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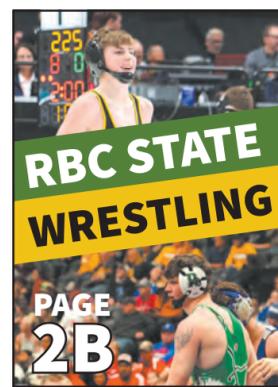
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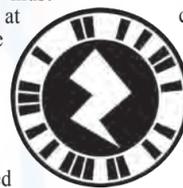
First annual skijoring event brings thrills to 'humdrum' season

By HERALD TIMES STAFF
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RBC I Hoofbeats, hollers and the swish of skis. They're not sounds typically associated with each other, unless, of course, you know what skijoring is.

A relatively new sport to the U.S., skijoring pairs a skier with a horse and rider. They fly down an obstacle course that includes sharp turns, jumps and bright orange magnetic rings the skier must catch as they whiz by at double-digit speeds. The goal? Be the fastest, and don't miss or drop those darned rings. Clean runs often end up ranked higher than fast runs as time penalties are assessed for mistakes.

With help from the Saratoga, Wyoming skijor team, about 50 volunteers and 16 primary sponsors, Meeker pulled off a successful skijoring event last weekend at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. More than 300 people attended. The event was part of the Skijor USA tour. In Meeker, 32 teams, plus eight junior 12-and-under teams participated, with 10 custom buckles and prizes awarded to the winners.



"I think Meeker has caught the skijoring bug," said organizer Kitty Clemens, who, together with Meeker Drugs owner Diana Jones, brought the event to Meeker this year. "It's exciting to be part of a community-wide shared ambition. We are enhancing our rich ranching heritage with a new winter sport that will draw and re-draw visitors for years to come."

Volunteer Janelle Urista described the event as, "a family fun event that brings together two worlds during a time when a lot of people get cabin fever. We had so much support from our community and our mentors from Saratoga. We could not have pulled this off in such a short time as we did without that support. This community always steps up to make these events great."

Local racer Suzan Pelloni, a former Olympic skiing hopeful, learned about skijoring in college and competed in a few events in Montana. "That pre-run flutter in your heart and a hometown crowd—phenomenal," she commented.

The group hopes to start planning ahead for next year. To see the HT's video recaps from this event, download the free ZAPPAR app from the App Store or Google Play and scan the code in the middle of this article.

From locals to traveling pros, 32 teams participated the first annual skijoring competition. (Left) Local team Brett Carroll and Suzan Pelloni fly down the course at the RBC Fairgrounds.

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

Multiple ag groups raise funds to battle wolf issue

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Rio Blanco county ag groups raised \$34,000 to help oppose the statewide ballot initiative to introduce wolves on the Western Slope of Colorado. The Rio Blanco Stockgrowers, in partnership with Rio Blanco Farm Bureau and Rio Blanco Woolgrowers, hosted "Dance Without Wolves," a fundraiser dinner, dance and auction to raise money to oppose the proposal.

More than 300 people gathered at the Fairfield Center in Meeker for the sold-out event. Rio Blanco Stockgrowers President Brian Collins noted, "This sends a strong message statewide that

families on the Western Slope are very concerned about introducing wolves in their backyard and the subsequent negative impact on their families and communities."

More than 70 live and silent auction items were donated, numerous sponsorships provided, and many businesses and individuals provided services free of charge. Contributions came from surrounding communities and all areas within the county. All three organizations worked together closely to ensure success.

Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau President Janice Weinholdt said, "The outpouring of donations and support from our community was overwhelming and underlines

the deep concern in our county and the surrounding communities. We thank all who made this event possible." A listing of helpers and donations, etc. will be compiled for next week's paper.

Proceeds from the event are dedicated to Coloradans Protecting Wildlife, the issue committee running the campaign against the initiative. Coloradans Protecting Wildlife is run by the Colorado Farm Bureau, Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Colorado Woolgrowers Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Safari Club International. People are encouraged to donate to the campaign at www.rethinkwolves.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers' Association packed the house at the annual meeting and dinner/dance at the Fairfield Center. Joining forces this year with RBC Woolgrowers and Farm Bureau, among others, to "Dance Without Wolves," more than \$30,000 was raised to support efforts to combat the wolf reintroduction ballot measure.

Fire claims two lives at family cabin

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I An investigation is underway into the cause of a fire at a remote cabin southeast of Meeker on Saturday, Feb. 22 that claimed two lives. Victoria Temples, 63, and a 15-year-old male were reportedly unable to escape the fire. Two other parties escaped and were transported to Denver for medical treatment.

RBC Road and Bridge crews are working to get heavy equipment to the site, which is off County Road 14. Crews have to clear deep snow to get to the cabin site, which was only accessible

by snowmobile.

RBC Communications received a 911 call Saturday at about 8 p.m. about a cabin fully engulfed in flames. RBC Sheriff Anthony Mazzola said initial observations at the scene were indicative of an explosion. Foul play is not suspected. Heavy equipment is needed to remove portions of the collapsed building before recovery efforts can be made.

This incident is actively being investigated by the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Meeker Fire and Rescue, and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC).



Saturday: 40s/20s Mostly Cloudy



Sunday: 40s/20s Showers

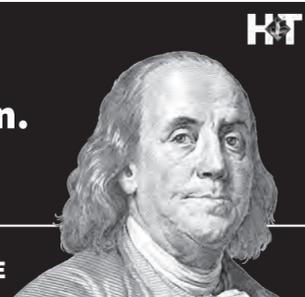


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COUNTY BEAT



By **NIKI TURNER**
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RBC In work sessions, the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners discussed preparing scoping comments on the proposed revision of the regulations governing the BLM's grazing program. The Bureau of Land Management is accepting scoping comments in advance of a proposed revision of regulations that govern the BLM's grazing program. Comments are due back by March 6. The White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts, together with the Board of County Commissioners, are compiling a statement. To learn more or to submit a comment, visit <https://bit.ly/384EhhC>.

Economic Development Director Makala Barton asked the commissioners what direction to take at an upcoming meeting with the state's Just Transition Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Gary Moyer said he would like to see the focus be put on help for communities as opposed to funding for local government. "Government exists because we have a community, not the other way around," he said.

Public Health Director Alice Harvey said the department is seeing more clients for family planning, prompting her to pursue additional federal funding through Title X. If the funding is granted, the department would contract with a medical provider to be the family planning director and see clients in the public health offices instead of sending them to local hospitals.

Harvey also provided an update on influenza and the new coronavirus (COVID-19).

Influenza is still the biggest risk, she said, although numbers of this season's flu cases and hospitalizations are starting to decline. "We're still giving flu shots and it's not too late to get one."

As for the coronavirus, Harvey said, "The term pandemic is in the news, and we want to keep everyone up to date."

There are no positive cases reported in Colorado as of Feb. 25.

Public Health is working with local hospitals, where an active screening process is already in place.

Preparation is underway at the state and local level, even though "the risk is currently very low" locally. "We want to ensure people that we're prepared. We don't want to incite panic."

A plan is in place in the event coronavirus makes an appearance. Continue to take the usual precautions—wash hands well and often, stay home if you feel sick and avoid others who are symptomatic.

In the regular meeting, the commissioners:

- Appointed Renae Neilson, Clint Shults and Karen Arnold to the Fair Board for terms ending 2023.

- Appointed Melissa Dembowski to complete a vacant term on the Fair Board ending 2022.

- Appointed Tracy Hayes to the Columbine Park Board.

- Awarded bids for the 2020 dust control project to GMCO for \$323,822; a culvert cleaner to Rotajetter for \$19,245; and a brush beater attachment for a skid steer to SkidPro Attachments for \$8,565.

- The 2020 herbicide bid was awarded to Van Diest Supply for

GERM WATCH

INFLUENZA:

- Influenza is still the biggest risk to health at this time.

- Numbers of this season's flu cases and hospitalizations are starting to decline.

- RBC Health is still offering flu shots if you need one.

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- Public Health is working with local hospitals, where an active screening process is already in place.

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- "We want to ensure people that we're prepared. We don't want to incite panic."

~ RBC Public Health Director
Alice Harvey

\$114,150, with the option to purchase additional chemicals not included in the bid from a separate bidder.

- Approved an agreement with Wendy's Wonderful Kids for \$2,500. The organization helps find permanent placement homes for kids in need of adoption.

After public comment, including a question about broadband access for Piceance Creek residents and a question from Tonya Merz about home studies for foster homes, the commissioners agreed to put both items on the work session schedule in March.

The board went into executive session to confer with County Attorney Todd Starr regarding legal advice and negotiations.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Fair Board Annual Meeting,** 2/27/2020 at 6:00 P.M., Meeker Fair Grounds NEH Building

- Works in Progress** Feb. 28 from 1-4 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center MP Room. Bring your works in progress—needlework, crafts, miscellaneous projects—to get something done and enjoy the company of other crafters. FREE! ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

- Meeker Public Library Book Club** will meet Monday, Mar. 9 at 1 p.m. to discuss "The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat" by Edward Kelsey Moore. All are welcome to join in the fun.

- Itty Bitty Shamrock Pool Party** Mar. 13, 10 a.m.–noon, MRC Pool. Youth ages 7 and under are invited to join ERBM for the Shamrock Pool Party! Normal MRC fees apply. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

- Sound Therapy Gong Immersion** special guest at Mountain Charisma Yoga Studio, 646 Main St. Mar. 19, 6-7 p.m., \$20/person. Email mountaincharismallc@gmail.com to RSVP.

- Alzheimer's Education Series: Effective Communication Strategies.** Wednesday, March 25 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library (490 Main St.) RSVP to 800-272-3900 or online at <https://bit.ly/2uRZdL1>

- Childcare available at WRBM** Monday-Thursday from 8-10:30 a.m. \$3/hour/child without a pass. \$2.50/hour/child with purchase of a 20 punch pass for \$50. Call WRBM at 970-675-8211 for more information.

- Open Gym Basketball for adults** at Parkview Elementary on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. Youth open gym on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. Carry in clean shoes to participate. Free. Call WRBM at 675-8211 for more information.

- Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park.

- Tiny Open Gym** Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. at the Admin Gym. Bring your one to four-year-olds to burn off some energy! Runs

through Mar. 31 (no session Mar. 24). Maximum of three children per parent/caregiver. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.

- "Geezer Gather"** every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Veteran's Community Center. 290 4th Street. Adults 55+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. 970-878-3758.

- Friday Craft Class** for middle school through adults. Every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. February's craft will be jewelry making. Space is limited to 10 participants. Call 878-5911 or drop by to sign up.

- Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 2-9 p.m. at WREA's Kilowatt Korner. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making personal and comfort quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

- Drop-in adult volleyball** Tuesdays 7:30 to 9 p.m., MES Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in volleyball will run through May 12. A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.

- Drop-in adult basketball** Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the MES Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in basketball will run through Feb. 26. A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.

- Youth Open Gym Basketball** Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the MES Gym for K-8th grade boys and girls Jan. 17–Mar. 6. Youth under 8 must have a parent/caregiver 13 or older present. At least four participants need to arrive by 1:15pm or open gym will be cancelled for the day. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403

- Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings held Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8 p.m. at New Creation Church, Rangely.

- Art On A Kart Master the Masters.** Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month for an evening of art and

friendship. Canvas, paint, drawing and painting techniques are included. \$30 per person. Call or text Liz Waters 970-274-3794 to confirm or ask questions.

- Storytime** at the Rangely Regional Library Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

- Meeker Lions Club** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 290 Fourth St. New members are always welcome. It's a great way to give back to the community and spend time with a fun group of people.

- Rangely Community Resource Pantry Hours:** Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- Gentleman's Group** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Adults 55+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.

- Children's Story Hour** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

- Foot Clinic.** Pioneers Hospital Home Health Foot Clinic will be at MVCC on the second Wednesday of each month, to trim toenails of anyone who has trouble with the task. 290 4th St. Please call PMC Home Health 970-878-9265 to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

- Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Wendell's.

- Game Day** for adults 55+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshment, conversation and a game of cards.

- The VFW, American Legion and their Auxiliaries** will meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 290 4th St. For further information call 970-878-5326.

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

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Harvey named to Dean's List at U. of Wyoming

MEEKER | The University of Wyoming has named Meeker's Sheridan Harvey to the 2019 fall semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls. The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Thelen named to Dean's List at Fort Lewis College

MEEKER | Nishiko Thelen of Meeker was named to Fort Lewis College's Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. Thelen's major is business administration. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6 or better in no fewer than 15 credit hours of graded college-level work and have completed all work for which they are registered by the end of the semester.

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to Mountain Valley Bank associate Katelin Cook for her recent promotion.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Try something new!

RBC | Got the winter blues? Try something new! Registering now for March-April Machine Quilting classes, March 12 Mosaic Tiling and March 19 Sushi Rolling classes in Meeker. Sushi Rolling is being offered in Rangely on March 12. Other Rangely classes include Chocolate for Chocolate Lovers Truffle Making workshop on March 10 and AC/DC Welding class that begins on March 7. Avoid disappointment. Space is limited. Learn more and reserve your space by signing up at cncc.edu/communityed or calling 970-824-1109. Meeker and Moffat County seniors may receive discounts up to 50 percent off class fees visit cncc.edu/communityed to learn if you qualify OR call 970-824-1118.

Train for a 'hot' new job

RBC | Want to train for a hot job this summer? Consider CNCC short courses in Wildlands Firefighting, Search and Rescue and Emergency Medical Response. Fundamentals of Search and Rescue leads to certification in SARTECH I and II and Basic wildland firefighting skills leading to certificate S130, S190 and L180. Both 48-hour classes are offered on weekends with affordable overnight on-campus housing options are available. EMR is a 40-hour course taught across one week to provide students with the core knowledge and skills to function as a first responder until advanced EMS arrives. These short courses are great for job seekers, rural fire departments, police departments, security agencies, industrial workers, lifeguards, school employees, hunting and river guides. Classes may be taken with or without college credit. To learn more and register visit cncc.edu/communityed and grab a digital copy of the course catalog or call 970-824-1109.

MHS Drama presentation Mar. 11-12

MEEKER | Mark your calendars for the Meeker High School Drama Program's presentation of "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon!" on March 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. at Meeker Elementary School. Tickets are \$5.

United Way workshop Mar. 3

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

Woolgrowers' meeting Mar. 6

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

Racquetball tourney Mar. 13-15

RANGELY | The 27th annual Rangely Racquetball Tournament will be March 13-15, beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, at the Rangely Recreation Center (611 Standind Ave.). All ages and abilities welcome. \$35 for the first event, \$15 for each additional. Participation is limited. Entry fees must be received by March 9. For more information about rules, prizes, accommodations, etc., call tournament director Shirley Parsons at 970-675-5360.

Workforce workshop April 2

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

Rodeo Bible Camp this summer

MEEKER | The Meeker Rodeo Bible Camp will be held June 16-18 at the RBC Fairgrounds. The camp is for boys and girls, ages 10-18. Participant fee is \$125. Clinics offered include rough stock, barrels/poles, goat tying, team roping, breakaway roping, team sorting, horsemanship and colt starting. The camp will end at the Thursday night Meeker Summer Rodeo Series where campers can demonstrate what they've learned and win buckles. For more information call 970-260-6820.

NOTE: An earlier version of this news brief listed the participant fee at \$150. The correct price is \$125.

LICENSED TO LICENSE...



Meeker Mayor Regas Halandras cut the official ribbon for the new driver's license office at the Rio Blanco County Courthouse last Thursday, Feb. 20. The "pop-up" office served 49 county residents in eight hours, with Tim Webber of WRBM and former county commissioner Shawn Bolton (pictured) first in line for services on Thursday. The office will be open once a month, offering driver license and commercial driver license renewals, new and renewal identification cards, and more. There are plans for a Rangely office, as well.

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- 16 oz. La Victoria
SALSA **\$2²⁹**
- 7 oz. Jiffy
MUFFIN MIX **69¢**
- 15 oz. Krusteaz Honey
CORNBREAD **2 for \$4**
- 16 oz. Food Club
SQUEEZE HONEY **\$3⁹⁹**
- 16 oz. Food Club
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- 10.25 oz. Food Club Roasted or
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- 8.5 oz. Food Club
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- 6 ct. Bounty Essentials Big Roll SAS Print
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- 16 oz. Food Club
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- 12 oz. Food Club Processed
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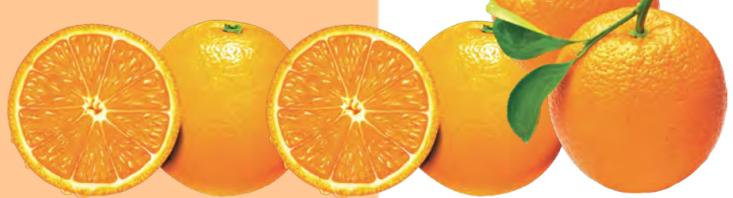
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- 9.8-10.9 oz. Totino's
PIZZA **99¢**
- 18 oz. InnovAsian
ENTREES **\$4⁹⁹**
- 16 oz. Ben & Jerry's
ICE CREAM **3 for \$10**
- 19 oz. Food Club Cheese
TORTELLINI **\$3⁴⁹**
- 25 oz. Food Club Beef or Cheese
RAVIOLI **\$3⁴⁹**

PRODUCE

- Red or Green Seedless
GRAPES **\$1⁶⁸/lb.**
- Fresh
ASPARAGUS **\$1⁸⁸/lb.**
- Fresh
LIMES **4 for \$1**
- Jalapeño
PEPPERS **99¢/lb.**
- Roma
TOMATOES **99¢/lb.**
- Mini
WATERMELON **\$3⁹⁹**
- 6 oz.
TUMERIC ROOT **\$4⁹⁹**
- 1 lb. Mini
SWEET PEPPERS **\$2⁹⁹**
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Inconvenienced?

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Friendly," has served the county and the community for many years, and we wish him the very best.



Yes, the opinions continue this week, and that's OK. We're all learning and growing and changing, or we should be. It takes some serious humility to admit that you've been deluded, deceived, ignorant or otherwise wrong, especially as an adult. Perhaps that's why it's so rare to find anyone over the age of 10 who's willing to 'fess up. Perhaps that's how we've gotten where we are in the polarization of our society. Meanwhile, do your own research, and while you're doing it, click on the links you don't agree with. Why? So you don't end up in a confirmation bias bubble of your own making.



This week's tragic news about the cabin fire upriver provided a sad commentary on the state of the media. A "local" TV station posted the press release on social media with a file photo from a 2015 fire in Tennessee. When several people over the course of a couple days asked whether the photo was actually from the local fire (which a simple Google Image Search revealed it was not), instead of changing out the picture, the station just deleted the comments. Wow. Just wow.

No one likes to be inconvenienced. Whether it's a canceled event or a traffic jam or a missing item on a store shelf, inconvenience happens to us all. How we respond to those situations says a lot about who we are as people, for good or for bad. Generally, things we find inconvenient are things over which we have no control. Instances of being inconvenienced by someone on purpose are blessedly rare. So what is the appropriate response to inconvenience? How about a little compassion? Or some empathy? At the bare minimum, a shred of patience? That kind of response is harder and harder to find these days, and that's a shame on us all.



We were sad to hear that Meeker Chief of Police Phil Stubblefield has announced his plans to retire in April. Stubblefield, aka "Officer

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GUEST POST

Part 3: Fluoride in our water

By ELAINE URIE AND LISA HATCH

Special to the Herald Times

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

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

Facts about Fluoride (<http://www.fluoridealert.org/wp-content/uploads/10facts.pdf>)

Most developed countries do not fluoridate their water. 97% of Western Europe does not fluoridate H2O.

Fluoridated countries do not have less tooth decay than non-fluoridated countries.

Fluoride affects many tissues in your body besides your teeth. In a 500 page review of toxicity, the report concludes that fluoride is an "endocrine disruptor" (yikes) affecting bones, the brain, thyroid gland, pineal gland causing bone disorders, thyroid disease, low intelligence, demen-

tia, Alzheimer's, diabetes, fertility issues, bladder cancer and more.

Studies have also shown that fluoride toxicity can lead to a wide variety of health problems, including and not limited to: arthritis, bone fracture, decreased brain effects (IQ studies), bone cancer, increased tumor and cancer rate, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, endocrine disruption, immune disruption, inhibit formation of antibodies, inactivates 62 enzymes and inhibits more than 100, gastrointestinal effects, hypersensitivity, kidney disease, damaged sperm and increased infertility, pineal gland, skeletal fluorosis, thyroid disease, genetic damage and cell death, muscle disorders, hyperactivity and/or lethargy, disrupts synthesis of collagen, increased lead absorption and acute toxicity.

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

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local political party caucuses March 7

Dear Editor:

To all Rio Blanco County registered voters: This week a very important event will occur that is both a privilege and a responsibility. You should attend! Yes, you will donate a short bit of your scant time but that time will be like nothing compared to the time politicians will steal from you if they receive free rein resulting from your lack of participation in the democratic process. Do not miss it! The event is the Rio Blanco County Precinct Caucus, Saturday, March 7. This is your opportunity to participate in your chance to choose which candidates will be on your voting ballot, rather than someone else choosing those candidates who will be on your voting ballot. A healthy democracy requires not only that you vote, but that you actively participate in choosing those individuals who will be on your ballot.

Unfortunately, money has a big influence on our elections. Those who make large campaign donations expect undue influence. Fortunately for you, there is another way. That way is your presence at the Rio Blanco County Precinct Caucus.

Democratic Party Caucuses: March 7, 2 p.m.
Precincts 1 and 2: Rangely Recreation Center (611 S. Stanolind)

Precincts 3, 4 and 5: Meeker Public Library (490 Main St.)
Republican Party Caucuses: March 7, 10 a.m.
Precincts 1 and 2: Rangely Town Hall (209 E. Main)
Precinct 3: Meeker 4-H Community Center (779 Sulphur Creek Rd.)
Precinct 4: Meeker Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall (799 Sulphur Creek Rd.)
Precinct 5: Piceance Creek Rock School (23404 CR 5)

Attend,
Debbie Frazier
RBC Democratic Party

More thoughts on climate

Dear Editor:

It would be false and irresponsible to claim that man has no impact on the environment or ecosystem. It is, however, debatable as to how much or how little effect we really have. There is no question that Earth's climate is changing. In fact, climate change has been occurring since the Earth was formed.

As we humans evolve and begin to understand some of the cause and effects related to climate change, we suddenly and irresponsibly think we can control or prevent it. How many times does Mother Nature have to show us how small and insignificant we are before we actually believe it? Many

Capitalists would have us believe, that if we buy into the science of today, our salvation will come in the form of tech stocks or a solar home package thus profiting from environmental terrorism. Environmentalists are adept at blaming man or man's use of the environment for all forms of calamity based on the science of the day. However, as was brought to light in a guest article by Leona Hemmerich, science is often incomplete and easily manipulated. We humans can be selfish and wasteful and pretty poor stewards of our home. It is a good sign that we are concerned about our environment and what legacy we leave for the future. It is good to see that we are attempting to limit the harmful effects of our existence. However, it is also false and arrogant to claim that man is the cause of climate change. For every scientific conclusion that man contributes to the changes in the environment, there is an equal scientific conclusion that the contribution is not significant enough to support anthropogenic (human-induced) climate change i.e. man-made CO2 and flatulent bovines aren't the problem! Climate change will happen regardless of our part in it. We are but passengers on this planet and not the driving force. Be it by Father God, Mother Nature or our own childish ignorance, we are likely to be purged without our consent.

"Hank" McKay
Rangely

GUEST POST

Climate change — Is it a crisis?: Part 3

By LEONA HEMMERICH
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Recap: In the first three parts we discussed the makeup of our atmosphere and the climate and noted some challenges by scholars of some of the current talking points. We also gave examples of why just following the "consensus" science is not a good enough reason to accept any point of view.

In reality, when we take into consideration items over which man has no control, the sun, earthquakes, volcanoes, hurricanes, etc., which tend to operate on long term cycles, far more of our climate is controlled by events that are not man made. If you look at graphs that go back more than a century, this becomes very obvious. While the concern for now is "global warming" we could even ask the question of if this is actually a "global" phenomenon? According to some scientists, we will soon be entering what is called a "maunder-minimum" when the sun won't be emitting so many solar flares. Their prediction is that in just a couple of years it's going to be a little colder on this planet.⁽¹⁾

There are, of course, many who insist that the computer climate models done 50 years ago correctly predicted the climate we have today.⁽²⁾ They are quite certain that man can control the greenhouse gasses, and it is our job to do so. Generally those pushing this scenario are those wanting government to step in and issue directives on what we can or can't do.⁽³⁾ They refer to anyone who disagrees with their point of view as a denier, and the "deniers" use history to explain their view, but there doesn't appear to be any real debate.⁽⁴⁾ Those scientists who disagree with the "consensus" are either ignored or ridiculed.

What should concern us about this whole debate is the fact that many of those who are clamoring for a government solution to pollution, are themselves really big polluters. They jet around in their private planes while telling the rest of us to give up our automobiles because we are the ones causing pollution. Given the modern technology we have, why didn't Ms. Thunberg stay in her home country and appear by video like the Pope did? Don't you think she's being a bit hypocritical? Why

are we relying on a teenager's opinion if we're talking about a "scientific emergency." Doesn't this seem like the argument isn't as much science as it is an emotional appeal? There is definitely concern that this is the case.⁽⁵⁾

Another aspect of this issue that seems a little disconcerting is what appears to be the religious fervor of those promoting the climate change doctrine. It seems to fit at least three definitions of religion according to the online dictionary including: 2. a specific fundamental set of beliefs and practices generally agreed upon by a number of persons or sects: 3. the body of persons adhering to a particular set of beliefs and practices: 6. something one believes in and follows devotedly; a point or matter of ethics or conscience.⁽⁶⁾ Yes, the dictionary references traditional religion as examples, but even the first edition of the Humanist Manifesto referred to themselves as religious in Affirmation 1. "Religious humanists regard the universe ..." I point that out only because I think we need to be wary of any "science" that doesn't allow questions. Again, that is one of Dr. Soon's and other's concerns as well — any discussion that casts doubt on this current paradigm is taboo.⁽⁷⁾

Should we do something? Of course we should do what we can to make this earth a better place. Man was given the command to be stewards over the earth. That means taking care of it, but we were also meant to use it. We need to be concerned about people, though, as well. Having factories that are cleaner, emissions that are cleaner, etc., are all necessary to care for our environment, keeping in mind that people as well are part of the environment. It is our job as humans to take care of the earth. That doesn't mean worshipping it to the point of not using the resources in it at all, nor does it mean we should just rape and pillage it so there's nothing left for future generations. We can definitely point to the past and see where we could be charged with the rape and pillage aspect, but now we are taking the pendulum to the extreme in the other direction where we will be guilty of worshipping the earth, rather than using it wisely. We need balance. Wise use of our natural resources will benefit

everyone as a whole. If we help those who are spending their whole day just trying to survive by making their lives easier, they will have more time to do things to help our planet thrive. We need to seek wisdom, working together to create balance.

We need to keep in mind that our God given human ingenuity will continue to come up with new and better ways of doing things — provided, that is, we are allowed the freedom to do so. The biggest concern of this movement is the push toward more government and even globalization of government. This will only result in more people dying and progress coming to a halt. Every time any group of people has tried to put all things together under one roof, so to speak, which is what socialism is, has resulted in tyranny, loss of freedom, and starving people. We aren't going to help people in Africa or anywhere else by riding bicycles or walking to work. We will only help them by giving them a hand up, not a hand out. They need to be taught how to harness the natural forces of the earth just as we have progressively done in the Western world.

All references are those that can be found online. While I read many other sources, I chose not to use sources for references that were not readily available to anyone who might want to pursue checking out everything written.

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GUEST POST

Climate rebuttal: Part 2

By **BOB DORSETT, MD**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I By the time you read this, the *Herald Times* will publish Part 3 of Ms. Hemmerich's climate series. Please note that this article is my response to her Part 2, printed last week. I do not have early access to Ms. Hemmerich's writing; I read it at the same time you do. On that schedule, she stays a week ahead of the fact-checking.

Let us stipulate that fossil fuels have driven enormous economic growth to the benefit of human societies all over the world. Let us also stipulate that those same fossil fuels are increasing global temperatures at alarming rates, damaging entire ecosystems and threatening human infrastructures and human health. The data is absolutely clear. It has been published throughout the scientific research literature and referenced in these pages. I will not repeat my previous work. My purpose here is to shine light on Ms. Hemmerich's claims.

In Part 2 of her series on climate change, Ms. Hemmerich persists in a disinformation campaign. She is participating, perhaps unknowingly, in a strategy of deception first used by Big Tobacco to discredit the science linking cigarettes to cancer and other health problems. (See Oreskes 2011 and Michaels 2020.) The network of climate deniers has adopted the Big Tobacco playbook: Deny the science. Hide the damning data that your own researchers have already collected. Pay big money to hire science surrogates to offer "alternative facts." Pay big money to fund "research institutes" to disseminate your propaganda. Buy politicians to legislate your interests. Institutionalize your interests in the political process. Remove or muzzle objective science from the regulatory agencies. And insist that the news media provide "balanced coverage," even if the "balance" includes articles that are very far from the truth. It worked well for Big Tobacco, limiting the damages they had to pay their victims. It worked until the science finally became overwhelming. It is working for climate deniers even though the body of climate science already is overwhelming.

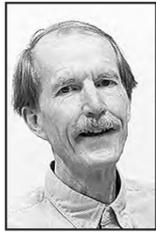
Ms. Hemmerich cites a number of "experts" for her argument. Let's review that list. Willie Soon; aeronautical engineer funded with big bucks from Koch Brothers, ExxonMobil, Southern Company and other fossil fuel giants. Frederick Seitz; physicist, founder of the Marshall Institute, hired by R. J. Reynolds to obfuscate the health effects of tobacco and, later, an "expert" witness for the coal and chemical industries denying the toxic effects of acid rain and ozone depletion. Patrick Moore; on the board of NextEnergy, a Canadian energy services company, and not as Ms. Hemmerich claims a "co-founder of GreenPeace." Indur Goklany; electrical engineer on the pay-

roll of the Heartland Institute, a "think tank" dedicated to climate denial funded in part by Koch Industries, ExxonMobil, and Phillip Morris. You get the picture. These are not climate scientists. They are advocates for industry, bought and paid for. The one person with climate science training is David Legates; affiliate of the Marshall Institute, colleague of Willie Soon and, like Soon, funded by Koch Industries and ExxonMobil. Bought and paid for. The only sympathetic figure in Ms. Hemmerich's list is Freeman Dyson, one of the giants in 20th Century quantum physics but who has no background in atmospheric science and who is a doddering 97 years old. (For documentation to the information above, see Peterson 2019 and DeSmog 2020.)

That's the rogue's gallery. I will briefly shred their claims. Once again, I refer you to the climate science references I published previously in these pages.

It is certainly true that increasing concentrations of CO2 can stimulate plant growth. Add carbon dioxide in a greenhouse and your plants will grow bigger and faster. But that most definitely does not mean planet earth will turn green. Plants need more than carbon dioxide. As any gardener knows, they also need sunlight, soil and water. They can't grow without those, no matter how much CO2 is available. Climate models show that the terrestrial biosphere is getting hotter and dryer (IPCC 2019). Increasing temperatures drive desertification. Climate models and field studies show that increasing temperatures damage soil structure, increase runoff, and damage soil components necessary for plant growth. Rising temperatures reduce microorganisms, especially mycorrhizae, on which plants depend. Much of the world will be turning brown, not green. (See Xu 2020, Caviccioli 2019, Pugnaire 2019, and Balkovic 2018, for a few of the many primary research studies.)

Ms. Hemmerich's allusion to the fallacies of "consensus" in fact make an important point in favor of science. Misguided notions of racial inferiority were not informed by science as she suggests. They were cultural biases. There was no science supporting those biases, no randomized control studies, no valid research, no objective methodology to answer questions of race. The "consensus" was a consensus of ignorance, not science. Ditto Ms. Hemmerich's history of handwashing and childbirth. It was not scientific consensus that guided doctors to avoid handwashing. Antiseptic precautions to protect mother and newborn just were not common medical practice of the time. It was ignorance. Once science estab-



Bob Dorsett, MD

lished the importance of handwashing, the medical community changed its practice. And that's where we stand now on climate. The science of climate change is very well established. It is time to change our practice.

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DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

■ Bob Crawford has bought the Ben Nichols ranch in Powell Park. When improved it will be a splendid piece of property. Mr. Nichols has the Fourmile fever and will pull out for that district in a few weeks.

■ The Fourmile gold field was strictly in it yesterday. Six claims were sold to local parties and the demand continues unabated. Meeker has had faith in the Fourmile district from the start, and we firmly believe her faith has not been misplaced.

■ The last issue of the *Steamboat Pilot* contains the full text of the last and final decision of the supreme court in the famous Haley tax case and Mr. Haley is beaten again, thus being knocked out at every point in the game. Routt county's great cattle baron must realize by this time that trying to get out of paying taxes is a losing proposition in the long run.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

■ Last Sunday night was windy, followed by a gentle blizzard and snow. Monday was a mixture of snowing and thawing, followed by a freeze Monday night. The balance of the week was characterized by freezing nights, cold by clear days, and the outlook for more sunshine, which is needed to dry up the road.

■ Get together and infuse new life into the White River Stockgrowers' Association.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

■ Meeker Postmaster Gerald Dickman said today that a new order from Postmaster General Winton M. Blount will mean substantial improvements in mail delivery services.

■ Election of officers and directors for 1970 concluded a most successful Rio Blanco Stockgrowers Association annual meeting held in the District Court Room in Meeker last Saturday. Officers elected were C.W. (Bill) Brennan, president; Bus Norell, first vice president; Tom (Hal) Pearce, second vice presidents; and David Smith, secretary-treasurer.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

■ Becky Watt, an 8th grader at Barone Middle School, won the district spelling bee Tuesday. Now she goes on to compete in the state bee in April.

■ Meeker is in the spa building business! On March 2, Ken Patey, owner of the new White Water Spas north of Meeker, and his 10 brand new employees, fired up the oven at the new business and cranked out three new spas.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

■ Something new has been added in this area by Colorado Well Services: a new Franks Exp. III Rocket Model 1287-TD-HT, with a 96 ft., 150,000 pound Tri-scope derrick.

■ Psychiatrists from various parts of the U.S. recently got together to discuss the reasons why so many young people are in turmoil. Activists lashing out against society, they said, frequently are young people with deep inner conflicts. The valid problems they protest — war, racial inequity, poverty or pollution — are in many cases excuses or diversions — coverups for personal problems from which they are running away.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

■ Several ex-city councilmembers showed up at the last council meeting both to voice their concerns over the current board's actions and to offer their support. Lance Stewart, an ex-councilman, presented each board member with a two-page memorandum from "Concerned Citizens" that outlined each of his points. The memorandum asked the council to address several questions from four areas: the alleged budget shortfall, the current personnel consolidation, additional alternatives and the future direction of Rangely.

■ During the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting on Feb. 22, an engineering company proposed attaching a pipeline to Kenney Reservoir.

RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

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

Feb. 17-23, 2020

Meeker Dispatch Center administered 439 phone calls last week including 31 911 calls, 72 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 131 outgoing calls. A total of 146 calls for service were created, 69 for the Sheriff's Office, 55 for MPD.

Note the department breakdown of calls may differ from the total number reported due to individual incidents with multiple agencies responding.

Law enforcement conducted 16 traffic stops.

Sheriff's Deputies issued 1 citation on 9 stops and 1 traffic arrest
MPD issued 2 citations on 9 stops

There were no DUIs
7 traffic crashes occurred in RBC, one injury crash and 2 involving wildlife. RBSO and MPD assisted Colorado State Patrol on 6 calls.

Sheriff's Deputies responded to 60 requests for service:
3 911 hangups/tests
6 agency assists
4 animal calls
16 security checks
6 attempts to serve civil papers
2 motorist assists
2 suspicious incidents
2 traffic complaints
One each: civil, fire, fraud K-9 deployment, traffic accident, traffic arrest, traffic hazard, VIN inspection

MPD responded to 46 requests for service:
1 911 misdials/tests
1 agency assist

4 animal calls
21 business checks
4 citizen assist
2 fraud cases
5 motorist assists
2 suspicious incidents
2 traffic accidents
One each: funeral escort, juvenile problem, traffic hazard and VIN inspection

Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to 7 calls
3 ambulance requests, 1 medical transport, 3 ambulance request and one injury/crash. Units responded to a report of an explosion and fire.

Rio Blanco Detention
17 current inmates, 12 males and 5 females
5 warrant arrests
5 booked, arrested by RBSO
4 inmates released
3 transports to or from other facilities.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (3)

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

... But a certain Samaritan ... had compassion ... (Lk. 10:25-37)



Dr. J.D. Watson

SEPARATING our relationship with God from our interaction with people is a staggering contradiction. While the first four commandments of the Moral Law speak of our relationship to God, the other six address our relationship to our fellowman. There is no divorcing one category from the other. This is vividly illustrated by two other characters in Jesus' story.

Third, the priest and the Levite saw a predicament to avoid. Of all the characters in this story, the priest would have actually been the one most likely to aid a fellow Jew. After all, a priest represented man to God. He was the mediator, offering sacrifices, prayers, and praise to God on behalf of the people (Mar. 29). By definition, a priest was a servant. He would have known the command of Leviticus 19:34: "the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself." He should have, therefore, ran to meet the need of this victim. Likewise, the Levite, one who assisted the priests, would have also known the Law's command to show mercy to those in need.

Here, then, were fellow Jews who would not come to the aid of one of their own, who passed by on the other side of the road in total indifference to a dying man. Why? Perhaps they felt they had already done their part for God by serving in the Temple, or they feared the robbers still lurked nearby, or they would have been ceremonially unclean if the man turned out to be dead and they touched the body.

In the end, however, the reason is irrelevant because the cause was an unregenerate heart. This, of course, is what James also confronts in his epistle using virtually identical imagery: "If

a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (2:15-17).

Once again there is a lesson here for believers. Do we ever get too busy to help someone in real need? Do we rationalize that someone else will do it? This leads us right to another character in this drama.

Fourth, the inn host saw a patron to attend. The inn of that day was not like today's Hilton or Marriott. On the contrary, while one could pay for lodging and meager meals, the public inn was little more than a brothel and even a hangout for robbers. Likewise, innkeepers were "invariably untruthful, dishonest and oppressive." All this man saw, then, was just another paying customer who he would attend to only because he was being paid to do so. While we certainly recognize that he had a business to run, nowhere do we read of an ounce of compassion.

This character provides yet another lesson for us. We must be ever careful not to serve simply because it's our job, because we are getting paid for it, or because it is expected of us.

Scriptures for Study: What does James 4:17 warn and how does it apply?

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

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Margie Haddock

Aug. 21, 1924 ~ Feb. 14, 2020

Margie Haddock, 95, passed away on Feb. 14, 2020, at the Walbridge Wing. She was born in Pueblo, Colorado where she grew up and graduated from Pueblo High School. After a short romance, she married Robert Haddock and they had three sons: Bobby, Mike and Dan. She worked part-time at a bakery and school district in Denver. She always said that her granddaughters Raeanne (Pixie) and Rhonda (Little One) were her little angels.



Margie Haddock

stories, knowledge and just being Grandma Margie.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother and oldest son Bobby. She is survived by her son Mike (Jeanette) of Eckert, Colorado; grandson Brian and great-grandson Cameron; son Dan (MaryLou) and grandson Travis all of Nevada, Iowa; granddaughter Rhonda (Troy) Hilkey, great-granddaughter Jessica (Brett) Berthelson and great-great-grandchildren McKenna and Brady of Meeker; and great-granddaughter Nicole (Gabe) Garcia of Craig, Colorado; granddaughter Raeanne (Cody) Meeker, great-grandson Derek (Jenny) Crawford and great-great-grandchildren Juan, Lupe and Charlotte of Greeley, Colorado; great-granddaughter Tiffanie Crawford and great-grandson Wyatt Meeker also of Greeley, Colorado; grandson Keith (Melissa) McPherson and great-grandchildren MaKayla and Kristen of Lander, Wyoming; her best friend Mabel Gonzales of Denver, Colorado; her sister Betty Farney of Salida, Colorado; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

You will truly be missed. Graveside services will be in the spring at Ft. Logan Cemetery. We will be having a gathering to thank all of her Wing Family this Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, at the Wing at 3 p.m.

CANDIDATES ...



Republican candidates for county commissioner Kai Turner, Ty Gates, Scott Nielson and Mona Avey participated in two public forums last week, one in Rangely at CNCC on Monday and one in Meeker at the library Thursday. Current board chair and uncontested candidate Jeff Rector took part in the Rangely forum at CNCC. Candidates answered 10 questions received in advance and then took questions from the audience about their platforms and plans for the county if they are elected. You can watch the Meeker forum in its entirety at <https://bit.ly/3a5lp3e> or scan the code above with the free ZAPPAR app, available in your app store.

Forest Service seeks comments on Yellow Jacket timber project

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Blanco Ranger District is seeking comments on the Yellowjacket Project located in the Wilson Park, Sawmill Mountain and Ellison Mountain areas 16 miles east-northeast of Meeker, Colorado. The proposed project activities include

timber harvest, material source development and transportation system improvements.

A public open house will be held to provide project information at the Blanco Ranger District located at 220 E. Market St. in Meeker on April 2 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This project was developed to improve forest resilience to potential future disturbances by increasing forest diversity across the landscape, provide forest products to local businesses and improve current and future material sources to support road maintenance and road reconstruction. Other benefits of this project include maintenance and improvement of open Forest System roads.

Detailed project information can be viewed online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57654>

How to Comment: The opportunity to comment is initiated by a legal notice published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times on Feb. 20, 2020. The proposed action includes openings greater than 40 acres,

which require approval from the Regional Forester per Forest Plan standards. In accordance with Forest Plan standards, specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 60 calendar days following publication of the legal notice in the Rio Blanco Herald Times. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period beyond the determined 60-day time frame.

Written comments must be submitted via mail, fax, electronically or in person (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Curtis Keetch, District Ranger, c/o Christopher McDonald, 220 E. Market St., Meeker, Colorado 81641. Electronic comments including attachments can be submitted to <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=57654>

Persons commenting should include: 1) name, address, telephone number, organization

represented, if any; 2) title of project for which the comment is being submitted; and 3) specific facts and supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under §218.8. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a) (3). Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record. The legal notice also serves to notify and invite public comment on the proposal as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Christopher McDonald, 970-625-6856, christopher.mcdonald@usda.gov.

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The Rio Blanco Herald Times does not charge a publication fee for obituaries or death notices with a local connection to the county. It is our opinion that publishing obituaries is a matter of public record and part of our responsibility as a newspaper to maintain a living record of our local history. If you need to submit an obituary or death notice, please stop by the office or email editor@theheraldtimes.com

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Senator Michael Bennet and his staff visited CNCC's Rangely Campus with a focus on the aviation programs. Bennet talked to students, instructors, staff, and local government officials.

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Sen. Bennet visits CNCC, focus on aviation programs

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Senator Bennet's staff reached out to Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) regarding a visit to their Rangely Campus location. This visit focused on CNCC's Aviation Programs, to become more familiar with the programs offered, their potential for growth and expansion in addition to taking the time to speak with community leaders about various issues in rural Colorado.

Senator Bennet and three staff members visited the Rangely Airport and Rangely Campus to hear from Colorado Community College System administration representatives, CNCC administration, instructors, and students. Senator Bennet engaged with students to hear more about the Aviation Technology and Aviation Maintenance Technology Programs. Senator Bennet was specifically interested in learning more about the Aviation Programs at CNCC. This visit included tours of CNCC's programs and a community leader meeting. The students talked about the program, what made them choose to attend CNCC, and what they look forward to doing after finishing the program. CNCC administration and instructors in attendance talked about the cost of the programs, how they are beneficial for students and the amount of savings seen at CNCC. David Boles, CNCC Aviation Technology Program Director, talked about the current and future expansion of the partnership with Metro State University and the presence CNCC has on the Front Range.

Following the tours of the CNCC programs, Senator Bennet spoke to county commissioners,

town government staff, as well as special district board members concerning various issues facing rural Colorado, specifically focusing on the transition out of an energy reliant economy.

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When speaking about the visit CNCC President Ronald Granger stated, "We appreciate that Senator Bennet took time out of his busy schedule to visit Rangely and Northwest Colorado. We feel that he sees Rangely as a place that can aviation can thrive. His visit here shows how much interest he has in this part of the state and the potential for growth and diversification."

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On Friday, Feb. 21 the Town of Rangely and the Rangely Police Department (RPD) donated a retired RPD patrol vehicle to the Colorado Northwestern Community College National Park Ranger Academy in Rangely. Town Manager Lisa Piering said the Town of Rangely and CNCC have an ongoing collaborative relationship. Rangely Police Chief Ti Hamblin added that his department and officers have enjoyed being a part of the National Park Ranger Academy curriculum.

CRIBBAGE ...



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The 2020 Carl and Peggy Rector Memorial Cribbage Tournament had 18 players this year raising \$402 for the Elks BPOE 1907 kids program. With Anthony Mazzola winning the championship bracket by defeating Liz Fletcher from Steamboat and Jim Buffan of Craig defeating Robby Elam in the Toilet Bowl Bracket. According to organizer Tim Webber, no one wanted to try to beat Mazzola while he was wearing his sidearm.



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Lady Panthers end regular season with dramatic win

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The lady Panthers secured a much needed Western Slope League win against the DeBeque Dragons on Friday, Feb. 21. Coming into the game the Panthers were in a sixth-place conference tie with Paonia, who fell to Hotchkiss on Thursday. With the win against DeBeque, the Panthers secured the No. 6 spot in the conference and avoided a potential season-ending game Monday in Rangely to the Caprock Eagles. On a last-second shot by Adelynn Halcomb the Panthers secured their first-round bye in the district tournament.

The Panthers were led in scoring by Kacie Lapp who scored the lone two-points. The low scoring was not due to a lack of shooting, rather the ball could not find the bottom of the hoop for the Lady Panthers.

“Get to the free-throw line first and convert on those and the other shots will come,” head coach Jimmie Mergelman urged in a first quarter timeout. The Dragons played a stifling defense that caused some timely

(Left) RHS senior Hannah Wilkie takes the ball down the court for the Panthers. The lady Panthers played Soroco Tuesday for a place in the district semifinals.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO



turnovers for the Panthers and the Dragons converted on those for nine points in the first quarter, giving them a 9-2 edge over the Panthers.

The girls converted enough shots in the second quarter to score 13 points and put them at 15 total for the two quarters. Hannah Wilkie led the Panthers in scoring in the second quarter with five points, followed by Halcomb with four points and Mary Scoggins and Kacie Lapp each added a bucket in the quarter.

Coming out at halftime the Panthers held on to a 15-13 lead. The lady Panthers kept their competitive drive on defense and only allowed six points to the Dragons to keep the game within reach at the end of the quarter.

Coming out of the huddle the Panthers found themselves down 19-15 and the Dragons increased the lead to 11 points with about four minutes left to play. That's when the Panthers began to convert shots into made baskets regularly. Led again in scoring by Wilkie with eight points in the fourth quarter, the Panthers began their comeback. Six of Wilkie's eight points came within a 60 second stretch that propelled the Panthers back into contention for the win. Kacie Lapp also added three points in the quarter on a shot where Lapp drew a foul and was able to convert on the shot for an “and-one”

opportunity. Lapp made the free-throw and with that shot put the Panthers up one point. A couple of offensive rebounds allowed the Dragons to convert a shot with 10 seconds left in the quarter and the Dragons now led 29-28. As the Panthers brought the ball down the court, Mergelman used one of two remaining timeouts to call an inbounds play. With Halcomb throwing the inbounds pass, Mary Scoggins was able to spin and pin her opponent to come open. Halcomb inbounded the ball to Scoggins who then kicked it back out to an open Halcomb for a 15-foot shot on the baseline. As the ball rattled through the basket for the game-winning shot, the roar of the hometown crowd echoed throughout the entire Town of Rangely. The shot went through with less than two seconds left on the clock and the Panthers forced a turnover from the Dragons to secure the win.

With the win the Panthers secured their spot in the Western Slope League district tournament. They lost to Soroco Tuesday 45-55 and will play Paonia again on Thursday in DeBeque at the district tournament for fifth place. The Western Slope League will send the top five teams from the district tournament to the Colorado Regional Tournament. The seeding for the regional tournament will use the district placers and their RPI to seed the tournament.

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Cowboys stomp Tigers

By **TIFFANY JEHOREK**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Cowboys played their final regular season game at home against the Hayden Tigers. Victorious once again, the final score was 54-38.

“We had a really good first half,” commented head coach Jamie Rogers. “Hayden did start shooting well at the end of the third quarter and our defense had to step it up.”

The Cowboys outscored the Tigers three to one in the first half. Julia Dinwiddie and Sarah Kracht were top scorers for Meeker, both scoring 16 points and Hallie Knowles had 10. Tilly Brown and Dinwiddie led the team in rebounds. Brown had nine and Dinwiddie 11.

Tuesday, the first night of districts, West Grand came to Meeker after winning their pigtail with

Vail Christian.

“No matter who would have won Monday night, it would not have been an easy game,” Rogers said. “But we were prepared for the five athletic girls on West Grand’s team.”

The win Tuesday means the team will now play Friday and remain on the championship side of the bracket. The Cowboys beat the Mustangs 62-35.

The lady Cowboys will play Friday in DeBeque at 3 p.m. No matter the outcome of the district tournament, the team will be in regionals as they had an outright win in their league.

(Right) Karlee Nielsen (14) playing defense against Tiger LeeAnna Nelson (11). The Cowboys secured their berth at regionals with an outright win in their league.

CATHIE DOLAN PHOTO



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

RHS senior Dylan LeBleu makes a valiant effort to guard the ball from the DeBeque Demons last weekend. LeBleu had seven points, six steals and three assists in the game. The boys played the Vail Christian Saints in the district quarterfinals Tuesday.

Panthers challenge DeBeque, dominate district pigtail game

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The DeBeque Dragons traveled to Rangely for both teams' final games of the regular season. The girls' game proved to be a thriller and featured the lady Panthers trailing most of the game and winning on a last-second shot. DeBeque, the defending 1A boys' state champions, didn't figure to keep things close in the boys match-up, but the Rangely boys pushed DeBeque to their limit. Rangely stayed close in the first quarter, trailing 12-15. The Panthers tightened up their zone defense in the second quarter and pulled ahead 28-24. DeBeque earned some key buckets in the third quarter and the end of the fourth to pull ahead. Rangely kept the game close in the final stanza

but eventually fell to DeBeque 40-43. Sydney Cole and Ryan Richens led all scorers for the Panthers with 10 and nine points. Timothy Scoggins had six points and nine rebounds, while Sydney Cole also collected nine boards. Dylan LeBleu had seven points, six steals, and three assists. The Panthers finished 6-13 on the season. Their 5-7 overall record landed them the eighth seed in districts.

As the No. 8 seed, the Rangely Panthers hosted the No. 9 Hotchkiss Bulldogs on Monday. The last time these two met, the Bulldogs' 2-2-1 full court press smothered the Panthers and earned Hotchkiss a 55-33 victory. This time, however, the Panthers seemed determined to continue their season as they jumped out to a 15-6 first quarter lead. Hotchkiss matched

their pace in the second quarter and the Panthers held on to a 28-19 lead. Dylan LeBleu and Sydney Cole combined for 23 points in the second half as the Panthers continued to play solid team defense. “The guys really executed on defense and made necessary adjustments. More importantly, they didn't lose their cool against the press. This was the best team effort I've seen all year,” said head coach Kyle Boydston. Sydney Cole finished with a double-double, 23 points and 15 boards. Dylan LeBleu had 20 points, four assists and three steals. Gabe Polley pitched in 10 points and seven rebounds. The Panthers lost to the No. 1 ranked Vail Christian Saints Tuesday and 72-57 and will play Paonia at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in DeBeque at the district tournament.

Cowboys ready for district tournament

By **TIFFANY JEHOREK**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Cowboys ended their regular season with a record of 10-9. They were 9-3 in the league, and took second place even before the 55-47 win against Hayden at home last Friday.

A stellar third quarter, scoring 26 points, allowed the Cowboys to move ahead 44-34 and keep a comfortable lead the rest of the game.

Cole Rogers once again put up some big numbers scoring 19 points with Ryan Phelan not far behind with 12 and hot off of the boards with 10 rebounds.

The second place finish in the league earned the Cowboys a home game Tuesday for the opening of district playoffs. Soroco, after winning their pigtail game Monday, made the trip to Meeker. An early lead by the Cowboys and another excellent third quarter and the Rams could never get a hold on the game. The final score was 77-39.

“We shot the ball really well and were able to control the tempo the entire game,” commented head coach Klark Kindler. “The boys kept the tempo going and upbeat and we eventually wore them down in the second half.”

The Cowboys look to their next game Friday against Plateau Valley at 7:30 p.m. in

DeBeque.

“Last time we played Plateau Valley we won. They have a really good post and we are going to have to shut him down,” Kindler said.

The win on Tuesday secured a spot for the Cowboys in regionals. They are now playing for the opportunity to host regionals, and that will take a win in the district tournament. They will have one game Friday and then one more game Saturday, all in DeBeque.

Braydon Garcia (3) going up for the shot against Hayden. Lane Anderson (5) waiting to rebound if necessary.

CATHIE DOLAN PHOTO



Sports stories are posted in the HT as space allows in the following order: varsity stories, junior varsity stories, junior high stories, miscellaneous stories. Contact us at editor@ht1885.com with questions.

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STATE WRESTLING

... eight Cowboys and three Panthers made the trip to Denver to compete with the best of the best. Here are the results.

Marked improvement bodes well for Cowboys' future

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Meeker Cowboys were well represented with eight athletes last weekend at the 2020 Colorado High School State Wrestling Tournament. Trae Kennedy, Ty Goedert, Colby Clatterbaugh and Ridge Williams all scored team points.

"We didn't wrestle to our potential," said head coach JC Watt. "A lot of improvement from last year for the kids who have been here before, and three freshmen attending for the first time, with a few jitters."

This is Kennedy's freshman year wrestling and his first trip to the "big show."

"Trae wrestled great and had an excellent tournament," Watt said. Kennedy's second round was the hardest one, wrestling Collins from Wray who went on to take the championship at 106 lbs. Kennedy wrestled six matches and took fifth place. Kennedy placed in every tournament he competed in and will be wrestling in Freshman Sophomore State on March 7.

Goedert, improving over last year with a win, did not place, but Watt said, "Ty is really light for his weight class, but he won a match and that is a good improvement."

Senior Charles Curry made his first trip to state, wrestling Burr of Sedgwick Fleming in round one, who ended in fifth place for the 126-pound weight bracket. "It was really nice to get Charles there," said Watt, "he had a really successful season and at state wrestled well."

Connor Blunt, another freshman, "Had a really tough weight class," according to Watt, and some jitters, but the experience will help him in the future.

Dax Sheridan, making his second trip to state as a junior, had a tough weight class as well. He took on Baldonado in round one who went on to take fifth place. "Daxter had a hard field of kids, but we saw improvement over last year in his wrestling," Watt said.

Colby Clatterbaugh, another junior, went from not placing last year to making the finals this year. "Colby saw a lot of improvement over last year, he didn't wrestle well enough to take first, but Palansky is a tough wrestler," commented Watt. "It's great to make finals, especially after not placing the year before." Clatterbaugh placed in every tournament this year.

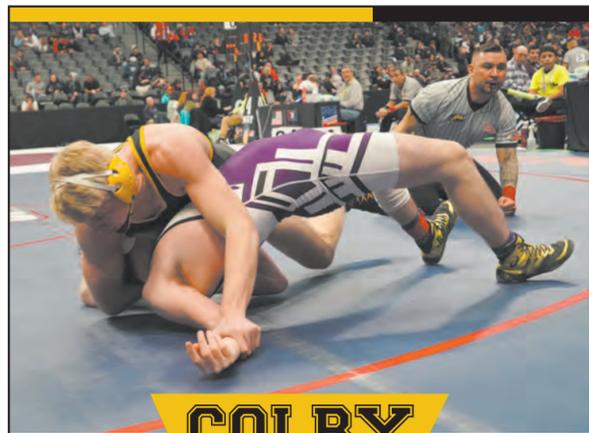
Senior Ridge Williams did not make it to the podium but "provided leadership in the wrestling room throughout the season," Watt said. "Ridge lost in the final eight for the third year in a row and it would have been nice to have him get a medal."

Tanner Musser wrestled at 220 pounds. "It is tough to be a 220-pound freshman wrestling all the older, more experienced kids, but he did well," Watt said. Musser will also be attending Freshman Sophomore State this year alongside Kennedy.

This year is not over; four Cowboys will continue to practice and are headed to nationals at Virginia Beach. Kennedy, Clatterbaugh, and Musser will continue practicing and travel with coaches Justin Grant and Trevor Grant for the three-day wrestling tournament over spring break.



Cowboy coaches give the state qualifiers a pep talk prior to their matches. Eight Cowboys made it to the 'big show.'



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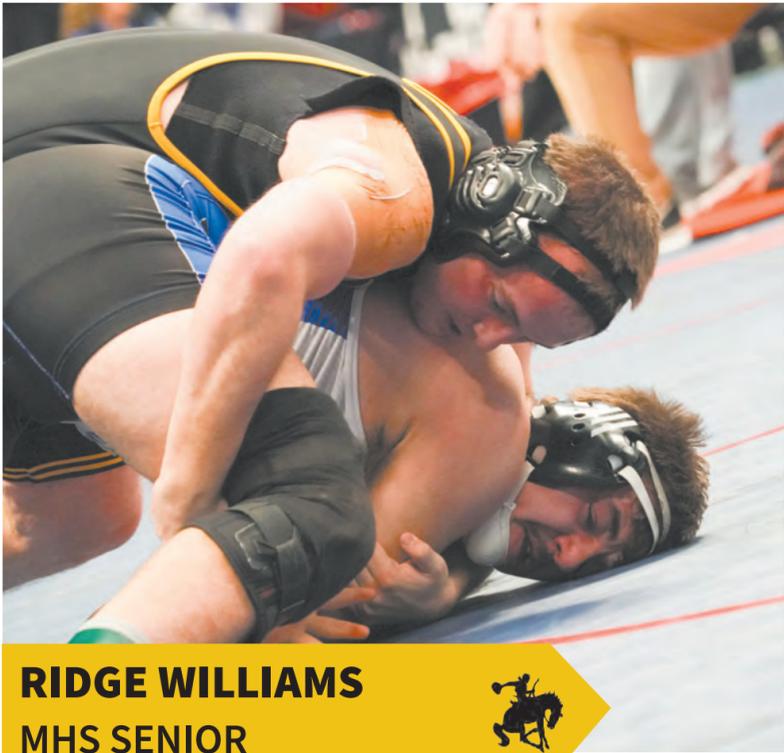
Trae Kennedy (106 pounds, 34-13 record for the year) placed 5th and scored 12.5 team points.	(Burlington) 29-12 won by major decision over Connor Blunt (Meeker) 31-15 (MD 16-7)
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Cons. Round 3 - Trae Kennedy (Meeker) 34-13 won by decision over Benny Carlos Gonzales (Rocky Ford) 10-7 (Dec 6-3)	Colby Clatterbaugh (182, 40-7) placed 2nd and scored 22.0 team points.
Cons. Semi - Jarret Sinks (Norwood) 34-11 won by major decision over Trae Kennedy (Meeker) 34-13 (MD 10-0)	Champ. Round 1 - Colby Clatterbaugh (Meeker) 40-7 won by fall over Wyatt Vigil (John Mall) 12-17 (Fall 0:38)
5th Place Match - Trae Kennedy (Meeker) 34-13 won by decision over Malachi Gallegos (Del Norte) 40-10 (Dec 8-2)	Quarterfinal - Colby Clatterbaugh (Meeker) 40-7 won by fall over Jaime Ibarra (County Line) 34-3 (Fall 5:12)
Ty Goedert (113, 26-14) scored 1.0 team points.	Semifinal - Colby Clatterbaugh (Meeker) 40-7 won by decision over Devon Harshman (Wiggins) 34-13 (Dec 4-1)
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Cons. Round 2 - Jayce Harrison (Highland) 25-8 won by decision over Ty Goedert (Meeker) 26-14 (Dec 4-3)	Champ. Round 1 - Lukas Carpenter (Wiggins) 27-12 won by decision over Ridge Williams (Meeker) 31-12 (Dec 3-0)
Charles Curry (126, 25-20)	Cons. Round 1 - Ridge Williams (Meeker) 31-12 won by fall over Ryan Tijerina (Sierra Grande/Centennial) 9-12 (Fall 1:00)
Champ. Round 1 - Hayden Burr (Sedgwick/Fleming) 41-8 won by fall over Charles Curry (Meeker) 25-20 (Fall 5:05)	Cons. Round 2 - Ridge Williams (Meeker) 31-12 won by decision over Jaden Harris (Crowley County) 26-5 (Dec 2-1)
Connor Blunt (132, 31-15)	Cons. Round 3 - David Lopez (Cedarredge) 24-15 won by fall over Ridge Williams (Meeker) 31-12 (Fall 4:12)
Champ. Round 1 - Quinton Venard (Rocky Ford) 32-17 won by fall over Connor Blunt (Meeker) 31-15 (Fall 4:39)	Tanner Musser (220, 9-7)
Cons. Round 1 - Jesus Hernandez	Champ. Round 1 - Jesse Tapia (Rocky Ford) 37-2 won by fall over Tanner Musser (Meeker) 29-7 (Fall 3:47)
	Cons. Round 1 - Christopher Williams (John Mall) 18-23 won by fall over Tanner Musser (Meeker) 29-7 (Fall 0:59)

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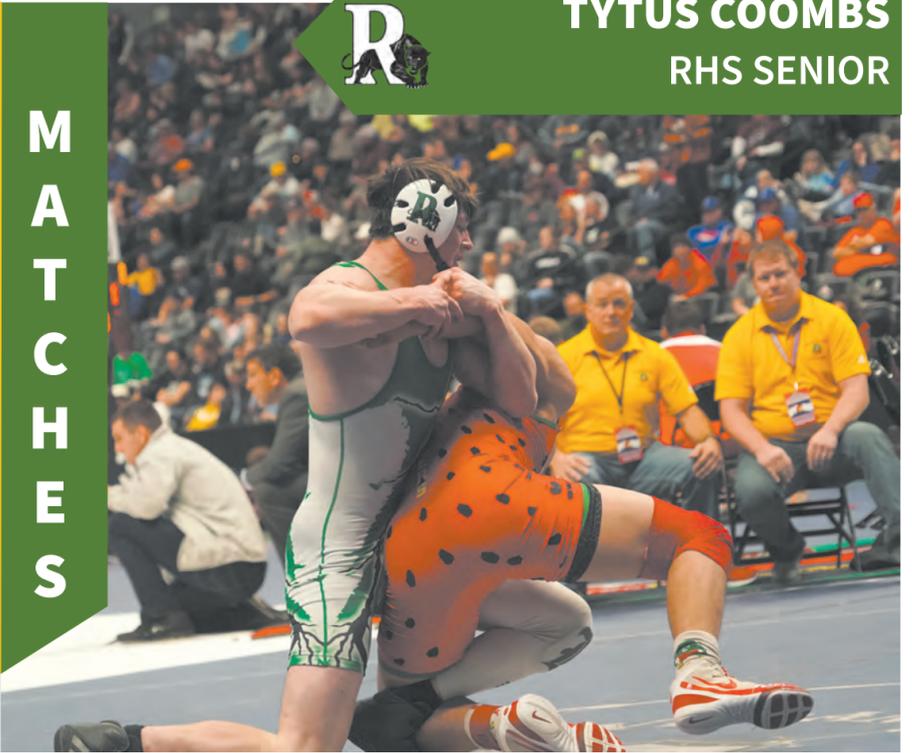
RIDGE WILLIAMS
MHS SENIOR



SENIOR MATCHES



TYTUS COOMBS
RHS SENIOR



Senior Ridge Williams lost in the final eight for the third year in a row, ending hopes for a high school medal. Head coach JC Watt said Williams “provided leadership in the wrestling room throughout the season.”

Tytus Coombs won the only double overtime match in his high school career during the consolation semi-finals against Meloneer Jadon Baldonado (above). Coombs ended up with a fourth place medal after falling to Emmanuel Huerta of Wray.

Panthers push through challenges, look forward to next year

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The Rangely Panther wrestling team qualified three for the “Big Show”: sophomores Zane Varner (145) and Byron Mackay (285), and senior Tytus Coombs (160).

Both Mackay and Varner placed fourth in their respective weights at regionals. This makes things hard right out of the gate at the state tournament as all the fourth place finishers are placed with regional champions. Varner’s first draw was a tough opponent in the form of Lyons junior David Gardner.

“Zane wrestled him tough and kept at him but we fell by a tech fall in the second period,” said head coach JC Chumacero. Gardner ended up being the state runner up.

Mackay also had a tough first match against Wiggins’ Laith Ibrhim, falling by pin.

“Byron was wrestling very competitive in what I felt was a very winnable match. He got tangled up in an upper-body match up and just got caught,” Chumacero said.

Coombs was the only Panther able to secure a win Thursday in Denver. “He came out on fire against his Lyons opponent countering his shot with a very fast takedown. Tytus then secured one of the fastest pins of Thursday finishing the match in 22 seconds,” Chumacero said.

On Friday, Varner wrestled a “really smart and technical match” to beat his Buena Vista opponent 5-0.

“He got an early lead and was able to keep it, this was big because we gave up a few leads throughout the season. Varner worked hard in the room to keep that from happening again,” Chumacero said.

Mackay secured his first win Friday, pinning his opponent in the second period. “He looked sharp, he controlled the whole match leaving no doubt on his advancement to the next round,” according to Chumacero.

Coombs started his day on the championship side of bracket determined to keep winning. He came out firing on all cylinders, taking down his Wray opponent quickly and locking up a cradle. The 44-6 Wray senior was able to break Coomb’s lock and quickly counter with a wing, catching Coombs on his back.

“This was a heart breaker for Tytus,” Chumacero said. “Just like most wrestlers his ultimate goal was to be in the finals. This loss unfortunately took that chance away from him. There is a pretty big break between that match and the second round of consolations. So we went back to the room to rest and get our minds right.”

Coombs rebounded very well beating his next opponent with a dominant 9-1 victory. This advanced him into Saturday’s competition and got him one step closer to the medal rounds. Unfortunately Varner and Mackay did not have the same outcome. Varner fell to No. 4 seed Jack Ring from Highland. Mackay fell to Isaac Mantey from Burlington. Mantey ended up placing sixth.

“Both of these young men had amazing seasons and I couldn’t be more proud of them. This was the first time for both of them to wrestle in the state tournament. I am glad they both qualified as sophomores, now they know what the state tournament is like and it can help prepare them for the next two years,” Chumacero said.

As a coach, Chumacero recounted a feeling of déjà vu entering the Pepsi Center with Coombs, who was the only Panther to qualify for the state tournament for the last two years. In his first match, which Chumacero calls the “blood round,” Coombs was matched with Chase Moore from Mancos.

“It stayed very close going into the third period 1-1. Coombs

secured a late takedown and then put Moore on his back securing a third-period pin. This put him into the consolation semi finals where we faced off against Rocky Ford senior Jadon Baldonado. Tytus went up early with a 3-0 lead but after a few questionable calls, Baldonado got the late lead in the third period going up 4-3. In the final seconds Tytus went for broke trying to get out, This forced his Rocky Ford opponent to lock his hands bringing the match 4-4. After the first overtime the match was still locked 4-4 sending us into double overtime. Baldonado was given the first chance to escape off bottom but Tytus stayed strong and did not allow him to score. Tytus got an escape and was able to keep his lead winning the match 5-4 in double overtime,” Chumacero said. It was the first and only double overtime match of Coombs’ high school career.

“After the match Tytus said to me, ‘overtime sucks,’” Chumacero said. The win advanced Coombs into a rematch against Emmanuel Huerta. Huerta got up early on Coombs forcing him to try and play catch up.

“He took Tytus out of his element, this caused him to make mistakes and ultimately lose the match. Tytus never stopped attacking Huerta, even when we were down big. This showed me how big his heart his. Coombs finished with a fourth place and I couldn’t be more proud. That’s top 4 in the state! I hope he sees how big of an accomplishment that is,” Chumacero said, adding, “With the season at an end I would like to say how proud I am of everyone on the team for sticking out a tough season and once again for sticking by my side.”

The Rangely Panthers 2019-2020 wrestling team included freshman Colton Stevens (113), sophomore Braxton Moore (120), sophomore Alex Black (138), freshman Sage Rhea (145), sophomore Zane Varner (145), freshman Kasen LeBleu (152), senior Justin Rusher (152), senior Tytus Coombs (160), SO Brent Cantrell (170), JR Anthony Garner (170), SR Del Garner (195), senior Dalton Dembowski (220), and sophomore Byron Mackay (285); managers Kenzie Satterly, Tiana Lucas



The state qualifiers flanked by two of their coaches, JC Chumacero (left) and Mike Dillon (right).

and Whitney Rusher; and assistant coach Mike Dillon.

“I would like to thank all the parents and families for their support and help with feeding the team. I would also like to give a big thanks to volunteer coach Jeff LeBleu (Buck) for helping me so much throughout the season and helping get the nonqualifiers to the state tournament so they could be a part of the experience. I am excited to see what next year brings,” Chumacero said.

DEL,
Congratulations on your senior year! We are so very proud of you and your competitive spirit!

Love,
Mom and Dad

TRAE

Great Job, Continue Those Strong Choices

JUSTIN

Congratulations to our Senior Justin Rusher on all your accomplishments, triumphs and victories throughout your high school career. We will forever be proud of what wrestling has taught you and the man you’ve become because of this sport.

Love,
Mom and Dad

To the Rangely Panthers Wrestling Team: Congratulations on all your accomplishments. Thank you for the love, support, and memories.

Love Wade and Lynn Rusher

TRAE

Beyond proud of you Trae Bear! What a fantastic way to end your season!

Love Nama, Mom, Tannen, Tatum and Teagan

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Congratulations, Dax! We are proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad, Teagan, JH, Grandma and Grandpa and Nana

COLBY

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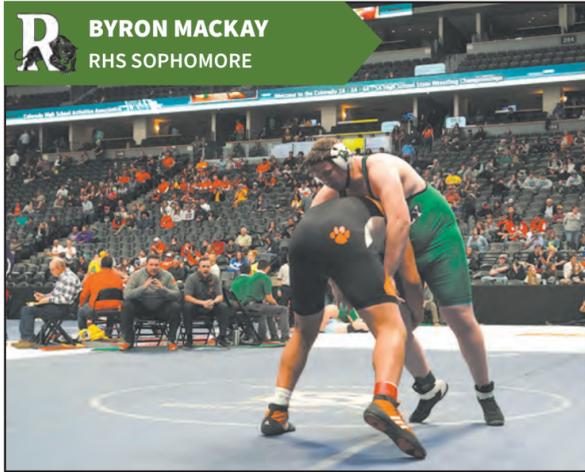
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R BYRON MACKAY
RHS SOPHOMORE



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RHS sophomore Byron Mackay placed fourth at regionals to secure his berth at state. He lost by pin in a match against a tough Wiggins opponent Thursday, then went 1-1 Friday.

SENIOR MATCH

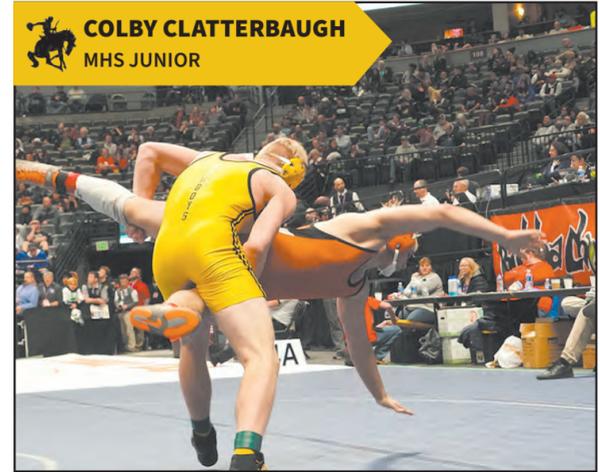


CHARLES CURRY
MHS SENIOR

TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

MHS senior Charles Curry made his first trip to state. Coach Watt said, 'it was really nice to get Charles there ... he had a really successful season and at state wrestled well.'

COLBY CLATTERBAUGH
MHS JUNIOR



TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

Colby Clatterbaugh worked hard for his second place finish this year after not placing in the 2019 tourney. The junior will head to nationals in Virginia Beach over spring break.

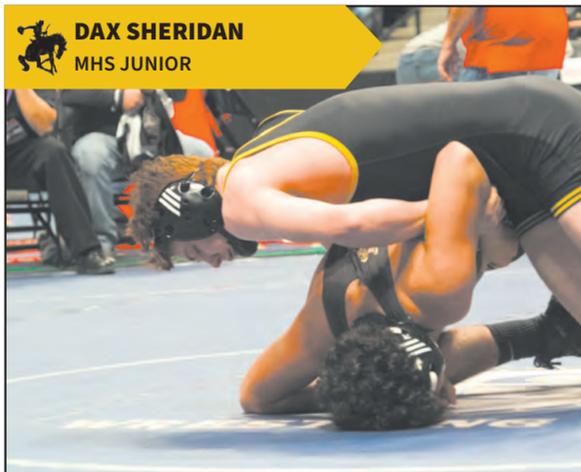
CONNOR BLUNT
MHS FRESHMAN



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MHS freshman Connor Blunt gained some valuable experience in his first trip to state, wrestling in a very tough weight class, according to coach Watt.

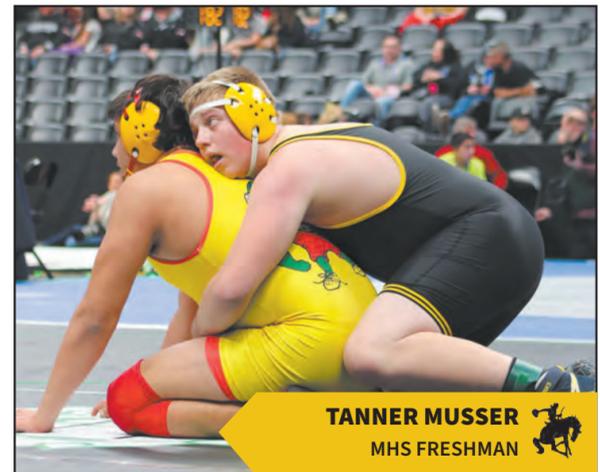
DAX SHERIDAN
MHS JUNIOR



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At his second state tournament, junior Dax Sheridan lost to Meloneer wrestler Jadon Baldonado. Watt said Sheridan's weight class is very competitive.

TANNER MUSSER
MHS FRESHMAN



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Tanner Musser, freshman, wrestled in the 220 pound weight class. He will head to Virginia Beach with teammates Trae Kennedy and Colby Clatterbaugh over spring break.

TRAE KENNEDY
MHS FRESHMAN



COURTESY PHOTO

MHS freshman Trae Kennedy wrestled six matches at his first state tournament and placed fifth. He will wrestle in Virginia Beach over spring break.

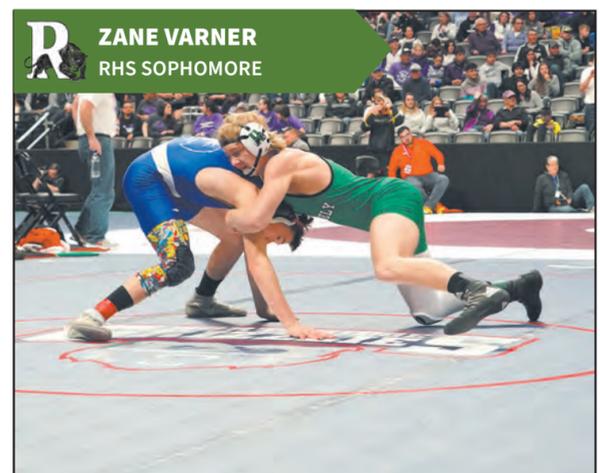
TY GOEDERT
MHS SOPHOMORE



TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

Ty Goedert did not place at the 2020 state tournament but did win a match this year, an improvement over last year. The sophomore will have two more shots at a state medal.

ZANE VARNER
RHS SOPHOMORE



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RHS sophomore Zane Varner lost his first match Thursday, but turned around to beat Friday's opponent by a solid 5-0. He then fell to No. 4 seed Jack Ring of Highland.

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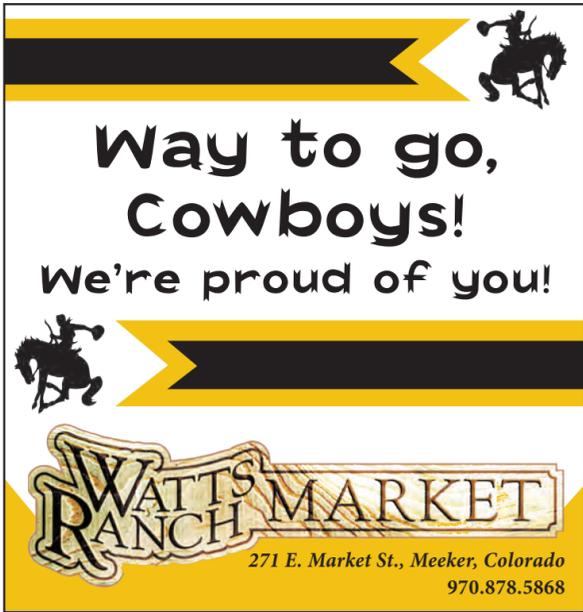


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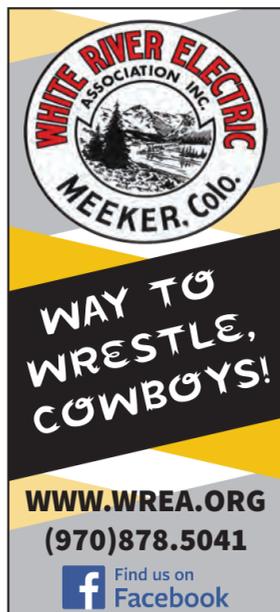
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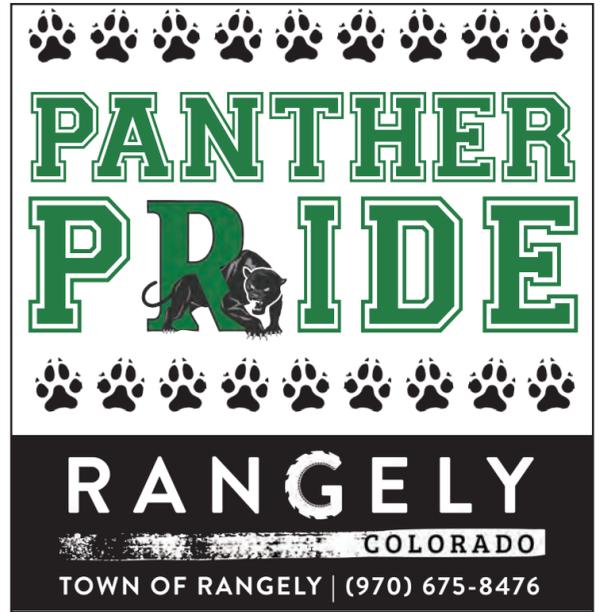
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Coaches Carl Padilla and JC Watt, former MHS wrestlers themselves, took eight boys to this year's tournament. Not pictured: assistant coach Tyrel Turner and Kurt Blunt.



Brothers Justin and Trevor Grant assist with the Cowboys wrestling program and made the trip to Denver, as well.



Gravity, schamvity. Ty Goedert and his opponent momentarily caught air, with neither of their bodies touching the mat at all.



Plenty of Rio Blanco County wrestling fans made the trip to Denver to hoot and holler for the Panthers and Cowboys. For more photos from the 2020 state tournament, visit www.ht1885.com.



Head coach JC Chumacero and volunteer coach Jeff LeBleu carefully study a match in progress.

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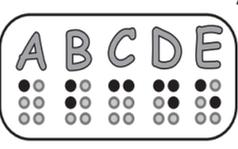
Have you ever invented anything? Inventors notice a problem, then figure out a way to fix it. Sometimes inventors have a brand new idea and sometimes they combine other people's ideas with their own. Please excuse me now. It's time to practice my "Ollie."

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. *Thomas Edison* developed over 1,000 inventions. He is most famous for the light bulb, but he also invented the _____, which has become popular again.
2. A team of inventors working for the U.S. Department of Defense created the Global _____ System, a tool to find your way using satellites!
3. *Marie Curie* was the first woman to receive the Nobel Prize. Her work helped us to understand _____ and the effects of X-rays. She has an element named after her – *Curium*.
4. *Louis Braille*, blinded in an accident at three years old, created a system of _____ and writing by using raised dots that people could feel with their fingers.
5. *Orville and Wilbur Wright* owned a bicycle shop. They experimented with flying machines. Their plane (trial flights at Kitty Hawk, N.C.) was the basis for the _____ we have today.
6. *Francis Robbins Upton* helped to keep us safe from fire by inventing the smoke _____.
7. *Alec Jeffreys* changed the court system when he invented DNA _____. With this invention, guilt or innocence were much easier to prove!
8. *Leonardo da Vinci*, the artist who painted the *Mona Lisa*, was also talented at sculpting, engineering and inventing. He had ideas for a helicopter, a _____ and a diving suit.
9. *Martin Cooper* improved on the invention of *Alexander Graham Bell* with the _____, widely used to communicate today.
10. *George Washington Carver* was born into slavery, but he became a botanist who developed over 300 uses for _____ and many ideas for sweet potatoes and pecans.
11. *Ben Franklin* was known for experimenting and inventing many things.

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Peak is dreaming and scheming, but isn't doing anything about his problem. Help Peak learn the steps to solving his problem. **Read the six steps in the boxes and put them in the order Peak should follow to make an invention that would help him out. Two are done for you:**

Show and share your first model with others.

Think of a way to fix the problem.

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13. Non-flat area
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15. Member of clergy
16. Kitty sounds
17. Mesozoic one
18. All thumbs
19. *Who's Pieces?
21. *Life _____
23. Comic book cry
24. Evening in Roma
25. Boar's mate
28. Bank deposit
30. Actress Ali or singer Tim
35. Flying saucers
37. Yeahs' opposers
39. One of the Muses
40. Ancient region of western Europe
41. *Sweet bear
43. In a little while, old-fashioned
44. Like a neon sign
46. Fashion's "New Look" inventor
47. Weasel's cousin
48. Cash in credit card points, e.g.
50. "Good grief!"
52. The Old Man's turf
53. Tucked in
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57. **Gimme a break" bar
60. *Egg with a surprise
63. Southwestern hut
64. Step on it
66. Small Asian ungulate
68. What radiology and biology have in common
69. Chihuahua's cry
70. a.k.a. Ernest?
71. Japanese money, pl.
72. Blitzed
73. Industrious

DOWN

1. Similar to an adder
2. View from a moving train
3. Yesteryear
4. Shopping _____
5. Creates disorder
6. Forever and a day
7. *Hershey made the first American milk chocolate one
8. Belittle
9. Have supper
10. Tennis serving whiz
11. Memorial Day solo
12. "The _____ of Racing in the Rain"
15. Fast and lively
20. Increasing
22. Location of ulna
24. Hindered
25. *Principal candy ingredient
26. Allowed into a bar, e.g.
27. Past tense of will
29. Glorify
31. SI unit of mass
32. Raja's wife, pl.
33. Do penance
34. *Famous fictional bar
36. _____ gin
38. Smoke plus fog
42. Baghdad resident
45. Not strongly
49. CEO's deg.
51. Fertilized
54. C2H5
56. "J _____" by #46 Across
57. Green superfood
58. Desktop picture
59. Facebook photo links
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Lower White River Pest Control District Bid Request
Commercial Equipped Applicator
The Lower White River Pest Control District is accepting bid proposals for commercial equipped applicators to spray herbicides on private land located within the District. Bids will be opened by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado at 11:00am. For bid specifications and time line details contact Wade Cox at 970-462-5835 for bid packets. If mailed, bid packets are due to the Board of Commissioners, Box 1, Meeker, CO 81648 no later than Friday, March 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. If hand delivered the day of the bid opening (March 17th), the bids must be received no later than 11:00am by the Board of County Commissioners, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, CO. Bid packets must be clearly marked **Herbicide Spray AND Lower White River Pest Control District** on the outside of the bid packet.
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NOTICE OF MEDICAID APPLICATION
Please take notice that Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District has filed an application with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for Medicaid Certification of its proposed nursing facility located at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive in the Town of Meeker. This application has been filed pursuant to the applicable Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing regulations for new facility certification and will be available for viewing by the public at the department's offices at 1570 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203 or on the department's website: www.colorado.gov/hcpf
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Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Board Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office Training Room 355 4th Street Meeker, CO 81641
Board Meeting - March 2, 2020 at 12:00pm
Proposed Agenda
1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of the Previous Minutes Reports
1. Secretary/Treasurer Report
2. Dispatch Report
New Business
1. Bylaws Review
2. Credit Card Usage
3. Discussion of Dispatch Moving to CSP
Old Business
1. Dispatcher Funding
Schedule Next Meeting
Adjournment
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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF MEEKER MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 7, 2020
NOTICE TO VOTERS
In order to be eligible to vote in the Municipal Election, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least eighteen years of age, a resident of the Town of Meeker and have resided in the State of Colorado twenty-two (22) days prior to the date of the election.
You may register to vote online at www.govotecolorado.com prior to March 16, 2020 and afterwards at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO or at the County Clerk's office, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO during regular business hours. Dated this 21st Day of February 2020.
TOWN OF MEEKER
By: Amy Tupy, Town Clerk
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TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES Tuesday, March 3, 2020 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting Town Hall 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call
IV. Approval of the Agenda
V. Approval of the Previous Minutes
VI. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
VII. Public Participation
This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.
VIII. New Business:
a. Bid Opening of the Water Street Water Line Replacement Project.
b. Request by Mary Jo Carroll and Katy Alger for a Home Occupation Special Review Permit at 353 Park Ave., to operate a Pet Grooming Service.
c. Award of the 2019 or 2020 Polaris Ranger or Can Am Defender UTV bid.
d. Request from Range Call for sponsorship of July 4th activities.
IX. Mayor's remarks
X. Town Manager's Report
XI. Other Board Business
XII. Adjournment
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Public Notice Meeker Housing Authority Vacancies
The Town Board of Trustees is seeking letters of interest from qualified individuals to fill five positions on an Interim Board for the Meeker Housing Authority. Qualifications for the positions are to be: a registered voter within Rio Blanco County, eighteen years of age or older and must have resided within Rio Blanco County for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the appointment. For further information please call Lisa Cook at 878-5344.
Mayor Regas K. Halandras
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Meeker Cemetery District Board of Directors Monthly Board meeting March 5, 2019 8:30am 265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO Agenda
1. Call to order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes February 6
4. Public Input
5. Old Business
a. Black Sulphur Creek Cemetery
b. Finalize Irrigation Plan 2020
6. New Business
7. Manager Report
8. Open Board Discussion
9. Adjourn
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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Rangely Hospital District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 5th day of May, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 3 year terms. Eligible electors of the Rangely Hospital District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):
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Rangely, CO 81648
970-675-5011
The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday - Friday from 08:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, February 28, 2020. If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to close of business, on Friday, February 28, 2020. Earlier submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent to Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, March 2, 2020 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, Rangely Hospital District
Jodi L. Dillon (Designated Election Official
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DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO (MEEKER) COUNTY, COLORADO
455 Main Street, PO Box 1150, Meeker, CO 81641
Telephone: 970-878-5622
Case No. 19 CV 30033
Plaintiff(s): Donald T. Bollinger, Joseph P. Moyet, also known as Joseph Paul Moyet, aka Joseph P. Mayet, aka Joseph Paul Mayet, and Stephanie Boyd Moyet, aka Stephanie Boyd Mayet,
vs.
Defendant(s):
1) Rio Blanco Properties, a Colorado Limited Partnership,
2) Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry, Probate No. 20835, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana,
3) Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry, as General Partner of Rio Blanco Properties, a Colorado Limited Partnership,
4) Bert Kyle Berry, as independent co-executor of the Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry,
5) Scott Thomas Berry, as independent co-executor of the Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry,
6) Rhonna Waldref as Public Trustee of the Rio Blanco County, Colorado,
7) And all unknown persons that claim under or through the above named defendants.
Attorney: John P. Gormley
SPECKER, HANLON, GORMLEY & VOLKMAN, LLP
P.O. Box 1991/ Grand Junction, CO 81502
Phone Number: 970.243.1003/Facsimile Number: 970.243.1011
e-mail: john@shglaw.com Atty. Reg. #: 12292

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an action by Plaintiff to collect amounts due and owing from Defendants concerning two promissory notes in the original principal amount of \$100,000.00 each as described in the complaint and Foreclosure Pursuant to Rule 105 CRCP of a Deed of Trust against real property located in Rio Blanco, Colorado, more particularly described in a Notice of Commencement of Action (Lis Pendens) recorded on December 30, 2019 under Reception # 319351 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
Dated February 25, 2020
Published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times
First Publication: February 27, 2020
Last Publication: March 26, 2020
SPECKER, HANLON, GORMLEY & VOLKMAN, LLP
By: /s/ John P. Gormley
John P. Gormley, #12292
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
In accord with the Colorado revised statute Section 38-26-107(1), public notice is hereby given of final payment & settlement:
Contractor: Renninger Log Homes, LLC, PO Box 2593, Meeker, CO 81641
For Project: Rio Blanco Fire Protection District - Remodel Fire House, 236 7th Street, Meeker, CO 81641
Final payment associated with the above referenced Project will be issued by Rio Blanco Fire Protection District, 240 7th Street, Meeker, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or after the 30th day of March 2020.
Any person, co-partnership, association of persons, company, or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provision,

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provender or other supplies used or consumed by the above named contractor or any subcontractor thereof in or about the performance of the work contracted to be done or that has supplied rental machinery, tools, or equipment to the extent used in the prosecution of the work whose claim therefore, has not been paid by the contractor or subcontractor, may in accordance with C.R.S Section 38-26-107 (1), file with Rio Blanco Fire Protection District (District), attention Patti Merriam, a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim, which statement must be filed on or before 29 March 2020. Failure to file such claim shall relieve the District, District board members, and representatives of the District from any liability for making payment to such person.
Rio Blanco Fire Protection District
/s/Patti Merriam
Patti Merriam, District Administrator
Rio Blanco Fire Protection District
Published: February 27, 2020
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Request for Proposals Rio Blanco County 2020 Relief Building Inspector
Deadline: 11:00 A.M, MST, 03/10/2020
Contact: LaDonna Richardson Eubanks
Rio Blanco County
555 Main Street
Meeker, Colorado 81641
(970) 878-9452
General Introduction:
Rio Blanco County is seeking proposals for the Rio Blanco County 2020 Relief Building Inspector in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. The County provides Building Inspection Services for the unincorporated area of Rio Blanco County and the Town of Rangely. Qualified Proposers will have significant experience in residential and commercial construction. Proposer will be required to provide Building Plan Reviews as well as on-site inspections. Proposer will not perform electrical, plumbing, or fuel/gas inspections. Proposer will be on-call should County require building inspections or plan reviews. The County will attempt to provide a minimum of one week's notice prior to start date. The contract is scheduled to be awarded at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting held on March 17, 2020.
Contract Documents:
Complete Request Documents will be available on the Rio Blanco County website at www.rbcuc.org on the Bid Postings page, or by contacting LaDonna Richardson Eubanks at the above address or phone number.
General Terms & Conditions of the Request for Proposals:
Proposers shall submit one (1) paper copy of the Proposal in a sealed envelope marked "Rio Blanco County 2020 Relief Building Inspector Project" and Proposers name and address. Proposals must be received by mail no later than 4:00 P.M., Mountain Standard Time, Monday, March 9, 2020 or by hand delivery no later than 11:00 A.M. MST., March 10, 2020.
U. S. Postal Service Address:
Rio Blanco County BoCC
Attn: Vicky Edwards - Building Inspector Project
P. O. Box 599
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Fed-Ex, U.P.S, or Hand Delivery Physical Address:
Rio Blanco County BoCC
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The County will review all responsive Proposals. The County will select the Proposal that best meets the Project's need and provides the most Project benefits for the requested fee.
In the event the County receives two or more proposals that are similar in terms of price, fitness, availability and quality, preference may be given to proposers residing in Colorado.
The award will be made based on the County's best judgment as to which proposal best meets the County's expectations of a Project of the highest quality and innovation within budgetary guidelines. All contact and questions regarding this RFP or to coordinate a visit to the Project should be directed to LaDonna Richardson Eubanks, Rio Blanco County Building Department, 555 Main Street P.O. Box 599, Meeker, Colorado 81641, (970) 878-9452.
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The contents of Storage Unit 12 will be sold April 1, 2020, if full payment has not been received.
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Wednesday, October 22, 2020
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Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
In the Matter of the Petition of:
Harvey Franklin Lowell Case No. 2020C2
Public Notice is given on February 10, 2020 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court. The petition requests that the name of Harvey Franklin Lowell be changed to Lowlen Franklin Lowell
\$JERI M. GILCHRIST
Clerk of Court
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Parent/Petitioner: Kimberly A Asselin
for Minor Child: Karly Ann Orris
Case No. 05DR43
Public Notice is given on February 7, 2020 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Minor Child has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court. The petition requests that the name of Karly Ann Orris be changed to Karly Ann Asselin
\$Joan Gibson
Clerk of Court
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Fair Board Annual Meeting, 2/27/2020 at 6:00 P.M., Meeker Fair Grounds NEH Building
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300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home.
Fax 878-9581. Rangely: Veterans Service
Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1
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64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

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Meeker: Thursdays, Noon to 5 p.m., 345 Main
Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com
or (970)878-5117
Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and
Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue
Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com
or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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

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Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

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.
Women's NAA/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m.,
St. Timothy's.

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Park, Meeker.

AUCTIONS

SILENT AUCTION:
White River Electric Association (WREA) will
be selling the following used/surplus equipment to
the highest bidder:
■ 2003 Polaris 500 HO-ATP 4-wheeler with
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with 1862 miles
■ 1999 Arctic Cat snowmobile- Powder Special
600 EFI with 2060 miles
■ 1999 Arctic Cat snowmobile- Powder Special
600 EFI with 2452 miles
■ 1994 Homemade 2-place tilt snowmobile
trailer- single axle
Items will be sold "as is" and can be viewed
between 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the rear parking lot
of WREA at 233 6th Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
Bid sheets will be available at the WREA HQ
and must be sealed and submitted to WREA,
Attn: Frank Sampson, PO Box 958, Meeker,
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All bids must be RECEIVED by 4:30 p.m. on
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