Riverfront ..... REDUCED \$1,950,000	363 N Cross L Dr. .... SALE PENDING	970 9th St. - 4BD/2BA, Spacious Log Home with Character ..... \$189,500
1168 Rd. 63-506± Acres, Custom Log Home & Shop ..... \$1,170,000	29± Acres up Rd. 8-Valley Views, Building Area, Fishing. .... \$349,000	117 6th Street. - Rustic Duplex, Updated, Income Opportunity ..... \$189,000
Elk Mountain Inn-21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard ..... \$975,000	45304 Hwy. 13-No HOA Pets Welcome! 3+BD/2.5BA, Shop ..... \$345,000	1060 Park St. .... SOLD
223 8th St.-2+BD/2BA, Yard, Adjoining Retail Space ..... \$790,000	TBD N. 6th St.-8.45± Acres, Livestock Welcome ..... \$299,000	109 Market St. - 1/2 Acre, Corner Lot, Highly Visible ..... \$175,000
658± Acres, Rd. 143-North of RB Lake, Hunt Unit 11. .... \$660,000	946 9th St. .... SALE PENDING	1299 Rd. 10 - 4.52 Acres, Ideal Basecamp for Units 23/24 ..... \$175,000
319± Acres, Rd. 77-Colorow Cabin, Well, Grazing Permit ..... \$640,000	950 Cleveland St.-3BD/3BA, large workshop. .... \$285,000	1105 & 1107 Market St. - Corner Lot, Commercial Opportunity ..... \$149,000
431 E. Market St.-22± Acres, Shop, Office, Living Quarters. .... \$549,000	841 3rd St.-4BD/2BA, Large Lot, Attached Garage. .... \$279,000	338 Love Ln. .... SALE PENDING
1100 Flag Creek Dr.-Lot 24, New Construction ..... Under \$534,000	7.46 Acres, E. Market St.-Highway Frontage, Great Traffic. .... \$249,000	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home ..... \$59,000
1001 Flag Creek Dr.-Lot 21, New Construction ..... Under \$425,000	212 Garfield St. .... SOLD	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home ..... \$59,000
915 Market St. - Carwash, Residence, Income Opportunity ..... \$405,000	3915 Rd. 10 - 3.1 acres, Stunning Views, Well Water ..... \$219,000	3 Vacant Lots, Andrea Cir. - Developing Neighborhood, Great Views ..... \$29,000/Lot
6± Acres, Buford/New Castle Rd.-Meadow, Well & Power. .... \$389,000	643 4th St. - 2BD/2BA, Beautiful Lot, Convenient Location. .... \$199,000	

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