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Inspiration ...

Motivational speaker Chris Bowers inspired Meeker Elementary and Barone Middle School students Monday as a part of the schools' health program. MES's Vicky Tate put together the program with funds from White River Electric Association, Pioneers Health Foundation and Rio Blanco County Abstract. For more about the day, see Page 2A.



Chinn resigns from school board; Meyer contract renewed

By BOB LANGE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The board of trustees of Meeker School District RE-1 (MSD) accepted the resignation of new school board member Daniel Chinn, renewed Superintendent Mark Meyer's contract through school year 2014-15 and approved spring coaches in a special meeting on Feb. 19.

Dan Chinn's resignation was based on, "conflicts, real and perceived," Chinn said. Dan's wife, Amy, is the high school guidance counselor and Dan was a teacher for a number of years.

Chinn received 722 votes in the November 2013 election, and that was the third highest in a slate of seven candidates, with Bill deVergie and Bud Ridings receiving more votes.

The MSD board is required to appoint someone to fill the vacancy on the board within 60 days of Wednesday's meeting, Meyer said, and that person will serve until the next board election, which will be November 2015.

At that election, a successor for the remainder of the term (end of 2017) will be elected by the voters.

The MSD board had a March 1 deadline to renew Meyer's two-year contract.

According to MSD policies, the superintendent is typically evaluated by April 15 of every year. On years when the contract expires, a pre-evaluation is held by mid-March by the MSD board to give time to correct any problems that would be cause for non-renewal of the contract.

When Superintendent Meyer was selected, the March deadline was inserted as a condition for the position. The board had intended to do the evaluation before the renewal, but scheduling made it unlikely before March 1.

The board approved spring coaches recommended by athletic director Brett Stienacher. Approved for baseball were Jason

Browning (head coach) Brian Merrifield (assistant coach). Approved for track were John Strate (head coach), Kris Casey and Ben Quinn (assistant coaches) and Shane Phelan, Terence Casias, Brittany Shubnell and Pat Ibach (volunteer coaches). Kristen Henderson was approved as weight room attendant.

The District Accountability Committee (DAC) provided an update on meetings held to date and plans for up to three meetings to be held next week. The DAC, after consulting with school accountability committees for the elementary, middle and high schools, is to make recommendations to the board for

expenditures of district funds and to measure the adequacy and efficiency of the district's educational program.

The most recent meetings have focused on the district's financial condition and have been well-attended by the public.

According to district policies, the DAC should consist of at least three parents of students enrolled in a public school in the school district who are not employees or related to employees of the district, one teacher, one school administrator and one person from the community who is involved in business. Information about the DAC meetings can be obtained from the MSD office.

Meetings on justice center set

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I In 2013, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners launched the Justice Center Project with the their stated objective of improving current facilities that serve our citizens, county and district law enforcement and to improve efficiencies for county services based in Meeker.

In December, Reilly Johnson Architecture of Denver was hired to complete the planning, programming and design of the project's architectural features. They were instructed to consider four major criteria in their design:

1) Develop a plan that will bring the sheriff's offices, judges' chambers, district and county courts and the detention center into compliance with the American Disabilities Act and current state regulations; 2) Create an environment for the historical downtown square of Meeker that will encourage economic traffic while maintaining and enhancing a public gathering area that can be utilized for various events, including concerts, community celebrations and more; 3) Produce an architectural design that fits the flavor of the current downtown buildings; 4) Take into consideration the historical value of, and explore possibly repurposing the old Meeker Elementary School building.

Currently, Reilly Johnson is meeting with employees of the courts, sheriff's office and other users of the building to gain a full understanding of current and future needs.

This information is being utilized in the development of a conceptual design that reflects the four criteria mentioned above, square footage needs, public comment collected throughout 2013, and the project budget. The conceptual design recommendation to the commissioners will be a balance of needs and budget.

To learn more, join the Rio Blanco County commissioners for public informational meetings. The board will host a meeting in Rangely at 6 p.m. on March 11 at the Weiss Conference Room at CNCC. A second meeting will be held in Meeker at 6 p.m. on March 12 at the Fairfield Center. Additional information can be found online by visiting www.co.rioblanco.co.us/information/justicecenter.

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HAVING ICE A TOUGH TASK IN OLD DAYS BEFORE REFRIGERATION



Farm and ranch crews had to wait until area ponds and lakes froze over before they could begin the arduous task of cutting blocks of ice from the frozen surface and transporting those blocks back to the farm or ranch in sufficient quantities to last through the year.

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Early employees of the 101 Ranch, now the Rio Blanco Ranch, may remember the "ice house" and going out to cut blocks of ice to be used for refrigeration throughout the year—or as long as it would last.

This method was used in communities in the late 1800s and early 1900s until advancements in refrigeration technology came about.

They waited until the ice became thick enough to support the weight of the horses, men and equipment needed to cut and transport the blocks of ice.

Before the 1830s, food was preserved through salting, spicing, pickling or smoking. Meat was slaughtered primarily for single-family consumption or that day's trade.

Products like dairy, fruits and vegetables were sold or traded at local market and the idea of shipping perishable items was almost

non-existent.

Thus the idea of harvesting natural ice was born. This made a way to preserve fresh fish, dairy and produce during transport and expanded the opportunities for businesses across the country. The demand for natural ice became so great, commercial ice houses were built and ice blocks shipped nationwide via railroad.

In the last half of the 19th century, attempts were made to perfect the manufacture of ice. The Louisiana Ice Manufacturing Company had the best success was the most effective in these efforts. By 1925, factory-made ice made natural ice a thing of the past for many areas.

However, cutting ice for small communities and on local ranches was not done for commercial reasons. It was done out of necessity and for the benefit of the people.

Local men were not afforded the luxury of large crews or even the most modern saws used for the ice. They used hand saws and worked together to get the large

blocks loaded onto a wagon, often one block per wagon, to take to storage.

In 1805, an American inventor named Oliver Evans designed the first refrigeration machine and the first "practical" refrigeration machine was built by Jacob Perkins in 1834. The problem with early refrigeration was the use of toxic gases like ammonia, methyl chloride and sulfur dioxide.

After several fatal accidents in the 1920s collaborative research led to the discovery of freon. Of course, time eventually exposed freon's particular dangers.

The introduction of refrigeration changed both the convenience of food storage and the variety of products available.

However, the need for bigger and better methods also led to a potentially dangerous risk to the environment than non-refrigerated food ever posed.

The concept of natural ice has its appeal, and the effort it took to get the ice made the appreciation for the cooled items that much greater.

Kristin Steele hired as executive director of Rangely's chamber

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Kristin Steele wanted to return to her hometown of Rangely after earning her bachelor of arts degree in mass communication at Colorado Mesa University in December, but she had no idea how it would happen.

"I always knew this was the place I wanted to be, but honestly, I was surprised to find a job here in my degree," Steele said. "It was crazy, but exciting."

In early February, Steele interviewed for and was offered the position of executive director of the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce.

The previously part-time directorship had been vacant since July, when former director Brooke Lohse moved into teaching and an initial search for a replacement failed to yield the right candidate, chamber board secretary

Lisa Piering said. Not long after that, the chamber board, the Town of Rangely and Rio Blanco County began discussions to fund a full-time director position. The director would not only help promote Rangely businesses and increase tourism, but also collaborate with the Meeker chamber and be a voice in Rio Blanco County economic development plans.

From July until Steele came on board as administrative assistant in January to help with mounting chamber of commerce duties, chamber board members filled the roles of board and director, keeping up on bookwork and trying to stay in touch with chamber members about what was next.

But without a director to oversee the day-to-day operations of the chamber and the organization's annual Crab

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A LITTLE HELP ...



While the snowmobilers were busy with the third annual "I Ride With James" Poker and Snowmobile Ride on Sunday, some folks took time out to go sledding, taking advantage of a steep slope on the opposite side from the Lost Creek Trailhead, about 31 miles up County Road 8. After a series of runs using her dish, Chad Shepherd of Meeker helped a tuckered Trista Sizemore of Meeker back up the hill. Approximately 200 persons either took part, volunteered to help or were spectators to the snowmobilers taking part in the ride, which benefited the James Sizemore Memorial Scholarships and Rio Blanco Search and Rescue.

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MACC set for second performing arts visit

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC), in cooperation with the ERBM Recreation and Parks District and Meeker High School, is sponsoring a performing arts drama outreach program with Professor Timothy Pinnow, the department chair of the Colorado Mesa University's theater arts department.

One seminar was held in Meeker on Feb. 8. Next, the Meeker High School Drama Club and International Thespian Society Troupe No. 1284 students as well as the Recreation District's Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group students will travel to Grand Junction on March 1 to participate in acting and musical arts production seminars, tour the Robinson Theater backstage production areas and meet the cast and crew members of the musical "Legally Blonde," which students will attend after the

tours and seminar.

The next student performing arts outreach experience will include a trip to Denver to see the Denver Center for the Performing Arts Temple Buell Theater production and other highlights, including the Denver Art Museum, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the IMAX theater and the Gates Planetarium.

Students will have an opportunity to join a Venturing Crew for high school students and an Explorer Club for middle school students specializing in performing arts as a part of the outreach experience.

Creative industries are the fifth largest economic development opportunity in Colorado and they offer performing arts and technical production educational opportunities for those students wishing to pursue performing and fine arts careers.

For more information, contact Laurie Zellers of MACC at 970-878-0554 or amick@colorado.edu

Sheriff's office offers \$5,000 scholarship within county

Special to the Herald Times

RBC 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.

Any legal permanent resident of Rio Blanco County enrolled in or applying to a vocational training program or institution of high learning in Colorado as full- or part-time stu-

dents is eligible to apply. There are no restrictions as to the course of study.

Completed application packets must be received at the sheriff's office by 5 p.m. on March 10.

For more information or to obtain applications, students should contact their high school counselors, the Colorado Northwest Community College office or Rio Blanco County Undersheriff Michael Joos.

Local applications will be reviewed by a local citizen committee appointed by Woodruff, and a selection will be made on the basis of criteria established by the CSOCf, including leadership, merit, character, involvement and career purpose.

10th annual Buy-Fly White Fish Tournament is March 15-16

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER The White River Community Association is hosting its 10th annual Buy-Fly White Fish Tournament on March 15 and 16, and organizers are seeking teams of interested fisher-folks to join fun.

The purpose of the tournament is three-fold: raise money for the sustainability of the historic Buford School; secure the white fish for the annual Community Fish Fry held in June each

year; and to provide a fun, competitive opportunity for the community.

There is a 12-team limit for this two-day event, and prizes are awarded to the first-, second- and third-place teams in addition to the high-point individual.

Teams consist of four persons and the entry fee is \$100 per person.

To sign up, contact tournament coordinator Jeanne Horne at 970-878-0663 or email jeanneh@jbarhoutfitters.com

MEEKER FCCLA GOES TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE ...



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Early on Feb. 18, members of the Meeker High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members loaded the bus for Western Colorado Community College in Gunnison for this year's FCCLA Winter District Conference. Fifteen students represented Meeker High School, taking over most of the conference. Students presented their STAR Events to FCCLA advisers, and, as the students presented, advisers critiqued and gave advice on how to better each one's presentation. The Meeker High School FCCLA chapter will travel to Denver in April for the State FCCLA Conference.

CUB SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY ...



COURTESY PHOTO

On Jan. 29, Cub Scout packs 189 and 191 of Rangely got together to try their talents at Pinewood Derby car racing. The races lasted more than an hour with each of the 23 boys running his car 16 times. At the end of it all, Keihlin Meyers won first place, Marstan Wagner was second and Andrew Slack placed third. Kevin Wren won the grand sportsmanship trophy.

Woolgrowers yearly meeting set March 7

Special to the Herald Times

RBC The Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association will hold its annual meeting on March 7 at Kilowatt Korner, beginning at 9 a.m. with the White River Trail LLC meeting, followed at 10 a.m. with general business.

Lunch will be served, but RSVPs must be turned in immediately to ensure there is enough food. The event is being catered by Holliday's.

Presentations will be given by the Colorado Woolgrowers, American Sheep Industry, Wildlife Services, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the Meeker Classic to follow lunch.

Angelo Theos is president of the local group, Tony Theos is vice president, Connie Theos is secretary/treasurer, Ila Sturgeon is chair of the 4-H awards Committee, Jeanne Jones is chair of the Scholarship Committee and Olga and Phil Jannus are joint chairs of the Rio Blanco County Fair Displays and public information.

Anyone interested in sheep or goats is invited and encouraged to attend. Whether you have sheep or goats now or did in the past or are planning to get into the business in the future, all are welcome.

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Justice Center meeting set

MEEKER In 2013, the Rio Blanco County commissioners launched the Justice Center Project with the objective of improving facilities that serve our citizens, county and district law enforcement, and improve efficiency of county services based in Meeker.

Public meetings are set for 6 p.m. on March 11 at the Weiss Conference Room on the Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely and at 6 p.m. on March 12 at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center at 200 Main in Meeker.

These meetings will collect public input on the justice center project as well as how it may affect the possible closure of Fifth Street in Meeker and the use of the old Meeker Elementary School.

RANGELY'S TALENT...



HEATHER ZADRA

Rangely seventh-grader Alexis Wiley sings 'Castle on a Cloud' from 'Les Miserables' during Rangely Junior-Senior High School's second annual talent show on Feb. 20. Wiley won the solo competition and was featured in Fiscus and Gravy's rendition of Joan Jett and the Blackhearts' 'I Love Rock and Roll,' which won the group competition. The event drew an audience that packed the school auditorium. Other winners in the solo competition included Mitchell Webber for a dubstep performance in second place and Andrew Morton for his piano performance of 'All of Me' for third. The Pi Guys, made up of James Scoggins, Brennan Noyes, Caleb Noel and Morton, performed the four-player 'Carmena' on the piano, netting second place in the group competition while Miekka Peck and Marlana Miller took third place with 'Cups.'



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Barone Middle School Principal Jim Hanks, Jacob Pelloni, Chris Bowers and Doak Mantle.



Chris Bowers and the sixth-grade class at Barone Middle School.

Speaker entertains and inspires students

Special to the Herald Times

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Meeker Elementary School's Vicky Tate put together this program with funding from White River Electric Association, Pioneer's Health Foundation and Rio Blanco County Abstract.

Bowers entertained the kids with a message about the value of being yourself, the power of inclusion and even if you can't control what happens, you can control how you respond.

Bowers kept the kids engaged and laughing for the 45-minute programs.

BLM seeks local input on Rio Blanco County fence

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER The Bureau of Land Management is asking for local public feedback regarding the proposed construction of five segments of a Herd Management Area (HMA) fence in Rio Blanco County.

The proposed fence would serve to improve management of wild horses within the Piceance-East Douglas HMA.

The 137-mile perimeter of the HMA is not adequately fenced and wild horses can leave the HMA. Wild horses leaving the HMA are at risk of vehicle collisions and pose concerns to natural resources on both public and private land.

The BLM is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for construction of these five fence segments. Public scoping began Monday and the BLM will accept feedback for 15 days regarding this proposed project. During scoping, the BLM is looking for feedback from the public regarding issues, impacts and potential alternatives that should be addressed in the EA.

This is the first opportunity for the public to be involved in this EA,

and the BLM plans for the preliminary EA to be available for public review and comment later this spring.

Specific information regarding the project is available online and at the White River Field Office, 220 E. Market St., Meeker, Colo., 81641. The plan is available online at www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html

Public comments regarding this proposal will be most helpful to the BLM if received by March 10. Written comments can be mailed to the White River Field Office, 220 E. Market Street, Meeker, Colo., 81641. Comments can also be submitted via email to mkindall@blm.gov.

Before including your address, phone number, email address or any other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made public available at any time. While individuals may request the BLM to withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

For more information, call Melissa Kindall, range technician, at 970-878-3842.

Tickets for Meeker Chamber dinner on Friday for sale

Special to the Herald Times

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

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

The awards to be given out include small business of the year, large business of the year, non-profit organization of the year, energy industry partner or outstanding citizen of the year.

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.

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.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

Name game not always easy; Olympics' end means more sleep

By SEAN McMAHON
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Names are important to us all. For all intents and purposes, our name is the only thing we can take with us wherever we go, whatever we do, and we strive to keep our identity.

I know as well as anyone how it feels when someone messes it up.

As a child outside of home, I was called "Sane," "Seen" or "See-an" and "Shane" or "See-on."

I would point out here that I am the oldest "Sean" I have ever met in the United States. The one person who made my name at least a household word was Sean Connery, who first used that name in the movie "Darby O'Gill and the Little People," a classic flick about leprechauns.

Sean Connery was born Tommy Connery, and I was already about 5 or 6 when that movie came out, placing me on earth before Mr. Connery adopted the name.

I have been fortunate enough to visit Ireland on many occasions and have now met many Seans, but I would challenge you to come up with friends named Sean, spelled that way, who are older than 60 and a native of the U.S.

But to make matters worse, I am the youngest of seven kids.

I was about 6 when I finally realized my name wasn't "Brian, Maureen, Sheila, Dennis, Jimmy, Kevin, Sean."

Whenever Dad wanted one of us, he would start with Brian and let fire with the litany of names until he got to the one he wanted.

Names were always a problem with my family, and sometimes it reached out and touched others not related.

There came a point when Dad called each one of us "Charlie" just to simplify the process. The funny thing was that we knew who he meant when he called out the name.

One incident comes to mind when the outside world was complicated by the process.

Sometime, when I was about 6 or 7, all of us males went to the Perkins-Shearer men's clothing store in Colorado Springs to get matching suits for a big family portrait.

Mr. O'Brien, who we all knew – but not well – for years, was an older, highly distinguished gentleman who took care of us. The only thing he was missing as an old-time haberdasher was that he didn't have an English accent.

Dad would look at Brian, the oldest, and say, "Charlie, why don't you go look over there."

He would look at Dennis and say, "Hey Charlie, go over to that rack and look around."

He'd grab me and say, "Come on Charlie, come with me."

This went on for hours as we each got a black and gold sports jacket, black pants and socks, black shoes and a light blue shirt.

"Charlie" was involved in every phase of this adventure, and by the time we were finished with the chore, poor old Mr. O'Brien was thoroughly confused.

In trying on various articles of clothing, Mr. O'Brien would call to any one of us as "Charlie," and each one of us reacted without even an eye glance. If the address wasn't coming from Dad, it might as well have been falling on deaf ears.

Finally, when we were done with this expedition, Mr. O'Brien yelled across the men's store toward Dad, "Well, Charlie, I think we are done." Dad didn't even flinch. The attempt for contact had failed miserably.

But all of us kids heard it, so that began the custom for all of us kids to call Dad "Charlie," a practice that continued until his death at the age of 82.

A couple years after graduation from high school in Boulder, the five boys joined funds and bought a ranch in the mountains near Terryall

Reservoir in Park County. When he retired, we hired Dad as foreman of the ranch, and the first thing he did was acquire a collie he named Charlie.

We had a very large family reunion at the ranch in about 1978, when all the siblings, their husbands and wives and children were in attendance.

There were at least nine Charlies there, including the seven kids, Dad and his collie.

It made for some interesting communications issues – because all of Dad's grandchildren thought it was funny to try and call each one of us "Charlie." It was really a mess at times, but we coped.

About a decade later, a rift developed in my relationship with my Dad, and that rift lasted pretty close to 15 years. Finally, Dad and I buried the hatchet and made up, and we finished up his life on good terms.

But one of the things that slowed down the progress was that when I was living in Eureka Springs, Ark., my Dad found out I had a pet skunk named Charlie.

I can safely say that Charlie was the best pet I ever had. When I got him, he was 10 days old and had already been de-scented. I was having to feed him milk and he was about the size of a large mouse. He was a great pet for the years I had him, growing from about four ounces to a fat 24 pounds.

We would go for walks downtown in the tourist town of Eureka Springs, and folks would stop us about every 20 feet to take our picture. He was a great pet.

It took Dad quite a few years to realize the humor in the name, and he would bring it up often until his death. But secretly, I think he was kind of proud that I had named my



buddy after him.

So, yes, I appreciate one's name and I know it is important to each and every one.

One of the things I heard early in the journalism field was the idiom that the print medium can "Say anything you want about me, but spell my name right."

That is my intent.

I would love to say it won't ever happen again, but reality is, it probably will.

But know that it bothers me as much as it bothers the person who was mis-named. Let me know and I will correct it in the newspaper soon as possible.

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I must admit, I am happy the Olympic games in Sochi have concluded.

Certainly I enjoyed watching the games and the world's top athletes do their best, but my problem with them was having to stay up until midnight to watch the last and lesser events of the day.

I stated last week that I have a personal tie to the Olympic movement with my Dad president of the Denver Olympic Committee, which won the 1976 Olympics for Colorado before voters turned back the issue.

But when you have to get up at 6 a.m. and the late-night broadcast for some night was not over until 12:30 a.m., it was tough to keep up that pace with a lack of sleep.

Now I can get a bit more normal sleep at night and, almost as important, get back to my favorite shows, some of which I have missed; some of which I found out I didn't miss.

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Speaking of the Olympics, I asked readers to let me know now, 38 years later, if Colorado, in retrospect, should have gone ahead and

hosted the 1976 games.

Those who contacted me voted 7-2 that yes, Colorado should have hosted the games.

The reasons were just the same now as they were those many years ago.

While more said they favored having held the games than were against it, supporters pointed to the money that would have flowed into Colorado and the improved highways and infrastructure through the mountains.

Those who said they agreed with the vote to not hold the Olympics each mentioned the environment as their concerns. They objected to longer and wider roads through the mountains and the infrastructure that

would have been needed in many of Colorado's small towns.

The comments ranged from "The smartest thing Colorado could have ever done" to "The stupidest thing Colorado could have ever done."

Did this brief survey solve anything or prove anything? Nope! Not at all.

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Congratulations to all the wrestlers who competed last weekend at the state high school wrestling tournament in Denver.

Your town and your school officials and fellow students are all proud of the hard work and effort you put in, regardless of where you finished at the tournament.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

High school principal explains about degree

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to the Meeker community:

First, I feel I must share my thanks for the welcome and support my family and I received since we arrived in Meeker. We have fallen in love with the area and the people. I was astounded by the help offered to us to find a home, move in and get to work. The past seven months have flown by. Thank you, Meeker, for such a warm welcome.

Secondly, I would like to take a moment and clear the air and would like the opportunity to share with you, as I did with the Meeker Schools Superintendent, Board of Education and several staff members. These folks knew this information as I was being hired and settling in to support our students and community.

I was under the impression that I was allowed to use the term "doctor" after my final defense of dissertation in April 2013. The dissertation com-

mittee welcomed me upon passage of my final defense as "Congratulations, Dr. Ibach!" so I believed this was acceptable.

I recently had a few conversations with Peppering University officials, including the dean of the college of education and psychology, the head of my program and the chair of my committee and have since learned that calling me "Dr. Ibach" or my use of the title was "a most unfortunate misunderstanding."

Since then, I have removed the title from the few places I used it and will wait for completion of my program to post. So you know, to complete the program, all I have left to do is receive approval regarding appropriate use of APA style, which is how the paper is formatted so that it may be published. That approval can come this week or in the next four weeks.

The superintendent, school board, staff and almost a dozen parents of MHS students are aware of my

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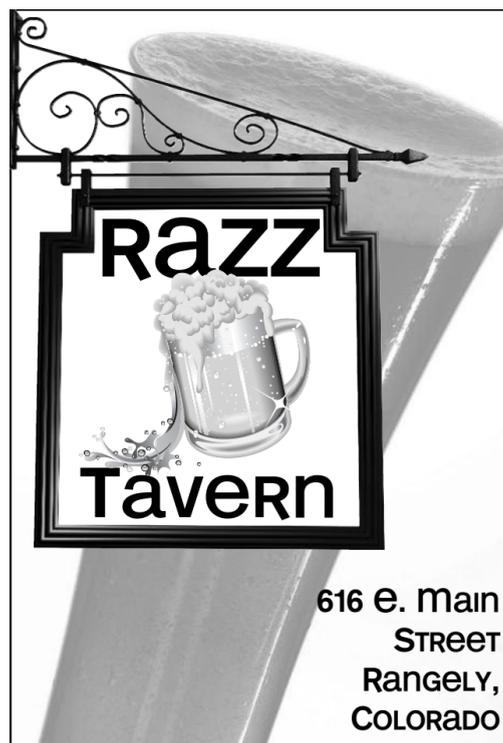
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progress. Since the day I interviewed, I have kept my employer abreast of my progress.

There are those who feel I have misrepresented myself. I have trouble with this as I have always been very open about my graduate studies and have nothing to gain otherwise.

There was never a requirement of holding a doctorate to apply or accept the position of principal at MHS. Not that I have ever seen a salary schedule, my rate of pay is not tied to having a doctorate.

After the Meeker School Board unanimously approved of my hire, the superintendent let me know what Meeker could afford and I accepted in regards to salary.

Regarding my work output and expertise, I hope the community has begun to see positive change as result of work contributed to Meeker High School and the greater Meeker School District, regardless. I feel this is true since the past few weeks folks have stopped me in the grocery store, post office and followed me into my driveway to thank me and ask me to hang in there.

Students, other than my own children, use my office as an extension of their own living space. We celebrate success and problem-solve through challenges. A large majority of the staff members have individually come to me with support in light of this unfortunate "misunderstanding."

The most positive aspect these staff members share is the point of wanting to focus on the academic growth and achievement of our students. I happen to agree.

If you know me, titles are more of a formality and not something I live by or enforce. Most students call me by many names, including Ms. Ibach, Principal Ibach and Momma I. The last one is my favorite! You can call me what you wish as there are

still quite a few people who want to call me "Dr. Ibach" as that is how they think of me and nothing else seems right to them.

Final item: As I moved my family into Meeker, the townspeople who approached me spoke of wanting Meeker High to be like it was in the golden days — the best! I agree. Settling for only one-third of our students being proficient in Algebra I is not in my language. Continuing a flatlined, 5-year ACT average around 18 or 19 points when other similar schools are reaching averages of 24 and 26 is not OK in my book.

My full intention is to support staff and serve our young adults so they may reach their highest potential. Our kids are not only competing with other children from Colorado or these United States, they are competing against millions of young students across the globe.

So I have one request of you, if I may. If you wish to speak further of this or any other MHS issue, I encourage you to give me a call. If you prefer to meet at the high school or the coffee shop (during non-school hours), I will oblige. My door is open, but by the end of the conversation, I hope we are focused on helping Meeker High School to be the best, most sought-out high school in the state.

Again, many thanks for the support and care for our kids

Kim Ibach
Principal
Meeker High School
Meeker

Thanks for quick fire response

Dear Editor:

We want to thank the individuals from the Rio Blanco Sheriff's Office, the Emergency Medical Service, White River Electric

Association and Meeker Fire Department, all of which responded so quickly to our house fire early on Valentine's Day.

Because of your fast response and professionalism, we were able to save most of the contents of our home.

We are dealing with insurance adjusters and restoration companies from outside the area and have received numerous positive comments about the great job you did!

Thanks also to our many neighbors, relatives and friends who offered and continue to provide support and assistance to us in so many ways as we deal with this traumatic experience.

We couldn't make it without you!
Darold and Solveig Noy
Meeker

Snowmobiler tickets called callous

Dear Editor:

On Feb. 16, I had the privilege of attending the fund-raising third annual "I Ride with James" Snowmobile and Poker Run.

I am so proud of the Sizemore family. They have turned the tragic loss of their son into something positive for our area by bringing avalanche awareness to a forefront. They have also been able to raise money for equipment needed by search and rescue to assist in helping others.

They have taken on this mission with passion, jumping throughout hoops with the U.S. Forest Service to obtain all permits needed and also insurance even though they met with some resistance at our local office in the beginning.

I was pleasantly surprised when I looked up that Sunday to see two USFS personnel in their freshly laundered, green "pickle suits." I thought they were there to show their support and good will.

But, no! They were there to write tickets to snowmobilers without current registrations.

I was pleased that the 6-year-old on a Kitty Kat snowmobile was not ticketed! Many riders and residents of the area stated that they rarely see USFS personnel up there and never on snowmobiles.

As they say, Karma's a bitch. They rode up on the trail, a trail groomed by 12 people earlier in the week and a trail more than 135 participants would eventually ride, and they got lost and stuck! They rode newer fancy machines and had all the latest gear our tax dollars could buy, but they lacked the riding skills necessary. They ultimately compromised the safety and welfare of other riders as well as themselves. They needed to be rescued, and even as their sleds were being dug out by other riders, the female officer was trying to check registrations.

We have a wonderful search and rescue group and a great Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office available whenever needed. Has anyone from the USFS ever showed up to help? Not that I am aware of.

I know firsthand that this is not the first time USFS personnel have been lost while on the job. It was, however, the most callous, underhanded act by a person in a position of power at a charity event that I have ever seen.

Denise Pearce
Meeker

Theos on saving the elementary school

Dear Editor:

On Feb. 22, in a conversation about saving the old Meeker Elementary School with Ila Sturgeon, Bev Steinman, who wants to save the school, said, "I feel helpless."

From that statement I clearly saw that what I have been perceiving as apathy among residents of the county was wrong. People are not apathetic. They feel helpless when trying to deal with their elected officials.

Think about that. Helpless. To get to that point, people in our county have watched projects in which they had no faith go forward, some at great financial cost to taxpayers based on the superior attitude of elected officials who continue to ignore the wisdom of the public.

A case in point: I began my quest to help save the historic 1939 school, never really doubting what I had been told on more than one occasion by our elected officials regarding the mandate that we have a new jail and new court.

As a part of this process I read the school EPA asbestos study and the structural engineering study that were commissioned by the Town of Meeker. I worked with Patrick Eidman of History Colorado to draft the grant application for an historic architectural assessment grant for the school that was submitted to the commissioners and only required a designation of a grant supervisor and an official signature to be submitted. Nothing came of this, not even a comment.

Representatives of History Colorado came to Meeker and toured

the entire school as well as downtown Meeker (approving the nomination of downtown Meeker as a National Historic District). History Colorado gave both a thumbs-up for historic designation. All the county and the town have to do is officially apply.

Our old school is one of the top five buildings in Colorado deemed valuable and high priority for historic preservation and for repurposing for the economic benefit of the community and the state through heritage and agritourism.

I've become well versed in heritage tourism, a fast-growing industry in Colorado, and I can assure everyone that this county has history that converts to profitable heritage tourism, and our school as the flagship historic building of the downtown area is a big part of that history.

Back in May/June 2013, as part of my continued research into this plan for the county, I requested information regarding the justice center

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Thurs. March 6 - Spaghetti, Salad, Breadstick, Peaches

Fri. March 7 - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Veggies, Pudding

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School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF MARCH 3-6, 2014

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Tues. March 4 - Taco, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

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Our Omnipresent God (1)

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

WHITHER shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? . . . (Ps. 139:7-12). An ungodly philosopher once asked a Christian, "Where is God?" The Christian's wise reply was: "Let me first ask you, Where is He not?" There is one other "omni" concerning God's absolute, unchanging character: *omnipresence*. It declares the incomprehensible truth that God is present everywhere, and there is no place in the universe where He is not. He is present everywhere not in the physical or bodily sense (as the pantheist believes), rather in the spiritual sense. As theologian and Bible teacher William Evans wrote, "God is everywhere and in every place; His center is everywhere; His circumference nowhere."

Psalm 139 is a thoroughly theological psalm. Verses 1-6 speak of God's *omniscience*, and verses 13-18 speaks of God's *omnipotence*. But right in the middle of the passage are the words concerning God's *omnipresence* (vv. 7-12). Is this order of presentation significant? Indeed it is. On the one side there is God's complete knowledge of all history and all men. On the other side there is God's complete power over all He knows. But right in the middle is God's ever-presentness, which makes His knowledge and power personal to His creation. So, the "natural attribute" that actually makes God a personal God is His omnipresence.

David, therefore, asks rhetorically: "Where can I go that You are not there?" It is not that he is trying to get away from God, rather he merely proclaims that God's presence is, in fact, inescapable. While many do try to escape God, even denying His existence (as we have noted in a previous installment), their efforts are folly. **Presence** (*pāniym*) literally means "face" so figuratively refers to one's presence, even their whole being (Ex. 33:14-15). So, where is God present? Everywhere.

First, He is present regardless of our location. Whether **I ascend up into heaven**, David says, or **make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there** (v. 8) **Heaven** is *šamayim*, which is plural. Scripture, in fact, indicates at least a four-fold "heaven": (1) There is the lower sky, that is, where the birds fly (Gen. 1:20). (2) There is the upper sky, from whence come clouds (1 Kings 18:45), rain (Gen. 8:2; Is. 55:10), snow (Is. 55:10), and hail (Josh. 10:11). (3) There is "outer space," where the sun, moon, and stars are (Gen. 1:14; Ps. 104:2 cf. 15:5). (4) There is the heaven that is the dwelling place of God (Ps. 2:4; Deut. 4:39; cf. 10:14; 26:15). Further, **hell** (*she'öl*) can refer to a pit but usually means death or the grave.

So, whether we are ascending Mt. Everest, flying in an airplane, standing on the moon, exploring a cave, or buried in the grave, God is there. He is in every place simultaneously, but His essence is not diminished in any location. God cannot "spread Himself too thin."

Scriptures for Study: Read Psalm 139. What strikes you the most profoundly in this wonderfully theological psalm?

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and what the county had been given by the original architects. I finally got a copy of the 2013 Archetype Report from the commissioners after waiting for about six months.

After reading this report, I requested from the county additional information to which the report referred, like drawings and costs, that had been given to the county in the past, to no avail. Despite the fact that it is public information, I was told that I needed to file a formal "open records act request" for anything having to do with the justice center project.

Not knowing exactly what the documents were titled would have given a no results response, so we contacted Archetype and they sent copies of all of their reports, which are public documents, from 2005 through 2013.

When I read this information, I was really confused. Every report said a new two-story justice center built on the courthouse square directly behind the courthouse was the least expensive of any other site.

In 2005, the Archetype cost estimate for design, implementation and construction of this two-story facility behind the courthouse (first floor for jail, law enforcement and communications center and second floor for court, court offices, judges and district attorney offices), remodeling all three floors of the existing courthouse, put-

ting in geothermal HVAC and much more was \$6,742,400.00.

If that figure were doubled today, it is still well below the \$15 million the commissioners have set aside for this project.

The current plan proposed by the new architects in cooperation with county employees and elected officials to be built on the school site, closing Fifth Street from Main to Park and building a gazebo for which we are supposed to be excited, has been reported at workshop sessions as being well above the \$15 million that has been set aside. And that does not include the courthouse remodeling costs.

Even though I now understand there is no mandate to build a new justice center, I'm not saying no to the entire thing, I'm just saying no to spending money we don't have.

The county's answer will be to get a DOLA grant to cover the excess, but we would still have to have the 50 percent match.

We are all aware the assessed valuations for property tax are falling, and, thus, revenue from energy corporation assessments, which pay for more than 83 percent of property taxes in Rio Blanco County, are dropping. Energy companies are cutting back and moving out. Who will be left holding the bag for this spending if the assessments drop? You guessed it. We, the helpless taxpayers.

All of us need to quit feeling help-

less. 1) We have to ask why "they" tell us if we don't build this center the state will come in and tell the county what to do at much greater cost? We were grandfathered in. No. 2) We have to ask, when, where and why the commissioners decided to spend more of our tax dollars to build this jail/court on the school site as opposed to the less expensive courthouse square site? Where are the minutes of the meeting where this was decided and when was it decided? 3) We have to ask why, when the county planning commission policy, approved by the commissioners, is to protect historic buildings and sites in the county, are they choosing to destroy the largest, high-profile historic building located right in the middle of the historic downtown area?

No one should feel helpless. The folks in Pueblo and Colorado Springs who were successful in their recall campaigns over gun control, said "No more; you were elected to represent your constituents not yourselves," and it worked.

Get yourselves to one or both of the public meetings the commissioners have promised to hold; one in Rangely and one in Meeker, reportedly on March 11 and 12. Watch the Herald Times and/or check the county website for exact dates, times and locations. Pull yourself up by your bootstraps and say "No more."

Connie Theos
Meeker

GUEST EDITORIAL

BLM eyes grassroots effort to close off Western Colorado to drilling

By KRISTA LANGLOIS
High Country News
Special to the Herald Times

COLORADO I Mark Waltermire squints in the winter sunlight, craning his neck to take in the view from his vegetable farm in Hotchkiss, Colo. He jabs his finger toward a mesa: "There," he says. "And up in there."

Palm to the sky, he makes a sweeping gesture, encompassing the flat-bottomed valley, the staggered mesas; the patchwork of ranches and farms, houses and towns, public and private land, all dead grass and mud after a midwinter thaw.

Waltermire is showing me a handful of the 30,000 acres that the Bureau of Land Management planned to auction off to oil and gas companies here in western Colorado's North Fork Valley in 2012.

He represents the Valley Organic Growers Association in a larger group that opposed the leases and has thus far been successful in convincing the BLM to defer drilling permits. Not only that, but for the first time in recent history, the BLM has voluntarily agreed to consider a proposal written by residents of a small, rural community as a viable alternative to a regional resource management plan.

Near Paonia, Colo., farms, orchards and vineyards have diversified the local economy in recent decades.

Like many of Colorado's public land offices, the Uncompahgre BLM — which oversees 3.1 million acres of western Colorado, including those surrounding the North Fork towns of Paonia, Hotchkiss and Crawford — hasn't rewritten its resource management plan in decades.

Resource plans guide all aspects

of land and mineral management, and updating them is expensive and time-consuming, says state BLM spokesman Steven Hall. For a while, the attitude was "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

But as Colorado's energy boom took hold over the last decade, drawing more oil and gas companies to public lands, it became clear that policies written in the 1980s are ill-equipped to govern today's landscape of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing. New technologies have brought drilling to places that land planners of yore never anticipated.

Over the last six years, Colorado has been on "an ambitious planning spree; 70 percent of its 8.3 million acres of BLM lands have been or are in the process of having their resource management plans rewritten, Hall says.

"It's been a tremendous workload for the BLM and for advocacy groups that follow these (issues)," he said.

The changes rarely come easily. In Grand Junction to the north and Tres Rios to the south, roadless wilderness proponents and motorized users have been sparring for years over new transportation guidelines included in the plans, and oil and gas leases have proven equally controversial. Middle ground has been hard to find.

Here in the North Fork, the Uncompahgre BLM was already in the midst of updating its 1989 resource management plan when the first oil and gas leases were proposed. There was some support for drilling.

"If it's not in my backyard, whose is it gonna be in?" one resident asked. But others were horrified to learn that the parcels abutted schools, irrigation ditches and municipal water supplies.

They hoped the revised resource

management plan would, as High County News Editor Sarah Gilman wrote, "take into account major advances in drilling technology as well as changes to the local area's economy, demographics and environment, in ways the (old) plan and a smaller-scale environmental study covering the leasing proposal (could) not. That, in turn, would ideally mean a clearer balance struck between energy development and other interests."

But early drafts didn't satisfy residents' fracking-related concerns. So they wrote their own, which was a 103-page alternative that would affect only a fraction of the overall Uncompahgre plan.

Its main focus is to keep drilling far from schools, communities and watersheds, and help preserve the rural character of a place where organic farms and vineyards now supplement an economy once based mostly on coal mining and ranching.

Surprisingly, in December, the BLM agreed to include the "North Fork Alternative" in its next resource management draft, to be released this summer. That'll be followed by a 90-day comment period and then, barring litigation, a final plan. For many locals, the process has thus far been a huge success.

"What's happening in the North Fork is somewhat historic," says Pete Kolbenschlag, a Paonia-based environmental consultant who worked on the plan.

An Uncompahgre BLM representative was reluctant to discuss with me the agency's reasons for including the North Fork Alternative, but Kolbenschlag and others speculate that it may have stemmed from a legal

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Udall seeks interns for D.C., state offices

RBC Mark Udall's regional offices throughout Colorado and in Washington, D.C., are accepting internship applications from undergraduate students and recent graduates for the summer.

The internship program offers students the opportunity for public service and to learn hands-on about constituent services and the legislative process.

The deadline to apply is March 1 for the Washington, D.C., office and April 15 for Colorado offices. Those who are interested can apply at markudall.senate.gov/students.

If you have any questions regarding the internship program, please email COInternships@markudall.senate.gov for the state program and DCInternships@markudall.senate.gov for the D.C. program.

Notice of Republican Caucus Locations

Republican Party caucuses will be held in the following locations in Rio Blanco County on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 7:00pm for the election of committee people and delegates to the Republican county assembly:

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CPW offers three youth turkey hunts this year

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colorado Parks and Wildlife is offering three young hunters a chance to win a mentored spring turkey hunt on private land near Meeker on April 12 and 13.

The hunt is made possible with the help and support of local landowners in partnership with state wildlife managers. As part of the agency's Hunter Outreach Program, the opportunity is a continuing effort to instill an interest and respect for wildlife, the outdoors and the traditions of hunting in Colorado's youth.

"Many of the kids who have participated in these hunts have gone on to become responsible sportsmen and women," said Bailey Franklin, hunt organizer and district wildlife manager in Meeker. "It's a fun, educational experience and we encourage all aspiring hunters to apply for this chance at a rare, private land turkey hunt."

Applicants 18 and under who possess a valid hunter safety card must send a letter of interest post-marked by March 31, 2014 to: DWM Bailey Franklin, P.O. Box 1181, Meeker, Colo., 81641.

The letter should indicate an interest in the hunt and include the

youth's name, address and hunter education card number. It must also include a phone number for the applicant's parent or guardian.

In addition, each letter must include an essay of 500 words or less about hunting and why the applicant should be selected. The essay must be written by the applicant and in their own words.

All youth hunters are encouraged to apply; however, those who have little or no experience will be given priority over experienced hunters.

The applicant's interest in hunting, limited experience and desire to learn are suggested topics for the required essay.

The three winning participants will be notified by April 4. They must also be able to attend a pre-hunt orientation at Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Meeker office on April 11 from 3 to 5 p.m., accompanied by a parent, guardian or mentor.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife will provide shotguns, ammunition, blinds and calls. Selected hunters must provide their own camouflage clothing, lodging and food.

For more information, call the CPW office in Meeker at 970-878-6090.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ...



SEAN MCMAHON

The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce presented three major awards on Feb. 8 during its annual Crab Crack on the Colorado Northwest Community College campus. Emcee John Whipple, right, the outdoor leadership coordinator and challenge course manager at CNCC, presented the chamber's Community Service Award to Beth Robinson Wiley.

BLM: Areas to be restricted

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battle that unfolded 100 miles to the north, on the biologically rich Roan Plateau.

There, the BLM approved a plan allowing oil and natural gas development without including a proposal written by conservationists and Garfield County citizens that would have limited drilling to the plateau's edges.

In 2012, a U.S. district judge ruled that BLM was wrong and needed to reconsider.

Mount Lamborn and BLM land outside Paonia, Colo., oil and gas leases in the area have been deferred indefinitely.

Though it was a forced victory,

some western Colorado environmentalists are hopeful that it may nonetheless be indicative of an agency that's becoming more willing to balance community values, conservation and recreation with mineral extraction.

Mark Waltermire is skeptical, but he's nonetheless happy that, for now, at least, his view from Thistle Whistle farm will remain much the same and his high-end customers in Boulder will continue to want his produce, untainted by fracking.

"My markets depend on the reputation of my food," he says. "I just can't see the future of this valley being in extractive industries."

Krista Langlois is an editorial fellow at High Country News. She tweets @KristaLanglois2.

Guided sage grouse mating tours offered

Special to the Herald Times

CRAIG I Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Conservation Colorado, along with Rocky Mountain Wild, The Wilderness Society and Friends of Northwest Colorado, are offering the an opportunity to get a unique close-up of mating greater sage grouse during several guided viewing tours in northwest Colorado, March 28 through April 13.

Anyone interested in a front-row seat to watch one of the most interesting and visual mating rituals in the animal kingdom are encouraged to sign up soon as possible for the guid-

ed tour. Space is limited and reservations are required.

For dates, times, information and to reserve your spot, visit conservationco.org and click on sage grouse tours. "These tours provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view greater sage-grouse performing their mating dance in northwest Colorado," said Watchable Wildlife coordinator Trina Romero of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "If you are interested in observing the ritual up close in a comfortable environment and without disturbing the birds, I strongly encourage you to sign up for the tour."

Romero adds that it is often diffi-

cult to ethically observe lekking birds without guidance. She recommends the tour as a responsible way to view sage grouse when they are especially vulnerable to disturbance. For thousands of years, sage grouse have returned to their traditional breeding grounds — called leks — to perform a dramatic and complex dance as they compete for mates.

Watching male sage grouse spread their spiked tail feathers and pop their large air sacs is a visual treat for bird watchers or any wildlife enthusiast. Hundreds from across the world visit Colorado every year to observe the mating display in person.

"Everyone is welcome, however we encourage those that may not be avid bird watchers to take advantage of this opportunity," Romero said. "It's a unique experience and is one that you will remember for a lifetime."

Colorado Parks and Wildlife provides a viewing trailer for the guided tour so people can sit inside and not disturb the grouse on the lek.

The public is reminded that the locations are remote and primitive. Parents with young children or anyone with special needs are asked to inquire about accommodations by contacting Sasha Nelson at sasha@conservationco.org.

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MACC meets Monday

MEEKER The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Meeker United Methodist Church's Elbert Hall.

A major project for 2014 includes requesting designation of Meeker as a creative district from Colorado Creative Industries, a division of the Colorado State Office of Economic Development. Creative Districts are eligible for grants and substantial promotion and publicity for local areas through heritage and agri-tourism, which are top economic development engines in Colorado.

Youth, adults and seniors are welcome and invited to participate and help plan exciting performing and fine arts activities such as dinner theaters, performing arts outreach seminars, support of school and ERBM Recreation and Parks District drama programs, community events, program planning and much more.



John Voehl of Littleton gave performances on Feb. 18 and 19 at Meeker High School and at Meeker Elementary School during his stay in Meeker. For the second year in a row, Voehl's adaptation of Abraham Lincoln enthralled those who saw him, courtesy of the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council and the Rio Blanco County Historical Society. Above, Voehl can be seen among the fifth-grade students at the elementary school.

Honest Abe on freeing the slaves

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Students of Kristen Henderson's and Pat Ibach's fifth-grade classes at Meeker Elementary School, as well as Barone Middle School and Meeker High School stu-

dents were delighted by John Voehl's portrayal of Abraham Lincoln, one of America's greatest presidents, on Feb. 19.

Voehl also presented a community show the night before at Meeker High School. The appearances were sponsored by the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC) and Nancy Sturgeon of the Meeker Hotel and the Rio Blanco County Historical Society (RBCHS) sponsored the presentation.

Grant funding for the events was-

generously provided by the White River Electric Association and the Meeker Lions Club as well as private donors.

Those who may have seen Steven Spielberg's film "Lincoln," which received the Academy Award for Best Actor (Daniel Day Lewis) were especially appreciative of this live performance as Voehl emphasized the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed the slaves, in his theme to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the signing of that document and of Lincoln's presidency.

The fifth-grade students will be impersonating their own famous person for their Annual Night at the MES Museum, scheduled for April 10.

Voehl's presentation to them included some extra time spent on training to "become" the famous person they have been studying.

Henderson and Ibach agree the opportunity was unsurpassed for the students.

OBITUARIES

Davie Dean Robertson

Sept. 27, 1931 ~ Feb. 11, 2014



Davie Robertson

Rio Blanco County Planning Commission, serving for eight years, most of that time as chairman. He was on the board of directors of the Douglas Creek Soil Conservation

District and was instrumental in helping establish the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center at Meeker. He served on the board of directors of the Rifle Production Credit Association until its reorganization in 1985. He belonged to the Rio Blanco County Cattlemen's Association, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, The National Cattlemen's Association, R-Calf and the Society to Range Management.

Dave and his family were honored in 1987 as Colorado Hereford Breeder of the Year by the Colorado Hereford Association.

Dave is survived: his wife, Cheryl; two sons, Scott (Mikki) Robertson and Owen (Michelle) Robertson of Rangely; one daughter, Karen (Troy) Latham of Mack, Colo.; six grandchildren, Mandi Hirsch, Tyler Robertson, Rayna Robertson, Afton Robertson, Aren Robertson, and Kersi Latham; one brother, Steve (Judy) Robertson of Greeley, Co.; three sisters, Betty Kaufman of Littleton, Colo., Della (Don) Kuntson of Genoa, Colo., and Janie VanDerSchouw of Leadville, Colo.; and sister-in-law, Carol Robertson of Agate, Colo.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Rangely. Viewing was held from 9:30 a.m. until the service. Burial was held in Rangely Cemetery with military honors. Services have been entrusted to Blackburn Meeker, Rangely and Vernal Mortuaries.

Contributions in Dave's name may be made to a memorial fund at the First National Bank of the Rockies for T-Cell lymphoma cancer research.

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Free insurance help is now available

MEEKER Free health insurance help is available in Meeker over the next two weeks through the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services, representing Connect for Health Colorado.

Meeker will host an open enrollment event from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday Feb. 26 as a Connect for Health Colorado insurance options marketplace.

The Meeker events will be held at the Meeker Public Library. Persons are asked to bring a laptop computer if one is accessible; otherwise, one will be provided. Attendees are asked to make sure to have Social Security numbers for all members in your household, current insurance policy information and a household income estimate for 2014.

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Democrats to meet March 7

RBC The Rio Blanco County Democratic caucuses will be held March 4 at 7 p.m. in Rangely and Meeker.

For precincts 1 and 2, the caucuses will be held at the Rangely Public Library at 109 E. Main St.

For precincts 3, 4 and 5, the caucuses will be held at the Meeker Public Library, 490 Main St.

Time is now to sign up for 4-H clubs

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The 4-H clubs in Rio Blanco County are set to start soon, and now is the perfect time to enroll, one official said Friday.

4-H is a community of young people learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-Hers say they are better decision makers, problem solvers, public speakers and record keepers because of 4-H. They also credit 4-H with helping them develop leadership skills and commitment to their communities. In short, 4-H builds life skills.

Rio Blanco County 4-H has a

project area for everyone. There are projects for those with a wide variety of interests, including livestock judging, ducks, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, goats, sheep, swine, dog obedience, horse veterinary science and horseless horse.

Not into raising animals? In that case, there are projects in gardening, model rocketry, robotics, bicycle outdoor adventures, wildlife junior officer club, sport fishing, shooting sports (.22s, archery, traditional archery and shotgun), leather-craft, singing, scrapbook making, photography and visual arts.

There are more programs in

cooking, cake decorating, clothing construction (sewing), macrame, crochet, Cloverbuds for kids 5 to 8 years old, awesome council activities, district, state and national conventions, camps and fund trips year around.

All 4-H projects are open to youth 8 years old as of Jan. 1, 2014, and Cloverbuds is a non-competitive program for children 5 to 8 years old.

Interested youth can enroll online at "Colorado.4honline.com" and follow the easy step-by-step process, then come down to the either CSU Extension Office to pay the enrollment fee of \$25. All general project members who complete their 4-H

projects will be awarded a completion check at the year-end achievement banquet.

For more information, contact your local extension office: in Meeker at the county fairgrounds or call 878-9490; in Rangely, the Extension office is located in the Rio Blanco Western Annex, 17497 Highway 64 in Rangely or call 848-9495.

Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Rio Blanco County cooperating. Cooperative Extension Service programs are available to all without discrimination.

JUSTICE: meetings set

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Why does Rio Blanco County need major upgrades to the courthouse and county service offices?

The courthouse was built in 1935 and has had minimal improvements since. Unfortunately, the building is experiencing infrastructure failure and repairs must be made to allow for complete building functionality and safety.

The current law enforcement facilities, courtroom and detention center do not meet requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act and are not in compliance with existing state regulations. Equally important is the need to improve safety throughout — safety for area residents, county employees and detainees.

Has public comment been incorporated into the plans for the center?

Yes. There were several significant concerns and/or suggestions made by community members that have been considered in the development. The county has set its sights to, where feasible, preserve the historical value of the old elementary school.

The four key criteria identified by the commissioners concerning project design take into consideration the historical value of this building and explore the possible repurposing of the old Meeker Elementary School building. Currently, one draft conceptual design includes incorporating the 1939 WPA section of the old school into the facility design.

The county also could use the old elementary school for economic development purposes and recruit a

business to fill it. The commissioners are committed to economic development with the mission of increasing primary jobs throughout the county. They feel the most effective way to address economic development is to dedicate a staff position to develop a strategic approach to furthering community development, expanding sustainable business opportunities and bringing job creation to the county.

Having foot traffic in the downtown is important. The commissioners have directed the architect to develop not just a building, but to create an environment capable of hosting community gatherings and events conducive to creating increased opportunities for foot traffic.

Why does the courthouse have to be in Meeker?

By state statute, Meeker is designated as the county seat. Changing the county seat designation and relocating courts, law enforcement offices and the detention center to Rangely would require a costly and time-consuming legal process.

It is also important that the building "fits" Meeker and not be an overbuilt "Taj Mahal." Reilly Johnson has been instructed to design a building that is functional and fits with the existing character of the downtown buildings and their style, thus, adding to the overall aesthetic appeal of the downtown square.

The commissioners also will be considerate of taxpayer money and make the project affordable. The commissioners are able to fund this project through existing revenues as a result of years of conservative budgeting.

STEELE: Rangely chamber to become more full-service

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Crack fundraiser event looming in early February, the board needed help and hired Steele to help fill the gaps. She had just completed a month-long internship at the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce where, she said, she didn't get a lot of hands-on experience but came to better understand a chamber's role in promoting and supporting local business.

Following interviews for the director position, Piering said Steele had other traits that fit the chamber's needs.

"Kristin was born and raised here and is very familiar with the dynamics of Rangely," Piering said. "She has a lot of contacts in the schools and in the community and ... has experience in running things even though she's very young and still learning."

"She also puts herself out there, so she's not the type of person who is shy," she said. "She already has ideas about trying to add value to what the

chamber has to offer."

For one, Steele sees a need to organize more community events, whether chamber-driven or in cooperation with other entities like the park and recreation district.

She's also looking forward to collaborating with the Meeker Chamber of Commerce and its executive director, Stephanie Kobald.

"We've always been divided communities and we should be working together," Steele said. "I don't think everything has to be separate. I'm looking forward to working with Stephanie (Kobald) more."

New Rio Blanco County Economic Development Director Katelin Cook said that partnering with both chambers will be essential to the success of the county's development measures.

Steele's and Kobald's membership on the newly formed economic development advisory board will also allow Cook and the Rio Blanco County commissioners to "Keep the voice of

business in a government-run program."

"A lot of what we have going on is hinging on collaborative relationships with those two ladies," Cook said. "I think Kristin is going to be a great fit for Rangely. She has so much energy and has some really cool ideas."

Steele also hopes to improve the chamber's communication with local businesses and the community by soliciting feedback about their needs and offering training workshops on topics chamber members request.

In coming months, she and the board plan to revamp the current chamber membership system, an idea Piering said the board has been open to for some time but hasn't had the staff to create or implement.

Right now, the annual fee a business owner pays depends on the number of employees the business supports. Steele believes a tiered membership plan similar to Grand Junction's, in which gold, silver and bronze-level members receive bene-

fits associated with each level, makes more sense.

"Every chamber on the Western Slope functions like that," Steele said. "I've never seen a system like it's done here. We're building a committee to develop a strong tier system over the next few months."

Benefits associated with each tier could range from basic to upgraded online advertisement options to more training opportunities depending on the tier members purchase, Steele said.

Now, with a new director on board, Piering hopes the time is right to reconnect with local businesses about how best to support them.

Giving chamber members what they're paying for is also high on Steele's priority list.

"We haven't had a director in this position for six months, and I think people are questioning, 'Why am I a chamber member?'" Steele said. "We want to show them that there are benefits."

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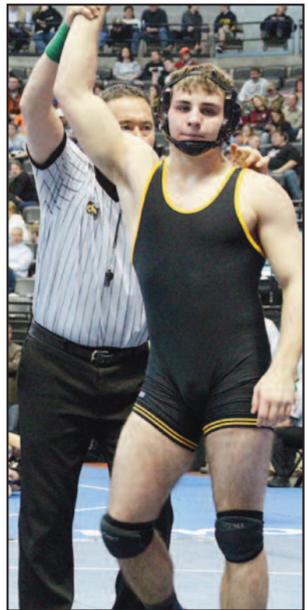
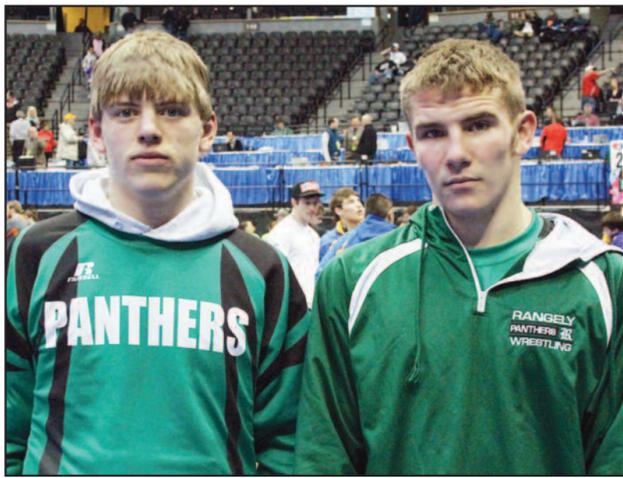
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RBC QUALIFIES 12 FOR BIG SHOW



Rio Blanco County qualified 12 wrestlers for the 2014 Colorado State Wrestling Championships, held in the Pepsi Center in downtown Denver Colorado. Meeker's Kylloe Goedert, Tristin Pelloni, Calvin Shepherd and Sheridan Harvey, (back) Willis Begaye, T.J. Shelton, Aaron Cochran, J.C. Henderson, Devon Pontine and Tyler Ilgen, along with Rangely's Lucas Heinle and Ethan Allred, all wrestled in the "Big Show." RBC seniors Lucas Heinle (left) and Henderson both qualified for the state meet all four years and Meeker sophomore Shelton (right), won his second individual title, dominating the 170-pound bracket.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

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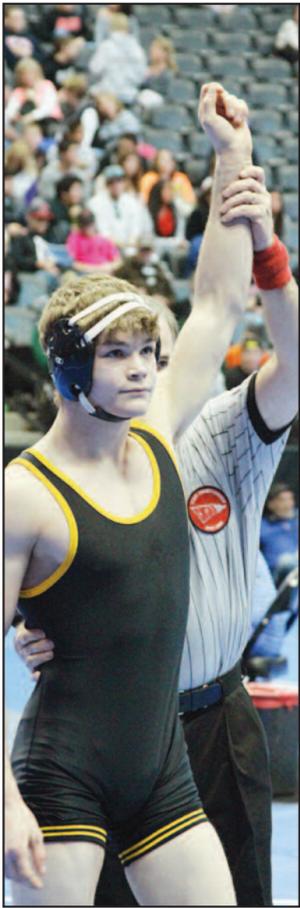
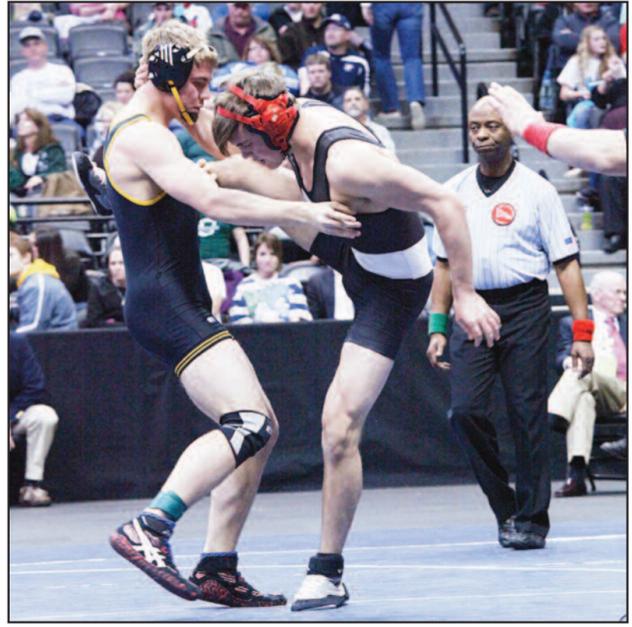
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Meeker advanced three wrestlers into the state championship match and they were the only three placers for Rio Blanco County. Above left, T.J. Shelton turned the competition on its head in the 2A 170-pound bracket, where he won his second state title. Junior Tristin Pelloni (above, center) and sophomore Devon Pontine (above, right), both wrestled in the championship finals but did not beat regional foes. Below, Rio Blanco County seniors Lucas Heinle, Calvin Shepherd, Aaron Cochran and J.C. Henderson all won at least one match in their final high school tournament and Willis Begaye pushed through the pain of an injured knee to wrestle in his first state tournament.

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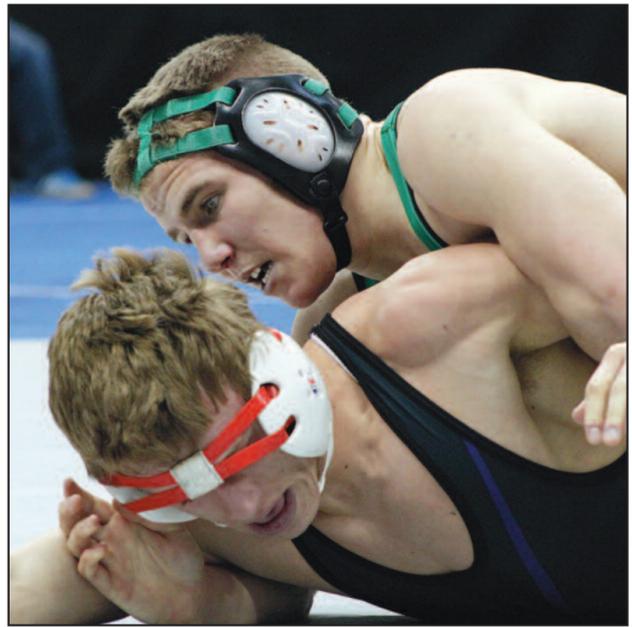
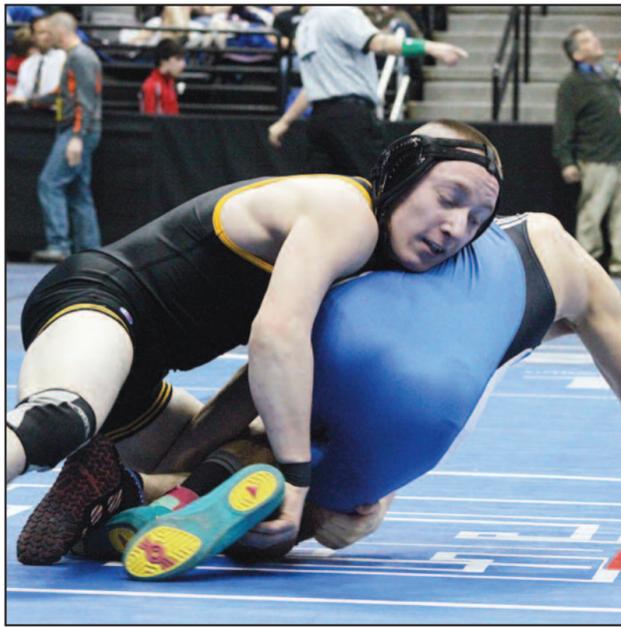
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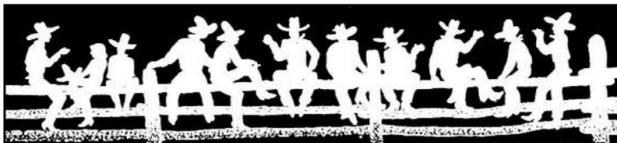
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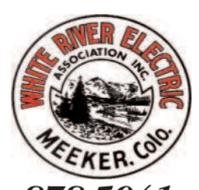
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Meeker's Sheridan Harvey (106) (top left), Tyler Ilgen (285) (bottom left) and Rangely's Ethan Allred (160) (top right), all won two matches in their respective brackets and were one match away from placing. Meeker's Kylooe Goedert (126, right, top middle), also won a match but did not place. All will be back next year. Coach Watt was thankful for the community support this season and the large crowd of Meeker fans, who attended the 2014 Colorado State Wrestling Championships.



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Shelton wins second Colorado state wrestling title

— Cowboys finish 3rd in team standings —

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I “T.J. just dominated his opponents,” Meeker head wrestling coach J.C. Watt said of sophomore T.J. Shelton, who won his second individual title at the 2014 Colorado State Wrestling Championships over the weekend in Denver.

Meeker’s Tristin Pelloni (113) and Devon Pontine (160) made it to the championship match in their respective weights, finishing as state runners-up.

The Cowboys qualified 10 wrestlers for the “Big Show,” which featured all weight classes on the floor of the Pepsi Center for three days, and they entered the tournament as the No. 2 ranked 2A team by On the Mat Rankings. However, the team finished third after winning only one of seven matches on the final day of the tournament.

Paonia won its third straight team title with 180 points and Baca County came in second with 112.5, compared to Meeker’s 98.5 points.

“I was proud of them for getting third; they are a great group of kids,” Coach Watt said.

Watt was also proud of how his champion handled winning his second title, humbly and without celebration.

“He acted like he had been there before,” Watt, who also won two individual state titles for the Cowboys, said with a smile.

Shelton is the only wrestler from Meeker to ever win a state title as a freshman, and, with his most recent championship, he takes another step toward his goal of becoming Meeker’s first four-time state wrestling champion.

“T.J. is just wrestling at a different level; he seems to rise to the occasion in pressure situations,” Watt said. “He keeps his goal of becoming a four-time state champion alive.”

Shelton was the state tournament’s No. 1 seed in the 2A 170-pound bracket and pinned his first opponent

(Yuma’s Justin Leth) in the second period, then defeated Brandon Anderson 16-0 to advance to the semifinals, where he pinned Kolby Starks of Norwood in 1:07.

Shelton’s championship match would be against Jon Hickman, also a sophomore from Lyons, who entered the tournament as the No. 2 seed with a record of 34-4. Shelton confidently shot in on a double leg and lifted Hickman up on his shoulders before bringing him to the mat and scoring back points to take an early 5-0 lead. Shelton put Hickman on his back three times and did not let him up the third time, until the referee signaled a pin, 4:41 into the match.

Coach Watt said Tristin Pelloni (113) and Devon Pontine (160) had “great tournaments” as they advanced to the championship match before losing to familiar opponents.

Pelloni pinned in the first round then defeated Jeremy Fraser of Rocky Ford 6-4 to advance to the semifinals, where he would wrestle Marcelino Baptista of Merino, the tournament’s No. 2 seed. Pelloni beat Baptista 6-4, with a takedown in the first overtime period to earn the right to walk in the Parade of Champions.

“Tristin wrestled the same kid on the same mat last year at state and lost in overtime; this year, Tristin beat the same kid on the same mat in overtime,” Coach Watt said of Pelloni’s semifinal match. “It was one of the most exciting matches for us in the semifinals. Tristin wrestled a great tournament. He beat the third and fourth placers and wrestled well.”

Pelloni lost 4-1 in the championship match to Talon Harris of Norwood, the same wrestler to beat him in the regional championship the week before. Pelloni finished fifth in last year’s state tournament.

Pontine was also wrestling in his second state tournament after qualifying as a freshman, but he didn’t place. Pontine opened his second state tournament with a pin, then beat the tournament’s No. 1 seed in the 2A 160-pound bracket, junior Bryce



Meeker had three wrestlers participate in the Parade of Champions (left), where finalists in all weight classifications walk from the four corners of the Pepsi Center onto their respective mats before being introduced to thousands of wrestling fans. Meeker’s Tristin Pelloni, Devon Pontine and T.J. Shelton were accompanied by their coaches, Willy Theos, J.C. Watt and Barney LeBlanc. Shelton, below, dominated the 2A 170-pound bracket, including a pin against Jon Hickman of Lyons in the championship match.

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McCracken of Crowley County 8-3, to advance to the semifinals, where he defeated the tournament’s No. 3 seed, Jonas Cure, a senior from Wray 11-5.

The semifinal win would match Pontine up with Paonia’s Zach Milner for a fourth time this season in the championship match, where Milner would win for a fourth time, 3-2 in triple overtime.

“Devon wrestled his quarter and semifinal matches as good as I’ve ever seen Devon wrestle,” Watt said.

Watt said Devon’s matches with Milner have always been close, and this one was even closer.

“Devon wrestled him well again, he was just not able to come out on top,” Watt said.

Although three other Cowboys (Sheridan Harvey, J.C. Henderson and Tyler Ilgen) each won their first match, all three lost in the quarterfinals, then won another match in their first round in the consolation bracket, but all would be eliminated, one match away from the medal round.

Henderson qualified for the state tournament all four years and placed fifth last year for the Cowboys but could not get on the podium this year.

“J.C. was ill at the beginning of the week and it showed some effects

in the tournament as he was not 100 percent, physically,” Watt said. “J.C. is a great kid and nobody over the last four years has worked any harder than him; he’ll be fine.”

Watt also complimented Henderson’s classmates, Calvin Shepherd (120), Aaron Cochran (132) and Willis Begaye (152), for their sacrifices and contributions to the team.

“Calvin started when he was a sophomore, so it was amazing to get him over there to the state tournament and have him win a match,” Coach Watt said.

Cochran won two matches but needed one more win to medal.

“Aaron I thought wrestled well and was only a match away from placing,” Watt said. “He showed a lot of hustle and determination and he should be proud of the way he wrestled.”

“Willis hurt his knee and it affected the way he wrestled, but he pushed through the pain and wrestled the best he could,” Watt said.

Freshmen Harvey and Ilgen each scored team points with two wins each while losing one match before the medal rounds.

“Sheridan got beat by a couple of tough kids, but he won two matches

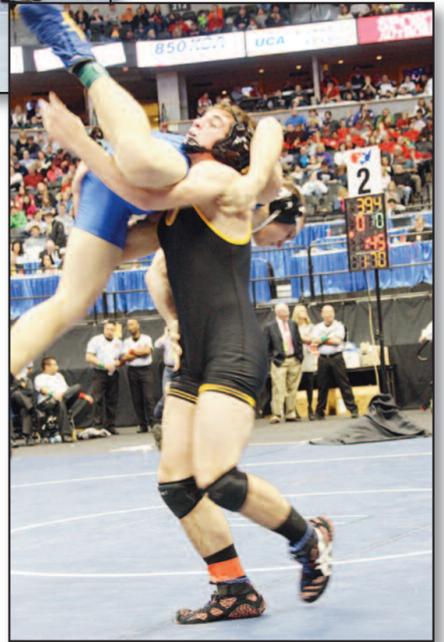
and the experience will help him next year, knowing what to expect,” Watt said. “Tyler won two matches, which was very impressive for a freshman heavy-weight.”

Coach Watt is also impressed with Kylloe Goedert’s dedication.

“Kylloe won a match and is he is a very dedicated kid,” Watt said. “This was Kylloe’s second year to qualify and next year, he should be on the podium.”

Watt was also impressed with the community support and fans who followed the team all season and attended the state wrestling tournament, and he was thankful to his assistant coaches.

“It was encouraging to see the community support and nice to see a bunch of our high school kids going over to watch their classmates in the state tournament,” Coach Watt said



of the large contingency of Meeker fans in attendance.

“I also want to thank coach Barney (LeBlanc), coach Carl (Padilla) and coach Willy (Theos),” he said. “They have been a lot of help to me this year, and, hopefully, we’ll improve as a coaching staff and get some summer wrestling in and get ready for next year.”

Panthers Heinle and Allred win matches at state

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RANGELY I Panther senior Lucas Heinle and junior Ethan Allred qualified for the 2014 Colorado State Wrestling Championships, and, although both won at least one match, neither placed in their respective weights.

“We didn’t wrestle to our potential at state,” Rangely head coach Jeff Heinle said. “We had some good matches, but we lost both in the first round and that was critical because it is so hard to recover.”

Lucas Heinle qualified for the state tournament all four years of his high school career, and this was the first time he entered the “Big Show” as a regional champion.

“Lucas got sick following the regional tournament and never recovered,” coach Heinle said of his son’s health.

Heinle lost his first match 3-1 to Nick Duvall of Sedgwick County-Fleming, then wrestled and pinned Adam Serrano-Bobian of John Mall before being eliminated with his second loss of the tournament, to Jeremiah Moreno of Center, 7-5.

“It was a hard state tournament, knowing it was the last state tournament I would help coach Lucas at,” Heinle said.

Allred qualified in the 160-pound division with a fourth-place finish at the regional tournament. That matched him up with regional champion Jonas Cure of Wray in the first round of the state tournament, where he was pinned in the third period. He pinned David Macias of Center in the first round of the consolation bracket. Allred then defeated Austin Palmer of Holly, 9-2, but he was eliminated by another loss to Rafe Hutches of Baca County one match before the medal round.

“We all thought this would be a good year for both of Rangely’s wrestlers to place high on the podium; it just didn’t work out,” Coach Heinle said.

“It was a good season all in all,” he said. “We had some highs and some lows and we return all but two wrestlers (seniors Heinle and Ryan Wilczek) next year.”

Coach Heinle said the Rangely wrestling program is already starting to work toward next year as middle school practice has started and will be coached this season by Claude Rose and Derek Stolworthy.

“We have some young wrestlers who will help out our program over the next few years,” coach Heinle said of the future of Panther wrestling program.



Rangely head wrestling coach Jeff Heinle coached his son, Lucas, a senior, and Panther junior Ethan Allred in the 2014 Colorado State Wrestling Championships. Lucas Heinle qualified for the state meet all four years of his high school career and qualified as a regional champion this year. Allred qualified for the “Big Show” for a second time, finishing one match away from the medal round. He will return to the team next year.

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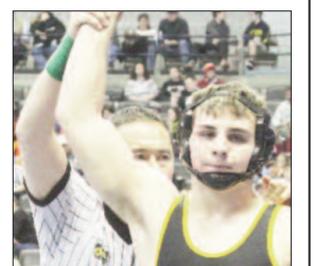


CONNOR PHELAN, SENIOR Rangely Middle School

Phelan led all scorers in the District Tournament pig-tail game against the Hayden Tigers with 17 points, including three three-pointers. Phelan and his teammates will advance to the final four of the District Tournament for the first time since he was a freshman.

TJ SHELTON, SOPHOMORE Meeker High School

Shelton continues his quest to become Meeker’s first four-time state wrestling champion as the sophomore won his second title state title, dominating the Colorado 2A, 170-pound bracket, including a pin in the championship match.



Panthers win pig-tail game into district tournament

— First time in three years —

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RANGELY I For the past three years, the Rangely Panthers boys' basketball team has had to play in the pig-tail round of the district tournament, and for the past two years, the Panthers lost to end their season. Not this year. Barely.

Rangely defeated the Hayden Tigers, 37-36, to advance to the district tournament, as the No. 3 seed. They are scheduled to play Paonia in Oak Creek on Friday.

"I'm just excited to get past this one and turn our attention to getting back to practice tomorrow and playing better against Paonia on Friday," head coach Eric Hejl said of the pig-tail win, the first since this year's seniors were freshmen.

The Panthers jumped out to a 14-4 lead after the first quarter was played, but they only scored four points in the second quarter to lead 18-12 at half.

"For a while there it seemed like everything that could go wrong, did go wrong," Hejl said of his team's play. "We had turnovers, missed free throws and some bad calls, but, in the end, the seniors got the win that has eluded them since they were freshmen."

The Panthers scored eight in the third quarter but the Tigers added 13 and pulled within one with eight minutes to play.

Rangely pulled ahead by six early in the fourth

quarter, but the Tigers led by one with 59 seconds left to play.

Colt Allred made a basket to give the Panthers a 37-36 lead and he was fouled in the process, missing the free throw. Both teams missed free throws on each end, and the Tigers got one last shot off at the buzzer, but missed.

"Hayden was a hungry team that did a great job of sticking to their game plan and the grind-it-out style they wanted," Coach Hejl said. "We really would have liked to get the ball inside, but they really packed in their zone and dared us to take outside shots. Thankfully Connor (Phelan) stepped up and was the guy to really keep our heads above water."

Phelan led the Panthers with 17 points, including three three-pointers. Senior classmate Cameron Enterline also made a three-pointer, finished with eight points and led the team with 12 rebounds. Allred finished with seven, Kaulan Brady made a three-pointer and senior Andrew Morton added a basket.

The Panthers will be the No. 3 seed in the district tournament and play No. 2 Paonia, Friday in Oak Creek, with the tip-off scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Meeker will be the No. 1 seed in the district tournament and will play the No. 4 West Grand Mustangs on Friday at 6 p.m.

The teams will play for seeds in next week's state-qualifying regional tournaments and "a district championship," as Coach Hejl said.



"It was too close for comfort," Rangely boys' basketball coach Eric Hejl said of the district tournament pig-tail game against Hayden, which the Panthers won for the first time in three years, to advance to the district tournament in Oak Creek as the No. 3 seed. The team will play Paonia at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Panthers Colt Allred (31), Kaulan Brady, Cameron Enterline, Connor Phelan (10) and Andrew Morton (22) could only watch as Hayden's last shot, with no time on the clock, bounced off the rim and gave the Panthers a one-point victory.

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Meeker sophomore T.J. Shelton stands atop the podium after receiving the gold medal in the 2A, 170-pound championship bracket. Shelton dominated his weight bracket for the second year in a row. All four qualifiers from the Region 1 tournament earned medals, including Shelton, the champion; the consolation champ; and the fourth- and sixth-place finishers.

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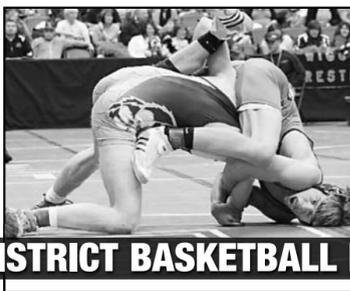
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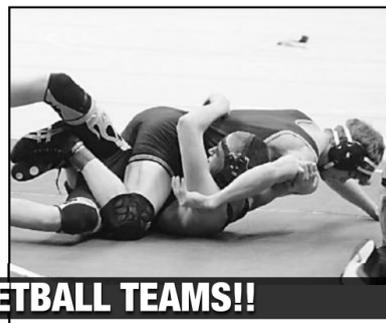
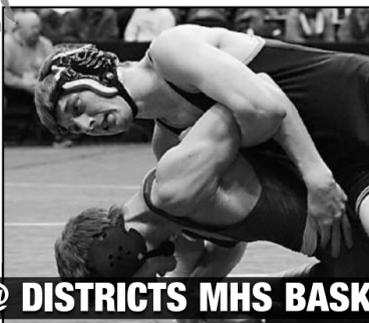
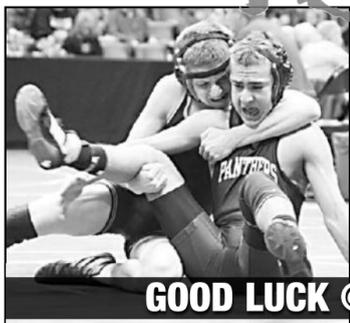
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ROCKY MTN ASPHALT CONF TRAIN & DVLP \$1,125.00
SAMUELSON'S TRUE VALUE SPLYS \$622.98
UNION TELEPHONE CO PRCH SVCS, \$391.37
UNITED RENTALS INC. MISC EXP,

RIO BLANCO COUNTY EMPLOYEES TOTAL GROSS SALARY PAID IN 2013. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS IN ADDITION TO COMPENSATION DURING 2013 WAS 43% OF GROSS SALARY.

GROSS SALARY	TITLE								
50,149.15	Shrf Patrol Deputy	35,632.87	RB Operator I	18,486.92	Shrf Dispatcher				
50,111.04	Fleet Mechanic	35,505.80	Planner	17,516.66	RB Laborer				
50,011.04	DHS Social Caseworker	35,021.64	C/R MV Compliance	17,244.26	DHS Eligibility Specialist				
49,666.98	GIS Coordinator	34,592.87	Weed Control Superv	17,116.22	RB Operator II				
49,193.93	Shrf Dispatcher	34,481.44	DHS Case Aide III	17,099.76	Planning Admin				
48,845.04	Fleet Welder	34,462.09	RB Operator II	17,025.73	RB Laborer				
48,616.32	Shrf Dispatcher	34,344.00	R&B/Fleet Staff Assis	16,430.06	C/R MV Compl Agent				
47,938.35	RB Operator III	34,222.08	Assr Appraiser III	16,016.35	Rlf SWL & RB Laborer				
47,905.06	DHS Case Mngr/Superv	34,098.31	Clk/Rc Rord Mgr/Admin	14,721.98	C/R Staff Assistant				
47,556.01	RB Sign Maint Tech	33,903.96	F/B Bookkeeper	13,895.37	PHA Staff Assistant				
47,540.04	Fleet Mechanic	33,899.22	DHS Child Support	13,784.07	Weed Control Assistant				
47,303.75	RB Permit & Safety	33,258.59	F/B GL Accountant	10,645.32	Fairgrounds Laborer				
47,264.36	Shrf Dispatcher	33,255.50	RB Operator I	10,262.55	Shrf Detentions Deputy				
47,036.42	Shrf Dispatcher	33,099.96	Coroner	9,959.50	Extension Staff Assis				
46,704.42	RB Sign Maint Tech	33,034.27	IT System Adminr	9,600.00	Weed Control Assistant				
46,622.18	C/R Rec Spvrr/Elec	32,906.43	Atty Legal Sec/DHS Lgl	9,576.20	PHA Staff Assistant				
46,216.23	RB Operator III	32,528.59	C/R Staff Assistant	9,522.01	Shrf Detentions Deputy				
45,407.99	Fairfield Maint. Mgr	32,379.45	RB Operator I	9,211.39	RB Operator II				
45,386.51	DHS Caseworker III	32,261.04	RB Admin Clerk	9,085.92	Weed Control Assistant				
45,214.36	RB Operator I	32,261.04	Treas Deputy I	9,058.88	Fairgrounds Laborer				
45,134.50	RB Operator III	31,551.11	Project Coordinator	8,846.10	Shrf Patrol Sergeant				
44,895.72	RB Operator III	31,279.50	RB Lead Operator	7,462.26	RB Laborer				
44,580.32	RB Operator III	30,638.40	Assr Admin Assist	6,883.57	PHA Staff Assistant				
44,056.08	RB Operator III	30,592.67	Shrf Detentions Deputy	6,079.30	Shrf Relief Dispatcher				
43,412.60	DHS Foster Care Coord	30,471.80	Bldg Staff Ast/Custod	5,351.44	DHS Child Care Tech				
43,233.68	RB Operator II	29,530.91	DHS Admin Assist	5,346.67	RB Operator I				
43,202.04	Assr Admin Manager	28,173.63	Shrf Patrol Deputy	5,313.26	Maint & Radino				
43,153.48	Fleet Mechanic	27,853.65	Shrf Detentions Deputy	5,090.03	RB Operator I				
43,026.77	Shrf Detentions Deputy	27,522.22	County Administrator	4,358.04	Coroner Deputy				
42,404.24	Shrf Detentions Sgt	26,583.14	Ext Organizational Asst	4,318.00	Airport Intern				
42,383.62	PHA Health Nurse	26,177.80	Assr Chief Appraiser	3,300.00	Surveyor				
42,160.68	Maintenance Director II	25,940.38	RB Operator II	2,953.75	Airport Intern				
41,135.20	RB Operator III	25,910.00	Maintenance Laborer	2,448.00	Airport Intern				
41,045.04	Shrf Office Manager	25,869.38	RB Operator I	2,436.00	Veterans Officer				
41,026.00	RB Operator II	25,719.99	Shrf Patrol Deputy	2,436.00	Veterans Officer				
40,187.64	Landfill Operator	24,616.76	Shrf Patrol Deputy	2,377.32	Fairgrounds Staff Ass				
39,942.28	DHS Eligibility Specialis	24,495.36	Maint Custodian	1,407.41	Coroner Relief Deputy				
39,898.68	WRR Nutrition Director	24,019.75	WRR Cook	1,100.81	Commissioner				
39,369.21	C/R Bkkrpr/Spec Proj	23,984.17	WRR Cook	1,100.81	Commissioner				
39,214.31	RB Operator II	22,655.73	Shrf Detentions	695.93	WRR Relief Cook				
39,078.36	Treas Deputy III	21,980.60	Sergeant	314.20	RB Laborer				
39,036.02	RB Admin Asst	21,980.60	F/B Bookkeeper	264.81	Weed Control Secretary				
38,651.30	RB Operator II	21,731.85	PHA WIC Educator	180.43	WRR Relief Cook				
38,297.76	Landfill Operator	21,093.99	Shrf Patrol Deputy	159.12	DHS Caseworker II				
38,270.22	C/R MV Compliance	20,876.67	Shrf Dispatcher	7,119,581.45	43.00%				
38,265.48	Assr Cartographer I	20,192.12	DHS Eligibility Specialis						
36,961.29	RB Operator I	20,171.64	RB Laborer						
36,399.96	Assr Appraiser I	19,394.90	Shrf Patrol Deputy						
35,987.04	DHS Accountant	19,361.71	Sr Transport Driver						
35,737.50	PHA Health Nurse	19,055.66	Airport Coordinator						

\$2,097.72
UNIVERSITY OF CO LTAP TRAIN & DVLP, \$475.00
VALLEY HARDWARE SPLYS, \$80.94
WATT'S RANCH MARKET SPLYS, \$120.83
WHITE RIVER DIST. SPLYS/ SVCS \$27.50
WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC UTIL \$277.59
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FED W/H \$15,006.46
CO DEPT OF REVENUE STATE W/H \$4,906.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FICA W/H \$21,297.44
GREAT WEST RETIREMENT \$15,823.90

COUNTY HEALTH POOL INSURANCE \$43,421.94
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL \$229,040.4

FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH
Vendor Name Acct Name Amount
COUNTY WORKERS' COMP MC-WRKRS COMP \$1,672.83
CENTURYLINK (LONG DIST) PRCH SVCS \$12.07
CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES PRCH SVCS \$159.52
CNA SURETY PRCH SVCS \$210.00
CO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRCH SVCS, \$480.00

CREDIT UNION OF CO PRCH SVCS, \$71.66
GLOBALSTAR USA PRCH SVCS, \$111.80
MEDICAL ARTS PRESS SPLYS, \$405.94
MEEKER TOWN OF RENT/LEASE, \$12,240.00
METROPOLITAN PATH PRCH SVCS, \$332.00
MOORE MEDICAL LLC SPLYS, \$6,120.38
NSO-PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSUR PRCH SVCS, \$108.00
OLDLAND JANICE L. PRCH SVCS, \$395.00
PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER PRCH SVCS, \$405.00

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

PROJECT NAME
2014 Rio Blanco County Crackfill Project. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for furnishing and placement of approx. 24,000 lbs. of Deery 974 Asphalt or Equivalent Crackfill Material on various county roads.

BID DOCUMENTS
Bid Documents shall be available on-line at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, or on the county website at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us on the Public Announcements page, or at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. in Meeker on February 27, 2014.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Clint Chappell, Road and Bridge Coordinator, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. Mailing address: Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions. Any questions regarding this project are to be directed in writing to Clint Chappell before Monday, March 17, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the above address or fax number.

WORK SCHEDULE
This project shall start April 28, 2014 and be completed by June 6, 2014, depending upon delays due to adverse conditions.

PRE-BID MEETING
Vendors may attend a pre-bid meeting (not mandatory):
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.

BID SUBMITTALS
Vendor shall include all information required by the contract documents. Bid shall be clearly marked with, "Sealed Bid-2014 Crackfill Project", the name and address of the submitting company and the bid opening date written on the sealed envelope. Each bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Cashier, Check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, Colorado, or by a Bid Bond in like amount executed by a Surety Company. Mail or hand-deliver to the Board of County Commissioners, Rio Blanco County 200 Main Street, P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO 81641, until 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 20, 2014.

OR
Hand-deliver on the date of bid opening to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641, until 10:45 A.M. on Monday, March 24, 2014. No bids shall be received Friday, March 21 through Sunday, March 23, 2014.

BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on March 24, 2014 at the Commissioners, Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Bids submitted after 10:45A.M. will be returned not opened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado. The County also reserves the right to negotiate changes in product specifications with successful vendor. Owner will give the Successful Vendor a Notice of Award within thirty days after the day of the Bid opening.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Dated: February 27, 2014
By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman
Published: February 27 & March 6, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times:

SEMI ANNUAL REPORT
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, KAREN ARNOLD, TREASURER
JULY 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

Account	Beginning Balance	Current Tax	Delinquent Tax	Miscellaneous	Receipts	Transfers	Warrants Paid	Treasurer's Fees	Transfers	Ending Balance
Nancy R. Amick, Clerk	0.00	0.00	0.00	190,454.67	0.00	0.00	1,878.82	188,575.85	0.00	0.00
Karen Arnold, Treasurer	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,830.00	0.00	0.00	18.30	1,811.70	0.00	0.00
Treas Admin Fee	0.00	1,188.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,188.05	0.00	0.00
Treas Advertising Fee	0.00	1,949.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,949.52	0.00	0.00
Assessor Penalty Fees	0.00	3,499.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,499.60	0.00	0.00
Public Trustee	6,560.14	0.00	0.00	5,173.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,078.12	6,655.14	0.00
SI Woodruff, Sheriff	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,673.75	0.00	0.00	46.75	4,627.00	0.00	0.00
County General Fund	24,869,083.74	25,164.07	55,145.75	2,621,624.49	333,918.29	3,670,287.06	17,665.53	1,102,189.23	23,114,791.52	0.00
County Capital Expenditure Fund	418,875.94	12,963.28	15,039.94	43,435.42	0.00	149,405.47	1,898.28	14,731.24	324,278.59	0.00
Road & Bridge Fund	10,313,398.86	26,689.13	29,559.01	2,965,913.65	25,822.70	6,380,205.52	32,574.31	643,342.82	6,305,260.70	0.00
Dept of Social Services	1,433,179.43	2,668.92								

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PITNEY BOWES RESERVE PRCH SVCS, \$13.58
R & S NORTHEAST LLC SPLYS, \$1,506.68
RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES PRCH SVCS, \$104.00
SCHOPP HOLLI SPLYS, \$11.50
STAPLES ADVANTAGE CPTL OTLY, \$314.02
UNION TELEPHONE CO PRCH SVCS, \$52.29
WHITE RIVER DIST. SPLYS/P. SVCS, \$30.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FED W/H, \$1,617.93
CO DEPT OF REVENUE STATE W/H, \$535.69
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FICA W/H, \$3,157.90
GREAT WEST RETIREMENT, \$2,290.25
COUNTY HEALTH POOL INSURANCE, \$4,063.50
PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL, \$36,421.54

FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Vendor Name Acct Name Amount
COUNTY WORKERS' COMP MC-WRKRS, COMP \$5,117.00
CENTURYLINK (LONG DIST) PRCH SVCS, \$41.69
MEEKER TOWN OF RENT/LEASE, \$23,760.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FED W/H, \$4,002.86
CO DEPT OF REVENUE STATE W/H, \$1,358.59
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FICA W/H, \$6,182.39
GREAT WEST RETIREMENT, \$4,057.26
COUNTY HEALTH POOL INSURANCE, \$16,136.23
DHS ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$4,649.28
DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES FUND TOTAL \$65,305.30

FUND: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
Vendor Name Acct Name Amount
B. EUGENE BERRY JOHN MC-MA RNWY PRCTC, \$55,225.00
CREDIT UNION OF CO OHV TRAIL, \$175.78
GREAT OUTDOORS CONSULTANTS OHV, TRAIL \$26,239.24
SAMUELSON VETS MEMRL, \$408.38
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL, \$82,048.40

FUND: USE TAX
Vendor Name Acct Name Amount
COUNTY WORKERS' COMP MC-WRKRS COMP, \$4,291.00
ACADEMIC SPECIALTIES PRCH SVCS, \$6,989.00
ASSOCIATED GOVTS OF NW CO PRCH SVCS, \$1,201.00
BELLAND BUILDERS INC. PRCH SVCS, \$4,880.00
CENTURYLINK PRCH SVCS, \$411.57
CENTURYLINK (LONG DIST) PRCH SVCS, \$4.92
CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES PRCH SVCS, \$161.14
CNCC CNTCT SVCS, \$2,000.00
CREDIT UNION OF CO SVCS, \$126.98
HENDERSHOTT MELAINE R PRCH SVCS, \$300.00
MEEKER POLLUTION PREVENTION GRANT, \$1,000.00
MIND SPRINGS HEALTH GRANT, \$24,000.00
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC UTIL, \$705.64
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE PRCH SVCS, \$154.20
PRATER'S PLUMBING PRCH SVCS, \$265.00
RANGELY MUSEUM GRANT, \$17,000.00
RANGELY TOWN OF UTIL, \$2,253.93
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE PRCH SVCS, \$168.10
REDI SERVICES LLC PRCH SVCS, \$624.00
SKYMAN SERVICES PRCH SVCS, \$3,828.00
UNION TELEPHONE CO PRCH SVCS, \$26.07
U.S. FOODS INC. FOOD SPLYS, \$3,601.81
VALLEY HARDWARE SPLYS, \$14.97
WILLIAMS TAMRA PRCH SVCS, \$15.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FED W/H, \$1,677.58
CO DEPT OF REVENUE STATE W/H, \$587.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FICA W/H, \$2,596.27
GREAT WEST RETIREMENT, \$1,962.90
COUNTY HEALTH POOL INSURANCE, \$4,730.33
USE TAX FUND TOTAL, \$85,576.41

FUND: IMPACT FEE
Vendor Name Acct Name Amount
HDR ENGINEERING INC CR 5 CRDR, \$4,375.85
REILLY JOHNSON ARCHITECTURE JSTC CNTR, \$38,944.44
IMPACT FEE FUND TOTAL, \$43,320.29

FUND: SOLID WASTE
Vendor Name Acct Name Amount
COUNTY WORKERS' COMP MC-WRKRS COMP, \$12,760.00
CAROLINA SOFTWARE PRCH SVCS, \$300.00
KRW CONSULTING INC. CLSR/P. SVCS, \$832.00
MR. T'S HARDWARE SPLYS, \$82.99
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE PRCH SVCS, \$15.08
RANGELY TRUE VALUE SPLYS, \$120.00
SNYDER & COUNTS FEED SPLYS, \$203.00
UNION TELEPHONE CO PRCH SVCS, \$52.04
UNITED SITE SERVICES OF CO PRCH SVCS, \$155.46
WHITE RIVER DIST. PRCH SVCS, \$15.00
WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC UTIL, \$1,130.98
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FED W/H, \$1,343.50
CO DEPT OF REVENUE STATE W/H, \$440.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FICA W/H, \$1,866.26
GREAT WEST RETIREMENT, \$1,673.14
COUNTY HEALTH POOL INSURANCE, \$2,796.02
SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL, \$23,785.47

FUND: WEED & PEST
Vendor Name Acct Name Amount
COUNTY WORKERS' COMP MC-WRKRS COMP, \$3,655.00
CENTURYLINK (LONG DIST) PRCH SVCS,

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\$0.36
GEMPLER'S SPLYS, \$140.70
MEEKER AUTO PARTS SPLYS, \$76.69
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FED W/H, \$601.25
CO DEPT OF REVENUE STATE W/H, \$176.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FICA W/H, \$607.98
COUNTY HEALTH POOL INSURANCE, \$721.40
WEED & PEST FUND TOTAL \$5,979.38

FUND: FAIRFIELD
Vendor Name Acct Name Amount
COUNTY WORKERS' COMP MC-WRKRS COMP, \$3,293.00
ATMOS ENERGY UTIL, \$1,580.48
BOY-KO SUPPLY COMPANY SPLYS, \$53.76
CENTURYLINK (LONG DIST) PRCH SVCS, \$1.51
CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES PRCH SVCS, \$161.12
MCGUIRE AUTO PARTS SPLYS, \$16.06
MEEKER SANITATION DIST UTIL, \$57.00
MEEKER TOWN OF UTIL, \$588.00
REDI SERVICES LLC PRCH SVCS, \$305.00
UNION TELEPHONE CO PRCH SVCS, \$26.02
WATT'S RANCH MARKET SPLYS, \$57.58
WEATHERFORD ELECTRIC PRCH SVCS, \$634.00
WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC UTIL, \$1,630.78
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FED W/H, \$629.98
CO DEPT OF REVENUE STATE W/H, \$207.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FICA W/H, \$934.30
GREAT WEST RETIREMENT, \$536.32
COUNTY HEALTH POOL INSURANCE, \$722.24
FAIRFIELD FUND TOTAL, \$11,434.15

FUND: CENTRAL SERVICES
Vendor Name Acct Name Amount
CO COUNTIES CASUALTY & PROPERTY MC-INSRNC, \$187,342.0
STRATA NETWORKS MC-INTERNET, \$3,858.75
CENTURYLINK PRCH SVCS, \$203.48
CENTURYLINK (LONG DIST) PRCH SVCS, \$14.96
CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES PRCH SVCS, \$68.14
FASTTRACK COMMUNICATIONS PRCH SVCS, \$664.88
GRAND VALLEY IMAGIN CNTCT SVCS, \$50.00
PITNEY BOWES INC. RENT EQUIP/SPLYS, \$694.17
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE PRCH SVCS, \$236.09
STRATA NETWORKS INTERNET SVCS, \$1,745.11
UNION TELEPHONE CO PRCH SVCS, \$78.11
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY SPLYS, \$1,139.80
XEROX CORP CNTCT SVCS, \$1,141.82
CENTRAL SERVICES FUND, TOTAL \$197,237.3

FUND: FLEET
Vendor Name Acct Name Amount
COUNTY WORKERS' COMP MC-WRKRS COMP, \$16,779.00
AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN PRCH SVCS, \$47.87
ATMOS ENERGY UTIL, \$1,158.06
B&B WELDERS SUPPLY SPLYS, \$209.01
CENTURYLINK-LAND LINES PRCH SVCS, \$125.20
COLUMBINE FORD INC. PRCH/ACC, \$151.86
COOK TORRIE GAS, \$44.88
CORNWELL QUALITY TOOLS SPLYS, \$17.82
CREDIT UNION OF CO PRCH SVCS, \$1,084.72
GILBARCO INC. PRCH SVCS, \$396.76
HANSON INTERNATIONAL PRCH/ACC, \$77.97
HONNEN EQUIPMENT CO. PRCH/ACC, \$13,115.89
JAY-MAX SALES SPLYS, \$489.76
MASTER PETROLEUM DIESEL, \$23,457.60
MCGUIRE AUTO PARTS PRCH/ACC, \$2,420.16
MEEKER AUTO PARTS PRCH/LUBE, \$13,601.78
MEEKER COLLISION CENTER PRCH SVCS, \$1,943.10
MEEKER GENERAL MERCANTILE SPLYS, \$27.63
MEEKER SANITATION DIST UTIL, \$57.00
MEEKER TOWN OF UTIL, \$45.00
MHC KENWORTH-G.J. PRCH/ACC, \$2,237.92
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC UTIL, \$1,021.84
RANGELY AUTO PARTS PRCH/ACC, \$740.88
RANGELY TOWN OF UTIL, \$3,824.49
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE PRCH SVCS, \$119.93
RANGELY TRUE VALUE PRCH/ACC, \$18.97
ROCKY MOUNTAIN MACHINERY PRCH/ACC, \$306.46
SAMUELSON'S TRUE VALUE SPLYS, \$12.74
TIRE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TIRES, \$899.02
TRI-STATE EQUIPMENT CO PRCH/ACC, \$590.61
TURK JODY GAS, \$20.00
VALLEY HARDWARE SPLYS, \$43.97
WAGNER EQUIPMENT INC. PRCH/ACC, \$8,100.16
WESTERN PETROLEUM LUBE, \$2,914.70
WESTFALL O'DELL TRUCK PRCH/ACC, \$95.96
WHITE RIVER DIST. SPLYS, \$25.00
WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC UTIL, \$2,288.87
WHITE RIVER ENERGY UTIL, \$1,022.50
XCEL ENERGY UTIL, \$268.15
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FED W/H, \$3,046.92
CO DEPT OF REVENUE STATE W/H, \$1,026.00
US DEPT. OF TREASURY FICA W/H, \$5,069.98
GREAT WEST RETIREMENT, \$4,442.52
COUNTY HEALTH POOL INSURANCE, \$10,773.64
FLEET FUND TOTAL, \$124,162.3
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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on Monday March 24, 2014, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:15 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
Variance 14-01, Jeff Musgrave representing Shay Wangnild seeking a setback requirement to allow addition of an extension on an existing garage to be within 3.1 ft. of property line at 75 County Rd 43, Meeker CO, Section 4, T1S, R93W. 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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School Board Vacancy Notice
Board of Education
Meeker RE-1 School District
Persons interested in serving on the Meeker Re-1 School District Board of Education to fill the vacant seat on the Board until the November 2015 Election should contact the Meeker School District Administration Office, 555 Garfield for more information and to pick up an application.
Completed applications should be returned to Bill deVergie, Board President at the District Administration Office, or mailed to P.O. Box 1089 no later than 12:00 noon on March 14, 2014
To be eligible, persons must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the Meeker Re-1 School District and must be a registered elector in the District.
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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
MARCH 5, 2014
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 7:00 PM
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado
1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. Public Hearing - Annexation of New Hospital Property
6. New Business
7. Old Business
Disinfection Upgrade Progress
Sewer Back Up Procedures, Review and Update
Plant Manager Report
Office Manager Report
8. Attorney
9. Board
Delinquent Accounts
Approve Current Bills
Executive Session Pursuant to 24-6-26(f)(4), C.R.S., for Personnel Matters
10. Recess
This agenda is subject to change without further notice.
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.
265 8th Street.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
In accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 1-5-102.9 (1)(c)(II), notice is hereby given that the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office shall accept comments concerning the designation of Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) locations for the 2014 Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 24th and the 2014 General Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4th.
The proposed VSPC Center locations are:
Rio Blanco County Courthouse - 555 Main St., Meeker
Western Annex - 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely
Oral or written comments will be accepted until 4:30pm, Friday, March 7th. Mail written comments to the Rio Blanco County Clerk's Office, PO Box 1067, Meeker, CO 81641 or drop off comments at 555 Main St., Meeker, CO.
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly to the electors of the Meeker Sanitation District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, three (3) directors will be elected to serve a four-year term. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available from Gail Frantz, the Designated Election Official for the District, at 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms must be filed with the Designated Election Official for the District at the above address not less than 67 days prior to the election (Friday, February 28, 2014).
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).
MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
By: Designated Election Official
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LEGAL NOTICES

Lower White River Pest Control District Bid Request
Aerial Spray
The Lower White River Pest Control District is accepting bid proposals for commercial equipped applicators to aerial spray herbicide or insecticide on private land located within the District. Bids will be opened by the Board of County Commissioners on March 17, 2014, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado at 6:15 pm. For bid specifications and time line details contact Wade Cox 970-574-7299 for bid packets. If mailed, bid packets are due to the Board of Commissioners, Box 1, Meeker, Co 81641 no later than March 13, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. If hand delivered the day of the bid opening (March 17), the bids must be received no later than 6 p.m. to the Board of County Commissioners, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado. Bid packets must be clearly marked **Aerial Spray** on the outside of the bid packet.
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Lower White River Pest Control District Bid Request
Commercial Equipped Applicator
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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
Publish: February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2014
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to Title 34, Article 33, Paragraph 118, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Colorado Division of Minerals 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, Rangely, 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 Rangely. 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 "Rangely 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 Rangely. 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 affected 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

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly, to the eligible electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("District") of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a polling place election will be held on the 6th day of May, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, one director will be elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors, and three directors will be elected to serve four-year terms on the Board of Directors. In order to be a candidate for one of the director positions, a qualified individual must submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form. Self-Nomination and Acceptance Forms are available from Cathy Kiser, Designated Election Official of the District. Contact information is as follows:
Cathy Kiser
101 Ute Road
Meeker, CO 81641
7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(970) 878-3403, ext. 404
(970) 878-3214 (Fax)
cathyk@meekerreedistrict.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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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2014
Central Office -- 555 Garfield Street
7:00 p.m.
AGENDA
Call to Order and Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Blunt will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda
Approval of the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting February 19, 2014
ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
Celebrations/Recognitions
Track Project Update, Mr. Steinacher
District Leadership Team Update, Mr. Hightower & Mrs. Grieser
Principal, Mid-Year Report
Mid-Year Progress Toward District Goals
DAC Report
Survey Results
Resolution , Erasing the Negative Factor
CEBT Insurance Contract Renewal
Budget Work Session
Certified/Classified Report
ACTION ITEMS
Consideration of Action Items for a Blanket Motion
Approval of Negative Factor Resolution
Approval of CEBT Insurance Contract Renewal
Approval of Work Session
Approval of Certified/Classified Report
OTHER BOE INFORMATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO CRS 24-6-402 (f)
ADJOURNMENT
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Notice of Caucus Locations
Caucuses will be held at the following locations in Rio Blanco County on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00pm for the election of committee people and delegates to the county assembly:
REPUBLICAN PARTY CAUCUSES
PRECINCT #1 - Rangely Municipal Bldg., 209 E. Main, Rangely
PRECINCT #2 - Rangely Municipal Bldg., 209 E. Main, Rangely
PRECINCT #3 - 4-H Community Center, 779 Sulphur Creek Rd., Meeker
PRECINCT #4 - Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 779 Sulphur Creek Rd., Meeker
PRECINCT #5 - Rock School (Piceance Creek Community Center), 23404 County Rd. #5, Piceance Creek
DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAUCUSES
PRECINCT #1 - Rangely Public Library, 109 E. Main, Rangely
PRECINCT #2 - Rangely Public Library, 109 E. Main, Rangely
PRECINCT #3 - Meeker Public Library, 490 Main St., Meeker
PRECINCT #4 - Meeker Public Library, 490 Main St., Meeker
PRECINCT #5 - Meeker Public Library, 490 Main St., Meeker
PARTY ASSEMBLIES
DEMOCRATIC - Rangely City Hall, 209 E. Main, Rangely - Saturday, March 29th at 1:00pm
REPUBLICAN - 4-H Community Center, 779 Sulphur Creek Rd., Meeker - Sat., March 29th at 2:00pm
CAUCUS PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS
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.
Nancy R. Amick
Rio Blanco County Clerk & Recorder
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LEGAL NOTICES

WREA Board of Directors Vacancy
Please be advised that there is a vacancy on the White River Electric Association Board of Directors. The vacancy represents a Town of Meeker District Board seat. The WREA Board of Directors will entertain letters of interest by Members seeking appointment for the Town of Meeker District vacancy until March 5, 2014 at 4:30 PM. The WREA Board will appoint a Director for the unexpired portion of the vacated term which expires on September 10, 2014. Please include your full name, address, email address, and mobile or home phone.
Pursuant to the WREA Bylaws interested Members must meet the following qualifications:
* Reside within the Town of Meeker
* Maintain a WREA Membership
* Maintain an electric meter in his/her name, individually or jointly
* May not be a Close Relative of an existing WREA Director
* May not be employed by WREA
* May not be an incumbent of an elected public office with which a salary is paid.
If a Member is interested in being considered for appointment by the Board of Directors, please submit a letter stating your interest, experience or qualifications by March 5, 2014. The WREA Board of Directors will review all submitted letters and announce its appointment no later than March 14, 2014. The appointed Director will be expected to attend the March 19, 2014, and subsequent monthly WREA Board meetings. The Board will not conduct interviews in support of submitted letters of interest. Please mail or deliver letters of interest to the following:
Mr. Anthony Mazzola
President of the Board of Directors
c/o Trina K. Zagar-Brown, General Counsel
White River Electric Associations, Inc.
P.O. Box 958
233 6th Street
Meeker, CO 81641
Please contact Trina K. Zagar-Brown, General Counsel, at WREA at 970-878-5041 with any additional questions.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the Board Room of the Meeker Sanitation District, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado, the Board of Directors of the Meeker Sanitation District, will conduct a public hearing concerning the annexation of the following described land into the Meeker Sanitation District:
HOSPITAL PARCEL
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN TRACTS 70, 72A, AND 49A OF THE 1908 GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE RESURVEY IN SECTIONS 13 AND 24, T1N, R94W OF THE 6TH P.M., TOWN OF MEEKER, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT ANGLE POINT 5 (ALUMINUM CAP RLS 12029) OF SAID TRACT 72A, WHENCE ANGLE POINT 6 (ALUMINUM CAP RLS 12029) OF SAID TRACT 72A BEARS N89°55'26"E, 1330.04 FEET; THENCE N22°52'24"E, 1528.88 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S83°04'54"W, 500.82 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 712.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°36'19"; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE 330.62 FEET, THE CHORD OF SAID ARC BEARS S69°46'45"W, 327.65 FEET; THENCE S56°28'36"W, 849.74 FEET; THENCE N40°01'26"E, 174.20 FEET; THENCE N00°03'56"E, 1057.46 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN RECEPTION NO. 304809 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER;
THENCE N40°01'18"E, ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE, 1827.38 FEET; THENCE S31°36'03"E, 715.73 FEET; THENCE S01°12'17"W, 277.46 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 660.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 08°26'26"; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE 97.23 FEET, THE CHORD OF SAID ARC BEARS S05°30'29"W, 97.14 FEET; THENCE S09°43'42"W, 822.64 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 340.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 16°37'08"; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE 98.62 FEET, THE CHORD OF SAID ARC BEARS S01°25'08"W, 98.27 FEET; THENCE S06°53'26"E, 55.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
CONTAINING 51.86 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND/OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.
The above described property is owned by:
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District
345 Cleveland Street
Meeker, CO 81641
DATED this 12th day of February, 2014
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
By: Leslie M. Sorensen
LESLIE M. SORENSEN
Chairman of the Board
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PUBLIC NOTICE
RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on Monday March 24, 2014, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:15 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
Re-Plat 14-01, Alan Nielsen Minor Subdivision to resolve a boundary line encroachment issue between the land owners. 75 RBC Rd. 43, in Section 4, T1S, R93W, 6thP.M. (PIN# 162304200122) , Æi Alan Nielsen/Howard S. Nielsen Memori-



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al Pak, Shey L. Wangnild, & Ernest and Diane Kinzli Family Trust.
Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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**TOWN OF MEEKER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday March 4, 2014
7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
I. Call to Order
A. Pledge of Allegiance
II. Roll Call
III. Approval of the Agenda
IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes
V. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
VI. Public Participation
VII. New Business
A. Public Hearings- 7:00 p.m.
1. Renew Hotel/Restaurant Liquor License for Happy Holiday's, LLC, dba "Holiday's" located at 364 7th Street
2. Resolution #2, Series 2014, a resolution to approve the Colorado County Officials & Employees Retirement Association's Restated Plan and Participation Agreement
3. Ordinance #4-2014, an Ordinance amending and updating Chapter 9.7, Offenses Relating to Personal and Real Property, and Chapter 10.08, Streets and Handing of Snow
4. Ordinance #5-2014, an Ordinance amending and updating Chapter 9.3.202 Marijuana
VIII. Mayor's remarks
IX. Town Manager's Report
X. Town Attorney's Report
XI. Other Board Business
XII. Adjournment
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MEEKER
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 1, 2014**

NOTICE TO VOTERS
Monday, March 3, 2014 is the last day to register to vote for the April 1, 2014 Municipal Election. In order to be eligible to vote in the Municipal Election, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least eighteen years of age and a resident of the Town of Meeker thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election.
You may register at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO or at the County Clerk's office, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 550 Main Street, Meeker, CO during regular business hours.
Dated this 30th Day of January 2014.
TOWN OF MEEKER
By: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
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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 determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, February 28, 2014 (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier 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 ad-

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dress 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).
Western Rio Blanco Metro Recreation and Park District
Designated Election Official Signature
Division of Local Government - Department of Local Affairs - 2014 Election B-6
Revised 6/10/2008
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

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.

Thank you to the RBC Historical Society Board of Directors. Thank you to all who attended, for the cards and best wishes. With loving appreciation- Sandy Shimko

Rio Blanco Fire Protection District is now offering **CPR/FIRST AID Classes** at the fire station located at 236 7th Street, Meeker, CO. Call 970-878-3443 for more information.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Rio Blanco Fire Protection District will soon be offering **EMT-Basic classes** at the fire station located at 236 7th Street, Meeker, CO. Call 970-878-3443 for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RBC Fair Board Meeting
Western Annex Building in Rangely.
March 6, 2014 @ 6:00pm

CLEANING

NEW LIFE CARPET CARE
Carpet cleaning, air duct cleaning and cleaning services provided by certified carpet technicians. A great job at a great price. (970)824-1017.

FARM & RANCH

Huberwoods in Lapoint, UT
Corral Poles 8'-20', Fence Stays Posts 8' (pine & cedar), Line and Corner Teepee poles and Small Logs (will deliver 1.00/loaded mile)
Call Brad: (435) 790-3038 or (435) 247-2481

GUNS

KELLEY'S GUNSMITHING
Would like to buy quality guns and optics
878-4582

HUNTING

PETSKA FUR
Paying top prices for Fur, Antler, Deer & Elk Hides.
In Rangely and Dinosaur
December - March.
(308) 870-4887. www.petskafor.net

LOST & FOUND

Lost- One ring, Mother of Pearl. REWARD Rick R. 878-5919

MISCELLANEOUS

NIMBLE FINGERS for mending, sewing, alterations. My aim is to get clothes restored to being the owner's favorite. Diane (970) 878-9889

ASK ABOUT OUR CNC MACHINING

Can't get a metal part? We can make all kinds of parts. We have CNC Machine equipment, lathe and tooling to do the job. Contact Phil at Family Automotive and Machine. (970)878-5606.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DO YOU have Organizational & People Skills that you'd like to share with the community? The Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Ticket Booth and associated volunteers during our 5 day September event. Our board provides lots of support and help. A great way to get involved and have fun! Interested or questions? Call Maym at 878-0111 or email trials@meekersheepdog.com

**HELP WANTED:
FULL TIME**

Farm Foreman Position- Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center (UCEPC), is seeking a full-time Farm Foreman. UCEPC, located in Meeker, CO, is a 501(c) (3) non-profit research and development facility for plant materials used in revegetation and reclamation of surface disturbances in CO, UT, WY, and the Central Rocky Mountain region. Salary is commensurate with experience, education, and housing needs; housing is available on site. Full benefit package

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER,
a community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:

- PRN:**
- Certified Nursing Assistant - Walbridge Wing
 - Patient Care Tech
 - RN - Acute/E.D.
 - RN - Walbridge Wing
 - LPN - Walbridge Wing
- FULL-TIME [eligible for benefits]:**
- Physical Therapist
 - RN - Acute / E.D.
 - Certified Nursing Assistant - Wing
 - Patient Financial Services Billing Tech
 - Environmental Services Tech
 - RN - Wing
 - Cardiopulmonary Manager

Submit Resume and/or Application to:
Pioneers Medical Center, HR,
345 Cleveland St., Meeker, Colo., 81641
Visit our Web site at:
www.pioneershospital.org

Pioneers Medical Center
Phone: (970) 878-5047 Fax: (970) 878-3385
345 Cleveland, Meeker, CO 81641
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Meeker**
- Registered Nurse
 - Technical Support Specialist

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to
www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/personnel.html

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

**HELP WANTED:
FULL TIME**

includes employee health insurance, PERA retirement, paid leave and holidays. Farming experience and basic computer skills required. CDL and Pesticide Applicators License required or must be obtained if hired. Bachelor's degree and bi-lingual preferred. Job applications are available via e-mail at: ucepc@wrea-wildblue.org, or 5538 County Road 4 in Meeker. Applications close March 14, 2014.



Teller
First National Bank of the Rockies
We are looking for a customer service oriented individual with cash handling experience for this full-time position. Banking experience is a plus. Full benefits include medical insurance and paid time off. Send resume to Patti Roberts at G_HR@fnbrockies.com. First National Bank of the Rockies is an Equal Opportunity Employer of women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities.

**TOWN OF MEEKER
SEEKING UTILITYMAN EMPLOYEE**

The Town of Meeker is accepting applications for the position of Utilityman. Benefited Position. Duties include General Maintenance of all related systems that the town is charged with operating. This includes Streets and Bridges, Water System, Snow Removal, Weed Control, Operating Heavy Equipment, and other assigned duties by the supervisor. The employee must obtain a CDL drivers license within 6 months of employment date and obtain a Class D water license within 12 months of employment. Work hours are 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Applications are available at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641, or request by telephone at (970) 878-5344. Applications must be received at Town Hall no later than Thursday March 6, 2014. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Faxed applications are accepted.
Published:
February 13, 20, 27, 2014

**HELP WANTED:
GENERAL**

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

HUFFCO SERVICES
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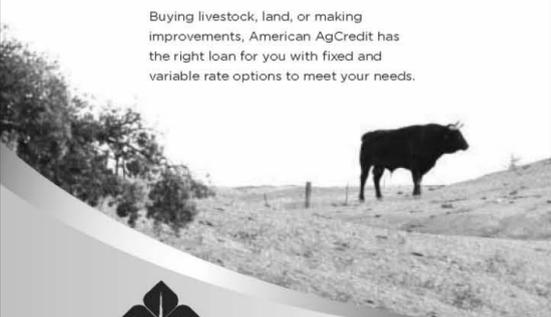
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*643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$129,000. **REDUCED!**
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*River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
*2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, Beautiful setting! \$65,000 **REDUCED**
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CNCC Flight Team: The Sky's the Limit

By Lucas Noel



Front: Flight Coach Jason Krueger, Flight Coach David Blood
Middle: Freshman Camille Elliott, Sophomore Geneva MaGill-Collins

Back: Sophomore Joe Carey, Sophomore Ben Miszuk, Freshman Curtis Noel, Freshman Ben Fitzgibbons, Freshman Brad Antista, Sophomore Peter Larralde, Freshman Nathan Hardin, Coach Josh Steib, Freshman Andrew Dihle, Sophomore Jimmy Zorn

The flight team finished second place overall in the region to the Air Force Academy and qualified for the National Flight Competition. There are 9 events total for points. All ground events receive points for top 20 finishes and flight events receive double points. The total team points determines the number top finishers. Geneva Magill-Collins was 4th overall in the region out of 80 pilots. Three others, Josh Stieb, James Zorn, and Curtis Noel also ranked within the top twenty. The competition -due to the government shutdown- had

to be held in Prescott, Arizona. Fortunately Embry Riddle Aeronautical University invited the entire region to come compete with them.

NIFA (The National Intercollegiate Flying Association) is an organization that provides aviation college students the ability to compete and learn in aviation fields from all across the country. CNCC's region covers a vast amount of land and different schools including the US Air Force Academy, Denver Metro, Rocky Mountain in Montana, Westminster, Utah State,

and Utah Valley Universities. Needless to say, CNCC has their work cut out for them.

Jason Krueger, one of the flight team's coaches, stated that it was a very good team win and everyone contributed. Jason believes that CNCC has a good chance at winning the top two-year trophy in the nation. "The amount of work that our students put into the flight team shows not only their passion for aviation, but their dedication to the team and CNCC."

Sadie Hawkins Dance

By Megan Raymond

Valentine's Day is often associated with flowers and chocolates but not usually school dances. On February 13, Student Government hosted the second dance of the year: a Sadie Hawkins Dance in honor of the holiday. There were balloons, cookies, and even an archway for people to cross under to enter the dance. This idea was thought up by Student Government Vice President Jesse Anderson as part of the three projects that Student Government officers must do. This idea came to him because it was "something unique and different than the school had done before and [he] wanted some change".

A Sadie Hawkins dance is a dance in which girls ask guys to the dance, which is a change from the traditional. There were several couples there in addition to several single people.

"I thought it was a great idea to have Sadie Hawkins because it takes the pressure off of the guys and gave the girls a chance to ask whomever they wanted, rather than waiting to be asked," Anderson said.

Sadie Hawkins was a tradition at many high schools and was not done here in the past year. It was something that the students had not seen during the two year

period that most attended the school.

"It was nice to have a change and even though I did not ask anyone, it was still nice that it was expected for me to. The dance was set up well and there was a lot of room and a good variety of music," Student Government Secretary Megan Raymond said of the dance. "Even though not a lot of people attended due to sports teams traveling, it was great having something to do before Spring Break to just hang out with friends and listen to some good music."

This is not the only dance that the students on Student Government will be planning. In April, there will be another dance planned with the Resident Assistants to get some of the stress off students, though it will not be a Sadie Hawkins dance.

"Sadie Hawkins dances are something done all the time and it was nice to bring some of that tradition that everyone knows here and have everyone get something out of it. We wanted to do something that had not been done in the past two years and we did. We changed the typical college dance setting that people were used to and shook it up a bit, and it was exciting," Anderson said.

Black History Month guest speaker

By Kimber Kinney

On February 5th, 2014 in the Colorado Room at CNCC, a guest speaker came up to talk to the high school and college students about what black history month is about and why it started.

The guest speaker Emmett Hayes and his wife have traveled around the United States talking to many schools, businesses, and other places. One of the most interesting things that he told everyone was that many people did not know was that it previously was not

called Black History Month, instead called "Negro Week." He had many interesting facts about inventors ranging from music, to technology, and many other areas.

Hayes talked a lot about how no race should have a specific week, month, year, or even holiday, and that each race should be known for all of their history each and every day. It should be passed onto our children just as if it was a history class. He was very right, we are all equal no matter what color our

skin is, what religion we choose to believe in, or even our heritage.

Many students from the college, teachers, and some other adults showed up for his speech. Some of the students said that it was going to be just another boring lecture, but once the speech was over, most of the students said it was a good time and enjoyed themselves. He was funny and had a great way of teaching us about his view and the history on Black History Month.

Something I would have loved



Jesse Anderson, Michelle Holland, and Ben Gruber strike a fun pose under the archway. This was the entrance to the dance floor and they were some of the first to start dancing.



The archway that stood at the entrance to the dance. Just beyond was the dance floor and the tables for people to eat and hang out.

Both photos courtesy of Michelle Holland



to hear about and found out is what it was like to be a slave, and hear the thoughts, and stories from real slaves, and to imagine and put yourself in their shoes for once. When he briefly talked about slavery, it really had my attention but I would have liked to have heard more about it, especially during the Civil War and the Freedmen's Bureau. Kristen Rowland, a freshman in college, stated, "I am really interested in slavery, and wished the guest speaker had touched more base on

slavery."

Overall, Emmett Hayes was a fantastic speaker, and did a wonderful job with his presentation for the college and high school on February 5th, and many people, especially teachers, were very impressed with him. Hayes did a great job teaching about Black History and knew lots of information on what he talked about and who each person was.



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Trayvon Martin 2 years after: The Anniversary

By Kristina Hererra

It is hard to believe that it has almost been two years since the murder of Trayvon Martin.

For those who don't know, Martin was a 17 year old African American male who was shot and killed by a Caucasian male George Zimmerman on February 26, 2012. Zimmerman at the time was a neighborhood watch Captain in his own neighborhood who went against police orders and followed the teenager he suspected was armed and dangerous after seeing Trayvon walking through his neighborhood in black hoodie. Zimmerman approached the young man and from there on no one knows the true story.

Evidence was later found that Martin was unarmed and, due to protests and because the case drew media attention, questions on whether or not Zimmerman racially profiled 17 year old Martin, after what seemed like year long debates, were finally brought to court.

Unfortunately for supporters of the Martin family, George

Zimmerman was found not guilty. Due to the final decisions of the jury, there was an outcry of the public and small riots and rebellion broke out across the U.S. as tensions flared. The case was seen as the modern case similar to that of the murder of Emmett Till.

In support for the 2nd anniversary of the death of Trayvon Martin, his parents are asking supporters to again wear black hoodies like that of the one Martin wore the day he was murdered. The black hoodies worn by supporters symbolize the stereotypes African Americans face in the U.S. today and why we as a country still deal with racism and stereotypes on the daily basis. The hoodies also tell us as a whole how we need to continue to improve.

It should not be until a heinous crime is committed that people should want to become better people. We should all want to progress positively so that these crimes are to never happen.

Kreig's Kicks

"Rants and raves by me, Kreig."

Man's first invention was fire. Some myths say this was a gift given to us by an immortal that was then punished for giving us intelligent thought. Other creation ideas take a different approach such as the Christian and Judea thought of an apple which allowed us to know good and evil, right and wrong. Once again though this was punished. No matter how man gains power he must always be punished for it. This holds true even in today's world.

With everything comes a price to be paid. To gain the knowledge to work a better job you have to shell out a ton of money for a degree. To be a leader you must pay the price of sticking to your decisions. This is where things become complicated. Too many people wish to be leaders but very few have the innate ability or the achieved knowledge to do so.

Very few people who put themselves in a leadership position are willing to make hard decisions to do what must be done. Too many people worry about what

their friends and close family will think when they make a decision and instead they do not make the necessary decision. Sometimes you have to be willing to lose people to achieve the best good for everyone. This is not something that can be done lightly.

To truly make a good choice you have to decide one what is best for you, two what is best for everyone, and three what is the best way to go about doing what must be done. Now putting yourself above everyone else may sound selfish but in reality we are a selfish species and make the best choices when they help us.

Step two is much easier. Making sure that your decision is good for everyone else. It's as simple as it sounds. The only difficulty here is if your decision does not favor everyone you must weigh the good and bad of your bonus versus everyone else's loss. If your bonus heavily outweighs the negative then the decision still should be followed.

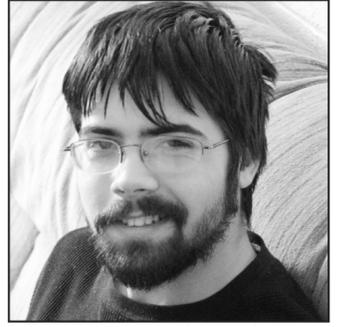


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Kreig Kohl

Three is honestly the hardest part of this. There are so many possibilities of how to handle things that finding the best path is extremely difficult. First you have to sit down and see all the paths that can be taken. You then have to play out these different paths in your head visualizing all the different outcomes that can happen. It takes time and practice to be able to do this well enough to have it help with decisions.

Honestly this is a hard process fraught with stress and possible pain. Once it is mastered though it's worth everything endured.

The life and death of Flappy Bird

By Michaela Christoff

I'm sorry for your loss, Flappy Bird has passed on.

Flappy Bird was released May 24, 2013. Millions of users have become addicted to this simple mobile game. If you've played it, you know exactly what I'm talking about.

Flappy Bird has no story. You are simply controlling a bird and you must tap the screen to make him fly up and avoid pipes jutting from the sky and ground, but while all of you are addicted to this game, you may not have realized Flappy Bird is no longer a game that can be downloaded from the Android or Apple Markets.

On February 10, 2014 Flappy Bird was removed from these markets. Flappy Birds Creator Nguyen Ha Dong stated "I am sorry Flappy Bird users ... I cannot take this anymore."

It was stated in an interview with Forbes that Ha Dong blamed

the games addictive nature and to solve this problem, he removed Flappy Bird forever. New games similar to Flappy Bird have begun spawning in the play store with Clumsy Bird now ranked number one top free game in the android market. Due to this uprising of Flappy Bird knockoffs, the Apple and Android markets have been cracking down on not only on games with the word Flappy in it but also games that seem to be ripping off the original games idea. Ebay has also been seeing a lot of business too since phones with Flappy Bird on them have been selling in the thousands and merchandise like shirts and mugs have been appearing too. Flappy Bird has changed a lot of things within the short time it was available and now continues to change things. Who knows how long we will be spammed with Flappy Bird paraphernalia?

Walden: A Book Review

By Dale Nielsen

Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* cannot be put into words or described. It is one of those books that should be read regardless of what you believe in your life. *Walden* will take you on a spiritual journey that is life changing to say the least. *Walden* is based on Thoreau's two years of solitude that he spent in a cabin he crafted himself. The first chapter, Economics, is by far the best chapter in any book I have ever read. Just in this chapter alone he covers clothes, money, houses and our elders. "Age is no better, hardly so well, qualified for an instructor as youth, for it has not profited so much as it has lost. One may almost doubt if the wisest man has learned anything of absolute value by living. Practically, the old have no very important advice to give the young, their own experience has been so partial, and their lives have been such miserable failures, for private reasons, as they must believe; and it may be that they have some faith left which belies that experience, and they are only less young than they were. I have lived some thirty years on this planet, and I have yet to hear the first syllable of valuable or even earnest advice from my seniors."

This sums up Thoreau in a nutshell. He believes we should educate ourselves and that our intelligence is based on what you think, not what your teachers or professors think. The only intelligence you will ever gain comes from within and through book reading. Thoreau believed books were all you needed to educate yourself. He believes people should be self-educated, and not subject ourselves to the rigors of society. "But men labor under a mistake. The better part of the man is soon plowed into the soil for compost. By a seeming fate, commonly called necessity, they are employed, as it says in an old book, laying up treasures which moth and rust will corrupt and thieves break through and steal. It is a fool's life, as they will find when they get to the end of it, if not before." After writing down Thoreau's words in this article, it makes my writing seem inadequate and superfluous. I will try to do *Walden* justice by at least telling you this: if you ever have any extra time, do yourself a favor and pick up *Walden*. You will not be disappointed, and I can attest for that. As for me, this book is a Bible for a lost soul.

One cent gas

By James Chamberlain

Have you ever wished for free gas? Who hasn't, right? Well citizens of Woodstock, Illinois got closer to that dream than ever before as a computer glitch caused an impromptu "sale" on unleaded "plus" gasoline at a local Shell station Sunday, February 9th.

"The clerk didn't appear to be aware" of the mistake, Woodstock Police Sgt. Dennis Leard told the Northwest Herald. "We made him aware of the situation and instructed him to shut off his pumps and fix the problem." "GAS FOR ONE CENT IN WOODSTOCK! No joke," Star 105.5, a local radio station, announced on its Facebook page. "Here's one listener's receipt and we're sure it's been changed since then. Not bad for 10 gallons...12 cents! What's this 1920?" The national average for a gallon of gas is \$3.294, with the cost of filling a 12-gallon tank sitting at about \$40. On Sunday at the Woodstock Shell, the same tank fill would've cost about 13 cents.

The accidental sale lasted only about two hours, as police were called to break up fights and traffic jams around the station. It is unclear exactly how many people were able to take advantage of the sale but one thing is certain: the Shell station in Woodstock, Illinois lost a lot of money that day.

Even the cheapest gas in this area is in Vernal, Utah at about \$3.19 per gallon. Filling up your tank at the Woodstock Shell station would have saved you more than \$50 to fill up an average tank and well over \$100 for a large pick-up truck.

With the price of everything in this country continuing to rise, who wouldn't like a little break once in a while? At least a few people in Woodstock, Illinois caught a break. Now I think it's time for a little glitch to occur in Northwest Colorado... don't you agree?

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These Circumstances

By Tiffany Record

This overwhelming feeling brings tears to my eyes,
It's always so hard to let yourself fall for someone.
The way they look at you changes your mood,
When they touch you, chills make their way up your spine.
The longing that is brought from their existence leaves you empty,
Yet, there is still a fight within you to make it work.
But why?

Pain is the only emotion brought to mind when I think about him,
He made me feel things that I had never felt before.
All the words he spoke took my breath away,
At times his touch made my body tremble.
The only thing I want is to have him back in my life,
But why?

The confusion overtakes my mind,
I can never ever think straight when he is near me.
It hurts even more when one is forced to hold in the hurt,
Tucked away in a place that no-one will ever find out.
I could not wish this hurt on him even though he's done it to me,
But why?

What hurts the most is seeing him everywhere,
He looks at me in a different way.
It is no longer the look of wanting me,
Rather, he glares sending an overwhelming pain to my heart.
I cannot help but ask myself if it will always be this way,
I hate myself for what he has done,
But why?

His influence has left me knowing what I really want in my life,
I will no longer let the pain he brought haunt me.
These circumstances have made me strong,
Pain and hurt has taught me to be this person.
I can find someone better than him,
But where?

Brass Floors

By Kane Usami

Reno walked. He walked until his legs could carry him no further he stopped to rest. He had been walking SouthWest for about two weeks now and he was running low on bullets, food, water, and spirit. He didn't want to do anything. He was confused, and tired, and hungry. He lay on the hard, acrid, dry dirt that seemed to cover the whole planet. Thinking.

Sometimes Reno thought too much. He seemed to over think every trivial thing that passed him by. He overthought leaving the small town. He overthought his name, convincing himself that the name Reno was a good name for something like a town, but not a man. And he overthought his surroundings all too much. Thinking is usually a good thing, but sometimes for Reno, it slowed him down.

Reno unslung his rucksack and opened it up. He pulled out his last bit of dried deer meat and ripped it in half to create two unrealistically small pieces. Shoving the bigger bit into his pack, and the other into his mouth. He checked his canteen by shaking it. About ¼ full. He reluctantly took a small sip. A sip that couldn't drown an ant. He put his gear back into his rucksack, slung it back onto his malnourished body, checked

around his feet for dropped gear and he took off. Heading in what direction his mind told him was West.

What seemed like days later (Or at least days to a dehydrated, malnourished mind.) Reno came across the remnants of an old world road. A material that acted like some type of stone but was laid in a flat strip atop the ground. Reno had encountered these roads before, but he could never quite understand how they laid stone in such a way and he would ponder the question for days until he grew bored of all the possibilities. Again, his overactive mind. He decided to follow the road for as long as he could since it was heading the same direction as he. The cracked, broken road that Reno was traveling on hurt his feet if he walked on it too long so he walked beside the road for the remainder of the day.

Walking along the road Reno encountered no animals, no mutants, and no other travelers. The dust

blew into his already hard face like the gods wanted him to look even saltier than he already was. He snugged his hat down and pressed on.

The day was growing dark, the air was growing cold, and the world was becoming an even scarier place than it already was. Reno surveyed the horizon. At first not seeing anything but then, he saw a light. Faint as it was, he could tell it was no fire. It was no lantern. This was indeed a fabled "electrocution" light. Not just one either, no but a whole cluster of them. Glowing and dancing in the distance. Reno set down his sleeping mat and his blanket wrap. He started a fire out of some dead half burnt wood that he'd found. He took another sip of water, sat down and looked out at the (perhaps imaginary) "electrocution" lights and a faint smile twinged at Reno's haggard, stubbled, dark, dirty face.

Revenge

By Zach Glasgow

The carriage rolled to a stop, the horses whickering outside. Out the carriage door stood a moderately sized house, hewn from white stone and granite, with lush foliage in the yard. The long, wide street was empty as Marcus, the best soldier in the Roman Army, set his first steps on the cobblestones.

It had been almost a year since he had been here before - almost a year since he had been ordered to war with a neighboring country. He was called in the middle of the night, with only a few moments to say goodbye to his family. Aelia, his beautiful wife who was pregnant with his second child, and Valentina, his five year old daughter, had wept for him, fearing he would never return.

The war itself had gone smoothly enough, but his time spent in camp was beyond horrid - his commanding officer had stuck him with the worst jobs and duties. In Marcus' mind, having to clean latrine pits with nothing but his hands had been the worst. The things you found in the muck were awful, and the smell was even worse. His friends among the camp had offered to help him, but they were beaten brutally for offering.

"A coin for the ride," Marcus said, as he tossed a silver coin to the

carriage driver. The driver snatched the coin from the air, nodded, and left with a crack of his reins.

Marcus was nervous, but very much excited to see his family again. He knocked on the door, and was quickly met with his daughter, Valentina, pouncing on him in her excitement. His weapons, a pair of short swords, a long sword, and his shield got in the way of returning her hugs. They clattered to the ground as he unclasped them, and tickled her sides where she was most ticklish.

His most beloved wife, Aelia, appeared in the doorway. Marcus could see the tears of joy in her eyes as she came to hug him, though that was difficult with her bulging stomach. "Our child should be born within the month," she whispered in his ear, and buried her head in his neck. Together, they went inside and promptly went to bed, with Valentina in Marcus' arms, and Aelia's body against his.

Marcus woke with a start as the knocks on his front door echoed through the house. He hadn't been visited in the passing days since he returned home from the war. He assumed he had some sort of job, but he didn't

know what. Rising from his bed, he walked to the front door.

'Ah, brother, so good to see you!', the man at the door exclaimed.

Marcus' brother, Alexander, the king of all the land, stood before him in his golden robes bedecked in rare jewels. "I have need of you in the kingdom, brother. Our local captain of the guard has gone missing, and you are the perfect person to take his place! You shall investigate his disappearance and deal with local matters of crime. You must be so excited, yes, I know. I must be off now, goodbye, brother!"

Marcus was shocked as his brother climbed back into his carriage and left, leaving Marcus no chance to protest his brother's order. Him, a captain of the guard? He knew about fighting, not organizing and leading. His brother must be mad.

"What was that all about?", Aelia mused, placing a hand on his shoulder.

"I think I'm the new captain of the guard...", he replied, and rushed to his bedroom to don proper clothes. It was going to be a long day.

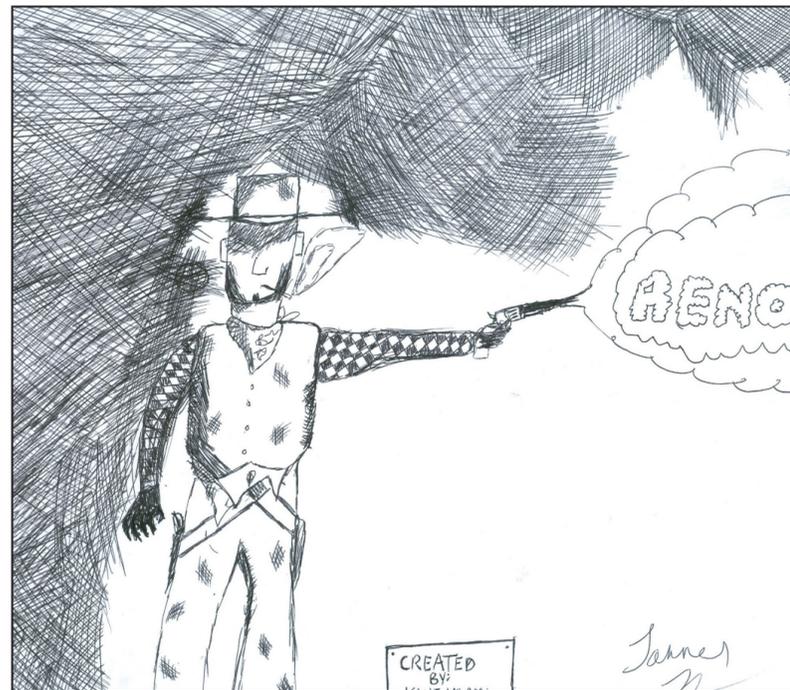


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Where All Things Must End

By Kalt Schwarz

Blackest of rain, and darkest night
Bring forth to me this final sight
A bright shine casts more shadows
As one more steps upon the gallows

As the fourth of the horsemen
rides near
All the onlookers are filled with fear
The name he uses no one dare speaks

The one with the noose is who he seeks

The despair felt within brings this now
A new field for his to plow
For as said before now said again
This valley of darkness is where all things must end

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FROM THE BARN

CNCC Rodeo Athletes trade boots and spurs for boxing gloves

By Devon Vondette

Colorado Northwestern Community College rodeo team members Jessalyn Gingrich, Wade Grimshaw, Jesse Anderson and Devon Vondette entered the inaugural Colorado Mesa University Boxing Smoker in Grand Junction on Wed., Feb. 12, as part of a fundraiser for the CMU Rodeo Team.

After training for a mere two weeks in the boxing ring rather than the rodeo arena, the four athletes were in shape to take on all comers. Head rodeo coach Jed Moore prepared the team for battle with regular rodeo athlete daily workouts, footwork and boxing skills. With high anticipation by fighters, coaches and spectators alike, the fight was on, literally.

In fight number 3, Devon Vondette, sophomore, took on CMU rodeo athlete Tashala Storebeck. Running across the ring to meet her opponent, Vondette met Storebeck with a stiff left jab. Throughout the entire fight,

Vondette threw a triple combination of jab, hook, jab. By unanimous judge's decision Vondette downed her opponent 30-27, taking the first victory for CNCC.

In fight number 7, Wade Grimshaw measured up a tad short against his opponent in height and reach but equaled him in heart. At a severe height disadvantage Grimshaw met the challenge, kept his chin down and created a hard target. Grimshaw's opponent, Jesse Smith, measured in at 6' 8" to Grimshaw's 5'10". Though height was a factor, Grimshaw didn't let it stop him. With speed and endurance, the CNCC steer wrestler tore through all three rounds. Unfortunately Grimshaw lost in a decision.

For the "Fight of the Night," Jessalyn Gingrich climbed into the ring. Stacking up against a fellow rodeo athlete, Gingrich fought Haillie Taylor from CMU. Throughout all three rounds, each girl stuck hard and quick punches, making the fight equally powered.

Never quitting, the girls threw punches all the way till the final bell rang. With a questionable final score, Gingrich 27, Taylor 30.

Although in the books the fight between Gingrich and Taylor has Taylor on top, the CNCC rodeo stand out fought her heart out! Wrapping up the fights, Jesse Anderson went in with full steam loaded. Getting several head and body shots in, Anderson gave his opponent something to search for. Anderson made it through all three rounds and was narrowly beaten in a decision but fought until the very end.

Looking back on the event, all athletes were glad to have fought for the fundraising cause for CMU and to have the ultimate boxing experience. The CNCC Spartans look forward to next year's boxing match. Until then, it is back to the arena.



After the fight: (from left) Jessalyn Gingrich, Jesse Anderson, Devon Vondette, and Wade Grimshaw.



Devon Vondette in red faced off against a CMU Rodeo athlete in blue in the 1st round of the match



Students create Intercollegiate Horse Show Association team

by Devon Vondette

In November of 2013, our very own Stacy Baley created an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Team.

"IHSA provides collegiate riders of all skills the opportunity to compete individually and as teams in equestrian competition. It was founded on the principle that any college student should be able to participate in horse shows regardless of his or her riding ability or financial status" from the website of the IHSA.

The students of CNCC brought their proposal of an IHSA team to student government in January.

With poise, preparation and determination, they convinced the officers and all attending students that the IHSA club would be a great addition to CNCC.

Amber Parmley, a sophomore at CNCC and also the 2014 student government treasure demonstrated why the team was so important. Parmley explained the IHSA team would complete

the equine atmosphere for CNCC and add to the existing equine programs.

Equine events such as hunt seat for English riders or western equitation for Western riders will be those that the team will compete in.

How the team works is they are put into a region much like our existing rodeo team. Each Region hosts their own IHSA horse shows that will then lead to a Regional Championship competition. Equestrians that qualify as individuals riders or as a team will go on to their Zone Championships.

If the competitor is a hunter seat rider, or one of 3 Western Semi-Finalist riders they will then move on with their team to the IHSA National Championship Show.

The CNCC IHSA team's first competition is February 15 in Montana.

From all at CNCC, we wish them luck and good times.



By Devon Vondette

Nowhere to practice! Stuck out in the deep snow and frigid temperatures!

The CNCC Rodeo Team is in its 4th year of existence. Our 2013-2014 Rodeo Team is comprised of 19 student athletes, two committed coaches and more than two dozen equine athletes.

With two Nationals qualifiers returning for the 2013-14 season, competitors were well aware of what it takes to make a Nationals bid.

Our entire rodeo team was quite successful in the fall season and is gearing up for the spring season.

As the team prepares for the competitions ahead individually and as a group they struggle to get quality practice in the snow covered arena and frigid Northern Colorado temperatures.

Although the team is getting dry dummy practice in the CNCC Colorado room, live outdoor practice would get the team on a level playing field with some of the other teams in the region who have indoor facilities to practice in.

In order to get quality practice, the team makes the jaunt to Garfield County Fairgrounds in Rifle or to

a private facility in Craig or New Castle every Thursday night. With the price of fuel, drive time and arena reservations, it makes getting quality practice in costly, time consuming and very difficult.

The first Rocky Mountain regional rodeo of the spring is February 27 through the 1st of March in Ogden, Utah.

Though getting practice in is difficult and trials will come the teams' way, nothing will stand in the Spartans way of success. As coach Paige Yore always says, "Life is only as hard as you make it."



Back Row: (Head coach) Jed Moore, Clay Crozier, Brody Adams, Jesse Anderson, Devon Vondette, Tasha Gibson, Brice Osborne, Clint Chew, and (Assistant Coach) Paige Yore

Middle Row: Carly Hibbs, Karlee Worthen, Teasha Moody, Jessalyn Gingrich, Taylor Duzik, Courtney Hibbs,

Bottom Row: Chris Bushaw, Dax Koskie, Wade Grimshaw and Jeremiah Fat.

Not Pictured: Jake Smith and Melanie McKay