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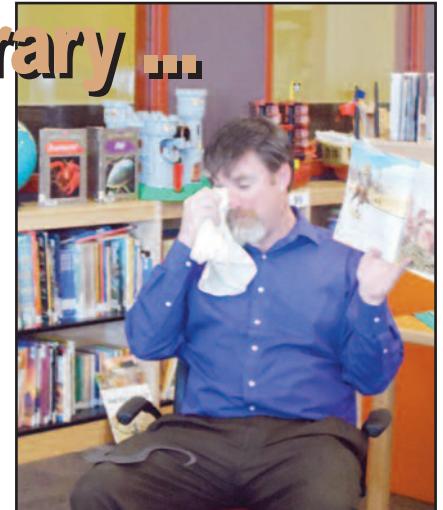
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Superintendents seek more K-12 funds; local surveys returned

By BOB LANGE

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Mark Meyer, superintendent of Meeker School District RE-1 (MSD) and 167 other Colorado superintendents endorsed a letter to the Colorado General Assembly and Gov. John Hickenlooper to express, "shared concerns regarding the extreme state of inadequate funding for Colorado's public schools."

The superintendents, representing 99 percent of Colorado students, asked the General Assembly and the governor to begin buying down the negative factor and not impose any new unfunded mandates upon school districts. Since 2009, the negative factor has decreased per-pupil funding in

Colorado. These cuts have coincided with new requirements for student testing as well as teacher and principal evaluation.

"The dramatic funding cuts forced painful reductions that have led to increased class size, reduced services for children and delay of critical infrastructure needs," the letter states. "Colorado must now begin to restore funding for public education, like other states across the nation."

School boards that receive mostly state funds have had to endure cuts of up to 15 percent per year due to the negative factor.

The negative factor was put into place to reduce spending during the recession and has been a controversial way to avoid spending increases required by Amendment 23. Passed by voters in 2000, Amendment 23

called for Colorado K-12 funding to be restored to 1989 levels and then rise with inflation. The negative factor was a way to avoid this requirement.

Although important statewide, the negative factor has not been much of a factor in Meeker. During the past two fiscal years MSD budgets were only reduced by \$1,213 due to the negative factor and not at all in previous years.

However, in January, right in the middle of the fiscal year, Meeker learned it would have a \$528,223 reduction in funding due to the negative factor.

In late January, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) recommended restoring \$476,366 of this cut to Meeker. If approved by the Legislature and the governor, the JBC

measure would cover almost 40 percent of the \$1.2 million MSD deficit for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14. This would still leave more than 60 percent of the deficit to be made up by the district's capital reserve fund and an uncertain budget for FY 2014-15.

The MSD accountability committee conducted a public survey on the district's website after the financial emergency meeting last month. About 130 people responded to survey questions, of which 40 percent were parents, 31 percent community members, 23 percent certified or classified employees and 6 percent were students.

Great teachers were identified by 90 percent of the respondents as being the most essential element in MSD's educational success. Nearly 70 percent of respondents did

not want to see job cuts or a 3 percent salary reduction to address the financial situation.

About 58 percent considered furlough days when students were not in class or a 1 percent salary reduction acceptable. Assuming a four-day school week would save about \$70,000 per year, more than 85 percent of the respondents thought it should be considered.

Class size and teacher training was identified by more than 80 percent of respondents as being important or essential to the success of the school district. Seventy percent of the respondents rated building environment, fine arts, electives, and Advanced Placement (AP) college courses as impor-

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Rundberg to run for Colorado governor

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Jim Rundberg of Meeker, a conservative, independent, pro-life, pro-2nd amendment, Christian candidate for Colorado governor, announced Monday that he will begin sending campaign workers into Colorado communities.

These workers will hand out campaign information, answer questions and gather contributions. These workers will wear identifying badges and will ask contributors for contact information to meet state requirements. They will go into communities in groups of two.

Beginning May 15, these campaign workers will be collecting petition signatures to put Rundberg's name on the November gubernatorial ballot. He is running directly against Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper and also the Republican candidate, who is yet to be selected.

Rundberg must submit 1,000 signatures of registered voters to the Colorado Secretary of State in order to be on the November ballot.

Rundberg's campaign is centered around his desire to help Colorado prosper and to be more free. He is a Colorado native raised on Colorado's Western Slope. It is here that he learned to work and where he developed Colorado values. He is a major stockholder in Rundberg, Inc., a closely held Colorado corporation.

He makes his home in Meeker, where he is close to his four children and their families. Rundberg has four grandchildren.

Rundberg, Inc. was founded by Rundberg, and is creating Colorado jobs through its telecommunication efforts. It does business as Fire Tree — Voice, Internet, Data, TV. Fire Tree produces a satellite television service called FireVision. It also markets a line of name-brand televisions, home theater systems and business telephones.

Rundberg, Inc.'s original news production, "Colorado WestNews," is published through the FireVision Satellite Television Service, online at

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COURTESY PHOTOS

About 135 snowmobile riders get ready for the poker run to begin.

135 join in poker, snowmobile ride

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER | Roughly 135 sleds, several with more than one

rider, took part in the third annual "I Ride with James" Poker and Snowmobile Ride on Sunday, raising funds for the James Sizemore Memorial Scholarships

and for Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue.

Riders came from all parts of

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From left, Gretchen Rachlins, Sarah Sizemore and Amber Ybarbo stand watch atop James Sizemore's memorial bus as they count the riders in the third annual 'I Ride with James' Poker and Snowmobile Ride on Sunday, starting at the Lost Creek Trailhead, about 30 miles up County Road 8. More than 200 participants, volunteers and spectators took part in the fund-raising event for the James Sizemore Memorial Scholarships and Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue.

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CNCC ice tower lays groundwork for winter outdoor activities

By SEAN McMAHON

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RANGELY | Headed up the hill on College Drive, south of Highway 64 in Rangely, you don't have to travel far to notice a huge monolith of ice on the right as you enter the campus of Colorado Northwestern Community College.

Looking like a high-flying water leak that froze or an ice sculpture that hasn't been carved, the CNCC ice tower has existed for years but is now being used as a teaching aid with plans to eventually open the monolith to area residents to give them a chance to scale the tower.

When John Whipple, the outdoor leadership coordinator and challenge course manager at CNCC, was hired last summer, he was informed that he would be building the ice tower,

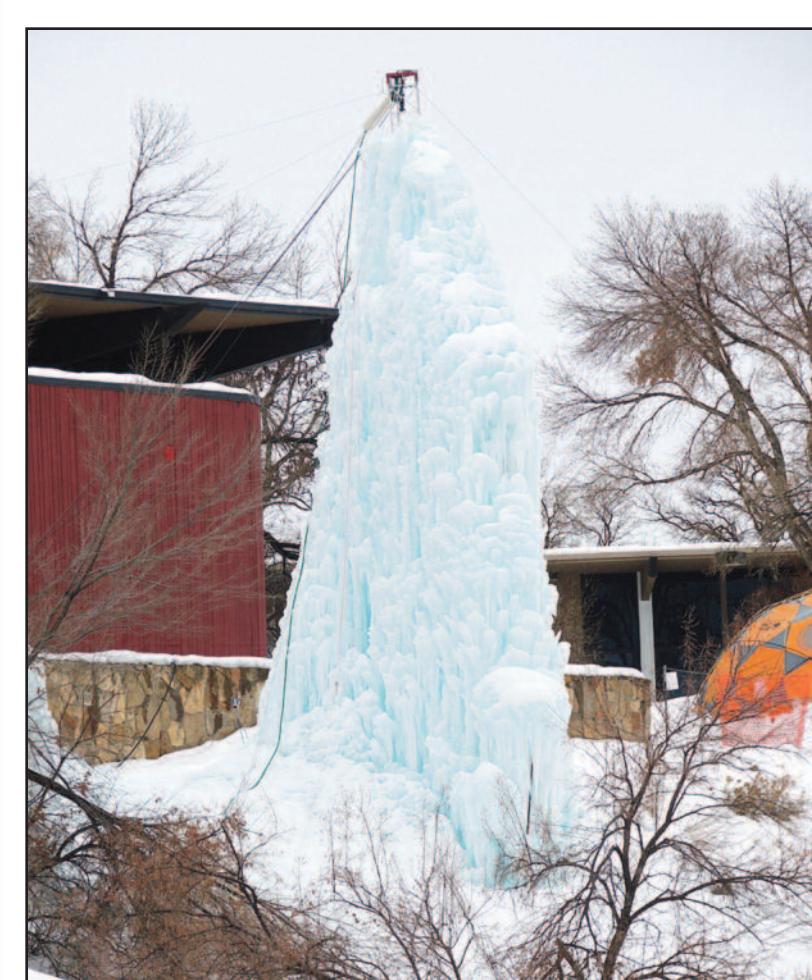
something he freely admits to knowing nothing about at the time.

"I was totally new to ice farming," Whipple said. "When I arrived at CNCC, they told me I needed to build an ice tower.

"I went down to Ouray and made friends with the ice park manager there," he said. "He gave me some tips and pointers, then, along with help of Todd Ward, the ice climbing instructor and my ice climbing teacher, we revamped the ice tower this year, making it more sturdy."

This year, Steve Lowe of SLOWECO fabricated a new base and cap for the sturdier tower, Whipple said, adding that without that help it wouldn't have been anywhere near as easy to erect the tower this year.

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This 40-foot ice tower on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus in Rangely is a teaching aid now and could be the springboard for a bigger project and more emphasis on outdoor programs on the college's main campus.

SEAN McMAHON

Hair donations just one of many CNCC activities available

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | A hair donation drive to benefit women battling cancer is one of several community education course offerings at Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) this spring.

Alyssa Magalang, a CNCC sophomore who is also the 2013-2014 Miss Colorado Teen and The Pageant U.S. National Teen, will host the Pantene Beautiful Lengths ponytail cutting event on March 20 from 9 a.m. to noon in the CNCC Johnson Building's multi-purpose room. CNCC's LeaderTrek students, the college's student leadership community, will co-host the event.

While Magalang's efforts tie into her national pageant platform "Support for Cancer Patients," they also stem from watching a family member battle breast cancer, along with other close family and friends with the disease. Involvement in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event further spurred her passion for the cause.

Magalang grew her hair for two years before donating 19 inches of it to the Beautiful Lengths program in July.

So far, 16 people, many of them students, have committed to lopping their ponytails on March 20. Others want to donate, Magalang said, but can't if their hair contains chemicals or bleach residue since all donations will be woven into real-hair wigs for women fighting cancer.

"Cutting (my hair) was nerve-racking, but I knew it was for a great cause," Magalang said. "It didn't really bother me. Hair grows back."

Men, women or children can donate, Pantene donation requirements state that, along with being chemical-free, hair must be a minimum of 8 inches long, be clean and dry and contain no more than 5 percent gray.

Magalang aims for at least 25 people to donate at the event, not only to help women who want wigs to feel more self-confident but also for donors, especially those her age, to understand the bigger picture.

"A lot of people out there have a story people don't know about; people who are suffering and need our help," Magalang said. "It's important for younger generations to get involved. As cliché as it sounds, we are the future ... The more we can help, the more we can make a difference."

Even if people can't give their hair, Magalang said, plenty of options exist to support cancer patients, from participating in fundraising races to giving to organizations making strides in cancer research.

Also beginning March 20, local artist Julia Davis will offer a six-week ceramics course focused on hand-building "functional pieces" such as

bowls and mugs, then decorating them using techniques from printing and painting to mishima (incising a line in clay and painting it with colored glazes, then removing the excess).

"I thought it would be a really nice way for people to get a usable product at the end of six weeks and still be able to decorate their pieces," Davis said. "These are good forms for decorating."

The course will run on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. until April 24, with the \$55 course fee covering instruction and materials.

Starting March 20 and running through the first week of May, CNCC's community choir returns after a several-year hiatus.

Instructor Matt Voiles will teach breath control, vocal tone, fitting one's voice into an ensemble and music theory basics among other lessons, with the choir performing memorized pieces by semester's end. The course runs on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. with a \$40 class fee. No auditions are required.

Students and community members attending CNCC's yoga classes the first half of the semester can sign up again next month, either for traditional hatha yoga or power yoga, with the latter combining elements of yoga with dance and cardio work.

Hatha yoga instructor Robyn Wilson will teach Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. starting March 18, while power yoga teacher Kayla Lighthizer instructs Monday and Wednesday sessions from 6 to 7 p.m. beginning March 17. Course costs are \$30 and \$55, respectively.

A tour of Italy and Spain, initially planned for spring break but canceled due to low enrollment, returns to the community education schedule as a trip to Italy and Greece this June. Trip adviser Victoria (Susie) Berardi will host a "Get your questions answered" meeting today, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. in the Weiss Conference Room.

The all-inclusive cost for community members — just more than \$4,200 — covers roundtrip airfare, transportation, lodging, meals and tour guides, among other expenses, with an optional extension tour into the Greek islands and Turkey offered at additional cost. The student cost is around \$250 less, at \$3,951.

Community education also has a concealed gun carry course scheduled for March 15 and a General Educational Development (GED) certificate preparation program slated for later this spring. CNCC community education coordinator Angie Miller said.

In April, the department will offer Emergency First Responder and Fundamentals of Search and Rescue courses.

For more information about upcoming spring courses, contact Miller at angela.miller@cnncc.edu or call 970-675-3227.

HAIR CUTTING PROJECT ...



Colorado Northwestern Community College sophomore Alyssa Magalang, left, the 2013-2014 Miss Colorado Teen and The Pageant U.S. National Teen, grins with her hairstylist, Gina, in July after cutting off her ponytail for the Pantene Beautiful Lengths hair donation program. Magalang, CNCC LearningTrek students and the community education department are promoting a ponytail cutting event on March 20 to benefit women with cancer. There are a number of other classes/activities just picking up for the spring semester, just for education, some for community involvement and some for fun.

HEATHER ZADRA

Program in search of hosts

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | World Heritage Student Exchange Programs is now looking for American families to host high school students from Eurasia.

Each of these exceptional students have received scholarships through the U.S. State Department-sponsored "Future Leaders Exchange Program" (FLEX) and will spend an academic year in the United States. This historic program seeks to foster democracy and values inherent in a free market economy.

Support of these students and this program reinforces the United States' commitment to education and opportunity throughout the world.

World Heritage is currently seeking host families for these well-qualified, bright, motivated and well-screened students coming from Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan,

Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

By living with local host families and attending local high schools, FLEX scholarship students acquire an understanding of American values and build on leadership skills. From the beginning of this program, FLEX scholarship students' work together after returning home to share what they have learned while in America and are making a significant difference in their home countries.

To become a host family or find out more about World Heritage and the prestigious FLEX Program, please contact local area representative Courtney Wade, at 720-209-1145 or 866-939-4111, via email at Courtney@World-Heritage.org or visit www.whhosts.com.

World Heritage looks forward to welcoming Rio Blanco County residents to the ranks of host families nationwide, contributing to world peace and understanding through student exchange programs.

Tickets on sale for chamber dinner

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

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

Those who attend are invited to enjoy the dinner and enter Meeker's Amazing Race! Attendees will be given a passport to "tour our town," and they complete the challenges at each pit stop to win.

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

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

These awards will be based upon innovative business ideas, accomplishments in efforts to improve the community, exemplifying positive customer services, volunteer contributions, civic involvement and leadership.

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

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

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

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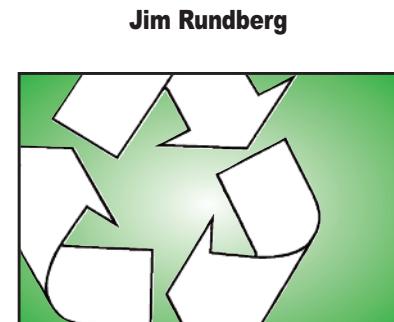
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Rundberg is currently seeking a lieutenant governor candidate to share the ticket with him. He is considering unaffiliated candidates who mirror his beliefs, principles and values. That person should be pro-life, pro-2nd amendment and conservative. Any interested parties should contact Rundberg's campaign.

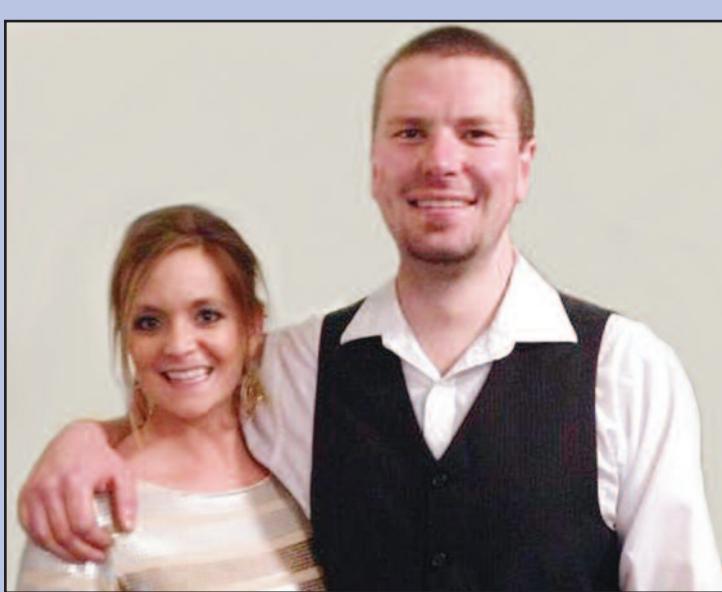
Until now, Rundberg has been making his campaign known through classified advertising and a few Tea Party public appearances. He hopes to begin a television ad campaign with the help of community contributions.

Rundberg has published a website at www.jimrundberg.wix.com/jimrundberg where you can find more information or make a contribution to Rundberg's campaign.

If you would like to work for Rundberg's campaign, please contact the campaign at: Vote Jim Rundberg, Colorado Governor 2014, P.O. Box 943, Meeker, Colo., 81641.



ENGAGEMENT ...



Gordon and Beth Merriam of South Jordan, Utah, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Taylor Renae Merriam, to Luke Jerome Buckley, son of Marsha Buckley of Golden, Colo., and the late Jerry Buckley. Taylor's grandparents are Nyla Merriam and the late Dick Merriam of Meeker and Dr. Earl and Sally Ryan, formerly of Meeker, now residing in Grand Junction. Luke's grandparents are Mary Hill of Florida and Marshall Bowden of Illinois and the late Bernard and Martha Buckley. Taylor was graduated from Meeker High School and the University of Colorado and is general manager at Old Chicago Restaurant in Superior, Colo. Luke was graduated from Clear Creek High School and is kitchen manager at Old Chicago Restaurant in Longmont, Colo. The wedding will be in April 2014, in Lyons, Colo.

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MES Library keeps kids busy, entertained

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER During January, Meeker Elementary School students enjoyed special happenings in the library.

Students enjoyed a 4-H program presented by Dessa Watson and Jamie Moyer as well as Science Week and Spirit Week.

Students and staff checked out 2,156 books during January. On Feb. 3, the school celebrated their success with a Library Book Carnival in the gym and music storytelling program in the library.

Local musicians Jean Newman, Johnny Barton and Mary Kay Krueger shared their talents playing the mandolin, guitar, banjo and electric guitar. Storytellers Mandy Etheridge and Georgann Amack shared southern tales between the musical numbers.

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The gym was set up like a carnival, featuring a ring toss, bean bag toss, fishing, a maze, "guesstimation" jars, etc., and balloon animals, thanks to Kim Ekstrom.

During the week, there were drawings and a gift of a free book for each student.

A big thank you goes to everyone who donated books and to the high school FCCLA students and the parents that helped set up and guide the students through the day's events. A great time was had by all.

Principal Jason Hightower also read a fairy tale melodrama titled "Gold Miner's Daughter" by Jackie Hopkins to each class as a special treat for the students doing so well in checking out, reading and returning the books.

HONOR JAZZ BAND ...



Meeker's Dannon Bolton, Morgan Robb, Meeker High School music instructor Bob Eggebraten and Sam Lange participated in the 10th annual Jazz Aspen/Snowmass District 8 Honor Jazz Band over the weekend. The two days of training for the 75 students included workshops and rehearsals arranged by music teachers, culminating with a concert Saturday night in Carbondale. The musicians are seated in different bands with the last band being the best players. Robb played trombone in the first band, Bolton played trumpet in the second band and Lange played tenor sax in the third band.

MEMORIAL: Great day

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Northwest Colorado and from as far away as Vernal, Utah, for the event, held in memory of James Sizemore of Meeker who was killed in an avalanche on Feb. 11, 2011, on Sand Peak, near where the event was held, roughly 30 miles up County Road 8 at Lost Creek Trailhead.

The riders each paid an entry fee for the poker run and ride as well as a shot at the special prizes that were given away. The grand prize of a new Polaris 120 kid's snowmobile was won by Clinton and Kirstie Kilduff; first place of \$1,000 went to Jason Steiner; second place and \$500 was won by Jan Nye; and third place and \$250 was won by Jessica Berthelson. All children who attended also received a prize.

Those who participated and spectated at the event were treated to hamburgers, hot dogs, brisket,

sausage and chili as well as cookies, rolls and other treats.

Kathy Sizemore, James' mother, said the five-stop poker run helps fund two \$1,000 scholarships for Meeker High School seniors — one for a male student; the other for a female student. Other funds go to assist Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue.

"It was really a great time for a couple of great causes," Sizemore said. "It's a lot of fun to take part in and to watch."

She explained that the event registration building was James' old school bus which he used to take a bunch of his friends dirt biking.

"So, each year since his death on President's Weekend in 2011, we have held this memorial in memory of James and his bus," Sizemore said. "The family welcomes anyone who wishes to take part or just stop in and watch to join us next year."

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tant or essential. Competitive athletics was rated as being important by 55 percent of the respondents with more than 35 percent saying athletics was good but not essential to the MSD mission.

Increasing athletic and class fees was selected as being acceptable to address the financial situation by more than 60 percent of the respondents. However, a majority did not want to charge uniform fees or have a pay-to-play model for athletics.

A pay-to-play athletics model would have all the costs borne by those who participate. Athletic costs were \$278,919 for FY 2013-14, including full- and part-time salaries. Assuming 270 junior high and high school students or 90 percent of the student body participated in sports, \$1,000 per year per student would cover the athletic program, not including transportation and maintaining the facilities. The MSD Board of Education begins the budget on July 1 each year and ends the previous year on the last day of June. Mid-year changes are made in October, when student enrollment is finalized, and supplemental budgets occur throughout the year with changes in revenues or expenses. This year, the \$1.2 million shortfall occurred after a mid-year change in assessed property values led to the dramatic increase in the negative factor.



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FROM MY WINDOW...

Memorial snowmobile ride a great success; Olympics easy to enjoy

By SEAN McMAHON
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Roughly 200 spectators, helpers and participants took part in a great event Sunday morning and afternoon at the third annual "I Ride with James" Poker and Snowmobile Ride in the mountains around the Lost Creek Trailhead, about 30 miles east of Meeker on County Road 8.

The purpose of the ride was to raise funds for the James Sizemore Memorial Scholarships and the Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue squad.

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good."

The event proved to be a lot of fun to participate in and to watch, and the organizers and volunteers who stayed near the base made everyone feel welcome and comfortable even though a rather chilly breeze came up early afternoon, prompting a lot of those eating lunch or taking an early break to hide behind the downwind side of the old school bus.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages and brisket were offered free to all at the site, accompanied by coffee, water and a number of cookies and cinnamon rolls and other goodies.

Sheriff Si Woodruff was smiling after his run, but he wasn't overly confident about the pair of aces he spouted from the run.

"It really was a beautiful ride for a couple of great causes, and there were well over a hundred riders who had a great time," he said. "It was really nice to get out on the snow and see the countryside up close. What a great day."



winter games — because I used to be a good skier and have long enjoyed many of the contests that were traditionally part of those games.

So many new sports have been added to the winter games in recent years that the games are even more exciting than they used to be.

When I was skiing, the freestyle flips and jumps were just catching on and a run down the moguls when I lived in Aspen was a lot of fun and great exercise, but a long way off from being an actual Olympic event.

It is neat to watch the snowslope event and, since I was a downhiller back then, the downhill in Sochi I believe is the scariest I have ever seen. It looks brutal.

My interest in the Olympics turned up a bit in the late 1960s and early '70s as Colorado vied for the Olympics games of 1976.

Not only did I think it would be great to drive a couple of hours to watch the Olympics, my Dad was president of the Denver Olympic Committee, which did, indeed, win the 1976 Olympic Games, only to have that overturned by a vote of Colorado residents. That vote meant a hurry-time for Innsbruck, Austria, which had hosted the Olympics previously and was chosen to host again since most of the infrastructure was already in place.

I still have mixed feelings as to whether Colorado should have hosted those Olympic Games in 1976 or not — and my feelings are the same now as they were when the vote was held, about 43 years ago.

Yes, Colorado was loaded with money to spend because the state was booming. The games would not have been a financial disaster for the state.

Yes, the Olympics would have been a huge boost for tourism as well as bringing throngs more people

to the state and various industries along with it.

Economically, it would have been a great thing for Colorado and its coffers.

However, it also would have required new infrastructure, tremendous growth to some of the Colorado towns that were probably not ready or equipped to do it right, new runs and new jumps, etc. that would have been carved out of previously untouched terrain as well as more environmental damage making room for more hotels, dorms for the athletes, new roads for transportation, etc.

It was the environmentalists of the time who succeeded in turning back the Olympic Games.

Was it good thing or an embarrassment to the state of Colorado?

Certainly, it was a huge embarrassment to the state on a world scale following the election, and that embarrassment lingered for many, many months later.

In the long run, it may have been one of the wisest things Colorado voters ever did.

It didn't hurt the growth explosion that Colorado was experiencing at the time, and, as important as it was to double check the impact on the environment, questions of water supply were not answered for the state until much later.

Now, with all the water being moved from the Western Slope to the Front Range, think what would be the case if a large portion of the Western Slope water high up in the mountains had been diverted to the Front Range.

You think much of the Western Slope has problems with water supplies now? Think what could have been.

Would Northwest Colorado have gained in any way from having the Olympics here in Colorado? I don't

know, and Dad is no longer around to ask because they reportedly had all the answers back then.

What do you readers think?

Should Colorado have hosted the Olympics in 1976?

Was the environment more of a concern?

Was Colorado already growing fast enough?

Did Colorado miss out on a financial gold mine?

Drop me a line and let me know. Many readers of this newspaper, particularly those in the Meeker area, were voters in that election and it would be interesting to have the reaction of those who weren't here then as well as the hindsight response of those who were here then.

Send me a note at sean@theheraldtimes.com



The United States, as I write this on Tuesday morning, is tied with the Russians atop the list of medals won with 19 each.

So far, the United States teams have performed fairly well but are well off the pace from four years ago, when they ended up No. 1 with 37 medals, their best showing ever.

One thing is sure, however. If medals were given for fourth-place finishes — just missing the podium — then the United States would be running away with the medal count.



A big congratulations and a huge "good luck" goes out to all the boys and girls moving on into the playoffs in wrestling and boys' and girls' basketball.

You have done your towns proud. Hang in there!!!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Urie says thanks to the Rangely Chamber

Dear Editor:

A great big thanks goes out to the Rangely Chamber of Commerce for recognizing Urie Trucking, Inc., as Rangely's 2014 Industry of the Year at this year's Crab Crack.

Thank you for honoring us, it was a big surprise.

We want to thank all of our faithful, hardworking employees (past and present) as well as our many great customers who have been so faithful in trusting your work to us over the years. Without this combination, we wouldn't have been able to reach where we are today!

Thank you chamber officers for putting out many hours of volunteer

time in to support this chamber office in Rangely. To all of you, may I say a job well done. You help to make Rangely a great place to live.

P.S.: Thanks to whoever threw our hat in the ring as a nominee for the award.

*Elaine Urie
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GUEST OPINION

Broadband important to rural Colorado

By EMILY GUERIN
High Country News
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The 260 residents of Ten Sleep, Wyo., drive at least 26 miles to buy groceries and 112 to catch a plane. Local businesses include the Crazy Woman Café and Dirty Sally's, a soda fountain and souvenir shop. You wouldn't expect an Internet entrepreneur to launch a startup here.

In 2006, Kent Holiday did just that, opening Eleutian Technology, where local teachers tutor Asian students in English through live online videos. He now employs about 500 teachers around the region.

Holiday was visiting his in-laws when he noticed the local telephone utility laying fiber-optic cable: Ten Sleep was getting high-speed Internet.

In 2011, President Obama used Eleutian as an example of the Internet's effects on rural economic development: "For local businesses, broadband access is helping them grow, prosper and compete in a global economy."

But such access — the basic modern infrastructure many city-folk take for granted — is far from universal.

Of the 19 million Americans who lack broadband access — defined as 4 megabits per second (mbps) download speed, 1 mbps upload — 14.5 million live in rural areas. Thirty percent of Indians living on reservations also lack access.

Speedy Internet is not a panacea, but it can provide a much-needed boost. For rural residents, writes Sharon Strover, a communications professor at University of Texas-Austin, "Having broadband is simply treading water or keeping up. Not

having it means sinking."

Now, projects to wire the Navajo Nation and other rural areas could help close the West's connectivity gap. Will they be the economic boon everyone hopes?

The more densely populated a place is, the more likely it is to have fast, affordable Internet. When people live far apart, service providers don't profit enough to cover the costs of building and maintaining the physical infrastructure.

If they do provide access, it's often at higher prices and slower speeds than in urban areas.

In the rural West, where 2 million people lack broadband access, topography is also a barrier. Mountains and narrow valleys can block signals from wireless towers and satellites and make it difficult to install fiber-optic cables. Silverton, for instance — population 637, at an elevation of 9,300 feet in a remote and rugged alpine area — is the only county seat in Colorado not plugged into fiber-optic cables.

As the Internet becomes a more integral part of daily life, people with shoddy connections are at an economic disadvantage. Fast Internet is necessary to take video-based online classes and to sign up for health care. (Imagine the horror of trying to navigate Healthcare.gov with dial-up.) Rural hospitals use it to video-conference with urban medical specialists and schoolteachers increasingly record lectures that students can watch at home.

But Lawrence Wood, an associate professor of media arts and studies at Ohio University, says the most significant drawbacks are cultural. "The main reason people use broadband these days is for entertainment," he says. Having a smartphone

or a fast Internet connection "is really a matter of being a part of contemporary life in the United States."

Expecting the private sector alone to fill the broadband availability gap is unrealistic. So a number of rural areas have turned to community-owned networks.

Powell, Wyo., built its own fiber-optic network, which a local Internet provider pays to use, and many of Washington state's public utility districts are doing the same, some with help from the 2009 stimulus.

On the Navajo Nation, where fewer than 4 percent of residents have broadband access, the tribal utility recently received a \$32 million federal grant to bring wireless service to the entire reservation.

And in southeastern Colorado, a rural electrical co-op provides broadband in places like Two Buttes, population 43 — doing for Internet what it did for electricity in the 1930s.

But simply having access isn't enough; people have to actually use it.

Broadband adoption rates are 13 percent lower in rural America than in cities, Strover found, with non-users citing high cost and the belief that they don't need to be online. But when rural residents use broadband, there are economic benefits.

In a 2013 study, Strover found that rural counties where more than 60 percent of people used broadband had more rapid income growth and slower unemployment growth than similar counties with fewer people online.

Broadband cannot, however, reverse long-term economic trends like rural-to-urban migration, or

change proximity to a highway or the quality or size of the local labor force.

"Most economic decisions depend on a multitude of factors," writes Shane Greenstein, who studies information technology and economics at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, "and broadband is but one of many."

While broadband helped lure Eleutian Technology to Ten Sleep, it wasn't enough to keep it there.

After three years, the company decided to move. Eleutian needed a bigger building, but no water or sewer lines ran to the large lot it had bought a quarter-mile outside of town, and the cost of installation was too high. Plus, Ten Sleep lacked adequate housing for Eleutian employees, some of whom had to live in trailers, and the long drive to the Yellowstone Regional Airport was burdensome.

So Eleutian moved to Cody, population 9,500 — a city by Wyoming standards. A Cody-based economic development team secured a grant to build the company's headquarters, which Eleutian now leases with the option to buy at below-market value in the future.

"We just couldn't compete with the bigger area," says LeeAnn Chenoweth, executive director of the Washakie Development Association in Worland, Wyo., which tried to keep Eleutian in Ten Sleep. "Having broadband can attract business, but places that have 200 or 300 people are probably always going to be challenged by the economy of scale."

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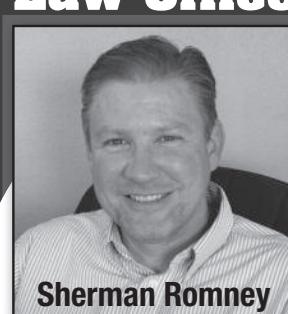
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REPUBLICAN - 4-H Community Center, 779 Sulphur Creek Rd., Meeker - Sat., March 29th at 2:00pm

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In order to participate in the caucus, you must be a resident of the precinct for 30 days; registered to vote in the county 29 days prior to the caucus; and affiliated with the party for 2 months [C.R.S. 1-3-101(1)]. There are specific exemptions for persons who have moved or recently turned 18-years-old. Please call our office with any questions [878-9460]. Verify your voter registration information online: www.govotecolorado.com.

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God Repented?

By Dr. J. D. Watson
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It repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart (Gen. 6:6). Any study of God's immutability inevitably leads to a very old question: "If God never changes, what then does Scripture mean when it says 'God repented'?" The issue is seemingly made worse by verses such as 1 Samuel 15:29: "the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent" (cf. Num. 23:19).

A seeming contradiction, however, is actually quite easily answered when we understand the language. **Repented** translates the Hebrew word for the name of the prophet Nahum (*nācham*) and essentially means "to draw a deep breath" and pictures the "physical mode of giving expression to a deep feeling, either relief or sorrow." Interestingly, in fact, most of the some 100 occurrences of this word actually refer to God.

Our "troubling text," therefore, simply means God was deeply sorry and grieved because of man's sin and therefore changed His dealing with man by bringing judgment. Similarly, God was sorrowful that He had set up Saul as king (1 Sam. 15:11), but a few verses later we read that 'the Strength of Israel [God] will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent' (v. 29). While the first speaks of God's *conduct* in being sorrowful, the second addresses His *character* as being unchangeable. On the other hand, God also declared that if the people would 'turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them (Jer. 18:8), that is, if they would turn from evil, He would

(from the human perspective) change His course of action without violating His sovereign purpose.

Likewise, speaking of the wicked population of Nineveh, the prophet Jonah wrote, "God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He said that He would do to them; and He did it not" (Jon. 3:10). Here we see the reverse of the above; because men turned from ungodliness to godliness, God changed in His dealing with men and withheld judgment.

So, while God might change His dealing with us, He will never change in His nature. Puritan Thomas Watson well states the principle: "There may be a change in God's work, but not in His will. He may will a change, but not change His will. God [as Judge] may change His sentence, but not His decree." Another well adds: "The sun is not fickle or partial because it melts the wax but hardens the clay—the change is not in the sun but in the objects it shines upon."

All this is a great comfort. We can be assured that God will never "change horses in the middle of the stream." He will always deal with us according to the dictates of His perfect character.

Scriptures for Study: What does God promise in Isaiah 54:10 and Romans 11:29?

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White River Swine Club has meeting

By EMILY AMICK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The first White River Swine Club meeting was held Jan. 28 and was called to order by Kenzie Turner at 7:01 p.m.

There were 22 kids in attendance, and the first order of business was to elect club officers: president Casey Turner, Vice president Sheridan Harvey, secretary James Amick and treasurer Kenzie Turner.

The pledge members are all the first year members and the historians are Kolten Turner and Kalbe Nelson.

Next, club requirements were discussed: members must attend 50 percent of the meetings; members must do a demonstration; they must raise a swine for sale at the county fair; and all members are required to say the pledge.

The swine weigh-in is on May 7 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The fair runs July 30 to Aug. 2 with the pig show July 31 and the sale on Aug. 2.

The group then talked about the bottom weight of the swine being raised to 230.

After that, the group broke into little groups and came up with some ideas for us to do over the 4-H year.

The next meeting is Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ICE SCULPTURE: Learning from scratch; how to make strong ice

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"I am teaching my work-study students how to belay and maintain safety on the ice tower and am now offering ice climbing to our students," Whipple said. "I would like to expand the offering to community members as well, but I have not gauged the interest yet. I also have a plan to offer a community education course in ice climbing for the people of Rangely and the surrounding communities."

The skeleton of the ice tower is 40 feet of ROHN 55G radio tower that has been guy-wired to three anchors. Other substrate and clutter have been added for the ice to grow on, he said.

"We also spray water from the ground, using pressure washer nozzles we attach to our hoses," he said. "That way we can place water where we want and grow ice where we

want to."

Temperatures have been and continue to be a major factor in the success of the ice tower, Whipple said,

adding that it has been quite a task this year with warmer-than-normal temperatures overall.

"Ice does not form until it drops to at least 27 degrees Fahrenheit or minus-2 degrees Celsius," he said. "Yes, 32 degrees Fahrenheit and 0 degrees Celsius are freezing temperatures, but not cold enough to start making ice."

"It is a strange science, as you can actually super-cool water and have subfreezing temperatures in the water, but it can still be liquid," he said. "Weird, right? I am learning all this for the first time and I was just as

shocked as you or your readers."

Water is only run in the evening, when temperatures are lower, he said.

"The sun also plays a major role in terms of what the ice is like; the sunny side is very different than our non-sunny side," Whipple said. "It is also cool because we can show the students how the sunlight directly affects the ice."

Whipple said several improvements are hoped for in the future.

"I would like to 1) add a flow

meter to the system and measure how

much water we throw on the tower;

and 2) add Snomax to our water," he said. "Snomax is a naturally occurring

organism that helps ice freeze.

Snowax is what all the ski resorts add

to the water to make snow so early

and late in the season, when temperatures are higher.

"Snomax would also allow us to make more ice earlier and keep the ice longer, thus extending our ice-climbing season," Whipple said.

He said he would also like to apply for grants from Get Outdoors Colorado (part of the Colorado Lottery) and see if the college can expand its winter offerings of ice climbing, snowshoeing, sledding and cross-country skiing.

"Could you imagine snow machines in Rangely during the really cold times and having a winter park for students and community members?" Whipple asked. "There is a lot of potential for more winter activities in Rangely."

Fire depts. should seek grants

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | U.S. Sen. Mark Udall encouraged Colorado fire departments Tuesday to apply for competitive grants to help them meet firefighting and emergency response needs to better protect their communities.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program gives Colorado fire departments the chance to compete for a portion of \$32 million to more effectively protect communities from the threat of fire. This program funds projects that reach high-risk populations and decrease rates of injuries and death caused by fires.

"These grants, which I'm proud

Colorado fire departments have secured in recent years, help local fire departments fill in gaps in their budgets and ensure they're able to protect the most vulnerable. Fire departments across Colorado should apply for this support so they have all the resources necessary to respond to emergencies in their communities," Udall said.

Fire Prevention & Safety Grants Awards have gone to the following fire departments over the past two years: \$26,007 to the Pueblo Fire Department in 2013; \$18,045 to Canon City Area Fire Protection District in 2012; and, \$32,240 to Loveland Fire Rescue in 2012.

Colorado's fire departments should visit www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program for more information. The application period runs from Tuesday until 3 p.m. Mountain Time on March 21.

To request a letter of support on behalf of an application, fire departments should contact Udall's regional office nearest to them. For more information, contact Mike Saccone at 202-224-4334.

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Rangely 8th-graders finish middle school career undefeated

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The middle school girls from Meeker and Rangely concluded their basketball seasons Saturday with the final tournament in Steamboat Springs.

The finale of the tournament was the eighth-grade championship game featuring Rangely and Craig.

Rangely had a two-year undefeated record to defend, and the Bulldogs were set on stopping them. The Panthers played outstanding ball and kept their streak alive, winning their final middle school game, 39-38.

The team is an up-tempo, tenacious, defense-playing group that makes the future of Rangely basketball look very bright.

Katelyn Brown had a game that ranks above all-time great middle school performances, scoring 35 points and going 13 for 16 from the free throw line.

She had a total of 191 points for the season. Combined with her approximate 20-point average for sixth and seventh grades, she scored more than 500 points in junior high. Teaming Katelyn up with a team that works hard, plays hard and knows how to win and the result is likely to be an undefeated team.

Along with the championship team from Rangely, Meeker's seventh-grade girls ended their season with only one loss and as tournament runner-ups. The seventh-grade girls from Rangely finished the tournament in third, and the eighth-grade girls from Meeker came out fourth.


COURTESY PHOTO

The Rangely eighth-grade girls' basketball team capped off an undefeated middle school basketball career with an exciting 39-38 victory over Craig in the Northwest League championship game. The girls won all their games both years and two league titles for Rangely Middle School. Playing for the young lady Panthers are; Vanessa Hamilton, Kaylee Mecham, Halie Elam, Katelyn Brown, Sarah Conner, Klaire Denny, Alanna Wiley and Brynn Buckles.

Cowboys finish second, qualify 10 for Colorado state tourney



The Meeker wrestling team was awarded the "sportsmanship" plaque by northwest Colorado referees before the championship matches of the Region 1 state-qualifying tournament and several wrestlers posed with the award and second place plaque including: Casey Turner, Tristin Pelloni, Kylooe Goedert, Tyler Ilgen, Calvin Shepherd, Sheridan Harvey, Jake Henderson, TJ Shelton, Aaron Cochran, Anthony Watt, JC Henderson, Nick Burri, Willis Begaye and Chase Rule. The Cowboys qualified 10 wrestlers for the "Big Show," which starts today at 3 p.m. and can be followed online at trackwrestling.com.

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
bobg@theheraldtimes.com

MEEKER | "We're improving," Meeker's head wrestling coach, J.C. Watt, said about his team's performance at the state-qualifying Region 1 tournament last weekend in Grand Junction.

The Cowboys finished second as a team compared to last year's third-place finish, and they qualified 10 wrestlers this year, two more than last year. However, Watt seemed most proud of the sportsmanship plaque awarded to his team and two freshman wrestlers who did not qualify.

"The sportsmanship award is awesome," coach Watt said of the award presented to his team by the referees before the championship matches Saturday. "It shows the great character of these kids is noticed. We have a great group of kids."

The Cowboys qualified all but two wrestlers, Casey Turner (145) and Chase Rule (182), for the state meet.

"Both are freshman," Watt said of Turner and Rule. "The regional tournament is a tough tournament for a freshman on varsity. Nobody works harder than Casey and it was too bad he didn't qualify, but I'm really proud of him. I'm really proud of Chase too. He moved up two weights, wrestled his heart out, got a

wrestle-back and he did it for the team. Both were just one match away."

Meeker advanced five wrestlers into the championship match and crowned two champions.

"I was happy to have five in the finals and all five of those have a chance to make the finals at state," Watt said. "A couple of those championship matches could have been previews of the state finals Saturday night."

Senior J.C. Henderson will make his fourth appearance in the state tournament, his first as a regional champion this year, with a record of 29-6. Henderson was seeded No. 1 in the Region 1 tournament and defended the seed by beating Nick Jones of Dove Creek, 5-3, in an exciting championship match. Henderson placed fifth at 132 last year.

Meeker's defending state champion, T.J. Shelton, was also seeded No. 1 in the regional tournament and won his second regional title when he defeated Paonia's junior Logan Schopp, 7-1, in the championship match at 170. Shelton has been and is currently ranked No. 1 by On the Mat Rankings in 2A and Schopp has been ranked No. 2. Shelton is the first wrestler in Meeker's history to win a state title as a freshman, giving him the opportunity to continue his quest to become Meeker's first four-time champ as he enters his sec-

ond state tournament as a defending champion.

Freshman Sheridan Harvey (106), junior Tristin Pelloni (113) and sophomore Devon Pontine (160), all wrestled in the championship match and earned red ribbons in their respective brackets.

Stocker Robbins of Ignacio won the championship match at 106 and Talon Harris of Norwood won the title in the 113-pound bracket. Pontine lost 3-1 to Zach Milner of Paonia.

Meeker senior Willis Begaye lost in the semifinals in the 152-pound bracket, but he came back to finish as a consolation champion. Freshman heavyweight Tyler Ilgen scored three points at the end of the third period of the consolation championship match to win 3-2. Both will wrestle in their first state tournament.

Cowboy seniors Calvin Shepherd (120) and Aaron Cochran (132), along with junior Kylooe Goedert (126), all qualified for the "Big Show" with fourth-place finishes in their respective weight classes.

The 2014 Colorado State Wrestling Championships start at 3 p.m. today in the Pepsi Center in downtown Denver. The Cowboys hope to "improve" on last year's state performance. Action can be followed online at trackwrestling.com.

Lady Cowboys win league championship


BOBBY GUTIERREZ

The Meeker High School girls' basketball team, pictured here playing against the lady Panthers in Rangely, have used a high pressure defense to create a fast-running offense, which won them the Northwest League championship. Meeker defeated Rangely 41-18 on Tuesday in the final game of the regular season and will have a first round bye in the District Tournament, which will be played Feb. 28 and March first in Oak Creek.

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Meeker High School girls' basketball team is league champion after winning two exciting conference games last weekend and giving them a first round bye in the district tournament. That also assures them a spot in the regional tournament.

Coach Greg Chintala said, "The theme of the week was, 'effort, effort and execution,' and we got all three in both games."

The lady Cowboys dominated Hotchkiss on Friday night as they came out to a 15-0 first-quarter lead. The defense was relentless as the girls took a 25-12 lead into the locker room at half. Meeker came out with their signature third quarter, roaring to a 46-21 lead by the end of the third period. They finished the game 59-34 with extremely balanced scoring.

Ally Ridings had 15 points, Sydney Hughes added 14, Taylor Neilson and Deena Norell each had nine points, Piper Haney added six and Jamie McLaughlin, Megan Parker, and Reese Pertile had two points each.

Haney led the rebounders with nine, followed by Norell with seven.

Meeker took their game on the road Saturday to play Paonia. The lady Cowboys once again came out with impressive tempo and took a 24-10 lead by the end of the first eight minutes.

The Eagles tried to slow things down but could only manage holding Meeker to 14 while scoring 11 of their own, making the half-time score 38-21 in favor of the lady Cowboys.

Meeker never let Paonia into the game, winning handily 59-34.

Once again, the combination of tenacious defense and team scoring proved to be an extremely strong combination. Hughes led the way, scoring 17 points, Neilson had 16, Ridings added 15, Haney had six, Norell had four and Parker added one. Ridings, Haney and Neilson led the rebounders with eight, seven, and six, respectively.

The team will have a week-long break and play the No. 4 seed on Feb. 28 to begin their post-season journey.



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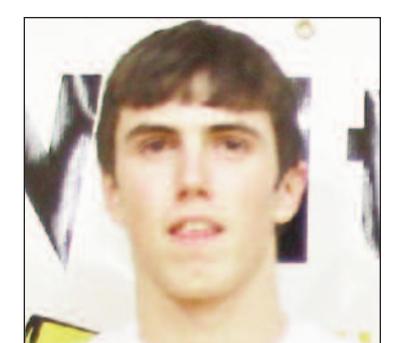


8TH-GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM *Rangely Middle School*

The young lady Panthers ended their middle school basketball careers with an exciting 39-38 championship victory in the annual league tournament. The Rangely girls went undefeated in their seventh- and eighth-grade seasons, including league titles.

JEREMY MUSGRAVE, SENIOR *Meeker High School*

Musgrave led all scorers with 37 points, including three, three-pointers and he made 10 of 11 free throws, leading his team to victory over Paonia.



Heinle wins regional title

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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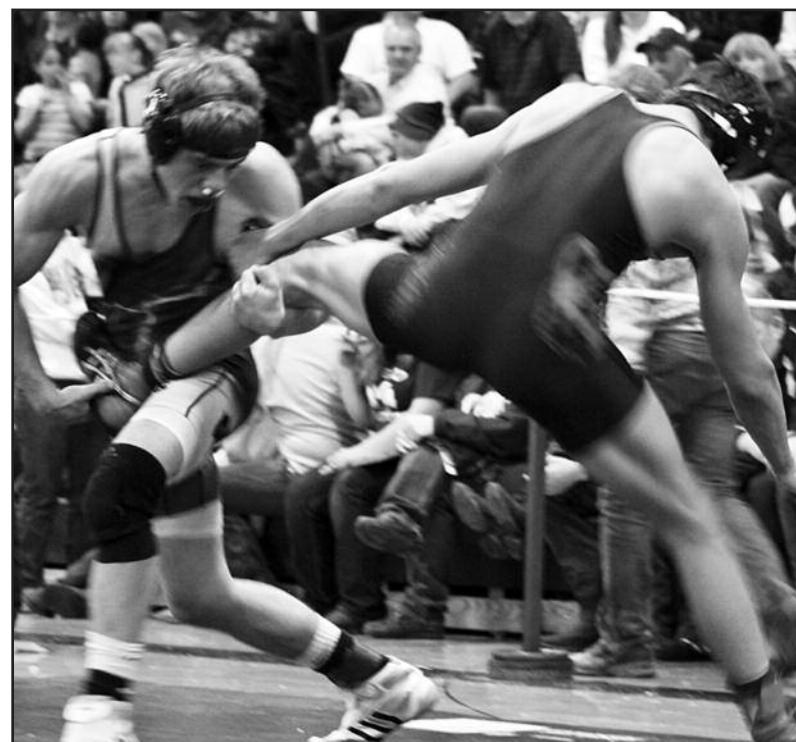
RANGELY | Panther senior Lucas Heinle will represent his school for a fourth time in the Colorado State Wrestling Championships, which start today at 3 p.m. at the Pepsi Center in downtown Denver.

Heinle won the 145-pound bracket in the Region 1 tournament held last weekend at Grand Junction High School. Ethan Allred also qualified for the "Big Show," which features all five classifications in the Pepsi Center, with a 5-2 win over Journey Vreeman of Hayden in the 160-pound consolation championship match.

"Ethan had a spectacular day of wrestling," head coach Jeff Heinle said of the junior Panther, qualifying for his second trip to state. "His only loss was to Paonia's Zach Milner."

Heinle pinned in the semifinals and defeated Deano Valdez of Dolores 6-5, in an exciting championship match, to enter the state tournament as a regional champion. Heinle placed sixth as a freshman and was one match away from placing last year.

Rangely junior Heath Peters (132) and sophomore Caleb Lawson (152) finished fifth in their respective brackets, one place away from qualifying.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Panther senior Lucas Heinle qualified for the Colorado State Wrestling Championships for a fourth time and his first as a regional champion. Heinle won the 145-pound Region 1 bracket.

"Heath and Caleb both lost critical matches, leaving them just outside of qualifying," coach Heinle said of two wrestlers who will be motivated for next season.

Kiki Ruiz (138) and senior Ryan Wilczek (195) wrestled in the regional tournament but did not place.

"As I said earlier this year, the competition in 2A, Region 1 is extremely tough," coach Heinle said. "We have wrestlers staying home that were crowned champions or placed high in tournaments on the Eastern Slope that were not able to qualify at

our regional tournament. I feel we should have qualified a few more wrestlers but it just wasn't their day."

But Heinle still has high expectations for his two qualifiers at this year's "Big Show."

"I am extremely excited about state this year as we have a good chance of getting Ethan and Lucas on the podium at their weight," he said. "The biggest thing that has to happen at state is winning the first match. The mindset you have to have going into the state tournament is to win all your matches and leave it all on the mat."

Lady Panthers lose two; play Hotchkiss

By HALLIE BLUNT
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RANGELY | The Rangely High School girls' basketball team had two



Cowboys step up and get wins

— Prepare for District Tournament in Oak Creek —

By HALLIE BLUNT
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MEEKER | The Meeker Cowboys "really stepped up this weekend," head coach Klark Kindler said of his team.

The Cowboys played without a key starter and came away with two huge league wins. The wins secured a first-round bye in the district tournament, which gives them a short break to prepare and get the team healthy for the post season.

Kindler said, "Our kids understood their roles and filled them nicely."

One example of stepping up and absolutely leading a team to victory was the amazing 37-point performance by Jeremy Musgrave

against Paonia.

The game began close with Meeker up 16-14 after eight minutes. Paonia made a run and took a four-point lead by halftime. However, Meeker had another outstanding third quarter, outscoring the Eagles 20-13. Meeker finished the game up nine, at 61-52.

Dylan Mobjley also had a big game, scoring 17 points and several rebounds for the Cowboys. Ty Dunham added four and Joe Newman had two points to go with his solid rebounding, and Kash Atwood added a point and important minutes of play.

Meeker had an extremely close game against Hotchkiss as well, but in this game it was Dunham's play that was crucial to the win.

Dunham had 13 points and consistent play on both ends of the floor. Musgrave led all scorers with 19, Mobjley had nine and Newman added two.

Meeker was down by one after the first period and got colder in the second quarter, leaving the Cowboys trailing 27-19 at half. However, the players showed they have gained great composure and confidence, putting together a big third quarter, outscoring the bulldogs 13-7. Meeker played smart basketball in the final eight minutes and came away with the slim 43-42 win.

The Cowboys will take their momentum and solid play into the semifinals of the district tournament on Feb. 28.

RHS Panthers win 3 of 4

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RANGELY | The Rangely Panther boys' basketball team won three of their last four regular season games, including a 52-49 win over Rio Blanco County rival Meeker in the regular season finale, in front of a large and loud county crowd.

The Panthers beat Soroco, 50-37, in a non-league game, then lost to Paonia, 44-52, on Friday before defeating Hotchkiss, 53-44, on Saturday and ending with a win

against Meeker on Tuesday.

The Panthers finished the season with two league losses and will be the No. 3 seed in the district tournament. Rangely will now wait until all league games have been played to find out what team they will host in the pig-tail round of the district tournament next Tuesday.

The winner Tuesday will advance to the final four of the district tournament, where seeds for the regional tournament will be determined.

"I really have the feeling that the seniors are really getting dialed in

mentally, and the rest of the guys are following their lead," head coach Eric Hejl said of the end of the regular season. "This is the time of year that you want things to be clicking, and, even with the hiccup in Paonia on Friday, I'm still feeling pretty good about our mindset and our play going into districts."

"There is focus, determination and just the right amount of an 'us against the world' mentality that I think will be positive for us moving forward," he said. "We are headed in the right direction, ready to put it all out there and see what happens."

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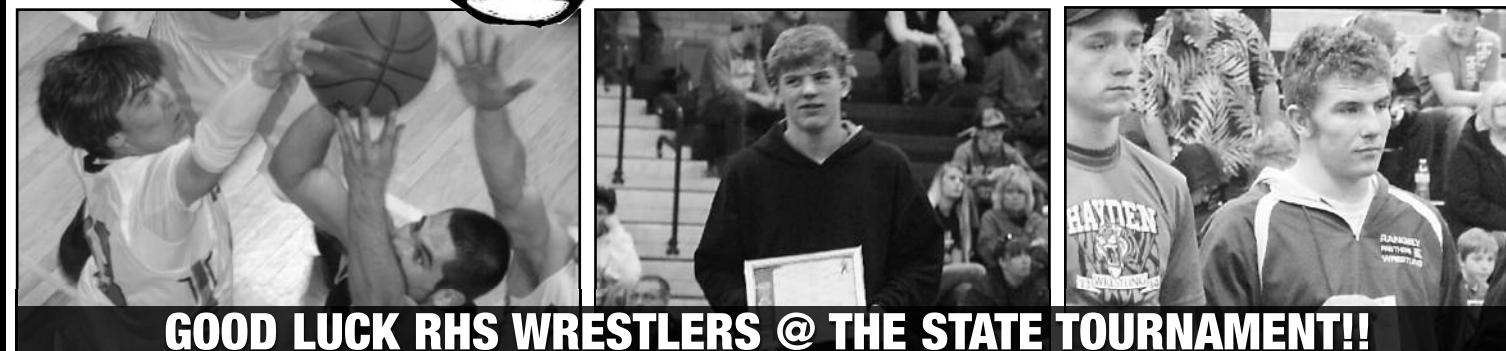
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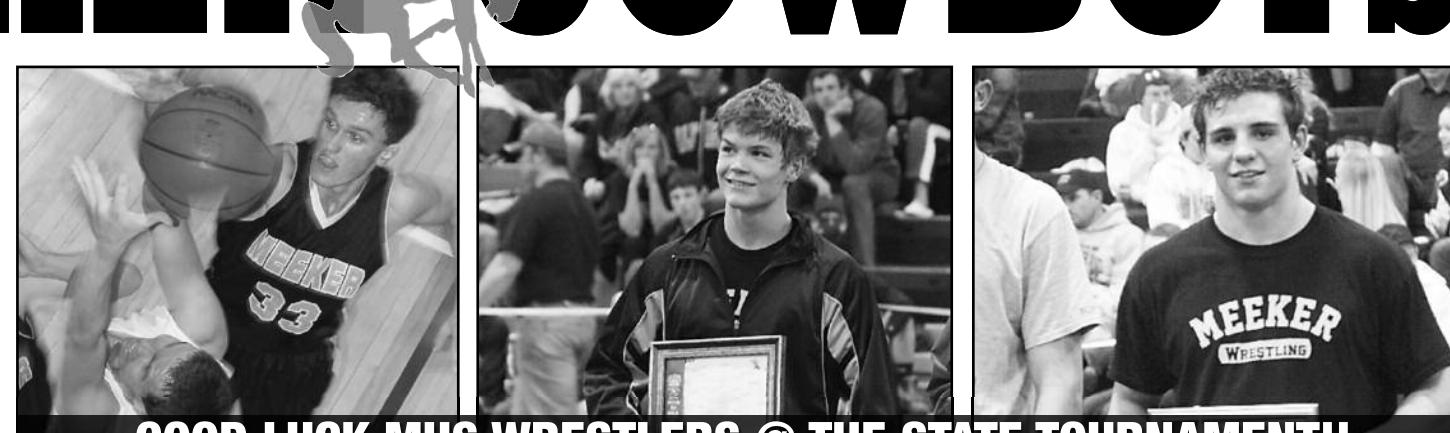
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OBITUARIES

Wayne Eugene Moody

March 13, 1919 ~ Feb. 8, 2014



Wayne Moody

Wayne Eugene Moody was born March 13, 1919, in Chanute, Kan., to William Henry Moody and Hazel Jordan Moody. He died Feb. 8, 2014, at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker, Colo.

Mr. Moody had fed the cattle in the morning and was admitted to Pioneers Medical Center in the afternoon.

His family and friends met graveside at Highland Cemetery on Feb. 12, 2014, to honor an extraordinary man. He touched more lives than anyone can imagine, and his passing left a giant hole in our hearts and lives. The Rev. Enrique Salazar of Holy Family Catholic Church presided; Medic Adams was speaker; and Heather Burke graciously provided two vocal solos.

Wayne was "as tough as they come" with a kind and gentle soul, a generous heart, a huge streak of orneriness, a great smile and a twinkle in his eyes. He believed absolutely in hard work, honesty, helping family and friends — and every child.

He had a longer run of older years than most and enjoyed life to the best of his ability. He started working construction with a team of horses and a scraper and ended with a D-9 Caterpillar and a tractor with a refrigerator.

When his wife, Julia, passed away, he managed his early grief by taking seven grandkids to the mountain, where he was working, which also required taking a Jeep for the kids to drive, fishing poles, tents and lots of food. He set the rules for their conduct and went to work.

At night he came back to camp, cooked supper, sorted them out and repeated the process the next day — for a week. This is not something

most men would consider doing alone — at age 62.

In later years, he missed not being able to dance, work with his hands and ride a horse. He appreciated those who did him any service. He always enjoyed being around kids and was so grateful to meet and know his great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He loved to flirt with the ladies where hugs and kisses were given and received freely; at the grocery store, haircut stops, medical clinic — wherever there were women he knew.

A close family member noted:

"The one who looked after you in the beginning, needed you most at the end. You were there with your tender hearts and steadfast loyalty, doing the right thing exactly the way he would have hoped — exactly the way he taught you to do. What a beautiful tribute to your Dad."

Wayne was preceded in death by: his parents; his wife Julia; a sister, Vada Ellis; a son, Glen Stipp; a grandson, William Georgiou; and a great-grandson, Tyke Georgiou.

Wayne is survived by seven children: Hazel Georgiou-Gonzales; Floyd Moody; Judy (David) Eskelson; Douglas (Shannon) Moody; Sandra (David) Wambolt; Deana Cheatham; and Mary Ellen Cheatham. He has 22 grandchildren and 32-plus great- and great-grandchildren.

His children bestowed upon him fondly the nickname, "The Best Old Man."

Billie Beatrice Cook Hutton

July 20, 1928 ~ Feb. 13, 2014



Billie Hutton

My mother and my children's grandmother went home to be with the Lord and her family on Feb. 13, 2014. Billie Bea was born July 20, 1928, in Rocky Ford, Colo., to Frank Cook and Icy Leona Cowan Cook.

She was the fifth child in a family of 11. She grew up in Fruita, Colo., and was graduated from high school in 1946.

She met Paul Whitaker, and they were married on Aug. 5, 1946. They had one daughter.

My mom and dad moved all over the United States because my dad worked on road construction. She was happy wherever they lived.

Bea managed the Montgomery Wards Store in Craig, Colo., from 1959 until 1974.

She married Keith Hutton and they moved to Carbondale, Colo. They became partners with her brother, Frank Cook, and bought the Dixon Club Bar and Restaurant in Dixon, Wyo., in 1977. Keith died in 1990 and Bea continued living in Dixon and working for the Postal Service.

She met her last companion, Pee Wee Loyd, in Dixon and lived with him until his death two years ago.

She was a wonderful, gracious lady who loved everyone. She made popcorn balls for the Snake River Valley every Halloween and all of the kids loved her. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She had been living in Rangely, Colo., in Eagle Crest Assisted Living at the time of her death and had made many wonderful friends.

She is survived by: her daughter, Vicki Pfennig of Rangely, Colo., her two grandsons, Robert (Krissi) Tucker, and their two boys, Jacob and Avry of Battle Mountain, Nev.; Paul (Kim) Tucker, and two boys, Brett and Sam of Rangely; one brother, Charles Cook and family of Toledo, Ore.; a sister, Nancy Joann, of Grants Pass, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews that loved her, especially niece Brenda, whom she loved dearly, and Patty Waldron, her dear friend and boss.

There was a memorial service at Eagle Crest Assisted Living at 1 p.m. on Feb. 19, 2014, in Rangely, Wyoming services for Bea will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, at the Community Center in Baggs, Wyo.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society or charity of your choice.

Services are under the direction of the Park Avenue Mortuary in Meeker, Colo. Online condolences may be shared at www.ParkAvenueMortuary.com.

RBC Sheriff's Office announces scholarship

RBC I Rio Blanco County Sheriff Si Woodruff announced Monday that the County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC) will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a deserving Rio Blanco County student this spring.

Woodruff said the CSOC considers this an investment in the future and believes that the membership is helping to provide deserving students with an opportunity to make a positive contribution to society.

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14CW1, RIO BLANCO COUNTY; Application to Make Absolute in Whole or in Part; Applicants: William M. Kautz, Ada R. Kautz, Meeker, CO 81641, 970-878-5595. Structure: Mobley Diversion Point, Pipeline/Pump; Date of Original Decree: 8/24/97, Case #99CW133, Div 5; Subsequent decrees awarding findings of diligence: Date of decree: 1/23/08, 07CW70, Div 5 and Date of Decree: 8/24/97, 99CW133, Div 5; Legal Description: NE4, NE4, S9, T1S, R93W, 650' from north section line and 1,100' from east section line; PLSS Source: Field Survey; Source: Unnamed tributary to the White River; Appropriation Date: 8/24/97, Amount: 0.066 cfs, conditional : Use: livestock, domestic for one single-family dwelling and irrigation of a small garden and shrubs and trees not to exceed two acres; Detailed outline of what has been done toward completion of the appropriation and application of water to beneficial use: See map and photos filed with court; Claim to make absolute in whole or in part: Date water applied to beneficial use: 8/20/07, Amount: 0.066 cfs, Use: water for livestock, domestic use and irrigation to two acres; Description of place of use where water is applied to beneficial use: See map and photos filed with court; UTM coordinates: Northing: 4430392, Easting: 0258163, Zone 13, Street address: 1110 CR 43, Meeker, CO; UTM Source: Garmin handheld GPS; Accuracy: 10'-15'; Landowner: Applicant

14CW3000 RIO BLANCO COUNTY (01CW276). Application For Finding Of Reasonable Diligence. In The Matter Of The Application For Water Rights Of Exxon Mobil Corporation. District Court, Water Division No. 6, State Of Colorado, P.O. Box 773117, Steamboat Springs, Co 80477. 1. Name and address of applicant: Exxon Mobil Corporation, c/o Glen R. Murdock, CORP - GP3 - 858, 223 Benmar Drive, Houston, Texas 77060. Direct all pleadings to: Glenn E. Porzak, Kristin H. Moseley, Porzak Browning & Bushong LLP, 929 Pearl Street, Suite 300, Boulder, CO 80302. Scott Balcomb, David Hallford, Balcomb & Green, P.C., P.O. Drawer 790, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602. 2. Names of structures: (a) Ryan Gulch Reservoir; (b) White River Pumping Pipeline (c) White River Pipeline No. 2; (d) Superior Oil Company Pipeline; (e) Superior Oil Company Terminal Reservoir; (f) Mobil Pumping Station and Pipeline; (g) Blacks Gulch Reservoir; (h) Blacks Gulch Pipeline; (i) Kellogg Gulch Reservoir; (j) Kellogg Gulch Pipeline; (k) Superior Oil Company Pipeline, First Enlargement; (l) Boies Reservoir; (m) Piceance Pipeline; (n) Piceance Canal; (o) Hunter Creek Well Nos. 1-30. 3. Description of conditional water rights for which finding of reasonable diligence is sought: (a) Ryan Gulch Reservoir. 22,635.2 acre-feet decreed by the Rio Blanco County District Court in Civil Action No. 1269 on November 21, 1966, for industrial, municipal, domestic, recreational and manufacturing purposes, including water for the mining, retorting and production of shale oil from oil shale, with a December 15, 1963 appropriation date. The source of supply is the Piceance Creek, a tributary of the White River. The reservoir is located in Sections 21, 28, 29, 32 and 33, T.1 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M. and in Sections 4 and 5, T. 2 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M. This water right has alternate points of storage by virtue of the decree from Water Court Case No. 98CW259. Previous findings of diligence were entered by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 (hereinafter the "Water Court") in Case Nos. W-129, W-787, 80CW220, 84CW174, 88CW158, 95CW223, and 01CW276. (b) White River Pumping Pipeline. 100 cubic feet per second ("cfs") decreed by the Rio Blanco County District Court in Civil Action No. 1269 on November 21, 1966, for industrial, domestic, municipal, recreational, manufacturing and other beneficial uses including storage, with a December 15, 1963 appropriation date. The source of this water right is the White River, and the headgate of the pipeline is a pumping plant located at a point on the left bank of the White River whence corner No. 3 of Tract 40, Section 2, T. 1 N., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M. bears South 10°42' West at a distance of 1507.2 feet and whence the South Quarter Corner of Section 2, T. 1 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M. bears 01°51' West at a distance of 37,459.5 feet. This water right has alternate points of diversion by virtue of the decree from Water Court Case No. 98CW259. Previous findings of diligence were entered by the Water Court in Case Nos. W-129, W-787, 80CW220, 84CW174, 88CW158, 95CW223, and 01CW276. (c) White River Pipeline No. 2. 120 cfs decreed by the Rio Blanco County District Court in Civil Action No. 1269 on November 21, 1966, for industrial, domestic, irrigation, municipal, recreational, manufacturing and other beneficial uses, including storage, with an October 12, 1964 appropriation date. The source of this water right is the White River, and the headgate or intake of said pipeline is at a point on the left bank of the White River whence the East Quarter Corner of Section 18, T. 1 S., R. 91 W. of the 6th P.M. bears South 14°15' East a distance of 1,510.8 feet. Previous findings of diligence were entered by the Water Court in Case Nos. W-129, W-787, 80CW220, 84CW174, 88CW158, 95CW223, and 01CW276. (d) The Superior Oil Company Pipeline. 12 cfs decreed by the Water Court in Case No. W-15 for irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, recreation, mining, power, and other beneficial uses with a May 14, 1968 appropriation date. The headgate of the pipeline is located at a point on the left bank of the White River, from which it derives its supply of water, whence Corner Number 3, Tract 40, Township 1 North, Range 97 West, of the 6th Principal Meridian bears S. 51°52'52" E., 2,730.66 feet. Previous findings of diligence were entered by the Water Court in Case Nos. W-725, 80CW143, 84CW101, 88CW139, 95CW263, and 01CW276. (e) The Superior Oil Company Terminal Reservoirs. 800 acre-feet was decreed by the Water Court in Case No. W-15 for the East and West Terminals of the Superior Oil Company Terminal Reservoirs for irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, recreation, mining, power and other beneficial purposes with a May 14, 1968 appropriation date. The source of supply is the White River. Previous findings of diligence were entered by the Water Court in Case Nos. W-725, 80CW143, 84CW101, 88CW139, 95CW263, and 01CW276. (f) Mobil Pumping Station and Pipeline. 200 cfs decreed by the Water Court in Case No. 84CW109 for industrial, domestic, municipal, recreational, irrigation, replacement and other beneficial uses, including mining, retorting, processing, refining, and production of oil and other products from oil shale, with a May 4, 1984 appropriation date. The source of supply is the White River. There are two decreed points of diversion for the Mobil Pumping Station and Pipeline situated in Section 34, T. 2 N., R. 101 W. of the 6th P.M., in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Previous findings of diligence were entered by the Water Court in Case Nos. 88CW139, 95CW263, and 01CW276. (g) Blacks Gulch Reservoir. 13,900 acre-feet decreed by the Water Court in Case No. W-15 for irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, recreation, mining, power and other beneficial uses with a September 1, 1968 appropriation date. The source of supply is Blacks Gulch, a tributary of the White River. The left abutment of said reservoir is located at a point whence the 1/4 corner common to Section 32, Township 2 North, and to Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 96 West of the 6th Principal Meridian bears S. 68°11' W., 505 feet. Previous findings of diligence were entered by the Water Court in Case Nos. W-725, 80CW143, 84CW101, 88CW139, 95CW263, and 01CW276. (h) Blacks Gulch Pipeline. 100 cfs decreed by the Water Court in Case No. W-15 for irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, recreation, mining, power and other beneficial uses with a September 1, 1968 appropriation date. The headgate is located at a point on the right bank of the White River, from which it derives its supply of water, whence the Northwest Corner of Section 19, T. 2 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M. bears S. 80°28' W., a distance of 8,204 feet. Previous findings of diligence were entered in Civil Action No. 1269 on June 10, 1968, as well as by the Water Court in Case Nos. W-128, W-785, W-128-76, 80CW75, 84CW157, 88CW139, 95CW263, and 01CW276. (i) Piceance Pipeline. 50 cfs decreed by the Rio Blanco County District Court in Civil Action No. 1269 for domestic, irrigation, industrial, municipal, recreation and manufacturing purposes with a July 10, 1961 appropriation date. The source of supply is Piceance Creek, Fawn Creek, and Piceance Creek and its upper tributaries and water that may be hereafter diverted into the Piceance Creek drainage from other drainages. The reservoir is located in Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, and 31, T. 2 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M. and in Sections 24 and 25, T. 2 S., R. 98 W. of the 6th P.M. The initial point of survey of the high water line is located at a point whence the Southwest Corner of Section 19, T. 2 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M. bears S. 80°28' W., a distance of 8,204 feet. Previous findings of diligence were entered in Civil Action No. 1269 on June 10, 1968, as well as by the Water Court in Case Nos. W-128, W-785, W-128-76, 80CW75, 84CW157, 88CW139, 95CW263, and 01CW276. (j) Kellogg Gulch Pipeline. 100 cfs decreed by the Water Court in Case No. W-15 for irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, recreation, mining, power and other beneficial uses with a September 1, 1968 appropriation date. The headgate is located at a point on the left bank of the White River, from which it derives its supply of water, whence Corner No. 4 of Tract 45, Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 96 West of the 6th Principal Meridian bears N. 90° E., 1,075 feet. Previous findings of diligence were entered by the Water Court in Case Nos. W-725, 80CW143, 84CW101, 88CW139, 95CW263, and 01CW276. (k) The Superior Oil Company Pipeline, First Enlargement. 12 cfs decreed by the Water Court in Case No. W-182 for irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, recreation, mining, power, and other beneficial uses with a May 14, 1968 appropriation date. The headgate is located at a point on the left bank of White River, from which it derives its supply of water, whence Corner No. 3, Tract 40, Township 1 North, Range 97 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian bears S. 51°52'52" E., 2,730.66 feet. Previous findings of diligence were entered by the Water Court in Case Nos. W-725, 80CW143, 84CW101, 88CW139, 95CW263, and 01CW276. (l) Boies Reservoir. 31,020.8 acre-feet decreed by the Rio Blanco County District Court in Civil Action No. 1269 on November 21, 1966, for domestic, irrigation, industrial, municipal, recreation and manufacturing purposes with a July 10, 1961 appropriation date. The source of supply is Black Sulphur Creek, Fawn Creek, and Piceance Creek and its upper tributaries and water that may be hereafter diverted into the Piceance Creek drainage from other drainages. The reservoir is located in Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, and 31, T. 2 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M. and in Sections 24 and 25, T. 2 S., R. 98 W. of the 6th P.M. The initial point of survey of the high water line is located at a point whence the Southwest Corner of Section 19, T. 2 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M. bears S. 80°28' W., a distance of 8,204 feet. Previous findings of diligence were entered in Civil Action No. 1269 on June 10, 1968, as well as by the Water Court in Case Nos. W-128, W-785, W-128-76, 80CW75, 84CW157, 88CW139, 95CW263, and 01CW276. (m) Hunter Creek Well Nos. 1 through 30. Decreased for 1 cfs for each of the 30 wells with an aggregate total of 30 cfs by the Water Court in Case No. W-814 for irrigation, industrial, domestic, municipal, recreation and other beneficial uses, including mining, retorting, processing, refining and production of oil and other products from oil shale, with a March 8, 1967 appropriation date. The source of supply is the Parachute Creek member of the Green River Formation. The Hunter Creek Well Nos. 1 through 30 and their collection system are located in Sections 21, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, of T. 2 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M.; in Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of T. 3 S., R. 97 W. of the 6th P.M.; and in Section 1, T. 3 S., R. 98 W. of the 6th P.M. Previous findings of diligence were entered by the Water Court in Case Nos. 80CW75, 84CW157, 88CW139, 95CW263, and 01CW276. 4. Names and addresses of owners of land upon which structures are or will be located, upon which water is or will be stored, or upon which water is or will be placed to beneficial use: The water rights described at the following subparagraphs of paragraph 3 above are located on land owned by the following entities: (a), (b), (e), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (l): Exxon Mobil Corporation and its affiliates, P.O. Box 2567, Houston, TX 77252-2567. (b): Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., P.O. Drawer 1431, Duncan, OK 73536. (c): Colorado Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, 711 Independent Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81505. (d), (k), (m) and (n): Puckett Land Company, 5460 South Quebec Street, Suite 250, Greenwood Village, CO 80111-1917. (a), (b), (g), (i), (l) and (o): U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506. (f): Brent and Yvonne Gale, 661 24 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505. 5. Detailed description of work done toward completion of the project and application of water to beneficial use: Exxon Mobil Corporation and its affiliates ("ExxonMobil") owns and leases in excess of 200,000 acres of land and owns water rights in the Piceance Creek, Yellow Creek and White River basins in Rio Blanco County which are used for energy resource development (the "White River Project"). In addition, ExxonMobil owns, operates and maintains the land, leases and water rights for the Colony Shale Oil Project, located near the Town of Parachute in Garfield County, which is designed to produce various energy resources (the "Colony Project"). ExxonMobil also owns numerous other properties and water rights in the Colorado River Basin in Garfield County, portions of which were originally owned by Mobil Oil Corporation prior to the corporate merger with Exxon Corporation in 1999 and that have continued to be used for energy resource development (the "Colorado River Project"). Since the findings of diligence with respect to each of the subject water rights, ExxonMobil has expended in excess of \$1,000,000,000 on the following specific activities that demonstrate its diligence and that are necessary prerequisites to applying the subject water rights to their decreed uses in connection with its energy resource development operations in Rio Blanco and Garfield Counties: (a) Resource Engineering, Inc. and Wright Water Engineers, Inc. performed an assessment and analysis of the water rights needs and available water supplies for ExxonMobil's energy development. This assessment and analysis was essential in ensuring that ExxonMobil has an adequate physical and legal supply of water for its planned energy development, and to ensure that ExxonMobil is able to utilize its water rights portfolio in the most efficient manner. The water supply needs for ExxonMobil's planned energy development includes water for construction and preproduction activities, electrical energy, production, reclamation, spent shale disposal and upgrading for both in-situ and above ground retorting processes. This assessment and analysis is ongoing and demonstrates that ExxonMobil has a need for all of its conditional water rights sought to be maintained in this application. (b) ExxonMobil has continued to develop and operate its natural gas operations for the White River Project in the Piceance Creek/White River basin. During the subject diligence period, ExxonMobil operated 244 wells and had a working interest in an additional 207 wells that produced over 300,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas from lands it owns or controls in the Piceance Creek/White River basins. (c) During the subject diligence period, ExxonMobil has expended more than 250,000 work hours on research directly supporting oil shale technology development, including laboratory experiments and numerical modeling work and field testing at the Colony Project. This research has resulted in the award of 19 patents and filing of an additional 18 patent applications specific to commercial oil shale development. The research and development accomplishments achieved during the subject diligence period include the following: (1) Inside the mine at the Colony

Project site, ExxonMobil designed, built and tested elements of its proprietary in situ oil shale retorting technology that ExxonMobil envisions may be used in the future at depths of thousands of feet for in situ heating and chemical conversion of oil shale into producible oil and gas. A key element of the technology that was tested involved the creation of a hydraulic fracture filled with an electrically conductive material. During heating operations, electricity is passed into the conductive fracture, generating heat within the oil shale in much the same way as heat is generated in a toaster. When heated to high enough temperatures, heat may be dissipated into the surrounding oil shale via conduction, where it raises the temperature of the rock and causes chemical cracking of the kerogen within the oil shale into lighter hydrocarbon constituents (oil and gas). ExxonMobil conducted multiple experiments using the conductive fractures constructed within the oil shale at the Colony Project, including low temperature heating programs (up to 3 months per test), as well as short duration, high voltage tests. (2) During this time period, ExxonMobil designed and implemented an extensive ground water monitoring program at the Colony Project site. The ground water monitoring program incorporated a 5 month tracer test and the installation of 9 monitoring wells. ExxonMobil further completed detailed design of operational systems necessary to support the next phase of field testing, supported by comprehensive environmental studies involving computational fluid dynamic modeling of oil shale operations and gas dispersion tests in the mine. The additional facilities that have been designed to support future field experiments at the Colony Project site include a gas dam, mine ventilation, gas scrubbers and fluid handling systems. In addition, ExxonMobil completed installation of a grout curtain to support its future testing program at the Colony Project site. All together, the work undertaken at the Colony Project during the subject diligence period involved approximately 95,000 hours of research and development operations in the field. (3) As a complement to the field programs, ExxonMobil has also developed unique laboratory and numerical modeling capabilities to advance the fundamental understanding of oil shale properties, pyrolysis and the in situ stress environment (e.g., subsidence and compaction). In addition to the development of in-house capabilities, ExxonMobil has also partnered with external laboratories (e.g., Los Alamos National Lab, Idaho National Lab and the Center for Oil Shale Technology and Research) to develop novel numerical and experimental tools to evaluate commercial potential for oil shale, including development of a numerical simulator that incorporates and predicts the thermal, electrical, chemical and mechanical properties of oil shale before and during pyrolysis. (d) In order to field test its in situ technology at the target depth (thousands of feet below ground), ExxonMobil made application for and obtained a federal lease from the Bureau of Land Management for 160 acres of land with a potential expansion to a total of 640 acres in the Piceance Creek basin (the "RD&D Lease Tract") to conduct research, development and demonstration of oil shale recovery technologies as authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, § 369(c). The environmental assessment for the application for this RD&D Lease Tract was released in August 2012, and is 200 pages in length. In connection with the environmental assessment and its application for the RD&D Lease Tract, ExxonMobil developed a 50 page plan of operations for the deployment and research of its patented in situ shale technology at the RD&D Lease Tract. This extraction method anticipates the construction of technology similar to that tested at the Colony Project, consisting of electrically conductive medium placed in the target oil shale interval to resistively heat the formation and convert the solid organic matter of the oil shale into oil and gas. The oil and gas would be produced using conventional production wells. ExxonMobil presented a detailed description of this technology and its use at the RD&D Lease Tract at the 2011 Oil Shale Symposium at the Colorado School of Mines. ExxonMobil anticipates using the RD&D Lease Tract to perform both small scale and field scale tests of this technology. The plan of operations is divided into five phases and involves the construction of over 200 production, observation and monitoring wells up to 2,940 feet deep, and includes 120 onsite workers. The research and development operations at the RD&D Lease Tract is anticipated to extend over a 15 year period, and are designed to produce peak rates of 700 barrels of oil per day and 6 million standard cubic feet of gas per day. Successful deployment and operation of this system will demonstrate technical, environmental, and economic feasibility and will prepare ExxonMobil for future deployment at other sites in Colorado and further refinement of this evolving technology. (e) ExxonMobil has maintained its energy resource properties, leases and water rights to develop the Colony Project, Colorado River Project, and White River Project during the past six years. This effort included site maintenance, air and water monitoring, reclamation, and miscellaneous projects, such as the extensive ground water monitoring program and tracer test at the Colony Project. ExxonMobil has also maintained its permits with the Mined Land Reclamation Board, with the Colorado Department of Health (water discharge), and with the Environmental Protection Agency (air quality) during this period. In addition, ExxonMobil has made substantial and ongoing efforts to fully integrate its water rights portfolio between the Colorado River and White River Basins, including through transbasin pipelines to augment and import water. (f) ExxonMobil has a contract for 6,000 acre feet of water from Ruedi Reservoir, which is the principal source of augmentation water for the Colony Project. ExxonMobil has paid over \$1.9 million to maintain and fully vest this contract. ExxonMobil has sought approval from the Bureau of Reclamation to amend its existing Ruedi Reservoir contract to use the Ruedi Reservoir water and other water rights in the Piceance Creek/White River basin for the White River Project and to extend the term to a perpetual contract. ExxonMobil is coordinating with the Colorado River Water Conservation District on the environmental analysis required in order to amend ExxonMobil's existing Ruedi Reservoir contract. (g) ExxonMobil filed Case No. 08CW199, which seeks to augment the Dow Pumping Plant and Pipeline, Dow Middle Fork Pipeline, Dow East Middle Fork Reservoir, Davis Gulch Reservoir, East Middle Fork Reservoir and Lower Fork Reservoir with water rights from Ruedi Reservoir and to utilize such rights as imported water in the Piceance Creek / Yellow Creek basins in Rio Blanco County. (h) Spent shaft field test plots have continued to be maintained and monitored during the diligence period in connection with the Colony Project. These monitoring efforts are providing information that is necessary to the continued development of ExxonMobil's oil shale projects. (i) ExxonMobil has filed and adjudicated the following additional applications in connection with the White River Project: (1) Case No. 05CW285 in order to utilize the augmentation credits decreed in Case No. 98CW259 to augment the Hunter Creek Wells and Boies Reservoir in the Piceance Creek basin. The decree in Case No. 98CW259 is ExxonMobil's base augmentation plan in the Piceance Creek basin. (2) Case No. 05CW294 to quantify the historic consumptive use associated with a variety of senior irrigation rights in the Piceance Creek basin and to augment the various diversion points and reservoirs decreed in Case No. 98CW259. (3) Case No. 06CW265 to change diversion points originally decreed and augmented in Case No. 98CW259 in order to be utilized in two separate alluvial well fields. The first well field is the ExxonB&M Well Field. The second well field is the ExxonMobil Boies Well Field. Case No. 06CW265 also seeks to adjudicate alternate diversion points to fill the reservoirs decreed in Case No. 98CW259. All of these changes are important to the development of the domestic water supply for the White River Project. (4) Case No. 06CW263 for a new 4 c.f.s. surface diversion from Piceance Creek relatively close to the confluence of the White River near Little Hills Spring. This water right is important to establish a diversion point downstream of the senior calling rights on Piceance Creek. (5) Case No. 08CW203, in order to enlarge the ExxonB&M Reservoir and adjudicate refill rights for Exxon B&M Reservoir and Exxon Love Ranch Reservoir. (6) Case No. 11CW42, in order to change the points of diversion for JW Bainbridge Ditch Nos. 1 and 2; Black Eagle Ditch Nos. 1 and 2 and Fawn Creek Ditch. (j) ExxonMobil filed Case No. 11CW184 in order to alternately divert the Dow Middle Fork Pipeline and Dow East Middle Fork Pipeline at locations adjacent to research activities at the Colony Project, and to augment such diversions with water from Ruedi Reservoir and Middle Fork Reservoir. (k) ExxonMobil filed Case No. 12CW177 to augment the Mahaffey Pumping Plant & Pipeline and the Main Elk- Wheeler Gulch Pipeline with Ruedi Reservoir water and Main Elk Reservoir water and to utilize such rights as imported water in the Piceance Creek / Yellow Creek basins in Rio Blanco County. (l) ExxonMobil is in the process of negotiating a power interference agreement with the Rio Blanco Water

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TG 71-4 Well located in the NW1/4/SW1/4 of Section 6, T. 4 S3, R. 96 W. of the 6th P.M. at a point 2610 feet North of the South line and 105 feet East of the West line of said Section 6, in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. UTM N. 4401536.78, E. 738436.42 Zone 12 NAD83. Source: well having a depth of 2,050 feet tributary to West Stewart Gulch, a tributary of the White River. Appropriation date: December 3, 1971. On July 17, 1979, in Case No. W-3562, the Court awarded a conditional water right decree for .888 c.f.s. for domestic, livestock, irrigation, industrial, commercial, mining, environmental, augmentation, recreation, storage and use of water stored for these purposes. and the Court has ruled in Case No. 83CW102, 87CW75, 93CW96, 99CW207 and 2006CW183 that said right should be continued in full force and effect. Application contains a detailed outline of work performed during the diligence period. Name and Address of owner of land on which water is or will be placed to beneficial use: Bureau of Land Management, 220 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641.

2014CW3008, (06CW177) RIO BLANCO COUNTY – WEST STEWART GULCH TRIBUTARY TO THE WHITE RIVER, THE Oil Shale Corporation, c/o Jacques S. Ruda, 6000 East Evans Avenue #1-211, Denver, Colorado 80222. Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence for TG 71-3 Well located in the NE1/4/NW1/4 of Section 29, T. 3 S., R. 96 W. of the 6th P.M. at a point 540 feet South of the North line and 1,710 feet East of the West line of said Section 29, in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. UTM N. 4405591.94, E. 740196.95 Zone 12 NAD83. Source: a well having a depth of 1,085.5 feet, tributary to West Stewart Gulch, a tributary of the White River. Appropriation date: December 13, 1971. On August 2, 1979, in Case No. W-3561 the Court awarded a conditional water right decree for .444 c.f.s. for domestic, livestock, irrigation, industrial, commercial, mining, environmental, augmentation, recreation, storage and use of water stored for these purposes and the Court has ruled in Case No. 83CW101, 87CW76, 93CW95, 99CW206 and 2006CW177 that said right should be continued in full force and effect. Application contains a detailed outline of work performed during the diligence period. Name and Address of owner of land on which water is or will be placed to beneficial use: Bureau of Land Management, 220 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641.

2014CW3009, (06CW180), RIO BLANCO COUNTY – MIDDLE FORK OF STORY GULCH, TRIBUTARY TO THE WHITE RIVER, The Oil Shale Corporation c/o Jacques S. Ruda, 6000 East Evans Avenue #1-211, Denver, Colorado 80222. Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence for Liberty Bell No. 12 Well located in the SE1/4/SE1/4 of Section 18, T. 4 S., R. 95 W. of the 6th P.M. at a point of 1,040 feet North of the South line and 533 feet West of the East line of said Section 18, in Rio Blanco County Colorado. UTM N. 4398285.88, E. 749438.89 Zone 12 NAD83. Source: a well having a depth of 937 feet, tributary to the Middle Fork of Story Gulch, a tributary of the White River. Appropriation date: December 5, 1972. On July 18, 1979, in Case No. W-3578 the Court awarded the Applicant a conditional water right decree for .888 c.f.s. for domestic, livestock, irrigation, industrial, commercial, mining, environmental, augmentation, recreation, storage and use of the water stored for these purposes and the Court has ruled in Case No. 83CW78, 93CW98, 99CW209 and 2006CW180 that said right should be continued in full force and effect. Name and Address of Owner of the Land on which water is or will be placed to beneficial use: Applicant.

You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of **MARCH, 2014** to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$158.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, P.O. Box 773117, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477.

MARY ANN NINGER
CLERK OF COURT
ROUTT COUNTY COMBINED COURT
WATER DIVISION 6

/s/ Sharon L. Martin
Deputy Court Clerk

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RE-CREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly, to the eligible electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("District") of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a polling place election will be held on the 6th day of May, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, one director will be elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors, and three directors will be elected to serve four-year terms on the Board of Directors.

In order to be a candidate for one of the director positions, a qualified individual must submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form. Self-Nomination and Acceptance Forms are available from Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official of the District. Contact information is as follows:

Cathy Kiser
101 Ute Road
Meeker, CO 81641
7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(970) 878-3403, ext. 404
(970) 878-3214 (Fax)
cathyk@meekercrdistrict.com

The Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form must be returned to the Designated Election Official by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014. A Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form that is not sufficient may be amended once at any time before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014. Earlier submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit correcting an insufficient form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that application for an absentee ballot may be filed with Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official, at the contact information referenced above, no later than the close of business on Friday, May 2, 2014, except that, if the applicant wishes to receive the absentee ballot by mail, the application must be filed no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MEEKER
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
April 1, 2014

TO:
Any person, who is eligible by law, to be a candidate for the Offices of Mayor or Trustee for the Town of Meeker to be elected at the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 please take notice:

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

1) Be a registered elector;
2) Attain the age of eighteen years or older on the date of the election and;

3) Reside in the town of Meeker for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.

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

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

The following Town Officers will be elected at the election:

1) Mayor - two year term;
2) Four members of the Town Board of Trustees - three four year terms and one two year term.
Dated this 30th day of January, 2014.

TOWN OF MEEKER
By: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk

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Board of County Commissioners
Monday, February 24, 2014
County Administration Bldg, 200 Main
Meeker, Colorado

Tentative Board Agenda

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and 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 24, 2014 Agenda
Approval of the February 24, 2014
Consent Agenda for February 24, 2014
* Consideration of the Board Minutes of February 18, 2014
*Public Trustee Reports & Returns for 4th Quarter of 2013
*County Depositories December 31, 2013
*Treasury Semi 2nd Half Report
*Contract with the State of Colorado PO# FHA DP11464348 Immunizations.

Business Agenda:

*Bids:
*Weed & Pest Department

*2014 Herbicides

Hearing: Development/Planning

RE-Zoning 14-01. Robert Rolen, applicant is requesting to change his property rezoning from Ag to RR. Located at Meath Drive, Meeker.

Resolutions:

*Contracts and Agreements

Other Business

*BLM-Kent Walter Monthly Update

*County Commissioners Updates

Public Comment

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 Meeker at the County Administration Building. Please check the County's website for information at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PURSUANT TO TITLE 34, ARTICLE 33, PARAGRAPH 118, OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, THE COLORADO DIVISION OF MINERS AND GEOLOGY HEREBY ISSUES NOTICE THAT AN APPLICATION TO RENEW THE DESERADO MINE PERMIT NO. C-1981-018 FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM, SUBMITTED BY BLUE MOUNTAIN ENERGY, INC., 3607 CR 65, RANGELEY, CO 81648, WAS DEEMED COMPLETE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING. ALL REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIODS AS PROVIDED IN THE ACT AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER INITIATE FROM THIS DAY OF FILING.

THE PERMIT AREA CONTAINS SOME 12,770.76 ACRES OF FEDERAL COAL LEASE AND 13,645.01 ACRES OF SURFACE AREA. THESE AREAS ARE SITUATED IN T2N, R101W AND T3N, R101W, 6TH P.M. IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY ABOUT 8 MILES NORTHEAST OF THE TOWN OF RANGELEY. IT INCLUDES LANDS CONTAINING ALL OF RBC ROAD 65, EASTERN PART OF RBC ROAD 96, AND WESTERN PORTIONS OF RBC ROAD 78, AND SOUTHERN END OF MC ROAD 61. THE DESERADO MINE PERMIT AREA LIES WITHIN USGS 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE MAPS ENTITLED "RANGELEY NE" AND "CACTUS RESERVOIR". A COPY OF THE PERMIT REVISION APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, TOWN HALL IN RANGELEY. WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBJECTIONS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE, OR REQUESTS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN THE LOCALITY OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AND AFECTED LANDOWNERS WILL BE PROTECTED CONCERNING THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY, 1313 SHERMAN STREET, ROOM 215, DENVER, COLORADO 80203, (303) 866-3567 WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. PUBLISHED: FEBRUARY 20, 27, 2014 AND MARCH 6 AND 13, 2014

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly to the electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, four (4) directors will be elected to serve a four-year term. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available from Cindy Rholl, the Designated Election Official for the District, at 345 Cleveland Street, Meeker, Colorado. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms must be filed with the Designated Election Official for the District at the above address not less than 67 days prior to the election (Friday, February 28, 2014).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for and return of absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, May 2, 2014).

EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT

By: Cindy Rholl
Designated Election Official
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All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARING

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

RE-ZONE 14-01, Robert Rolen, applicant is requesting to change the current Agricultural zone of his property to Rural Residential. 1822 Meath Dr, Meeker, T1S, R92W, S6 (PIN# 162301100092). Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF MEEKER

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

LEGAL NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-02

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On February 6, 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)
Original Beneficiary(ies)

MARVIN MAY AND KIMBERLY MAY
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR
LENDER, PROVIDENT FUNDING AS
SOCIATES, L.P.

PROVIDENT FUNDING ASSOCIATES, L.P.

June 08, 2009

Rio Blanco

June 16, 2009

296054

\$326,000.00

Outstanding Principal Balance

\$303,895.97

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.

SEE EXHIBIT A

Township 1 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M.

A parcel of land lying in the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 17 and in the E1/2NE1/4 of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M., County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the East one-quarter corner (Original Stone Monument) of said Section 18; thence North 89° 10'43" West, along the South line of said E1/2NE1/4, 623.19 feet to a point on the centerline of Rio Blanco County Road No. 15, whence the West one-quarter corner (No. 6 Rebar and Aluminum Cap RLS 12029) of said Section 18 bears North 89° 10'43" West, 4799.41 feet; thence North 69° 51'55" East, along said centerline, 1686.15 feet to a point of curvature of a curve to the right having a radius of 700.00 feet and a central angle of 23° 55'46", thence along the arc of said curve, and along said centerline, 292.35 feet to a point of tangency; thence South 86° 12'19" East, along said centerline, 75.11 feet to a point on the East line said W1/2NW1/4; thence South 00° 16'25" West, along said East line, 621.35 feet to the Southeast Corner of said W1/2NW1/4; thence South 89° 48'49" West, 1319.24 feet to the point of beginning.

The property to be foreclosed is:

Also known by street and number as: 988 CR 15, 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.

WHEREAS, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/11/2014, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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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: 02/06/2014

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:

Holly L. Decker #32647

Stephen Harkess #30968

Michael Medved #14669

Heather Deere #28597

MEDVED DALE DECKER & DEERE, LLC 355 UNION BLVD. STE 302, LAKEWOOD, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155

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

Attorney File # 14-10825909

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2014 RIO BLANCO COUNTY QUINN DRAW PIT CRUSHING REQUEST FOR BID**PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

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

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

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

WORK SCHEDULE

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

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS

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

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

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

BID SUBMITTALS

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

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

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

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

BID OPENING

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

BID PREFERENCE

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

BID AWARD

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

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman

Dated: February 13, 2014

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Vernon Dale Lane, a/k/a Dale Lane, Deceased,

Case Number 14 PR 30002.

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Co-Personal Representatives or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or before June 9, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.

Vicki Jo Lane, Co-Personal Representative

6101 County Road 2

Rangely, CO 81648

Brandon M. Lane, Co-Personal Representative

1454 19 Road

Fruita, CO 81521

David A. Younger

Attorney of Co-Personal Representatives

Hoskin, Farina & Kampf

200 Grand Avenue, Suite 400

PO Box 40

(970) 986-3400

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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District of Rio Blanco County(ies), Colorado. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an election will be held on the 6TH day of May, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms. Eligible electors of the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):

Bethany D. Green

611 South Stanolind

Rangely, CO 81648

970-675-8211

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday through Friday from

9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. If the DEO deter-

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mines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, February 28, 2014 (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier submission is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, March 3, 2014 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for and return of absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, May 2, 2014).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, May 2, 2014).

RIO BLANCO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, and particularly to the electors of the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, two (2) directors will be elected to serve a four-year term. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available from Vicki Crawford, the Designated Election Official for the District, at 236 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms must be filed with the Designated Election Official for the District at the above address not less than 67 days prior to the election (Friday, February 28, 2014).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, May 2, 2014).

RIO BLANCO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**By: /s/ Vicki Crawford**

Designated Election Official

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**Rio Blanco County
2014 Crackfill Project
REQUEST FOR BID****PROJECT NAME**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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

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.

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

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

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Rangely Victim Services
An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. Non-emergency call 629-5729 or 629-0709. Emergencies call 911. Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

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

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

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

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

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



Colorado Northwestern Community College

**CUSTODIAN I
RANGELY CAMPUS**

Colorado Northwestern Community College, Rangely Campus is seeking qualified applicants for two full-time positions of Custodian I. These are classified positions with benefits. Hourly rate is \$10.75. Necessary requirements: Must possess and maintain a valid State of Colorado driver's license to operate a college vehicle. Must submit to and successfully complete a pre-employment background check as a condition of hire. Visit the CNCC website at <http://www.cncc.edu/cms/content/human-resources-classified-positions> for a complete job announcement including important instructions for the completion and submission of the application. Deadline to apply is Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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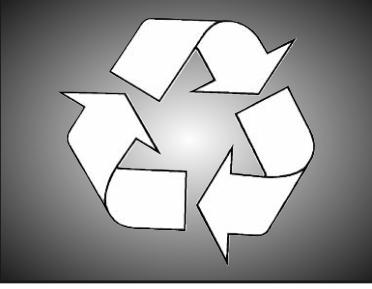
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