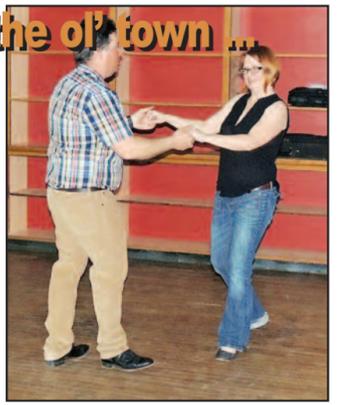


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Hot time in the ol' town

Roughly 100 people, teens to adults, took part in the free Valentine's Day dance at the Hugas Building in Meeker on Saturday. The Clover Loafers from Meeker provided dance music along with free appetizers from Wendl's and a cash bar run by the Meeker Lions Club. The Clover Loafers played a wide array of music for the audience. For more photos, please see Page 3A.



Bolton urges residents to fight proposed OHV bill

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Colorado State House of Representatives is currently considering a bill that would impact OHV operators statewide, including a change that would require an OHV operator to have a state-issued driver's license in order to operate any Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) including ATVs and side-by-sides.

The bill, HB15-1054, presents several major changes from current law. Currently, the law requires drivers of ATVs to be a minimum of 10 years of age, unless they are being supervised by someone with a valid driver's

license.

All OHV's must be registered with the state annually. The vehicles are also required to have both headlights and taillights when being operated between sunup and sundown.

Individual counties and towns are allowed to institute stricter laws in addition to the state laws and several areas currently require a minimum age of 16 to operate an OHV.

The bill adds the following additional regulations: the vehicle must be covered by insurance, the vehicle must display a license plate and have head and taillights. The driver must wear either eyeglasses or a helmet with eye protection or, if under age 18, the driver and passengers must wear a helmet.

In addition, the motorist will be required to pay a license plate fee, insurance identification fee and registration fee of \$10. Violations are to be classified as Class B traffic infractions and come with a penalty of fines ranging from \$15 to \$100 with no driver's license suspension points.

The bill quickly received two additional amendments, which, according to Rio Blanco County Commissioner Shawn Bolton, were pushed for heavily by the Colorado State Patrol. These amendments would require that all OHV drivers have a valid driver's license and would make it illegal to drive any OHV on any paved roads.

Bolton expressed several concerns with

these amendments. His first concern was the future of the OHV trails that both Meeker and Rangely have worked on during the last several years. Access to these trails would require drivers to spend some time on paved roads, which would be illegal if the bill were to pass, essentially killing the new trail routes.

Bolton's second concern was that the amendments would severely limit family outings. Bolton said "what 14 or 15 year old wants to ride on the back of mommy or daddy's four wheeler?"

Bolton encourages people to contact Stan Hilkey at the Colorado Department of Public Safety or call the governor's office and let

them know how this will impact their lives.

The bill, sponsored by State Rep. J. Paul Brown (R) from Ignacio, has currently passed committee and will be headed to the House for a vote in the next few weeks.

Brown's campaign website lists the elimination of government regulation and red tape as one of his primary issues of concern.

For now, the Rio Blanco County Commissioners will wait and see where the bill goes, Bolton said, adding that the amendments brought in by the state patrol will be pulled in the next week or two.

However, Bolton said, if the bill moves forward with the various amendments, "Rio Blanco County will actively fight this bill."

MSD forum addresses public issues

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker School Superintendent Mark Meyer and the Meeker School Board held an open forum Feb. 3, and several members of the public took advantage of the occasion to present several questions to the officials.

The forum opened with Superintendent Mark Meyer surprising almost everyone in the room by submitting his letter of resignation, effective June 30.

After everyone took a few moments to catch their breath, the forum, which the board said was for them to hear what's on people's minds, began with former high school principal and student parent George Henderson asking if the district was really still in a financial crisis.

MSD Board President Bill deVergie said that, "Indeed the district was facing a budget shortfall, but because of the ability to use some reserve funds, perhaps it's not really a crisis."

Board member Tom Allen talked about a large part of the shortfall being due to the county having lost a property tax abatement process involving Encana and Koch Exploration that means tax-funded entities in the county have to rebate

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Stockgrowers: Variety of topics discussed, arena named to honor C.W. 'Bill' Brennan

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Rio Blanco County Commissioner Shawn Bolton announced to the Rio Blanco Stockgrowers on Feb. 7 that the county is naming the indoor arena at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds the C.W. "Bill" Brennan Arena in honor of the late former county commissioner and Piceance Creek cattle producer.

A dedication ceremony will be held during the county fair this coming summer.

Bolton also described the county's broadband project which, through buried fiber in Meeker and

THIN ICE...



Weather on Sunday continued to be sunny and warm, causing the ice to thin even more on Rio Blanco Lake, located 18 miles west of Meeker along Highway 64 on the way to Rangely. Despite a small group of folks who were enjoying their day fishing (very top center left), the ice on most of the lake was much too thin and unsafe to drive a snow machine on.

SEAN McMAHON

Economic development projects advancing throughout county

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Economic development projects in Rio Blanco County (RBC) are moving forward, among them the launch of two Small Business Development Center (SBDC) satellite offices and assessing the economic

impacts of coal in the region.

RBC Economic Development Coordinator Katelin Cook said the SBDC satellites, located in the Meeker and Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce offices, will offer business owners and would-be entrepreneurs free consultant services and quarterly workshops.

Topics range from starting a business to managing marketing, health care and human resources as companies grow. Business owners may take additional workshops at the SBDC's main office in Grand Junction.

Residents with experience in con-

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Much to be done before Meeker area receives National Register tag

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER I EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week we looked at the plan for the possible inclusion of part of downtown Meeker on the National Register of Historic places and the lack of forced restrictions on any property owner within the proposed district. This week, we look at the process, the grants and other funds available, the listing of the two buildings already included on the National Register and the two buildings already included on the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties.

Part Two of Two

The Meeker Town Board has given approval for the Rio Blanco County Historical Society to seek designation for a 11-block area of downtown Meeker to be included on the National Register of Historic Places. However, a lot of work must be done on paper and with the property owners within the proposed district before the designation becomes official.

The parameter of the proposed district starts at the intersection of Fourth and Main streets, heads north on both sides of Fourth Street to Park Street, turns left (west) to cover both sides of Park Street to Eighth Street, where it would cover both sides of Eighth

Street, turning west through the alleyway to Seventh Street, then south from the alley down to Main Street, then turning east and running back to Fourth Street, covering both sides of Main.

Currently, two properties in Meeker have been listed in the National Register: the Meeker Hotel at 560 Main St., on May 7, 1980; and the St. James Episcopal Church at 368 Fourth St., on March 30, 1978.

There are also two properties in Meeker that have been listed in the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties: The J.W. Hugas Co. Building (also known as the A. Oldland and Co. Building or the Oldland Block) at 594 Main St. on Dec. 11, 1991; and the old Rio Blanco High School Building (also known as Meeker Intermediate or Junior High School, now the Meeker School District administration building) at 555 Garfield St., on March 10, 1993.

Other properties are recorded in the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation database as officially eligible, including: the old Meeker Elementary School at 445 Main (currently under construction as the new Rio Blanco County Justice Center); the three buildings historically comprising the garrison Army officers' quarters

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RENÉ HARDEN

While the students at Colorado Northwestern Community College were away from campus over the long winter break, several mule deer turned up on the Rangely campus for some peaceful grazing on the campus lawn and nearby brush. Above, the mother shows her two fawns where to find some good grazing, undisturbed by a few folks passing by on campus.

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WEATHER

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The snow started coming down just as those at the "I Ride with James" snowmobile and poker run up County Road 8 from the Lost Creek Trailhead were getting ready to eat after the three-hour trail ride. Plenty of burgers, hot dogs, bratwursts, cookies, cakes and assorted goodies were on hand to feed well in excess of 100 people.

SEAN MCMAHON



Mike Sizemore, left, presents the grand prize of a Polaris 120 child's snowmobile from the "I Ride With James" snowmobile and poker run on Sunday to Luke Weeldreyer of Craig. First place and \$1,000 went to Cole Steiner, second place and \$500 went to Chris King, and third place and \$250 went to Deb Overton. More than 100 riders took part in the ride and poker run despite a lack of snow at the base camp at Lost Creek Trailhead. The event is in memory of Mike and Kathy Sizemore's son, James, who was killed Feb. 20, 2011, in an avalanche on nearby Sand Peak.

SEAN MCMAHON

MES reading challenge ends with goat kisses

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER January was book-crazy at the Meeker Elementary School Library. It was an entire month of fun things focused around the library, and this year the theme was STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

The goal was to have the students check out 2,000 books for the month, then the principal would do something.

The first week saw the students bring in projects made of recycled materials. There were rocket ships, dioramas, paintings, robots, bird-houses, a working electrical lamp, dollhouses, cardboard box creations, team projects that told a story with a surprise ending and many more.

The second week was Spirit Week with a different way to dress up each day. Students and teachers dressed up as their favorite book characters on Wednesday.

Bill Ekstrom, the CSU Extension agent, presented a 4-H team-building and science activity for the third through fifth grades while preschool through second grade experienced science experiments and fun science tricks presented by Kay Bivens.

The third week the students enjoyed videos about science in their area of science learning.

The last week of January, Bill Ekstrom and Leah Bolander presented STEM programs. First grade had states of matter, second grade had earth systems, third grade had



COURTESY PHOTO

Meeker Elementary School third-grade teacher Samantha Wilson kisses a goat while MES Principal Kathy Collins waits her turn. The two had to kiss the critters because MES students read roughly 2,500 books in a month the school dedicated to STEM education. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

energy and states of matter, fourth grade had basic needs of animals and fifth grade had water systems.

Feb. 2 was the final day and celebration.

Mike Clark, representing Natural Soda, gave a very informative presentation on the workings of Natural Soda, located on the upper Piceance Creek. Natural Soda is one of the largest corporations in the world for the recovery of soda. It is amazing to find out all the uses of soda. Soda from Natural Soda is sent all over the United States and many countries in the world. To learn more, go to www.NaturalSoda.com.

Brandon Sanders, a representative of the Upper White River Plant Center, also gave a very informative presentation about the plant center and the plants and seeds that are grown there. Many of the plants and seeds are used across the United States for reclamation and plant studies. Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center is a non-profit and community organization. It is a 501c3 non-profit

organization owned and operated by the combined Douglas and White River conservation districts.

To finalize the book celebration, there was an assembly for all elementary school students. Everyone was greeted by the music from Shana Holliday's EMS marimba band.

White River Electric representatives, linemen Brett Berthelson and Nathan Pelloni, presented bookmarks and three Big Joe beanbag chairs for the students to use in the library.

The goal of checking out 2,000 books was surpassed by 514 books for a grand total of 2514 books.

To the delight and screams of the students, Principal Kathy Collins kissed a baby goat and a wether goat. Samantha Wilson, a third-grade teacher, was surprised to be called to kiss the goat also.

MES library paraprofessional Kay Bivens thanked all teachers, students and presenters and especially Collins. It was a great month for celebrating reading and STEM, she said.

Network group meets Feb. 24

RBC The next Community Networking Group meeting will be held at noon on Feb. 24 in the Weiss Conference Room on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus in Rangely.

Guest speaker for the February meeting will be Elyse Ackerman, the northwest regional manager for the state Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

Pizza, salad and dessert will be served. Please RSVP to 970-675-3301.

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A good turnout was part of the fun Saturday night at the Hugus Building in downtown Meeker as the Clover Loafers and building owner Mary K. Krueger, who is a member of the band, hosted a free Valentine's Day dance. Krueger said she came up with the idea as "there aren't a whole lot of things to do on a Saturday night in Meeker during the winter and I thought this might make for a nice change." The dance Saturday is not likely to be the last one this winter, she said.

SEAN MCMAHON



The Clover Loafers played host to more than 100 guests on Saturday night for a free Valentine's Day dance at the Hugus Building in downtown Meeker. Members of the band are, in front, from left to right, David Mains on guitar, Mary K. Krueger on keyboard and Dave Cole on violin with drummer Brett Smithers in back on the drums. The event drew a wide range of dancers from those in their teens to those whose teen years are in the distant past, but all seemed to have fun.

SEAN MCMAHON

Douglas Creek Conservation District annual meeting and banquet Feb. 28

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The Douglas Creek Conservation District will hold its annual meeting and banquet in Rangely on Feb. 28.

Activities will take place at the Weiss Conference Room on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus in Rangely. The business portion of the meeting will center on "Water Issues that Affect Rio Blanco County."

A social hour and registration begin at 5:30 p.m. At 6 will be a prime rib banquet courtesy of the conservation district. The meeting will follow at 7 p.m. with Jay Gallagher of the

Colorado Water Conservation Board speaking on "The Colorado Water Plan and the Yampa-White-Green Water Plan." That will be followed by Aaron Clay, an attorney with Clay & Dodson P.C., speaking on "Prior Appropriations Law vs. Public Trust Doctrine."

At 8:15 p.m., the conservation district report will be given.

Those who plan to attend should RSVP for the banquet by Wednesday by calling 970-878-5628, Ext. 4 or by email at whiterivercd@gmail.com.

Partnering organizations are the Community Agriculture Alliance, the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Meeker Field Office and the

Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Round Table.

BIRTHS...



COURTESY PHOTO

Big sister Sage Preston would like to share the big news, along with her dad and mom Jared and Mandy Rundberg, about her baby brother, Clayton Daniel Rundberg, born Feb. 4, 2015, at 8:56 a.m. at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs, Colo. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20.5 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Benny and Karen Jensen of Sun City West, Ariz.; his paternal grandparents are Mike and Patti Hoke of Meeker and Jim Rundberg.



COURTESY PHOTO

Joshua and Lindsey Allred of Rangely, Colo., announce the birth of their twin sons, Andrew Joshua and Zachary Donald. The boys were born Jan. 27, 2015, in Grand Junction, Colo., at St. Mary's Hospital. Zachary Donald was born at 12:35 a.m. and weighed 4 pounds, 4 ounces, measuring 17-3/4 inches long. Andrew Joshua was born at 12:36 a.m. and weighed 4 pounds 4 ounces, measuring 18 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Don and Phyllis Myers of Hamilton, Colo. Maternal great grandmother is Naomi Durham. Paternal grandparent is MaryAnn Allred of Rangely.



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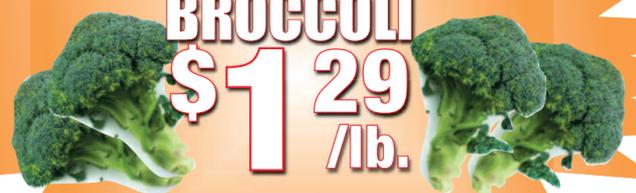
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FROM MY WINDOW...

Two events offer sense of community during long winter

By SEAN McMAHON
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The visibility has been darned clear for the past weeks, interrupted briefly on Sunday as snow fell intermittently high on County Road 8 during the annual "I Ride With James" Poker and Snowmobile Run.

It was too darned clear on the way up to Lost Creek Trailhead, about a mile or so past the Marvine turnoff and just after the pavement ends. There was basically no snow at all on the southern slopes on the north side of the road as far high up as you could look.

This was in sharp contrast to last year, when the snow was piled high, fluffy and everywhere, making it possible for the snowmobilers to head in any direction they wanted to travel. Not so on Sunday.

Thankfully, the organizers—the Sizemores, primarily, along with the Welles and other family and friends—were able to set up the base camp at the Lost Creek Trailhead, which is the usual ride launching ground. Since County Road 8 stops there during the winter, there was plenty of snow on the road, which led farther east, and higher in altitude there was enough snow for the machines to head out of the base camp and get up the mountain, where there was much more snow—enough to keep riders out for at least three hours.

The event started at 10 a.m., and spirits seemed to rise about 12:30 p.m., when it started to flurry a bit, picking up to some good snow by about 1 p.m. Everyone seemed to get excited about seeing the heavier snow, but unfortunately, there wasn't going to be enough to improve Sunday's event.

A lot of work is done by the organizers of the event each year, held in memory of James Sizemore, the son of Kathy and Mike Sizemore's son, James, who was killed Feb. 20, 2011, in an avalanche on nearby Sand Peak.

The event is centered around a five-stop poker run, and the money from the run helps to fund two \$1,000 scholarships for Meeker High School seniors—one a male; one a female. Other funds raised go to assist Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue.

Last year, roughly 135 sleds, several with more than one rider, took part in the third annual event, coming from all parts of Northwest Colorado and from as far away as



Vernal, Utah. This year, while the full count was not known by Tuesday morning, there were no doubt well in excess of 100 riders.

Grand prize was a brand new Polaris 120 children's snowmobile. First prize for the poker run was \$1,000, second prize paid \$500 and third prize won \$250. There is also a prize for the oldest snowmobile and another for ugliest snowmobile, and all children participants also won prizes.

Out my window on the way down toward Meeker, there were clear views from about the Buford School, and it was clear that the fourth annual event was well run, the food was more than plentiful and good and it was pretty clear that those who went snowmobiling and the few who stayed behind to sled just across the highway from the base camp all had a lot of fun.

It is great to see private citizens

put on a well-attended event that also does a lot for the community. The Sizemores, the Welles and a number of other helping relatives, friends and members of the community once again provided great entertainment while performing a public service.

Thanks folks. It was a fun event and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

And in all seriousness, the higher altitudes in Rio Blanco County and the surrounding mountains are in dire need of much more snow.

The only good way to look at it is that March and April are the top precipitation months within the county.



Another community event, this time held on Saturday evening in Meeker, was the free Valentine's Day dance at the Hugus Building, hosted by building owner Mary K. Krueger and the Clover Loafers, who

played a quite eclectic selection of music enjoyed by those in attendance.

Running from 8 p.m. until midnight, it would be easy to estimate that more than 100 people stopped in to attend the event, which featured the group—made up of Mary K. Krueger, David Mains, David Cole and Brett Smithers—playing Irish ballads, reels, folk music, polkas, waltzes and country music.

The Meeker Lions Club was there to man a full bar and free snacks were provided by Wendll's, taking care to meet all needs of those who attended.

It was a pleasant evening out, according to those I spoke with, and it was a nice thing for the town folks to have available on a Saturday evening.

Perhaps there will be one or two similar events before this winter is over.

GUEST OPINION

Easy entitlement access undermines nation's work ethic

By MARK HILLMAN
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I "Our greatest primary task is to put people to work." — Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933.

Although sometimes considered the father of the American entitlement state, FDR understood that our sense of achievement and self-sufficiency comes from our work.

Forty years later, another Democrat, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan likewise grasped the

degrading affect of welfare on those it supposedly benefits: It cannot too often be stated that the issue of welfare is not what it costs those who provide it, but what it costs those who receive it.

In the past 50 years, our federal government has made it increasingly easy to collect a check for doing nothing. We are now witnessing the rotting fruits of those policies falling from the tree of good intentions and spoiling our society from within.

FDR's plans made work with programs that paid people to put their abilities to work:

- Civilian Conservation Corps employed 2 million unmarried men under military-style discipline to work on reservoirs, bridges and forests.
- Civil Works Administration put 4 million men to work performing tasks from tutoring to building schools and public parks.
- Works Progress Administration employed some 9 million Americans, mostly working on roads and bridges

but also artistic projects.

Today, we seek workers from other countries to perform jobs Americans won't do. Americans won't do those jobs because they're too comfortable sitting on their couch while collecting a handout.

Employers must compete against the wages government pays for doing nothing and the reality that working for a living means forfeiting 40 hours of leisure time each week.

Since 1964, when President Johnson declared War on Poverty, the percentage of men ages 25-34 who neither work nor seek work has more than tripled, from 3 percent to 11 percent, writes Nicholas Eberstadt in National Affairs. Among men ages 45-54, the share that has left the work force soared from just under 5 percent to almost 15 percent.

American men in the prime of life have never been healthier, Eberstadt writes. Yet they are less committed to working ... than at any point in our nation's history.

In just the past 30 years, the share of Americans receiving means-tested welfare nearly doubled from 18.8 percent of the total population to 35.4 percent—rising from 42 million to 109 million people. That's more than twice as many as receive Social Security or Medicare benefits.

In 1983 and 2012—both years in which the country was recovering from severe recession—the poverty rate stood at 15 percent. That means that today the number of people above the poverty line receiving need-based payments is greater than those below the poverty line.

From 1963 to 2013, government

welfare payments represented the fastest growing source of personal income in America.

America today is almost certainly the richest society in history, Eberstadt writes. Yet, paradoxically, our entitlement state behaves as if Americans have never been more needy.

The fact that so many are willing to accept need-based aid signals a fundamental change in the American character.

Many Americans no longer feel any embarrassment about long-term reliance on government handouts. Government aids this appeasement by laundering money so recipients never bother to realize that real working men and women are paying for their life of leisure.

Americans are indeed generous and caring, but the distinction between

the deserving and undeserving poor is being erased.

Ironically, anti-poverty programs have created a permanently-dependent underclass and a poverty industry, both inside and outside of government.

Government is robbing our children of the values, culture and opportunity that made our country exceptional.

Europe's experience bears witness that once the welfare state is grafted into our culture and economy, turning back the clock is virtually impossible.

Trading the Land of Opportunity for a government handout is the ultimate betrayal of those who built this country and those who now may never experience it.

Mark Hillman served as state treasurer and senate majority leader.

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Bad facts cloud reality about fracking

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is undergoing a spike in seismic activity. A new U.S. Geological Survey shows that a small basin on the New Mexico-Colorado border experienced

20 times more serious earthquakes between 2001 and 2011 than it had during the previous 30 years.

There have been similar tremor spikes throughout the country.

Some media accounts have been quick to blame this on hydraulic fracturing. Also known as "fracking," this technique involves injecting a high-pressure mixture of water, sand, and

other fluids to break up underground rock structures and free up embedded oil and gas.

One prominent columnist claimed "fracking may be inducing earthquakes." The online journal Salon simply declared that the "earthquake

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comments on wild horse gathering

Dear Editor:
On the front page of the Feb. 5 *Herald Times*, I read a press release by the local BLM requesting comments on local wild horse gathers. Comments were to be submitted prior to Feb. 14 and cannot be kept private by the BLM. My comments will not make the short deadline and I do not choose to keep them private, so I thought I would share them with *Herald Times* readers.

To quote the BLM press release, the "West Douglas herd currently has 365 wild horses and is not intended to be managed for wild horse populations." I guess I will read between the lines here and assume this represents a 100 percent overpopulation of horses in this "management" area.

The Piceance-East Douglas herd has a current population of 377 horses. According to the BLM, its "appropriate" management level is "between 135 and 235 horses."

Now, if I have a BLM cattle allotment for 135 cows and I stock it with 235 cows I am immediately in deep do-do with the BLM and numerous federal acts. I could lose my "privilege" to continue to use BLM lands

for grazing.

But what the heck. I will use their figures and a bit of cowboy math to average the horse population acceptable level at 185 horses in the Piceance area. Using the same cowboy math and BLM figures, I come up with 742 horses on land to be managed for about 185 horses. The BLM is "considering" gathering a total of 167 horses in both of these areas and wants my input. Even though I am tardy, I will give them my input.

So, my first comment to the BLM is who in the heck is doing the math at the BLM. If we have 557 horses above their acceptable management levels, why aren't we gathering 557 horses instead of 167?

The American taxpayers paid the BLM \$77,245,000 to manage (I use the term loosely) all the wild horses and burros in the 10 Western states for fiscal year 2014. That's about \$5 a horse per day on animals held in "holding areas" and about \$2 a day on horses held on larger private land pastures owned or leased by the BLM. We are talking about 48,000 horses currently being held in these facilities by the BLM's own 2014 figures.

The BLM folks say they have

room to hold 50,303 horses and burros. So they have room to capture and hold about 1,300 horses with current facilities?

Using BLM figures, the current "appropriate" maximum management level of horses and burros in the 10 Western states is approximately 26,684. They say the current level of free roaming horses and burros is 49,209.

By my math, that's "about" 22,525 too many horses and burros for the current available habitat. They have room to capture and take care of about 1,300? What are they going to do about the 21,225 horses that are overpopulating the BLM paradise and increasing at 20 percent a year that they have no room for.

The BLM wild horse and burro adoption program just ain't working folks - for a lot of very good reasons. The agency adopted out 2,173 horses in 2014 and they have at least 22,500 horses and burros above acceptable levels. They are out of storage space, out of pasture - public and private - and wild horse and burro populations continue to grow. (They have very little population loss by predators).

Folks at the BLM, wild horse advocates, PETA and the Humane Society need to wake up and smell the roses (or horse manure). By their own counts and figures, the BLM has way too many horses and burros and they are out of room to expand facilities for captive animals.

It is my understanding that some of the ranchers in Kansas and Nebraska who have leased large acreages of private land to the BLM for captive horses and burros are not going to renew these leases.

I have to wonder if they are finding out that too many horses and burros are hard on their private range. I also have to wonder if they are just running out of patience in working with the BLM.

The United States Department of Interior (BLM) is out of room for horses, is out of pasture and water, and probably short of hay, and the taxpayers (those who actually know what a wild horse or burro is) are out of patience!

The BLM has a great opportunity here. It can be one small arm of an oversized, wasteful and mismanaged government that actually solves

a big problem. It should put horse advocates and bleeding hearts at arm's length and get these horse numbers down to their own prescribed management levels in every horse management area in each of the 10 Western states where they roam.

I wish the BLM luck, and I pledge my personal but limited support. Let's stiff-arm the naysayers, do-gooders, environmental obstructionists, recognize the problem and address it head-on.

Why can't it start right here in Meeker at our district office?

I grew up on a ranch on Piceance Creek, where we raised cattle and horses. I'm familiar with the area. I love horses. I firmly believe in proper care and husbandry of all animals—wild and domestic.

I don't claim to be an expert on wild horses nor do I claim to be an expert in range science, but I do think that I have enough common sense to see the obvious. These numbers just flat won't work.

So far, there are three big losers in this shell game: the taxpayers, our federal lands, and, most of all, the

mismanaged wild horses themselves.
*Wiley Berthelson
Rancher
Meeker*

P.S.: The following directive is from the BLM website as are all of the figures quoted in the above letter:

"The ecosystems of public rangelands are not able to withstand the impacts from overpopulated herds, which include soil erosion, sedimentation of streams and damage to wildlife habitat. As for the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burros Act, as amended, Section 1333 of that law mandates that once the Interior Secretary determines ... on the basis of all information currently available, that an overpopulation exists in a given area of the public lands and that action is necessary to remove excess animals, he shall immediately remove excess animals from the range so as to achieve appropriate management levels."

DEATH NOTICE

Laurie Lynn Munger McCrory

Feb. 15, 2015

Laurie Lynn Munger McCrory died on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, at

Advantage Aurora Chase Chapel, 1095 Havana St., Aurora, Colo. 80010.

FRACKING: '...godsend'

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epidemic is linked to fracking." And NBC News published a story with the bold title of "Confirmed: Fracking practices to blame for Ohio earthquakes."

This thinking is completely off-base.

There's ample evidence indicating that fracking doesn't cause earthquakes. And spreading the lie that it does could lead to policies that undermine job creation and economic growth in the energy industry.

Some fracking operations do create very small seismic events. But, as Stanford geophysicist and former Obama administration energy advisor Mark Zoback has noted, these events "pose no danger to the public."

In fact, research has shown that these very slight tremors release about the same amount of energy as a gallon of milk falling off a kitchen counter.

What's more, scientists have specifically looked into the idea of these micro-seismic events somehow leading to the earthquakes. They found zero connection. As a 2012 U.S. Geographical Survey explicitly stated, "studies do not suggest that hydraulic fracturing ... causes the increased rate of earthquakes."

The more likely culprit? A process called "high-volume wastewater injection."

For about 20 years, companies have been using this technique to dispose of water polluted during the production of coal-based methane, drilling of energy extraction wells as well as other water-intense activities. A separate geographical survey has determined that injected wastewater has been lubricating fault lines and triggering serious tremors.

But even this finding is no reason for panic. Only a very small slice of

wastewater injection programs are causing any serious tremors.

In Oklahoma, Cornell researchers linked just four out of the state's 4,500 injection wells—less than 0.1 percent—to seismic activity. And these were exceptionally high-volume operations where at least 4 million barrels of water were being disposed of each month.

Nonetheless, energy companies should work with regulators to reduce the risks of seismic activity related to wastewater injection.

Firms should be prohibited from disposing wastewater in wells near fault lines. They should be required to take a substantial amount of their wastewater to treatment plants instead of injecting it. And regulators should be given the authority to regularly monitor injection sites to check for unusual tremor activity.

These are the commonsense steps activists should be urging government to take.

What won't go any good, however, is mindlessly demonizing fracking.

Indeed, if activist hysteria fuels the creation of anti-fracking public policies, the economic effects would be devastating. This technique already supports more than 2 million American jobs. And the continued expansion of the oil and gas industry could create millions of new employment opportunities and billions in new growth over the next decade.

However, bad laws could kill off this bounty.

Fracking is an economic godsend. Let's not let baseless hysteria crush it.

Chris Faulkner is CEO of Breitling Energy Corporation, author of "The Fracking Truth," producer of the documentary, "Breaking Free: The Shale Rock Revolution" and host of the nationally-syndicated radio program "Powering America."

234 DUIs over Super Bowl weekend; St. Patrick's Day next

RBC I While the Seahawks failed to become back-to-back Super Bowl champions against the Patriots, state law enforcement agencies did repeat a successful weekend of DUI enforcement.

The increased DUI enforcement period ran from 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, to 3 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, with a total of 234 DUI arrests.

With 71 agencies reporting, law enforcement agencies across the state joined forces to arrest 234 drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; 65 of those arrests took place on Super Bowl Sunday.

The numbers are down when compared to 2014, when 327 arrests were made.

Coloradans can expect even tougher enforcement during the next enforcement period over St. Patrick's Day weekend, which runs from Friday, March 13 through Tuesday, March 17.

CDOT and the CSP will be working together on the education and enforcement leading up to this holiday weekend.

Card of Thanks

The Don LeFevre family would like to express their thanks to friends and family for the many cards, flowers, food, phone calls and also Facebook messages received following the death of our beloved father, husband, brother, grandfather, Don LeFevre. It was such a comfort to know he had touched so many lives over the years. Your support, prayers and thoughts were deeply appreciated and helped us to cope during this sad time.

The Don LeFevre Family

"I Am the Door"

By Dr. J. D. Watson
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church



Dr. J.D. Watson

THEN said Jesus unto them again **... I am the door of the sheep ... by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture (Jn. 10:7, 9).**

Like the first two, our Lord's third "I am" statement uses common imagery.

Everyone knows what a **door** is. *First*,

then, consider for a few moments various types of doors in the context of how people view Jesus. Some clearly view Him as simply an open doorway with no "door" at all. Here is the "inclusivist"; everyone is admitted no matter who they are or what they believe. Others seem to view Him as a French Door, which is comprised of two vertical door panels. This reminds us of those who mix religion with true Christianity, who label one door "Grace" and the other door "Works." Others hang a "Dutch Door," a door divided horizontally into two halves, allowing the top half to be open while keeping the bottom half closed. This reminds us of the "cult Jesus," which permits people to look in but can never deliver what it promises.

A particularly fascinating type of door is the "Revolving Door," multiple panels that spin inside a circular frame. This term is actually used in politics as a metaphor to describe people switching jobs, such as lawmaker to lobbyist and back again; in other words, they "spin in and out" of the private and public sectors. Likewise, some people cannot commit to Christ, rather just spin in and out.

So, what kind of **door** is Jesus? The Greek word that is used here (*thura*) referred to a common door, such as, a house door, the "outer door" that led from the street to the courtyard, the door of a walled sheepfold, the door of a single room or prison cell, the gate of a city, and even

the rough-cut door of a cave or sepulcher. Our Lord is, therefore, to be viewed as a standard door, nothing pretentious or modern.

Second, there is the purpose of a door. What is its function? It is actually two-fold. A door fundamentally implies *inclusion*. It is designed to let people *in*. While John 10:2 refers to the door into the sheepfold of Israel, our text refers to Jesus Himself as the **door** that allows the elect sheep to enter the fold. Salvation comes only by Jesus Christ, which is why a door also implies *exclusion*. This reminds us of the Parable of the Great Supper (Lk. 14:15-24). Many were invited, but they offered various excuses for not coming. As a result, none of them could taste of the supper—the door was shut to them.

Third, consider the nature of a door. It is, of course, an opening, but how large is that opening? As our Lord made clear near the end of His great sermon, the "gate" (i.e., the large door of an edifice, *pule*) that leads to destruction is wide, while the one that leads to life is narrow (Matt. 7:13-14). That leads to a final principle.

Fourth, note the quality of a door. A door can be made of either inferior or superior materials. While Christ appears to be just a "standard door," He is the genuine article and is comprised of flawless materials.

Scriptures for Study: Read the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matt. 25:1-13). How does it apply to today's study?

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MEF hosts 'Snowfest' and dinner

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MEEKER I The public is invited as the Meeker Education Foundation hosts its inaugural Snowfest and Dinner, full of outdoor fun and food on March 1.

The event is a fundraiser that will "provide staff and student grant awards for academic/activity enrichment opportunities, professional development and classroom needs," MEF President Mary Strang said.

Activities will begin at 11 a.m.

at Marvine Campground and the event is co-sponsored by the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (ERBM). The fun will feature cross-county skiing, snowshoeing and sledding for the entire family.

There will be competitive and non-competitive events, and cash prizes will be awarded.

There will also be a hot dog stand and drinks available at no cost, although donations will gladly be accepted to help defray costs of insurance for the event.

There will also be a benefit dinner beginning at 6 p.m. at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center at 200 Main St. in Meeker. In addition to the dinner, there will be live entertainment and a benefit auction (see auction items at: meekereducation-foundation.org).

Tickets to the benefit dinner are \$40 for adults, \$10 for students and children under five years are free.

Tickets are available at the Meeker Chamber or Commerce or contact the foundation at 878-5362 or at 970-270-4445.

COUNTY: Multiple projects under way

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sulting could also become certified business consultants working as subcontractors through the Colorado SBDC program. A \$10,000 SBDC grant and \$10,000 from the county will fund the consulting, workshops and some marketing materials.

Meeker Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Stephanie Kobald and Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kristin Steele are currently training to become certified SBDC counselors who will market upcoming workshops and connect entrepreneurs and business owners to consultants.

While the chambers have offered business workshops before with nominal turnouts, Cook said the SBDC connection should ramp up interest and attendance.

"One of the things we have is the credibility that the SBDC has built up over the years," she said. "Because it's a state initiative, there's some marketing behind that from a state perspective."

A study funded primarily by the Economic Development Council of Colorado that outlines the economic impacts of coal in Rio Blanco, Moffat and Routt counties will be finalized in coming weeks. The study gives the percent of Gross Regional Product coal brings to each county, along with employment, wage and output figures. Cook said the study's purpose is twofold.

"We don't have a crystal ball, so we don't know what to expect, but we know this industry is somewhat coming under attack," she said. "If there are new regulations, we can say, 'This industry is huge to northwest Colorado, and here are some facts that demonstrate that.'"

"At the same time, we're looking at new industries we should be attracting to Colorado. One is coal science

and science-based processes revolving around coal production that might create additional, diversified uses of coal, while using this product in more of an environmentally friendly way."

The county is also beginning studies in Rangely and Meeker to assess existing childcare options. Cook has been researching state regulations for childcare services and preparing a survey for employees in both communities, including workers' current childcare situation, costs and impact on work and family life.

Although Rangely has Giant Step Preschool and Child Care Center and at least one certified home daycare provider, Meeker's options are more limited since a daycare center closed several years ago.

"We know that there is a need," she said. "When (the Meeker center) closed, it put a lot of families in a hard spot in terms of childcare... Now the lack of childcare is putting an extreme hardship on employees. It's really difficult for some of them to maintain steady employment."

Depending on survey and regulation findings, Cook will likely explore non-profit and for-profit options, along with researching grant funding and potential locations.

Next, the process of creating a county economic development plan in 2015 has prompted a Request For Proposals (RFP) for economic assessments.

The county doesn't currently have a plan, Cook said, so the process begins at the ground level with community assessments, followed by baseline assessments to create a picture for development in coming years.

"By the end of the year, the commissioners want a recommended action plan that will be rolled into their county investment strategy," she said. "That way, they know what projects or programs will make the

best use of the taxpayers' dollars to help the communities... Also, when you pair (community and baseline) assessments, you can get a really good picture of where some opportunities may lie and if there's grant funding available."

Ten businesses have expressed interest in bidding, Cook said, adding that a short timeline has the chosen company scheduled to begin assessments Feb. 24. The county will help fund the project with dollars allotted by the state's Rural Economic Development Initiative fund.

The county has hired Yampa Valley Data Partners (YVDP) this year to help track county economic indicators and socioeconomic information, Cook said.

"Looking at these figures now means we're taking a proactive step to keep on top of where we are economically," Cook said. "It could actually help us divert economic downturns before they happen."

Another county goal of growing cultural heritage tourism locally and regionally has Rio Blanco County allocating \$5,000 to the Northwest Colorado Cultural Heritage Program (NWCCHP) this year. The idea, Cook said, is to partner with other communities in the region to create "tours" or "journeys" that out-of-towners take for recreational, educational or historic purposes.

"By pooling our resources with other involved communities, it gives us more bang for our buck," Cook said. "Each town can market itself, but that's challenging. Together, we can market an entire tour over a larger area and show them a lot more of what we all have to offer."

Finally, Cook is creating a marketing package to attract more businesses and employees to the area.

"It will be a sort of 'how-to' guide to living in Rio Blanco County," she said.

Rangely man gets nine years for rape

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I At a sentencing hearing on Feb. 6 at the Rio Blanco Courthouse and as a result of a plea bargain, 21-year-old Rangely resident Michael Miner was sentenced to nine years in the Colorado Department of Corrections for the July 2014 rape of a 12-year-old Rangely girl.

Following emotional statements from the victim's mother and stepfather, Deputy District Attorney Matthew Barrett reviewed the facts of the case. After the victim's parents left her in the care of family friends, a party ensued with heavy drinking.

Miner, whom the victim did not know, gave her a "beer bomb." She subsequently passed out and was found in the morning with evidences of sexual assault.

"In my career, I have never seen a defendant so unrepentant," Barrett said. "He claims zero responsibility

and even blames the victim for 'coming on to him.'"

Barrett also quoted one member of the victim's family as saying, "There is a shattered mound of pieces to put back together." He, therefore, requested "11 years in prison, as recommended in the plea bargain."

After an impassioned plea for leniency by two family members, defense counsel Gordon Gallagher also asked for leniency for his client based on several factors.

He stated that Miner pleaded guilty to prevent the pains of a trial on everyone involved and insisted that no one really remembered what happened.

Gallagher went on to insist that his client did take responsibility for his actions and was sorry for them.

Other points of defense included the factors that Miner has an insignificant criminal history, is not a violent offender and has a supportive family.

After hearing the arguments, District Court Judge John Neily stated that this case was "very troubling to the court." He went on to list the factors that must be considered in sentencing: punishment, fairness, deterrence, rehabilitation and responsibility.

Neily continued by stating that he did not find Miner's story credible and was most troubled by the fact that he saw no remorse in the defendant. He did agree, however, that Miner is "not a violent sexual predator."

For sexual exploitation of a child under 15 years of age—a Class 3 felony, punishable by six to 11 years—Neily sentenced Miner to nine years. For attempted sexual exploitation, a Class 5 felony, Neily sentenced Miner to three years with the sentences to run concurrently, not consecutively.

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Parkview joins Read Across America

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Parkview Elementary School (PVE) students,

parents and community members will join millions of other readers across the nation to celebrate the 16th annual National Education Association (NEA) Read Across America Day on March 2.

Organizer and PVE first-grade instructor Beverly Hernandez is seeking additional adult volunteers for the event, which will begin with a moral focus assembly in the school

gym at 8 a.m., followed by small group reading in classrooms from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

"Every year, the superintendent (Matt Scoggins) wants to do some kind of reading program with the kids that day," Hernandez said. "Since my kids were presenting the moral virtue of encouragement that morning, it made sense to tie that in with Read Across America."

"The annual event, which celebrates Dr. Seuss's birthday and the joys of reading, is expected to draw more than 45 million readers of all ages nationwide to participate."

"I think adults are good role models for kids," Hernandez said. "If children see adults reading, it keeps them reading."

Following the assembly, which will tie in with this year's event theme of "Oh, The Places We'll Go," four to five adult volunteers will join children in each classroom, where the kids and grown-ups will read to each other.

Parents are encouraged to join their children, Hernandez said. Favorite books need not be by Dr. Seuss.

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PINEWOOD DERBY...



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Rangely Cub Scout packs No. 189 and No. 191 held their annual Pinewood Derby on Feb. 4. Eighteen boys ran their cars 14 times each. First place went to Joseph McKay, second place went to Justin Allred and third place went to Jeffrey Slack. The Sportsmanship Award went to Ashton Bennett.

STOCK: Warning about new irrigation bills

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the county and will be hiring an outside entity to draft the plan

On business matters, the stockgrowers voted to enlarge their scholarship program by opening scholarship applications to current college students as well as graduating seniors interested in pursuing agricultural careers.

Interested scholarship applicants should contact Teresa Anderson, at 878-4337.

The group also decided to put the \$5,000 Silencer Livestock Equipment credit certificate they have up for auction at the county fair.

Sheriff Anthony Mazzola told the group he has cut his 2015 budget by \$592,000, reducing full-time employees by four and one half, largely through retirements. He said he's gone to 12-hour shifts that will provide 24-hour coverage in the county.

He currently has two deputies who live in Meeker patrolling the Rangely area. His new deputy hire will be required to live in Rangely.

Mazzola said that he and the Colorado Sheriff's Association support the bill in the Colorado Legislature (House Bill 1054) that would allow drivers of off-highway vehicles to travel on county roads, as approved by the county, if they are licensed drivers, obey the rules of the road, have insurance on the vehicle and display a state-issued license on their registered OHV.

The bill would also require drivers to wear eyeglasses or a helmet with eye protection.

Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) President Frank Daley of Silt and board member Janie Van Winkle of Fruita, each emphasized the \$15 million the

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) now has to enable sage grouse conservation.

Daley emphasized that the CCA together with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) have been working on establishing a Colorado Habitat Exchange program in which landowners would generate conservation credits that could then be sold through a state program administrator to "investors," or entities that are impacting habitat and are therefore in need of the credits.

The CPW sees this as a potentially important tool to help key species such as sage grouse and mule deer.

State Senator Randy Baumgardner (R-Cowdrey) reported on several bills at the Legislature including a bill to make changes in allowable bear seasons, intended to help CPW increase bear harvests. The bill has been stalled in committee and will probably end up establishing a task force to study the issue of increased bear problems and how to improve harvest, he said.

Baumgardner also warned of two irrigation-related bills, Senate Bill 55 regarding the use of tailwater and how water gets back to the stream, and Senate Bill 84 regarding culling out the last man on a ditch even though he may have the better water rights. Both bills are bad for the

Western Slope, Baumgardner said, and he reported that the Colorado Farm Bureau and CCA are opposing the bills.

White River Area BLM Manager Kent Walter reported that they have been approved for the gathering of 167 wild horses, first from the West Douglas Creek herd, and then from around the Piceance Wild Horse Management Area (WHMA) on Sept. 14-25.

The agency will also build fence all around the Piceance WHMA, first in high priority areas affecting public safety (highway conflicts). On travel management, Walter reported that the BLM has inventoried 65 percent of the resource area for existing roads and will do the rest this summer (largely from Piceance Creek west).

Walter also announced that the Natural Soda company in the Piceance Creek area is proposing to double production and that an environmental assessment is under way.

The stockgrowers re-elected Kelly Sheridan as president, Rodney Dunham as vice president, Todd Shults as second vice-president and Brian Collins as secretary-treasurer.

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from the Camp on the White River (now serving as the Rio Blanco County Museum) in the 500 block of Park Avenue; the Rio Blanco County Courthouse at 565 Main St.; and the Dikeman or Cowling House, also known as the Joy Inn at 687 Garfield St.

The process that the RBCHS will now begin with Meeker town approval is neither simple nor quick.

The RBCHS must submit a grant application to History Colorado in April. This grant would be to fund a consultant that will help the RBCHS obtain an actual consultant for the project, and that consultant would start on the actual process. One of the first parts of the actual project will be to obtain input from all the landowners within the proposed district boundaries.

The individual landowners will decide if they want to pursue the district's designation to the National Register. Individual landowners can opt in or out. If a majority of the landowners within the proposed district opt out, there will be no National Register district.

If a majority of landowners within the proposed district opt in, the town of Meeker becomes involved in the proposed district, and the town would then be asked to nominate and recommend the district to History Colorado.

That recommendation would help push the continued paperwork, when complete, to the National Park Service,

the branch of the U.S. Government that oversees properties on the National Register.

If all is in order, then the area proposed for inclusion on the National Register would then be qualified.

"This would really put Meeker on the map and the designation would help us meet our historic tourism goals," RBCHS President Ellene Meece said. "This would open the doors we need for subsequent grants and is a very prestigious designation."

"When and if we receive this designation, we will find a competitive grant system awaiting us," she said. "Meeker has such an eclectic downtown area, covering buildings that stretch from the 1800s to the 1960s, that I believe would make Meeker a natural (choice) for historic designation."

The local entity to be involved in the local process will be the same task force that is beginning the process, Meece said, referring to a task force that will be established in the near future to pursue the designation. That task force will be under the RBCHS and work in conjunction with the newly acquired Old West Heritage Culture Center, located on Park Street next to the White River Museum.

"I am hopeful that we will receive the History Colorado grant in time to have a consultant on hand by the fall this year and that we can complete the local process by the spring of 2016," Meece said.

After that, she said, the timeframe

from the nomination to a decision by History Colorado is 45 days, so, "we could know by late summer to early fall of 2016."

"This entire process is without cost," Meece said. "None of these grants require matching funds. The work for us now is to put in the grant application and get out and do some footwork, convincing the residents within the proposed historic area that it would be beneficial to them and the entire town of Meeker."

For those who want to take part, there are grants available for painting, property and building improvements, she said.

"I'm hoping that all of Meeker will keep positive," Meece said. "We want the residents in the district to get excited and the Meeker residents not in the proposed district to help talk up the project and to come up with ideas for other attractions in the area."

"There is so much potential in this area—including the input from those in agriculture," she said. "We have hunting, fishing, increased OHV traffic and snowmobilers now, but who says we can't push something else we already have or come up with something new to bring people in so we can turn this into a year-round tourism and history hotspot?"

Meece said that any area residents who want to volunteer to help with the historic district designation or those who have ideas that may be brought to life in the area to email her at: president@rioblancocounty.org.

Gabrielle Goettel gets degree from Whitworth

MEEKER | Gabrielle Goettel of Meeker has been awarded a bachelor of arts degree in arts administration from Whitworth University in Spokane, Wash.

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Nine Meeker wrestlers qualify for state wrestling championships

By **BOBBY GUTIERRIEZ**
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MEEKER | Nine Meeker High School wrestlers qualified for the "Big Show," the 2015 Colorado State Wrestling Championships, where all classifications of state high school wrestlers gather to compete in the Pepsi Center in downtown Denver, starting today.

The Cowboys finished third as a team in the Region 1 tournament held at Colorado Mesa University. Meeker finished behind runner-up Hotchkiss and champion Paonia.

"The kids performed well," head coach J.C. Watt said.

"Four of them are not going, but all will be returning next year with good experience."

The Cowboys advanced four wrestlers to the championship match but only Meeker's two-time defending state champion T.J. Shelton won a gold medal in the 170-pound weight bracket.

Shelton, a junior, will be making his third trip to state and he will try to join the ranks of Keenan Turner, Brandon Stewart and Joe Leblanc, as three-time state champions produced over the years by the Meeker wrestling program.

Meeker senior Tristin Pelloni, a state runner-up last year, advanced to the 120-pound championship match but

was defeated by Talon Harris of Norwood, the same wrestler Pelloni lost to in the state championship match last year.

Casey Turner injured his knee in the semifinals and he did not wrestle in the championship match at 152, but he is expected to compete in the state tournament. Meeker sophomore Tyler Ilgen was the other Cowboy to advance to the finals, finishing second in the 285-pound bracket.

Sophomore Sheridan Harvey (113), junior Devon Pontine (182) along with seniors Kylooe Goedert (126) and Anthony Watt (145) all qualified as consolation champions in their respective brackets and all will be

making their second trip. Pontine was a state runner-up last year. Sophomore Chase Rule qualified for his first state tournament, with a fourth-place finish in the 160-pound bracket.

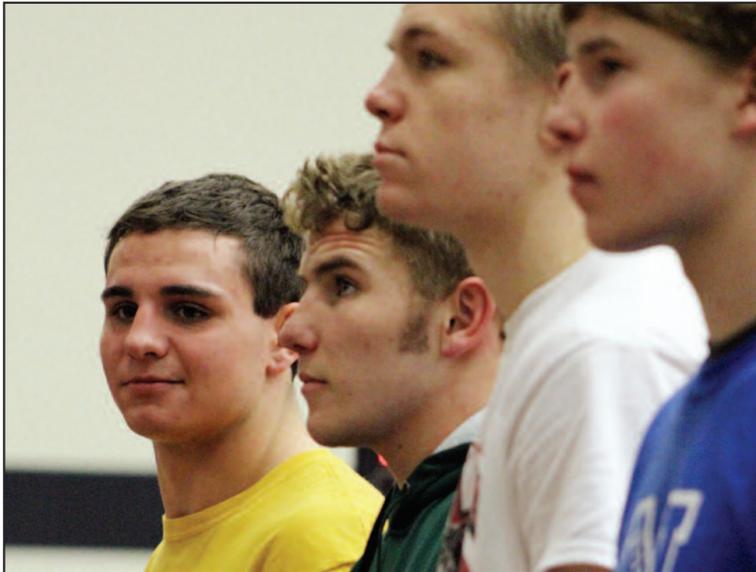
Meeker freshman Jacob Pelloni (106), sophomores Hunter Garcia (138) and Caleb Bradford (195) and junior Nick Burri (132) did not place in the regional tournament.

"The four of them will be returning next year with good experience," Watt said.

He has high hopes for his wrestlers at state, which starts today at 3 p.m.

"We come out of a tough region and I think all of our wrestlers have a chance to place," Watt said.

Meeker's two-time defending state champion T.J. Shelton won the 170-pound bracket in the Region 1 tournament held at Colorado Mesa University last weekend in Grand Junction. Shelton defeated Rangely senior Ethan Allred in the championship match. Allred will also be wrestling for a third time in the Colorado State Wrestling Championships, which start today at 3 p.m. at the Pepsi Center in downtown Denver.



Rangely boys' basketball team falls to Meeker and Paonia

By **BOBBY GUTIERRIEZ**
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RANGELY | The Rangely High School boys' basketball team lost two league games last week, one to Meeker, 64-40, and another to the Paonia Eagles 57-43.

RHS Panther head coach Jeremy Cantrell saw many positives from the weekend, and he hopes for improvement in the final games of the regular season.

Rangely trailed by three at the end of the first quarter in Meeker, then fell behind by 11 at halftime.

Although the Panthers pulled to

within six points in the third quarter, the Panthers were outscored in the final period.

"Meeker played a very good game," coach Cantrell said. "We played hard and there were some stretches where we did a lot of things right."

Colt Allred led the Panthers with 13 points against the Cowboys and senior classmate Mitchell Webber scored 12. Patrick Scoggins added nine, Luis Contreras finished with four and Layne Mecham made a basket.

The Panthers followed a similar path against the tough Paonia Eagles,

trailing by nine at halftime but matching the Eagles' 17 points in the third quarter.

"In the third quarter, we played some of our best offensive basketball," Cantrell said.

"We were unable to match the intensity on the defensive end. We shot the ball well, and, hopefully, that will carry us to a strong finish for the season."

The Panthers will play in Oak Creek tonight, then play host to Caprock Academy on Friday before traveling to Baggs, Wyo., for the final game of the regular season against Little Snake River.

Ethan Allred lone Panther wrestler headed to state

By **BOBBY GUTIERRIEZ**
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RANGELY | Only one member of the Rangely High School Panther wrestling team, senior Ethan Allred, qualified for the 2015 Colorado State Wrestling Championships in Denver, starting today in the Pepsi Center.

Allred returned from a football injury to qualify for the state wrestling tournament for a third time.

"I'm really glad Ethan was able

to return to wrestling after his football injury," Rangely head coach Jeff Heinle said. "He has put in hours of rehab and extra work, trying to get strength and mobility back. I just wish more (members) of the team were making the trip with him."

Allred finished second, behind Meeker's two-time defending state champion T.J. Shelton, in the 170-pound bracket. Allred pinned opponents from Cedaredge and Paonia on his way to the championship match.

Landon Rowley (126), Heath Peters (138), Nych DeLeon (145) and Kiki Ruiz (152) did not qualify.

"The wrestling was tough, like we knew it would be," Heinle said. "We had our chances but came up short."

The first round of Allred's final state wrestling tournament will start today at 3 p.m.

"I am hoping for a good state tournament for Ethan's senior year," Heinle said.



On Saturday both of the Barone Middle School girls' seventh grade basketball teams won their respective tournaments. The seventh grade A and B teams were victorious with the seventh grade A team soundly defeating Moffat County by a 50-14 margin while the B team defeated Steamboat Springs in a low-scoring 21-11 contest. Members of the champion Barone Middle School girls seventh grade A and B basketball teams are: Back row, left to right: Caleigh Morlan, Jilly Bumgardner, Addie Joy, Sarina Goedert, Karlee Neilsen, Julia Dinwiddie and coach Tom Knowles. Middle row, left to right, are: Kirsten Brown, Madison Kindler, Makenna Burke, Lorena Martinez and Matilda Brown. Kneeling from left to right are: Annalise Amack and Jaydenn Archuleta.

NUGGETS CHALLENGE...



Rangely schools sent youth athletes to the Nuggets Skill Challenge regional tournament in Grand Junction. All four of the youths placed in the top three. Kassidee Brown won her division, Dylan LeBleu placed second in his division while Fisher Winder and Miah Wren placed third in their divisions. WRBM Parks and Recreation District sponsors the local event.



The Barone Middle School eighth-grade girls' basketball A Team capped off an undefeated (11-0) season Saturday in Meeker, beating Rangely in the championship game of the league tournament. The A-team only lost one game last year and head coach Jamie Rogers is excited about their future. "This is a really strong and fun group of girls," coach Rogers said. "They are good to each other and take care of each other. They will be a group to look out for. Standing next to coach Rogers are: Anderson Urista, Kenzie Turner, Kassie and Krissie Luce, Megan Shelton, Gracie Bradfield, Allison Moon and Torri Lasker. In front are manager Abby Moon and Lila Klingsmith.

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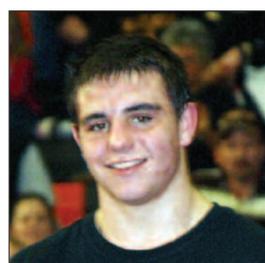
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ETHAN ALLRED Rangely High School Wrestling

Senior Ethan Allred, who was injured during the Rangely Panthers' football season, had to complete his recovery at the beginning of the mat season, and over the past weekend became the only member of the Rangely wrestling team to qualify for the all-class State Wrestling Tournament, which begins today at the Pepsi Center in Denver.



T.J. SHELTON Meeker High School Wrestling

The Meeker High School Cowboys advanced four wrestlers to the championship match over the weekend but only two-time defending state champion T.J. Shelton won a gold medal in the 170-pound weight bracket. Shelton again qualified for the all-class state wrestling tournament with nine of his teammates. The tournament starts today in Denver.

Meeker cagers win two more

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

MEEKER I The Meeker High School boys' basketball team won two more games over the weekend, beating Caprock Academy on Friday and Vail Christian on Saturday.

The Cowboys came out on fire in the first quarter, taking a commanding 18-8 lead. They went into the second half, leading by a 30-21 score.

Meeker was led by Raul Lopez with 14 points. He was followed by Ty Dunham with 13 points, Cade Rowlett

with nine, Joe Newman and Tony Collins with eight points each, and Jake Phelan added six more points.

The total team effort gave the Cowboys a 58-41 win.

On Saturday, Meeker played Vail Christian. The Meeker Cowboy offense took a little more time to get going as they fell behind 16-13 after the first quarter.

The boys went into intermission down 33-27, but they made great adjustments at the half, and their defense in the third period was outstanding as they outscored their opponents 13-8 in the third period to

close the gap to a single point at 41-40.

The Cowboys found the offensive tempo and productivity they were looking for in the final quarter and the team finished the game on top, 61-55.

Raul Lopez once again led all scorers with 23 points, followed by Cade Rowlett with 10 points, Jake Phelan with seven, Joe Newman with six and Ty Dunham added two points.

Meeker, now 16-1 for the season, will play Plateau Valley in Collbran on Friday night and then start their district tournament next week.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker High School cheerleaders worked with elementary kids last week and the group performed a dance during halftime of a recent high school basketball game.

Lady Cowboys win two cage tests

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The Meeker High School girls' basketball team won two more games last week, dominating the Vail Christian Saints by a wide 73-41 margin, then pouncing the Caprock Academy Eagles 84-9, in a game that saw everyone on the Cowboy roster score.

Meeker's girls will play in Collbran on Friday, then in Hotchkiss on Saturday in the final games of the regular season.

Meeker took control early in Vail, jumping out to a 21-10 lead after the first quarter, extending that to 40-24

at halftime.

Senior Sydney Hughes led the team with 31 points, Megan Parker and Reese Pertile each finished with 11, Jenna Walsh scored eight, Peyton Burke added six and Madi Shults and Maggie Phelan each added a basket.

Against Caprock Academy, Meeker's starting five scored 18 points in the first four minutes and its smothering defense held the Eagles scoreless.

Meeker's bench took over and Meeker led 23-0 at the end of the first quarter and 39-3 at halftime.

The lady Cowboys created many scoring opportunities from it

defense, which caused 42 turnovers.

Hughes again led the girls' team in scoring with 23, and she added a total of 10 steals. Pertile added 12 points and Burke also finished in double figures with 10 points and four steals.

Anna Walsh scored eight points, and she stole the ball five times, as did Jamie McLaughlin, who also made a basket. Phelan scored four, Shults added three, Jenna Walsh and Julia Eskelson each scored two and there were 10 more steals between them.

Meeker will end the regular season on the road with games in Collbran and Hotchkiss.

Rangely girls set for last league game

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

RANGELY I The Rangely High School girls' basketball team is preparing for a big weekend as members prepare to play SoRoCo on Thursday then play Caprock Academy at home Friday for the last league game.

On Saturday, the Panther girls head to Baggs to play Little Snake River in the "Pink" game.

Coach Quinton Kent said, "The pink game is going to be a special event because both teams are collecting pledges to donate to a charity of choice."

"We are collecting pledges for every free throw we take," he said. "If we make the free throw, we are donating 100 percent of those pledges to Jennifer Goddard for her stem cell treatment. If we miss, we

are donating 80 percent of that free throw pledge to Jennifer Goddard and 20 percent to Little Snake River's charity, Walk 4 Life, which is a local charity in Baggs set up to help people who have cancer. The fund pays for fuel costs and hotel costs when (the family travels) for the cancer treatment.

"Jennifer Goddard lives here in Rangely, and although she does not have cancer, we decided to donate to her stem cell treatment for multiple sclerosis because her daughter plays on our team and we felt like that would make it more personal to our team."

On Tuesday, the team will travel to West Grand for the first round of the district tournament. Kent said, "If we win, we will play the winner of Hayden vs Meeker on Thursday."

Winners advance to the regional tournament and the team that loses is

done for the year. Rangely played Paonia on Friday last week and the Eagles proved to be too much for the Panthers.

Kent said, "They were good the first time we played them, and I think they are playing much better defense now," he said. "We struggled to find a scoring option."

The game was 17-8 at half and the Panthers were unable to score in the third period.

The final score was 46-18.

Katelyn Brown and Lindzey Thacker led the scorers with four points each, and Desiree Coombs led the rebounders with six.

The regular season is coming to an end for the Panther girls as Friday night is Parents Night and the last home game.

The district tournament is next week, and the Rangely girls say they are ready for the challenge.

Before Meeker's home game against Caprock Academy, Meeker High School Cowboy senior Sydney Hughes was presented with a League Sportsmanship Award by the Northwest League officials. Hughes has also been one of the top performers for the Meeker High School basketball team all season long.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ



All four Barone girls' teams win their brackets

By **SEAN McMAHON**
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MEEKER I On Saturday, all four of the Barone Middle School

girls' basketball teams won their tournaments.

The seventh grade A and B teams and the eighth grade A and B teams were all victorious in each of their

games.

The seventh grade A team soundly defeated Moffat County by a 50-14 margin while the B team defeated Steamboat Springs.

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approximately \$455,000 of tax revenues for the 2005 to 2010 period. The school district has estimated its share of this amount at \$148,000.

It was pointed out, however, that the school district has the ability to recover this amount through mill levy adjustments next year.

Parent Michele Morgan asked the board what had happened with the cell phone tower Verizon Wireless had indicated it wanted to put somewhere in Starbuck Stadium under a lease arrangement with the district? The board's response was that it had been an on-again, off-again situation, and it appears now that the stadium site is no longer a priority.

Retired district employee Mary Whalin asked the board members why they chose not to answer several of the questions posed to them in their last couple meetings.

"What questions?" The board responded.

Whalin pointed to the question girls' softball parent Morgan asked about why the board had approved more than \$16,000 in December to make softball a girls' varsity sport in the face of other budget cuts and shortfall?

MSD Board member Mindy Burke, who was the sole vote against the varsity decision, explained how the coaches had come to them and asked for the varsity status, and that's just the way the board voted.

Board member Kurt Blunt stated he favored more sports opportunities for girls.

At this point, the issue has been decided, but the 2015-2016 budget process, which hasn't actually started yet, doesn't culminate until June 30.

Whalin then asked about the collection of fees and concessions at sports events.

Burke responded that, "Teachers already do so much that it's inappropriate to ask them to do more."

Whalin suggested the use of annual passes, which have been used in the past.

Seventh grade teacher Jennifer Turner said, "We already do more and more with less and less; we're the ones who have held it all together."

Whalin suggested the district never used to have trouble covering the gate and concessions at games.

"How many employees does the school district have?" she asked. "About 100," the board replied. Whalin suggested that there's no reason 100 employees can't cover the events. Burke remarked that the board does have a plan in place now.

Turner asked board member Todd Shults why he didn't ever cover the gate?

Shults replied that no one had ever called and asked him to.

Turner said it's an all-volunteer process, implying that interested volunteers need to call the school, not vice versa. She said the school is now making appeals on its website and by email. Henderson asked why parents couldn't be given reduced sports fees in exchange for gate and concession work?

Retired high school teacher Elaine Jordan said that small payments used to be made to teachers who worked games, and then high school teachers were criticized for consistently taking these opportunities away from other teachers.

At one point, she said, it was an established policy to have teachers cover all activities that involved collecting money. She suggested a consistent board policy would be helpful.

Jordan continued that communication is the key, that generally communication regarding and within the schools has been terrible.

Jordan asked that the board look at some of the disagreements that existed and said she "was never afraid to go to another teacher, or the superintendent, if necessary, to solve problems. Go to the people involved, not

to the paper or out in the public."

Whalin also asked why there had been no answer regarding the relocation of Dr. Bob Dorsett's classroom to the middle school?

Allen and Blunt both responded that this was "beyond the scope and the power of the board." Dorsett pointed out school board policy regarding public participation at board meetings which states that "Questions asked by the public shall, when possible, be answered immediately by the president or referred to staff members present for reply. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the superintendent for consideration and later response."

Further discussion ensued regarding Dorsett and the special contract he had requested.

Burke stated that the board cannot sign individualized contracts.

Forum participants disagreed, that the board can use "Teacher on Special Assignment" (TOSA) contracts.

Parent Kristen Henderson reported that many kids who are forced to travel back and forth to Dorsett's undersized and under-equipped Barone Middle School classroom from the high school, refer to the trip as "a walk of shame."

First grade teacher Stephanie Overton expressed her appreciation for "our administration" and how great our kids are.

Jennifer Turner reported how happy she is and what a great bunch of kids there are at the middle school. Eighth grade teacher Kris Casey stated that "we're losing a great superintendent and we shouldn't be. You can't tell me everything we're doing is negative."

It was suggested that when the district has good positive stories to tell, they need to get these stories to the *Herald Times*.

Joe Sullivan, 95, spoke up for the kids and, stating that "the kids shouldn't have to go elsewhere for his classes and that when [we] have a teacher of Dorsett's caliber, the board needs to support them."

Parent Laurie Simonsen spoke up to say how great her own kids were doing here in Meeker schools and that Dorsett, especially, had been very important to her senior daughter

and how much he had changed her interests toward science.

Becky Dunham reported that a lot of folks come in to the Meeker General Mercantile praising Dorsett, but relating how they need a full-sized and properly equipped classroom.

Parent Coleen Patterson mentioned how inconvenient it was for parents to have to trundle over to the middle school from the high school to see Dorsett during parent-teacher conferences.

Meeker business owner and parent Diana Jones asked if Dorsett wasn't a Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) employee at this point and not a school district employee? The board responded, "Yes, but that there are some intertwined legal issues."

Jones wondered if it wasn't possible for an adult to take the CNCC concurrent (dual) enrollment classes?

Iris Franklin, district vocational director and CNCC's Meeker coordinator, confirmed that this is possible.

Jones suggested that there is a lot of confusion in the community about Dorsett's status that should be cleared up. She later said that her biggest concern is that school issues seem to subtract from the positive; that negative information in the paper chases people away.

"It's often hard for us in business not to speak our minds, but we've experienced backlash in the past when we do," she said.

Franklin, a retired high school teacher and past school board member and president, said "Kris Casey hit the nail on the head that we need to accentuate the positive, that school controversies and the recall effort were unfortunate and that if folks aren't happy they should just leave [town]."

Mary Strang, president of the Meeker Education Foundation, announced that the foundation had established a Jason Hightower Memorial Fund for scholarships. Contributors can take their donations to the Mountain Valley Bank or send them to the Foundation at P.O. Box 255, Meeker.

OBITUARY

Artie Parr

Jan. 25, 1927 ~ Feb. 7, 2015



Artie Parr

posed at the annual stockman's dinner/dance in March, and they were married on June 3, 1951. They had four children together: Kathy, Rich, Steve and Michael.

Artie L. Parr, 88, died Saturday Feb. 7, 2015. She died at home, surrounded by her sisters and children, just as she would have wanted. She was born Jan. 25, 1927, in Grand Junction, Colo., to Greek immigrants Hariklia Roufoulas and Louis J. Eliopulos. She was the fifth of six children, one of whom died in infancy.

Artie's father had land and some sheep outside of Grand Junction, but he primarily ran the Eliopulos Groceries and Mercantile Store by the railroad depot, and the family lived in the back of the store.

She had many wonderful stories of that melting-pot neighborhood in Grand Junction, where first-generation children of many nations played together.

When Artie was 3 years old, her father was killed. Her father's brother, Uncle Jim Eliopulos, came from Denver to live with the family and run the store. The children all loved him deeply.

When Artie was in third grade, her Uncle Jim moved away to marry. Hariklia then married Nick Patsantaras, a sheep rancher from Collbran. The family moved to Collbran and learned what rural life was like.

These were Artie's favorite childhood years, and, with fondness, she told many stories of the people there. The family moved back to Grand Junction in 1941 so her brothers could attend college. They built a house at 12th and Gunnison across from Lincoln Park. Artie was graduated from Grand Junction High School in 1944 and then attended Mesa College. After graduating with an associate's degree in education, she taught for three years in the Fruitvale and Fruita area. One year, both she and her sister, Kate, taught in the same school.

In 1950, Artie interviewed for a teaching position in Meeker. She had met Dean Parr at a dance in Glenwood Springs the summer before, and, when she moved to Meeker, they began dating. He pro-

posed at the annual stockman's dinner/dance in March, and they were married on June 3, 1951. They had four children together: Kathy, Rich, Steve and Michael.

As a volunteer, she enjoyed several annual activities, including the 9-News Health Fair, the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials and serving as an election judge for the Democratic Party. She was also very active in the Women's Task Force as part of the Colorado Rural Electric Association and was inducted as a Hall of Fame Member in 2001.

She enjoyed playing bridge and most other card games as well as bowling, painting, dancing, gardening, sewing and reading. As her children will attest, she was also an exceptional cook and was an enthusiastic sports fan, supporting her children and any Colorado team making an appearance.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; her brothers (John and Gus); and her husband, Dean.

She is survived by: her sisters, Jane L. Johnson of Grand Junction and Kate L. Peroulis of Craig; her children, Katherine and Brad Dodds of Lone Tree, Richard and Carol Parr of Meeker, Steven and Sharon Parr of Meeker, and Mike and Sabrina Parr of Las Cruces, N.M.; and her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Orthopedic Care Coming Fall 2015

Pioneers Medical Center is excited to announce that Meeker-native, Dr. Kevin Borchard, a highly acclaimed orthopedic surgeon, is joining the Pioneers Surgical Team.



Dr. Borchard, who was raised in Meeker, is excited to return to the area to provide exceptional orthopedic care to the residents of northwest Colorado. Dr. Borchard will be providing surgery care at both Pioneers Medical Center and The Memorial Hospital in Craig. Here at Pioneers Medical Center, Dr. Borchard will offer most surgical options, including general orthopedics, hip and knee replacement, partial knee replacement, uncomplicated revision knee replacements, shoulder/hip/knee/ankle arthroscopy, treatment of sports injuries and most fractures and dislocations.

After graduating from the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Dr. Borchard entered the Air Force. He recently separated from service as a Major after nine years. While in the Air Force he received the Meritorious Service Medal. Currently, he is in Boston completing a fellowship in Adult Reconstruction, which includes specialized training in hip and knee Total Joint Replacement and Revision surgery.

Dr. Borchard and his wife Hanna both grew up in Meeker and are looking forward to moving back to northwest Colorado, and raising their two boys in a small town.

**Dr. Kevin Borchard
Joins PMC Surgery Team**



Meeker Education Foundation

First Annual SnowFest & Dinner Sunday, March 1st

- ◆ **Marvine Campground 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
(Cosponsored by ERBM Rec. & Park District)
Cross-country Skiing - Snowshoeing - Sledding for the whole family
(Competitive and Non-Competitive)
Cash Prizes - Hotdog Stand & Drinks
- ◆ **Benefit Dinner (Prepared by Scott Creas) & Auction**
Freeman Fairfield Center - 6:00 PM
Live Entertainment - Matt & Shana Holliday
◆ **Tickets \$40, Students \$10, 5 & under free**
Tickets at the Meeker Chamber or through the Foundation
(878-5362, 970-270-4445, meekeredfoundation@gmail.com)

**All proceeds will provide staff /student
grant awards for academic/activity
opportunities & classroom needs.**

Support our Kids and Their Schools!
Fairfield Center - Sunday, March 1st - 6:00 PM

theheraldtimes.com

Canyon Cleaners

**is coming to Meeker
Tuesdays for pickup and
delivery of your
laundry & dry-cleaning.**

— at —



**WENDEL'S
Wondrous Things**
206 Market St., Meeker
970.878.3688

Douglas Creek Conservation District ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET

Saturday, February 28, 2015
Weiss Conference Room-CNCC Campus
Rangely, Colorado

Featuring Water Issues that Affect Rio Blanco County

- 5:30 Social Time and Registration
- 6:00 Prime Rib Banquet - Courtesy of the Conservation District
- 7:00 Colorado Water Plan and Yampa-White-Green Water Plan
- Jay Gallagher, Colorado Water Conservation Board Prior Appropriations Law vs. Public Trust Doctrine
- Aaron Clay, Attorney at Law, Clay & Dodson P.C.
- 8:15 Douglas Creek Conservation District Report



**RSVP required for Banquet by Feb. 25:
Call 970-878-5628 x 4 or email
whiterivercd@gmail.com**

Partnering Organizations:
Community Agriculture Alliance
NRCS- Meeker Field Office
Yampa-White- Green Rivers Basin Round Table

Extraordinary People Extraordinary Care

SHELBY LINDSAY, F.N.P.

Shelby received his BSN and MSN through the University of Alabama at Birmingham. While in Rangely on a temporary nursing assignment he felt a resonating love with the wide open spaces, clean dry air, beautiful facility and the friendly people. Shelby is board certified in Family Practice through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Shelby is passionate about medical mission work and is a strong believer in the importance of giving something back. He travels to South America every year to provide healthcare services to underprivileged children in the impoverished barrios of Quito, Ecuador.

He believes that the best form of health care is one in which the provider and the patient collaborate to identify the best option for achieving healthy outcomes.

Shelby enjoys several outdoor activities including hiking, biking, camping and exploring trails on his ATV. He also enjoys playing guitar, singing with friends and has become a Colorado all-weather enthusiast, going so far as to say he would eat it everyday if he could.

**OPEN NOW
SEEING STUDENTS
AT CNCC ON Wednesdays**



**RANGELY
HOSPITAL**
225 Eagle Crest Drive
Rangely, CO 81648
PH: (970) 675-5011 FAX: (970) 675-5224

LEGAL NOTICES

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

11:00 a.m. Call to order:
Pledge of Allegiance
Changes or additions to the February 23, 2015 Tentative Agenda

Approval of the February 23, 2015 Agenda
Consent Agenda for February 23, 2015
Consideration of the Board Minutes of February 17, 2015

Business Agenda:
Bids:
2015 Herbicides
Bid Award and Contract:
Economic Assessment Project Award and Contract Contract and Notice of Award for the 2015 Chip Seal Project
Union Wireless Data Plan
Resolutions:
Other Business:
County Commissioners Updates
Public Comment

Break:
1:15 p.m. Hearing: Abatement
Hunter Ridge Energy Services Schedule No. P3410082
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 March 10, in Meekeer at the County Administration Building. Please check the County website for in-formation at www.co.rioblanco.co.us/departments/commissioners If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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**Town of Rangely
February 24, 2015 - 7:00pm
Agenda**

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
FRANK HUITT, MAYOR
BRAD CASTO, MAYOR PRO TEM
LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE
ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE
DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE
JOSEPH NIELSEN, TRUSTEE
ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE
*Call to Order
*Roll Call
*Invocation
*Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes of Meeting
*Approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting.
*Petitions and Public Input
*Changes to the Agenda
Public Hearings - 7:15pm
*Committee/Board Meetings
*Supervisor Reports - See Attached
*Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update
New Business
*Discussion and Action to approve Special Event Permit While River Conservation District Dinner Meeting on February 28, 2015
*Discussion and Action to approve Liquor

**COMBINED NOTICE - AMENDED MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-18**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 29, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) STEPHEN ROWLETT AND AIMEE ROWLETT
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. dba America's Wholesale Lender

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP, F/K/A Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP
June 14, 2007
Rio Blanco
June 15, 2007

Date of Deed of Trust
County of Recording
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 288908
Original Principal Amount \$417,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$414,650.75

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
LOT 43, BLOCK 3, OF SAGE HILLS RESUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED APRIL 1, 1998 AS RECEPTION NO. 261792, TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO.
Also known by street and number as: 1312 Sage Ridge Road, Meekeer, CO 81641.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

WHEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/25/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meekeer CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

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

EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE, IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
DATE: 01/22/2015
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Lisa Cancanon #42043
Monica Kadrmass #34904
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 4500.100585.F02
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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License renewal Loaf N Jug
*Discussion and Action to approve Resolution 2015-04 appointing Dan E. Wilson, Attorney-At-Law, as the Town Attorney for the Town of Rangely effective April 6, 2015.

*Discussion and Action to approve January 2015 Financial Summary.

Informational Items
*Community Networking Committee Meeting
*Wild Game Dinner
Scheduled Announcements

*Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2015 at 6:15pm.

*Rangely District Library regular meeting March 9, 2015 at 5:00pm.

*Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2015 at 6:00pm.

*Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2015 at 7:00pm.

*Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting March 9, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting is March 25, 2015 at 7:00pm.

*Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2015 at 12:00pm.

Adjournment
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY EMPLOYEES TOTAL GROSS SALARY PAID IN 2014. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS IN ADDITION TO COMPENSATION DURING 2014 WAS 45% OF GROSS SALARY.

GROSS SALARY	TITLE
\$133,005.60	Attorney
\$95,004.00	RB Project Manager/Civil
\$82,864.56	F/B Director
\$80,543.28	Shrf Undersheriff
\$75,999.14	Project Coordinator
\$75,996.00	Sheriff
\$75,712.08	RB Director
\$73,190.48	PHA Director/Environ Health
\$71,376.12	Fleet Supervisor
\$69,318.15	IT System Administrator
\$68,877.08	HR Director/HR Analyst
\$68,202.77	Shrf Patrol Deputy
\$68,136.43	Natural Resource Spec
\$67,973.16	Building Official
\$67,840.18	Shrf Patrol Sgt
\$67,191.42	Shrf Patrol Sgt
\$66,020.13	Shrf Detention Lt
\$66,000.00	DHS Director
\$65,274.23	Treasurer
\$65,136.95	Shrf Emergency Mgmt Coord
\$64,401.28	Shrf Investigations Sgt
\$64,165.25	IT Director
\$63,462.33	HR Director/BOCC Asst
\$62,311.57	Shrf Patrol Sgt
\$60,188.55	Shrf Detentions Sgt
\$58,650.12	RB District Superv
\$58,500.00	Assessor
\$58,500.00	Clerk and Recorder
\$58,500.00	Commissioner
\$58,500.00	Commissioner
\$58,500.00	Commissioner
\$58,462.00	Econ Development Coord
\$58,435.32	Use Tax Adminr
\$58,370.39	Shrf Patrol Deputy
\$57,672.99	Shrf Patrol Deputy
\$56,458.45	Shrf Detentions Deputy
\$56,196.02	Shrf Detentions Deputy
\$56,026.80	RB Office Admin
\$55,814.76	RB District Superv
\$55,292.52	DHS Casework Supervisor
\$54,824.88	Fleet Mechanic
\$54,413.27	Fairfield Maint. Mgr
\$54,253.08	Bldg Field Enforcement Inspc
\$54,234.76	Shrf Patrol Deputy
\$54,036.14	RB Coordinator
\$53,967.56	Shrf Detentions Deputy
\$53,907.36	GIS Coordinator
\$53,783.85	RB Operator III

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\$53,709.44, Fleet Mechanic
\$53,424.10, Fairgrounds/Fairfield Mgr
\$53,211.38, RB Lead Operator
\$53,016.32, Shrf Detentions Deputy
\$52,751.54, Shrf Detention Deputy
\$52,415.12, Shrf Commun Superv
\$52,387.92, Shrf Patrol Deputy
\$52,254.51, Shrf Detentions Deputy
\$52,055.52, Fleet Mechanic
\$51,971.28, Shrf Detentions Deputy
\$51,617.52, RB Lead Operator
\$51,449.72, Shrf Deputy Sheriff
\$51,046.16, Fleet Mechanic
\$50,798.88, Fleet Welder
\$50,756.62, Maintenance Director
\$50,276.75, SW Landfill Manager
\$49,942.70, RB Operator III
\$49,870.59, Weed Control Superv
\$49,859.65, Shrf Dispatcher
\$49,797.36, DHS Case Manager/Superv
\$48,938.08, Shrf Dispatcher
\$48,261.94, Shrf Dispatcher
\$47,578.68, RB Sign Maint Tech
\$47,160.36, RB Operator III
\$47,077.92, RB Operator III
\$47,066.53, RB Sign Maint Tech
\$46,351.08, Fleet Mechanic
\$45,933.93, RB Operator III
\$45,900.89, RB Operator III
\$45,813.88, C/R Recording Spvr/Elect
\$45,724.90, RB Permit & Safety Compl
\$45,290.78, RB Operator III
\$44,957.04, PHA County Health Nurse
\$44,952.27, RB Operator II
\$44,930.16, Assr Admin Manager
\$44,717.92, RB Operator II
\$43,239.00, Treas Deputy III
\$42,686.88, Shrf Office Manager
\$42,521.38, DHS Caseworker II
\$42,506.88, DHS Accountant
\$41,795.16, SW Landfill Operator
\$41,785.54, RB Operator I
\$41,495.04, DHS Eligibility Specialist
\$41,494.68, WRR Nutrition Director
\$41,377.99, RB Operator II
\$41,270.53, Shrf Dispatcher
\$40,862.64, Assr Cartographer I
\$40,404.07, RB Operator II
\$40,306.80, RB Admin Asst
\$40,101.63, C/R Bkpr/Spec Proj Coord
\$40,054.90, RB Operator II
\$39,829.68, SW Landfill Operator
\$39,804.43, RB Operator I
\$39,793.80, C/R MV Compliance
\$38,964.67, RB Operator II
\$38,934.96, DHS Case Aide III
\$38,557.36, RB Operator I
\$38,512.21, RB Operator I
\$38,076.87, RB Operator II
\$37,855.92, Assr Appraiser I
\$36,071.28, C/R MV Compliance
\$35,799.90, Shrf Dispatcher
\$35,717.76, RB/Fleet Staff Assistant
\$35,584.87, RB Operator I
\$35,399.47, RB Operator I
\$35,319.41, F/B Bookkeeper
\$35,024.49, DHS Eligibility Specialist
\$34,988.02, RB Operator III
\$34,891.68, Clk/Rc Rcd Mgr/Admin Asst
\$34,172.85, DHS Admin Assistant
\$34,039.09, C/R Staff Assistant
\$33,992.17, F/B GL Accountant
\$33,551.52, RB Admin Clerk
\$33,224.08, Bldg Staff Ast/Custodian
\$33,099.96, Coroner
\$31,863.96, Assr Admin Asst
\$31,774.61, Maint Custodian
\$31,011.61, DHS Caseworker I
\$30,938.27, Fairgrounds Lead Worker
\$29,561.70, IT Director

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\$28,831.43, Maintenance Laborer
\$28,534.18, Assr Chief Appraiser
\$28,350.53, Shrf Dispatcher
\$28,047.15, PHA Director
\$27,958.99, Shrf Commun Suprev
\$27,664.20, F/B Bookkeeper
\$26,636.67, DHS Casework Superv
\$26,616.98, Atty Legal Sec/DHS Legal Tech
\$25,737.81, PHA Staff Asst
\$25,517.46, WRR Cook
\$25,285.26, WRR Cook
\$24,421.24, PHA WIC Educator
\$24,016.52, Shrf Patrol Deputy
\$23,345.26, ExtProgram Coord - 4-H
\$22,838.20, PHA Health Nurse
\$22,269.40, Maintenance Laborer
\$20,758.02, Planning Admin
\$20,146.35, Shrf Dispatcher
\$19,837.81, RB Laborer
\$18,463.76, Assr Appraiser III
\$18,748.66, Ext Admin Asst
\$18,451.04, RB Laborer
\$18,184.78, C/R MV Compliance Agent
\$17,522.03, Sr Transport Driver
\$16,652.98, Treas Deputy I
\$16,223.54, Weed Control Assistant
\$15,897.38, PHA Staff Asst
\$15,717.85, IT System Administrator
\$15,441.41, C/R Staff Assistant
\$14,597.43, Assr O&G Tax Auditor
\$14,535.69, RB Laborer
\$12,868.07, RB Laborer
\$12,014.40, Ext Organizational Asst
\$11,978.40, SWL & RB Laborer
\$11,965.55, Ext Organizational Asst
\$10,918.56, Weed Control Assistant
\$10,801.44, DHS Caseworker I
\$10,106.34, Airport Coordinator
\$8,997.98, Fairgrounds Laborer
\$8,163.05, Shrf Deputy
\$7,627.27, Assr Transfer Trainee
\$7,540.02, Sr Transport Driver
\$7,081.09, DHS Child Care Tech
\$6,640.71, Airport Intern
\$6,640.66, C/R Motor Vehicle Compl
\$5,865.92, Weed Control Assistant
\$5,732.40, Coroner Deputy
\$5,721.27, Mtn Custodian - Mtn/Radino
\$5,559.00, Airport Intern
\$5,388.42, Treas Staff Asst/Records Clerk
\$4,986.69, Shrf Relief Dispatcher
\$3,521.10, Atty Legal Asst
\$3,300.00, Surveyor
\$3,058.00, Econ Marketing Assistant
\$2,549.15, WRR Relief Cook
\$2,533.44, Veterans Officer
\$2,436.00, Veteran's Officer
\$1,965.29, Fairgrounds Staff Asst
\$1,923.59, DHS Foster Care Coord
\$1,912.50, IT Intern
\$1,494.00, Shrf Relief Patrol Deputy
\$1,348.70, IT Intern
\$498.00, Shrf Patrol Deputy
\$211.28, DHS Relief Admin Asst
\$195.13, Weed Control Assistant
\$7,408,621.93
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TOWN OF RANGELY Check Register January-15		
VENDOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
A WORLD OF TILE	6614.94	Expenses
ACCUTEST MOUNTAIN STATES	764.00	Chemicals
ACE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC	689.70	Expenses
AFLAC	455.86	Payroll deduction AGNC

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-19**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On November 21, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) CESAR GRANDARA GONZALEZ and ANTONETTE M. HOLLAND GONZALEZ
Original Beneficiary(ies) COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY

Date of Deed of Trust
County of Recording
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
Recording Information (Reception Number)
Original Principal Amount
Outstanding Principal Balance
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
The property to be foreclosed is:
LOT 24 SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED DECEMBER 19, 1978 AS RECEPTION NO. 185454 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 1007 WALL ST, MEEKER, CO 81641.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

WHEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/25/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meekeer CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATE: 11/24/2014
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531
Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092
Lynn M. Janeway #15592
Courtney E. Wright #45482
Eve M. Grina #43658
Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592
David R. Doughty #40042
Kelly Murdock #46915
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 14-004918

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

(c)Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 9/2012

LEGAL NOTICES

2500.00 Dues
AHRENS, BRENDA 88.26 Benefit Reimbursement
ALL COPY PRODUCTS 552.26 Expenses
ANIMAL HEALTH & SANITARY SUPPLY 389.00
Animal Shelter Expenses
ASHLEY VALLEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL
424.00 Animal Shelter Expenses
BACK TO HEALTH CHIROPRACTIC OF
RANGELY 40.00 Services
BALBOA CAPITAL CORP 306.00 Expenses
BOBCAT OF THE ROCKIES 399.05 Expenses
BOY-KO SUPPLY CO 135.47 Expenses
BRADY, ANN 100.00 Council Stipend
CAACO 120.00 Services
CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLY 95.76
Expenses
CALVIN, DAVE 1000.00 Benefit Reimbursement
CASELLE, INC. 799.33 Services
CASTO, BRAD 100.00 Council Stipend
CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY 228.69
Expenses
CENTURYLINK 2678.42 Telephone/Services
CIRSA 20647.10 Expenses
CMCA 140.00 Services
CNCC FOUNDATION 3000.00 Grants
CO DEPT OF AGR/ANIMAL IND DIV 350.00 Services
CO DEPT OF HUMAN SVC BITF 20.00
Brain Injury Trust
COLORADO CPA SERVICES, P.C. 56.25 Services
COLORADO DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 77.00
Expenses
COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 1226.00
Expenses
COLORADO RURAL WATER ASSN 325.00
Expenses
COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC 66.00
Animal Shelter Expenses
DAN E. WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW LLC* 170.00
Expenses
DECOSHIELD SYSTEMS II, INC 26.04 Expenses
DIRECTV 274.75 WRV Television
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC 1877.73 Expenses
EDDY, DAN 100.00 Council Stipend
ELSTER AMERICAN METER COMPANY
1260.48 Expenses
EMC PLUMBING & HEATING, INC 1507.27
Expenses
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 761.80 Payroll
deduction
FEDERAL EXPRESS 38.01 Expenses
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS 20324.99 Payroll
deduction
FIRST STATE BANK OF LIVINGSTON 455.00
WRV Television
FPPA 341.30 PD Insurance
GET YOUR STITCH ON 160.00 Uniforms
GLACIER CONSTRUCTION 49637.50 Expenses
GREAT AMERICAN LEASING COMPANY
330.00/Lease
HACH 1078.69 Chemicals
HAMPLIN, TIRYNN 510.37 Benefit
Reimbursement
HATCH, LISA 100.00 Council Stipend
HERITAGE BUILDING & LUMBER 2052.73
Expenses
HONNEN EQUIPMENT CO 421.84 Expenses
HUITT, FRANK 300.00 Council Stipend
JJS TIRE AND AUTOMOTIVE 45.00 Services
KANSAS CITY LIFE 1729.04 Life & STD Insurance
KANSAS STATE BANK 14700.50 Expenses
KINNEY, ROY 454.00 Benefit Reimbursement
LEBLEU, JEFF 177.00 Benefit Reimbursement
LOWES 256.46 Expenses
MACKAY, BRYAN 150.00 Uniforms
MAIL SERVICES 997.70 Services
MASTERCARD 1788.06 Expenses

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-22**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On December 4, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) Richard D Brenton and Elizabeth Brenton
Original Beneficiary(ies) Ameriquet Mortgage Company
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquet Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R12

Date of Deed of Trust
County of Recording
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
Recording Information (Reception Number)
Original Principal Amount
Outstanding Principal Balance
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
The property to be foreclosed is:
LOT 1, BLOCK A, UTAH OIL SUBDIVISION FIRST AMENDED PLAT ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JANUARY 17, 1961 AS RECEPTION NO. 115665 TOWN RANGELY, COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO.
Also known by street and number as: 203 Morrison Rd, Rangely, CO 80648.

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

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WOOD & AITKEN LLP 850.00 Expenses
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT
75240.20 Expenses
YARDLEY, HEIDI 536.50 Expenses
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rangely Victim Services
An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. **Non-emergency call 629-9691 . Emergencies call 911.** Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

**TOWN OF DINOSAUR
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM ENTERPRISE
Section 1. Establishment of Enterprise.

In addition to any other authority provided by law, the Town of Dinosaur desires to recognize its municipal wastewater system as an enterprise (the Enterprise) pursuant to Article 10, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, which enterprise shall be operated and maintained as an Enterprise as that term is defined in Section 20 of Article 10 of the Colorado Constitution (the TABOR Amendment). The Dinosaur Town Council hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this Ordinance and the recognition, operation, and continuation of its wastewater collection and treatment system in conformance with the provisions of the TABOR Amendment will serve a public use and will promote the health, safety, prosperity, security, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town. The Enterprise shall manage, operate, use, maintain, and conduct all activities, services and facilities related to the Town wastewater collection and treatment system. The Enterprise is authorized to use, operate, improve, extend, enlarge, repair, re-place, acquire, dispose of, encumber, contract with respect to, and otherwise control and supervise all facilities and property of the Town relating to the wastewater collection and treatment system. The Enterprise itself shall be wholly owned by the Town of Dinosaur. All facilities, property, and assets which are utilized by the Enterprise or form part of the Enterprise shall remain the property of the Town of Dinosaur. The operation of the Enterprise shall be separate and distinct from the governmental activities of the Town, which shall include, but not be limited to, the functions of accounting, budgeting, and provision of legal advice.

Section 2. Governing Board.

The Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur shall be the governing board of the Enterprise (Governing Board). The Governing Board shall conduct the business of the Enterprise in the same manner and follow the same procedure as the Town Council. All public business of the Enterprise shall be conducted only during regular or special meetings of the Town Council at which a quorum is present. The record of proceedings of the Governing Board may be incorporated into the minutes of the Town Council. No additional oaths, bonds, or other qualifications shall be required of the Governing Board. All actions of the Governing Board shall be considered as the actions and business of the Enterprise undertaken by the Town Council acting as the Governing Board of the Enterprise. All activities of the Enterprise and actions of the Governing Board shall be governed and made subject to all requirements, privileges, immunities, protections, limitations and other provisions of law. The Mayor of the Town of Dinosaur shall be the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Enterprise and the Town Clerk shall serve as the Clerk and Secretary of the Governing Board of the Enterprise.

Section 3. Powers.

The Governing Board of the Enterprise, may, without limitation, exercise the Town legal authority relating to the wastewater collection and treatment system or otherwise available to any enterprise, except as expressly provided herein, such authority shall include the powers which are consistent with the business operations of an enterprise under the provisions of the TABOR Amendment and which are necessary to operate the Enterprise. Such powers include, but are not limited to, the power to issue or re-issue bonds, notes, or other obligations payable from revenues derived or to be derived from the provision of services and to establish and collect rates, fees and charges for services provided by the Enterprise.

Section 4. Enterprise Taxes Prohibited.

The Enterprise has no power to levy or assess any tax which is subject to the TABOR Amendment or to direct the Town to exercise its taxing powers on behalf of the Enterprise.

Section 5. Grants.

The Enterprise shall not accept or receive any revenue in grants (as defined in the TABOR Amendment) from the Town, the State of Colorado or any local government, unless expressly authorized by the Town Council, and any such grant shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the actual revenues of the Enterprise.

Section 6. Contracts.

All contracts relating to the Town wastewater collection and treatment system shall be approved by the Town Council and executed by one or more Town officers on behalf of the Enterprise. Any pre-existing contract relating to the wastewater collection and treatment system shall be deemed to have been approved by the Governing Board of the Enterprise. All contracts relating to the Town wastewater collection and treatment system shall be implemented and discharged by the Enterprise, unless otherwise provided by the Town Council.

Section 7. Revenue.

All revenue for services and facilities provided by the Enterprise, including rates, fee, tolls, charges, and any other legally available income of the Enterprise shall be collected, used and expended for the Town wastewater collection and treatment system as determined by the Governing Board of the Enterprise. Rates for the system shall be established by the Governing Board of the Enterprise from time to time and collected and enforced in accordance with State law.

Section 8. Enterprise Fund.

The Wastewater Fund shall be established to separately account for all revenues and expenditures of the Enterprise. The Enterprise shall prepare an annual budget and perform an annual audit which may be included in the budget or audit of the Town. All budgets, reports, audits, and financial operations of the Enterprise shall conform to and be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental (Enterprise) units and other requirements of State law.

Section 9. Limitations on Authority.

Nothing set forth in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the authority of the Governing Board of the Enterprise or the Enterprise to utilize other policies or procedures for operating or continuing the Enterprise in accordance with the TABOR Amendment, except as otherwise expressly provided herein. If any term, section or provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be invalid or in violation of the Enterprise qualification provisions of the TABOR Amendment, the invalidity or disqualification of such Section shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall remain in effect whether or not the Enterprise currently qualifies as an enterprise pursuant to the TABOR Amendment until modified or repealed by the Town Council. All actions of the Town Council with respect to this Ordinance shall be deemed to be actions of the Governing Board of the Enterprise unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, held on February 10, 2015
TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO

By: Richard A. Blakley, Mayor
ATTEST:

Tamara Long, Town Clerk
Publication Date:

Trustee Heinrich introduced, read and moved the adoption of the ordinance titled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM ENTERPRISE and upon adoption that it be published pursuant to law and recorded in the Book of Ordinances.

Trustee Cortez seconded the motion. On roll call, the following Trustees voted "Aye": Toby Cortez, David Heinrich, Richard Blakley, Chuck Winkler, Dale Long, Devonna Wilczek.

Trustees voted "Nay":
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

NEW EDEN Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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

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.

SAFEHOUSE

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 - RN - Acute/E.D. - Day Shift
 - Certified Nursing Assistant - LTC - Days
 - RN - Acute/E.D.
 - LPN - LTC
 - RN - LTC
 - Cook/Food Service Tech

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www.pioneershospital.org

Pioneers Medical Center
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345 Cleveland, Meeker, CO 81641
The Rio Blanco County Health Service District

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- MEEKER**
- Legal Secretary
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- RANGELY**
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 - Extension Administrative Assistant

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For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to

www.rbc.usl

or Rio Blanco County HR at
200 Main St., Meeker, CO
970-878-9570
ADA/EEO

MISCELLANEOUS

FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile food pantry truck will be providing Food assistance to community members of Rio Blanco County. Scheduled Dates for 2015: February 26, March 26, April 30 & May 28. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your own boxes to transport food. Seniors and handicapped served first. No qualifications or eligibility forms. Product distributed to anyone seeking food assistance on first come, first served basis. 40# senior box pickup at 10:30. Applications available for over age 60. FBR contact: Jill Heidel 877-953-3937. Sponsor contact: Debra Barney 970-878-9650.

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Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal
878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program
Meals served at noon.
Reservations appreciated.

Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY, February 20: Chili dog w/bun, Onions/cheese, 5 bean salad, Fresh orange, Banana, Chocolate chip cookie

MONDAY, February 23: Pizza, Garden salad, Garbanzo salad, Applesauce, Garlic bread.

TUESDAY, February 24: Grilled chicken breast strips over field green salad, Baked potato bar, Fruit salad, Hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY February 25: Tilapia with mango sauce, Rice, Broccoli salad, Pecan pie.

FRIDAY, February 27: Pork chops, Apple dressing, Green beans w/caramelized onions, Whole wheat rolls, Fresh fruit, Birthday cake.

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**HELP WANTED:
GENERAL**

Kitchen Positions
Looking for qualified individuals for kitchen positions. Must be able to communicate, be dependable, and able to put in a good day or night's work. Apply in person and ask for Henry at Ma Famiglia.

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

Recreation Coordinator The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking one full-time benefited Recreation Coordinator. Salary range \$12.85-17.03/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: assist in select phases of implementing and coordinating recreational programs and special events such as gym supervision, officiating, coaching, scorekeeping, etc. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted through February 20, 2015. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.



THE MEEKER Sanitation District is seeking applicants to fill an opening on the Board. Applicants must be a resident of, or own property in the Meeker Sanitation District to qualify. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member for the Meeker Sanitation District, please contact the Office at 265 8th Street, or call 878-5192. You may also write for information to PO Box 417, Meeker, CO 81641.

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HOUSEKEEPING: The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking one Head Housekeeping Position. This is a full time benefited position; hiring range \$16.00 to \$19.74/hour. Duties include, but are not limited to: general cleaning and light maintenance duties of district facilities as assigned by the Park and Facilities Manager. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or GED, read, write, speak and understand English, be available to work various shifts, primarily evenings and weekends. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to **ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. 970-878-3403.** Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center. Complete job description is available upon request. Applications will be accepted through Monday, March 2. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

**Superintendent of Schools
Meeker School District Re-1
Meeker, Colorado**
The Meeker School District employs 43 highly qualified certified staff members, 4 administrators, and 27 classified staff. The District has three schools serving 697 students: Meeker Elementary School (377), Barone Middle School (142) and Meeker High School (178). Salary will be negotiated based on experience. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications are due March 5, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Please review website at www.meeker.k12.co.us for details and application materials. Please address application, credentials and requests for information to Janelle Urista, Secretary to the Board of Education, Meeker School District Re-1, 555 Garfield Street, P.O. Box 1089, Meeker, Colorado 81641, email janelle.urista@meeker.k12.co.us, telephone-970-878-9040 x 620. Meeker School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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HOMES: MEEKER

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RENTALS: MEEKER

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- ◆ 910 Bell St. - Nice one-level 2385 sq. ft. house with 3 BD, 2 BA, on double lot with nice, covered back deck, new flooring throughout. Ready to move into! \$200,000
- ◆ 300 4th St. East - 3 BD 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur, 1744 SF built in 1981. Large garden space with water tap. Two large outbuildings. Lots of room to park toys. \$115,000
- ◆ 315 8317 N. Grand Ave. - Duplex. Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF. 2 BD, 2 BA, WD hook-up, carport for each side. Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.
- ◆ Great Building Site - 1350 La Mesa Circle, 19,631 Sq Ft. List price: \$39,500

- ◆ 1090 Pinyon - 3 BD, 2 full BA, large open kitchen, 16,449 sq. ft. lot. SOLD!
- ◆ 1376 Juniper Rd. - 4 BD, 2 BA, with unfinished 5th BD or hobby room. New kitchen w/ pantry, master BR has huge walk-in closet. Fresh paint & new flooring on main level. Total of 2,460 SF w/ 3-car garage! Fully fenced backyard, paved driveway, 2 lots = 22,000 SF. \$251,000
- ◆ 1886 RB County Rd. 8 - New windows throughout, 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA Home, 6.8 acres with 2,000 SF. White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views! \$350,000 One of a kind property!

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- ◆ VACANT building site - 7500 SF, 1280 Garfield Street, includes paid water tap SALE PENDING
- ◆ Price Reduced: 1062 Main Street, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, full basement, LARGE SITE \$106,000
- ◆ 450 Garfield Street - 2 bdrm ranch on large lot, close to downtown \$139,900
- ◆ 517 Park Ave - Commercial property, downtown Courthouse square SOLD
- ◆ Price Reduced: 210 W. Bell Street, immaculate 4bdrm, 2ba home in Rangely \$190,000
- ◆ 1032 Lance Circle - Beautiful ranch style home on corner lot, garage SOLD
- ◆ 290 4th Street - 3100 SF +, 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, residential or commercial SALE PENDING
- ◆ 73209 Hwy 64 - 11 acres with 2032 SF, 4 bdrms, 2 baths, outbuildings, \$265,000
- ◆ 811 County Rd. 43 - Beautiful log home on 40 acres, barn, close to town yet private \$485,000

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173 Pinyon Cir. \$224,900	340 Darius Ave. \$215,000	210 W. Bell Reduced! \$190,000
207 Hillcrest Cir. \$187,000	226 S. Grand Ave. \$177,000	218 Dakota Ave. \$170,000
1211 Tanglewood \$160,000	145 Taylor Ave. \$139,900	908 Tropic \$134,900
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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *NEW 1287 Cleveland - Lg lot on W. edge of town. Big beautiful 4 BR, log home, large metal shop. \$325,000.
- *1109 Main St - 3 BR, 1 BA, new paint & flooring. Fenced yd, R.V. parking, 2 sheds. \$149,900. SALE PENDING!
- *NEW 265 Cedar - 5 BR, 3 BA on a fenced corner lot. Large shop/garage. Custom features. \$299,900.
- *NEW 1134 Park - Log home, 4 BR, 2 BA Newly remodeled. Fenced yard. \$169,000.
- *295 Park Ave. - Nice lot, small log home. 1 BR, 1 BA. Great condition. Garage. \$139,900 REDUCED!
- *835 Sulphur Creek Rd. - 3 BR, 2 BA home by fairgrounds. Fenced backyard, landscaped. \$165,000.
- *1440 Mountain View Rd. - 5BR, 4 1/2 BA, one of a kind custom home, panoramic views, outdoor entertaining area, lawn w/sprinkler system, home security system, A/C & more! \$375,000 REDUCED!
- *112 Main St. - 3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000.
- *562 Larry Lane - Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000 MAKE AN OFFER!
- *643 12th St - 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$115,000 REDUCED!
- *1369 Juniper Rd. - Beautiful home in Sage Hills, on 2 large lots. Single level home & attached garage. \$250,000 SOLD!

RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$450,000
- *8505 CR 8 - 9 miles east. Nice 3 BR home, basement, garage, fenced yard, great views. \$325,000
- *180 N. Little Ranch Dr - 36 Acres, newer 3 BR, 2 BA manufactured home, water well. \$198,500 SALE PENDING!
- *970 Shaman Trail - 5 acres, beautiful newer 2 story home, top of the line. Big heated shop. \$545,000 REDUCED!
- *14970 CR 8 - 14 acres on the River. Great fishing. Hay pasture, beautiful 2,500 sq ft home. \$1,995,000.
- *1758 CR 32 - 3.3 acres, 4 BR, 3 BA modular home. Great views, outbuildings, fenced yard. \$194,900 REDUCED!
- *29100 CR 8 - 12 Acres with River & fishing. Nice 1,252 sq ft 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$795,000.
- *13247 CR 8 - 5 Acres 14 miles E of Meeker. Nice home, big shop, outbuildings. Horse setup. \$429,000.
- *2610 CR 33 - 3 Acres 7 mi W of town. 4 BR, 3 BA home, full basement, shed, pasture, views. \$250,000.
- *13245 CR 8 - 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$295,000 REDUCED!
- *River Property - CR 12 - 5+ acres 28 miles east, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$275,000 REDUCED!
- *1337 Meath Dr. - 35 Acres, 9 miles east with a nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, pastures, views. \$230,000 SOLD!
- *39087 Hwy 13 - 2 miles west of town, 2 acres, 1,600 sq ft home or commercial building. \$42,000 SOLD!

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- *109 Market St. - 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$275,000 REDUCED!
- *Rio Blanco Store - Great potential, 3/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, cafe, living quarters. \$130,000 REDUCED!
- *304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- *NEW 5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000
- *NEW Large Vacant Lot in Sage Hills Subdivision, 11,514 sq. ft. Good home site with great views. \$30,000
- *NEW 2-35 Acres Lots in Bull Mountain Ranch between Carbonade and Paonia. Beautiful country, high mountain views. Priced at \$95,000 and \$100,000.
- *NEW CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$450,000
- *12926 CR 8 - 5 Acres with River, Cabin sites, good water well, 1 room yurt. Views. \$165,500 SALE PENDING!
- *71 Acres on CR 15, 11 miles NE. Private homesites, water, good hunting, borders public land. \$205,000.
- *Ridge Estates - 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. Prices starting from \$75,000, 1 mile south of town near golf course.
- *359 Love Lane - 5 acres, Cross L. Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000.
- *River Property - 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- *Little Beaver Estates - Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great home site. \$72,500 REDUCED!
- *Little Beaver Estates - Lot 4 bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11 - \$95,000.
- *Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$93,000 REDUCED!
- *Little Beaver Estates Lot 13 - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$89,000 REDUCED!
- *100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- *Several nice building lots on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000.
- *20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$30,000 SOLD!

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

- NEW 1411 Silver Sage Rd** - All you want for New Years is...this 4bd,2.5ba, stunning home with rec-room, custom kitchen, open living room, beautiful master bedroom and large garage. \$305,000
- NEW 763 2ND ST.** - 4 BD home in an extremely sought after location, with a fireplace, large lot, full basement and attached garage. \$285,000
- 979 8th St.** - Unobstructed views, 3BD, 2BA home, 4,800 sq. ft. shop/garage spaces. Worth coming to see! \$285,000
- NEW 1104 JEANNETTE CR.** - Newly constructed 3BD,2BA, with large open dining room, large living room with lots of windows and fantastic views of the mountains & a oversized garage. If you like the smell & feel of NEW, look at this one. \$270,000.
- HOT DEAL! 1455 Mountain View Road** - Carefully tucked amongst native landscape, this wonderful 3BD, 2BA log home is private, yet right in town! \$260,000
- 855 5th St.** - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD, 2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000
- 1045 Lance Cr. - SHOP SPACE GALORE!** Well kept, 5BD, 2BA home with large rooms, smart floor plan and amazing shop. \$198,500 UNDER CONTRACT
- NEW 754 HILL ST.** - Cute, 3 BD, 2BA home with lots of character, huge master bedroom, plus full basement and room to expand, plus large car port. \$185,000
- NEW 681 Water St.** - Freshly updated 4BD, 2BA two-story home, fenced yard, great deck with hot tub! \$185,000
- 117 6th St.** - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. \$179,000
- 1060 Park St.** - Great income producing duplex. Can also be converted to single family residential. 4BD/2BA. \$175,000
- 780 11th St.** - Tastefully remodeled 3BD, 2BA bi-level home with a fantastic fenced yard. REDUCED to \$167,900
- NEW 1013 Hill St.** - 2BD/2BA home with huge yard, family room, and extra room in the basement. Some remodeling, including floors. \$128,900
- 760 11th St.** - Good 3BD/2BA starter home with large back yard, deck, storage shed, built in 1996. \$110,000.
- 767 12th Street** - Completely remodeled town-house includes 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. "Like New". \$65,000.

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

- NEW 945 Rd. 14** - Sensational, beautiful 5bd, 3ba log cabin with pristine setting, Creek & Pond. The ultimate privacy in the White River National Forest. \$475,000
- 1751 Brightwater Ln.** - Located 20 minutes west off Highway 64, this 39 acre property has income producing hay ground, river frontage and a new 5000+ SQFT metal shop. Electric, cistern and septic already installed. \$369,000
- 1161 RBC RD 8** - This 3BD remodeled home sets across from the White River, includes 5 acres with trees. Large deck & great location, just a few minutes from town. \$349,000
- NEW 71855 Hwy 64 - MILES OF VIEWS.** 3bd, 2ba home on 35 acres about 4 miles from Meeker. Stucco, covered porch, metal garage/barn. \$300,000
- 320 Bugle Dr. CONSIDERING THE COUNTRY?** 99 acres with comfortable home and outbuildings, tucked away in a private location with great views and good pastures. \$295,000
- 264 Love Ln. - HORSE HAVEN** - 5 stall horse barn, multiple fenced pastures and metal shop on 4.39 acres. Humans will equally enjoy the stucco 3BD, 2BA home and convenient location! \$275,000
- NEW 519 Rim Rock Dr.** - Hilltop home on 5 acres with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fabulous views and an attached garage. Good floor plan, large family room. \$245,000
- 200 Rim Rock Dr.** - Freshly painted and priced to sell! Fantastic 2BD, 2BA home on 5 acres just 5 minutes from town. \$149,000
- NEW 2378 Rd. 49** - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. \$130,000

4.5 Lots on 8th St. - Quiet location! \$100,000

- 182 Main St.** - Commercial lot behind Family Dollar store. Busy location, cleared, ready to build! \$85,000
- 688 Meath Dr.** - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! \$85,000
- NEW 459 Cross L Drive** - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. \$80,000
- 4 Lots in Cross L Estates** - OWNER FINANCING \$70,000 - \$75,000 for all
- 6.79 Acres in Cross L Estates** - Irrigated meadow, domestic water, electricity and views. REDUCED \$65,000
- 23105 Highway 13** - 5.09 Acres with domestic well, electricity and views. REDUCED \$50,000
- 2.25 Acres off Highway 13, north of Meeker** - Nice building location, close to town! \$45,000
- 2 Lots in Sage Hills** - Gentle grade, for 4.39 acres. Time to build! \$35,000 each
- NEW 1095 Pinyon Street** - 3 sprawling lots at the top of 11th Street. Great views and amazing PRICE! \$29,000
- 41 Developed Lots in Sanderson Hills Re-sub-division** - Streets, Curbs, Electricity and Gas installed. \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.

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