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## Learning to live with MS

By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER** I Tisha Joslin Reiger comes out to greet me on her front porch with a warm welcome. She leans on a cane and moves with the kind of painful caution you'd expect from an elderly woman. But Reiger is only 44.

"I had thought that after my kids graduated I had done my job, I'd raised my kids. I thought now I could move and go wherever I wanted to go," she says, her eyes filling with tears. "I didn't expect this."

Reiger has lived in Meeker for 42 of her 44 years. Her two children with ex-husband Rodney Dunham are both away at college. Her daughter, 21, is in Nebraska studying to be a nurse. Her 18-year-old son is in Texas on a two-year livestock judging scholarship. He plans to transfer to Lubbock to study to become a veterinarian. Her pride in them is evident in her voice and the pictures that grace her home.

Two years ago in April she lost feeling in her toes on her left foot. That progressed to weakness on her entire left side. "I couldn't pick anything up with my left hand without dropping it," she says. Shortly thereafter, she started having trouble walking without falling.

"I was working out at Flat Tops Fuel. I would turn and my (left) leg would just go out from under me." She's fallen down her front steps

several times, suffering a concussion in one fall. "I've fallen a lot," she says with a wry smile.

Dr. Chris Williams at Meeker Family Health Center sent her to neurologists in Grand Junction for a diagnosis.

She's had multiple MRIs and a lumbar puncture, among other tests, to confirm her condition.

In cases of Multiple Sclerosis (MS), the body's immune system attacks the coating around the nerve fibers in the body known as myelin. The resulting scarring disrupts or damages the nerve's ability to transfer information between the brain and the body. There is no known cause or cure at this time. Until 1993 there were no medications available for MS. Today there are 14 drugs that can slow the progression of the disease or reduce symptoms. Stem cell research has shown promising results for some patients.

The disease occurs more frequently about the 37th parallel, which is basically the southern border of Colorado. Internationally, Scotland has the highest incidence. It's almost twice as common in women than men, and generally strikes otherwise healthy individuals in the prime of life, between 16 and 45. Symptoms can come and go, or change dramatically. About two-thirds of MS patients live normal lives, while the remaining one-third become physically disabled, according to the Rocky Mountain MS Center.



Tisha Joslin Reiger

The disease is particularly difficult to diagnosis because the symptoms are so varied from person to person, and even from day to day. A definitive diagnosis can only be made by confirming the presence of lesions in at least two separate areas of the central nervous system (brain, spinal cord and/or optic nerves) and determining that the damage occurred at two different points in time. All other possible causes must be ruled out.

For Reiger, the rapid progression of her disease is concerning to her physicians. A year ago the physical symptoms—weakness, fatigue and a constant "pins and needles"

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## Meeker residents turn out for public hearing on Better City proposals

By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER** I The public meeting Feb. 22 in Meeker was well-attended, with about 75 people meeting at the Fairfield Center to hear more about the proposed Meeker Adventure Center. Representatives from Better City provided background information and detailed information about how the center will be funded.

Meeker Mayor Regas Halandras opened the meeting with an exhortation to have an open mind and plan for the future.

"When I was young Meeker was very different than it is today. Our next generation needs something."

Better City representative Kelby Bosshardt explained the need for creating economic diversity, specifically to combat the "boom and bust" cycle prevalent in areas that rely on one or two industries as economic drivers.

Better City, a consulting firm from Utah, specializes in developing strategic partnerships between public and private entities.

"We create catalytic projects that create momentum for the economy,"

Bosshardt said. "If the private sector isn't creating jobs on its own, we can use public/private partnerships to create new economic dynamics to get that investment flowing. We either wait for the next (boom and bust) cycle, or we can be proactive."

He explained that Better City started working on these projects two years ago at the request of the county and both towns. They've created a strategic plan, with components for each community and the county.

"It's a very strategic and methodical plan," he said, that addresses community development, workforce development and economic development.

"We envision a healthy economy as a 50-legged stool. If any one leg gets kicked out, the economy is still stable."

The concepts developed for Meeker address strategic needs identified by the work Better City has done thus far.

A plan for increasing affordable, turn-key home ownership options and point-to-point workforce transportation aims to create a "healthy workforce" that's committed to the com-

munity, while the Meeker Adventure Center is a catalyst for economic development as a "new demand driver" that would bring people into the downtown core and stimulate jobs and new industry growth.

"As far as outdoor recreation goes, there isn't anything along Market Street to attract outdoor recreation enthusiasts," Bosshardt said. "We need to make Meeker the base camp for adventure in the area. We can do that by creating a center of activity in the downtown corridor."

The Adventure Center would highlight indoor and outdoor recreational services in the area, including hunting, fishing, camping, backpacking, OHVs and more. The live ammunition shooting range would feature a high-tech self-healing rubber wall with a virtual overlay feature to simulate different shooting environments. The archery range would be capable of serving as a regional facility for training and competition with a 90 yard range length.

Better City has received numerous letters of interest from operators in

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## Principals report to school board

By REED KELLEY  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER** I The principals of Meeker School District's three schools gave brief, written reports to the Board of Education at their monthly meeting.

Last week, Meeker Elementary School (MES) Principal Kathy Collins emphasized that February has been "I Love to Read Month," celebrated with Dr. Seuss Days, among other events. Also instituted were special morning reading sessions involving family members.

"Moms and Muffins" involved more than 80 of the maternal species. That event was paralleled by "Dads and Doughnuts" and "Grandparents, Guardians and Goodies." Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated. Meeker High School art students painted grand posters of Dr. Seuss characters that have been hung around the halls of the school. Collins credits librarian Ann Franklin and music/art teacher Shana Holliday with facilitating all

the fun.

The Dr. Seuss activities were highlighted by HS English teacher Kathleen Kelley's costumed speech class students providing a "Seuss readers' theater" at MES.

MES physical education students, Collins reported, have been raising money for the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart Program while third graders this last week have been going to CNCC in Rangely for teeth cleaning.

Thanks to the purchase of several new classroom sets of Chromebooks (fast, individual, mobile, laptop type computers) through the County Commissioners Discretionary Grant Fund, Collins says students at all levels are now using them. She said, "They've made such a nice addition to our curriculum materials."

Staff at MES have been participating in the February Fitness Contest arranged by a staff committee for food and fun. The committee mapped out a walking course to be used before and after school for phys-

ical and mental fitness. To date, teachers Heather Burke (second grade), Julie Bowman (first grade), and Stephanie Overton (kindergarten) have won the weekly prizes. The grand prize drawing was for one hour of duty coverage by the principal. That winner was Apryl Newkirk (fifth grade).

Speaking for Barone Middle School (BMS), Principal Jim Hanks indicated there are 28 seventh and eighth grade boys out for wrestling. Their first contest was Feb. 25 and the school will host the Western Slope Championships on Saturday, March 18.

The BMS Math Counts Team competed at regionals in Grand Junction, Feb. 4. The team ended up in third place overall. Eighth grader Abby Moon placed sixth individual overall and will go on to the state competition March 18.

Friday, Feb. 10, 35 BMS and high school students participated in the

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# Update on fiber internet installation progress

By JOSH JACKSON  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC** I Experts might say that we've had an unseasonably short and warm winter. Whatever the facts say, those of us who have been waiting for fiber internet to make it to our homes feel like it has been an eternity. High quality internet service will certainly be worth the wait, but that doesn't help answer every individual question for when it arrives in people's homes. Not all questions can be answered, but we can certainly give a better picture for how the installation schedule is working, while also explaining some best practices to improve the experience of fiber internet.

While the project may look like it's taking

too long, it's important to note that everything has been staying on schedule rather well. The initial estimate, pending on everything working perfectly, had some thinking fiber would be installed by spring of last year. The problem with construction projects like this one is that you can never expect conditions to remain perfect. Rio Blanco County understood this from the beginning and allowed reasonable extensions to be made in regards to unforeseen obstacles. As a result, the project is still running on schedule and while we all would love to see this project complete as fast as possible, the clip at which fiber has been laid out has been incredible. Even though the winter season slowed things down a tad, spring time is going to bring a fever pitch of installations being completed. If there's one concern to put

to rest, it's that there hasn't been any major problems that have shut down the project for any lengthy period of time. The continuous and quality effort put into this by everyone has been making this fiber project very successful.

Being told that a project is on schedule is one thing, but understanding the process of the project can help people understand why it's on schedule. It's easy to see conduit and cables going into the ground while thinking that progress is coming close to an end. However, laying the initial infrastructure could almost be considered the easy part. Each neighborhood needs a junction box, also known as a splice case in fiber lingo. This takes all the individual strands of fiber and conjoins them in order to bring the lines back to the main building. It takes a certain level of experience to install

these devices which means scheduling with companies outside of the county. Once these steps are accomplished though, it isn't as simple as installing the fiber into the household. The county has to inspect the lines for quality and release them before the service providers and Colorado Fiber Community can begin the connection process on their end. However, if any connecting points are dirty, or the termination was damaged in any way, then certain portions of the cable have to be redone in order to be ready for the home. At the final stage, the service provider you have selected—Local Access Internet (LAI) or Cimarron—has to schedule installing the line with the ONT (modem-like device) and then you have fiber internet access. The most incredible fact is that this explanation only covers a fraction of the

full process and number of contractors involved, which is why it can be said that the Rio Blanco Broadband Project is going rather smoothly.

The pace looks like it will be picking up pretty nicely this spring, but once fiber is in the home, there are some key tips you want to follow in order to enjoy your internet experience. The number one tip to remember is that cutting edge connectivity requires a certain level of cutting edge technology to work properly. For example, while network ports have been handling 1 Gbps speeds for a long time now, wireless devices are only seeing the tip of this technology. While a \$60 router is a great budget option to give functional wireless in your

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## ■ Free monthly movie

March 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeker Rec Center MP room. Featured film: Florence Foster Jenkins. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

## ■ Free legal clinic at

Meeker Public Library for parties who have no attorney from 2-3 p.m. on March 8. Call 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet.

■ Mountain Valley Bank will be doing a "Lobby Blitz" every Wednesday to provide customers with a one on one online banking and mobile banking mini course. Our staff are eager to assist our community and banking family with the information available to them 24/7.

■ The Meeker Library Book Club meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be March 13. We will be discussing "The Secret Knowledge of Water: Discovering the Essence of the American Desert" by Craig Childs. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ Community ladies are meeting to make grocery bag mats for the homeless. Mondays 1-4 p.m. at 600 Main St.

■ Quilting Group. Tuesdays from 1-9 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing

machine and project.

■ Game Day for adults 50+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ Adult Open Gym Volleyball. Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the MES gym. Adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ Adult Open Gym Pickleball. Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Admin gym. Adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ Adult Open Gym Basketball. Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the MES gym. Adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ Storytime at the Rangely Regional Library Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

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

■ Gentleman's Club meeting at 10 a.m. each Thursday morning at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

■ Real-Tea Roundtable. Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. First Monday of the month, 7:30 a.m. at Wendell's.

Please send calendar items to [calendar@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:calendar@theheraldtimes.com) before 5 p.m. on Monday.

## MS: Learning to live with a disability

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feeling on her entire left side, for which she receives steroids and anti-inflammatory injections—began to affect her cognitive abilities.

"It got to the point where if I got tired or had a hard night (with pain) I couldn't remember what I was supposed to be doing. I was making a lot of mistakes. People would tell me things and I wouldn't remember. Even if I wrote things down I would either forget to go or I would show up on the wrong day."

She now requires a home health provider who comes in several days a week to help her with personal care and household chores. She can no longer drive.

"I have people who look at me and say, 'you don't look like you're sick.' People are so unaware of MS and what it is."

Six months ago she started having seizures, between two and five a week. Her mother, Peggy Wilkinson, has been staying with her daughter overnight since the seizures started.

"Her eyes roll back, she can't speak, and she has tremors," Wilkinson said.

On her most recent visit to Denver, doctors determined that the seizures are her brain's way of responding to stress and long-term chronic pain. They are hopeful a change in medication will successfully stop the seizures and help with the nerve pain from the MS.

As if the symptoms of the disease weren't enough, financial challenges add another layer of stress. Reiger's unemployment ran out this month, and because of a glitch in the system, her first disability application was denied. She's looking at two or three

months with no income to speak of.

She's trying to keep up with her home businesses selling Scentsy and doTerra products, but that's getting more and more difficult.

She's gotten some help from a national MS association, which is working to get a ramp built at her house and a walk-in-shower installed, and has a program to help with the costs of her medication, but they are limited in what they can do. An attorney with the association is helping with the disability application, which will require a hearing before a federal judge and a trip to Grand Junction.

While Medicaid covers her medical treatment, she has to provide her own funds to make the drive to Denver to see the specialists working on her case, which adds to the expense. She's made four trips to Denver at the behest of her doctors in two months.

As we wrap up the interview on a snowy Friday morning, Reiger and Wilkinson are arguing (gently) about whether Reiger should go outside by herself to vacuum the car. Her mother is concerned that she could fall or have another seizure, and asks her daughter to wait until someone is there with her to help.

For a woman who has worked hard all her life to take care of herself and her family, being dependent on others for so many basic needs is challenging.

"I just wish I could go to work. I want to work," she says.

"Your work right now is to take care of yourself," Wilkinson replies.

A friend of Reiger has set up a GoFundMe page to help with her expenses at [www.gofundme.com/helping-tish-with-her-ms](http://www.gofundme.com/helping-tish-with-her-ms).

## FIBER: What to expect with fiber installation

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home, expect to pay \$150-\$300 in order to take advantage of max speeds over wireless, just for the router. The adapter also has to support the speeds of the router in order to have any reasonable chance of good wireless speeds, but conditions like distance, obstacles and interference can drastically lower connection speeds. In the end, you could be spending more money for your routing equipment than you did for the actual computer you bought years ago. Another important tip is remembering that web pages use way more graphics today than

they used to a couple of years ago, even to just a year ago. A video card upgrade can be a huge help, but sometimes you'll have no other choice than to upgrade an entire system in order to have technology that supports high fiber speeds.

Hopefully, seeing a few more details into the process of the fiber project, while also receiving a few tips on best practices will help ease the anticipation and give a better experience when fiber has arrived. Just remember that while you're certainly excited to have cutting edge internet service, you can't believe how excited the IT workers behind the project are.

Some of us are putting in the extra hours and waiting for the service just like you. The simple fact is that nobody is getting special treatment, but everyone is part of a major plan aimed at accomplishing the project as efficiently and expertly as possible. We're extremely grateful for the enthusiasm Rio Blanco has had for this and we'll be working as hard as possible to bring high speed fiber as fast as we can.

Josh Jackson moved to Rangely in 2012 and began working in IT at Rangely District Hospital. His passion to keep pace with the ever-changing technological field brought him

into contact with Colorado Fiber Community. Working around his hospital schedule, he's helping not only with the connections of the fiber internet, but also in trying to broaden the public's understanding of the new technology. While he enjoys staying up to date with computer hardware through publishing reviews in his spare time, he also enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters. He said via email, "The Rio Blanco Broadband Project has been extremely exciting for me and I hope to continue to grow in new skills every day, right here in western Colorado!"

## PRINCIPALS: Student, teacher accomplishments

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Solo and Ensemble Festival held in Rifle. Music instructor Jeff Hemingson said that the judges were impressed by how the Meeker students comported themselves. He said, "Our students were prepared and self-sufficient, representing Meeker very positively. We received 18 Superior scores, 14 Excellents and only one Good."

Hanks added to his report that nine BMS students were going to Craig to participate in the "Taste of College" program hosted by CNCC, stating that many Craig middle school students participate as well. Hanks denied, however, that these students are contemplating skipping high school.

Also, Hanks reported on the eighth grader History Day competition (see sidebar).

Meeker High (MHS) Principal Amy Chinn focused on the presentations made at the school Feb. 13 by John Sosa of the Center for

Relationship Education. He gave three lectures that day tailored to each group—freshmen and sophomores, juniors and seniors, and in the evening, parents and guardians. He talked about building appropriate, healthy relationships, personality differences, love vs. lust, and relationship red flags, according to Chinn. She reported that the talks were very well-received, that Sosa was good at engaging his audience, and student discussions ensued well beyond the lecture times themselves. All and all, Chinn said, "It was a very positive day."

Chinn also apprised the school board of Pake Burke's project to increase awareness in Meeker of the tremendous fresh water needs in developing countries. He's conducting presentation and fundraising activities to go toward supplying pure water in huge containers to an African country.

The MHS Family Careers and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) effort is sending 21 stu-

dents to the State Leadership Conference in downtown Denver in mid-April. Eighteen of those students will be competing in STAR—Students Taking Actions with Recognition—events. Brenda Mullins, FCCLA sponsor, family and consumer science teacher, said of the Meeker contingent, "They're an exciting group of young men and women."

At the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) district competitions, Meeker qualified five for the state leadership conference competitions: Christopher Strate in cyber security; Cooper Meszaros in insurance and risk management; Kinzy Turner and Gracie Bradfield placed first in public service announcements; and DeLenn Mobley placed first in help desk. Math teacher and FBLA sponsor Naomi Etchart said, "I'm very proud of our MHS students for doing so well. I cannot wait to see how they perform at the state competition the third week in April."

## History Day students head to regionals

MEEKER I Barone Middle School (BMS) is sending 17 students, comprising 9 projects, to the regional History Day competition in Grand Junction this Saturday, March 4. They are students of BMS history and social studies teacher Kris Casey. Project presentations were judged Feb. 13 at the school.

Judges and sponsor Casey jointly decided which competitors qualified for regionals. Judges were Jody Meakins, Jim Brown, Brooke Mantle, Stacey Meszaros, Mark Meyer, Mary Strang, Georgann Amack, Stacey Burke, Alicia Watt and David Cole.

The teams going to the regional competition include: Mason Holliday, Ryan Phelan and Braydon Garcia, Group Performance on the Newsboys Strike of 1899; Carter Strate and Cooper Main, Group Documentary on J.P. Morgan; Morgan Kehrig and Mikynna Molandes, Group Website on Simone Liebster; Spud White and Brandon Blaisdell, Group Website on the Whiskey Rebellion; Sierra Gomez, Individual Website on the Nat Turner Rebellion; Colby Clatterbaugh and Kyle Wangnild, Group Exhibit on Simo Hayha ("White Death"); Junior Gaeta, Dax Sheridan, and Bradey Potetz, Group Exhibit on Jackie Robinson; Abigail Moon, Individual Exhibit on Harriet Beecher Stowe; and Chayton Bumgardner, Individual Exhibit on the Stonewall Riots.

Eighth grade teacher Casey commented that "all of the students that participated in our local competition put a lot of work into their projects and did a great job presenting their information. I'm very proud of the research our kids did for this. I also want to express appreciation to all of our judges who took time out of their busy day to interview and discuss the projects with the students."

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**Saturday, March 4**  
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8:00am-1:00pm

**Early Bird Cost \$30 | Full Cost \$35**  
**Early Bird Deadline: February 25**

The American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED class teaches participants to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, and first aid emergencies. This class teaches participants the skills needed to give immediate care to an injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. A First Aid/CPR/AED certification card is included in the price of the class.

**HUNTER EDUCATION**

**March 17, 18, 19**  
MRC MP Room & Meeker Sportsman's Club  
**Friday, March 17: 6-8pm**  
**Saturday, March 18: 8am-5pm**  
**Sunday, March 19: 8am-4pm**

**All Ages**  
(Class is taught at a 6th grade level and participants must be able to take a written test without assistance.)

**Cost \$10**  
(Optional lunch provided for an additional \$6.)  
**Deadline: March 15**

Learn safe and responsible firearm handling. Persons born after January 1, 1949 applying for a hunting license in Colorado must have a hunter safety card which is obtainable by passing this class. In addition to successful completion of the written test, **full participation in all three days is required to receive a hunter education card.** Optional Saturday lunch (pizza, salad, cookie, and a drink) can be purchased by March 17 for \$6. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Meeker Sportsman's Club. Transportation will be provided to the Meeker Sportsman's Club if needed.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### 4-H Council sponsoring senior game night

**MEEKER** | The 4-H Council will be hosting a Senior Citizens' Game Day on March 3, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the 4-H Building at the Meeker Fairgrounds. We will have tables set up for various games; chess, checkers, bingo, cribbage and several different tables for card games. The 4-H Cooking Club will be making hors d'oeuvres. The Cake Decorating Club will make some desserts and refreshments will also be available. This community event is open to anyone 65 years of age and older.

### RBC Woolgrowers meeting March 3

**RBC** | The annual meeting for Rio Blanco Woolgrowers will be Friday, March 3. The meeting will be at the RBC Fairgrounds with call to order at 9 a.m. Presentations of interest to the agricultural industry will be made that are pertinent to upcoming regulation changes, etc. A lamb lunch will be served to attendees.

### First Aid/CPR/AED class March 4

**MEEKER** | There will be a First Aid/CPR/AED class at the Meeker Recreation Center on Saturday, March 4 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. People 12 and older are invited to learn the skills needed to give immediate care to an injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. A First Aid/CPR/AED certification card is included in the price of the class. Class is \$30 if registered on or before Feb. 25; \$35 if registered after Feb. 25. For more information, call the Meeker Recreation Center at 970-878-3403.

### Avalanche Rescue Skills class March 8

**MEEKER** | Avalanche Rescue Skills class in Meeker, Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at Mountain Valley Bank Community Room. \$40 per person. All new class on transceivers and rescue techniques taught by Mike Duffy, professional avalanche educator and snowmobiler. Bring your riding partners and avalanche gear to class: transceiver, shovel, probe and pack. Discount offered on avalanche gear for all participants. Call Suzan Pelloni at 970-623-2900 to sign up.

### C-PACE workshop March 10 in Glenwood

**GLENWOOD SPRINGS** | Commercial property owners, contractors and developers are encouraged to attend a free half-day training workshop Friday, March 10 in Glenwood Springs to learn about the new Colorado Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program. C-PACE financing allows owners of commercial property, including multi-family housing, to make energy efficiency, water efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to their property. Financing for the projects comes from participating lenders, and the loan is repaid through an annual assessment on the owner's county property tax bill. The repayment can be extended over a 20-year period, and the energy and water cost savings are typically more than the annual assessment, generating immediate cash flow. At this time Rio Blanco County has not opted in to the program, but local contractors and developers are encouraged to attend the training anyway, which is required to become registered with C-PACE and to develop future C-PACE financed projects. The workshop is hosted by the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), Colorado C-PACE, Garfield Clean Energy and CLEAR. The workshop will be held at Colorado Mountain College, 1402 Blake Ave., Room 301, in Glenwood Springs. Registration, networking and refreshments start at 8:30 a.m., the training workshop runs from 9 a.m. to noon. To register, visit GarfieldCleanEnergy.org.

### Humble Hands open house March 10

**RANGELY** | Humble Hands massage therapy at 743 E. Main St. in Rangely will be hosting an open house Friday, March 10 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for any community members interested in dropping by for drinks and lunch or to visit the new location. We will be raffling off massages as well as other goodies. Alisa Granger will also be joining us there to educate the public on doTERRA products, and there will be free chair massages.

### Safe food handler training March 10

**MEEKER** | Two-hour course for food service workers that covers the basic requirements for safe food handling Friday, March 10 from 10 a.m.-noon or 2-4 p.m. CNCC Meeker Center, 345 Sixth St. \$15/participant. Pre-registration is required. Limited space so register now. 970-878-5227 or iris.franklin@cncc.edu.

### St. Pat's Day Festival to support MS

**MEEKER** | The first annual Saint Pat's Day Festival in Meeker is set for March 17. Schedule: Enjoy dining specials at local restaurants all evening. Kids' activities at the Hugus Building from 6:30-8 p.m. Dance with drinks and dessert at the Hugus Building, 8-11 p.m. After party at Chippers, 10 p.m. to close. Sponsored by ERBM, the Herald Times, the Hugus Building, the Lions Club, Chippers and you. Raising money for the Meeker Multiple Sclerosis fund. Look for stickers and donation pots in local businesses. Call Pat at 970-948-7617 for more information.

### CNCC Foundation banquet March 25

**RANGELY** | The 13th annual CNCC Foundation fundraising banquet and auction will be held March 25 at 6 p.m. in the Colorado Room at CNCC in Rangely. Funds raised from the live and silent auctions will go toward scholarships for CNCC students at all CNCC campuses. Tickets for the prime rib/chicken cordon bleu dinner are \$50 per person or \$275 for a table. For more information about contributing auction items or purchasing tickets, please call Ann Brady at 970-629-9749 or Becky Dubbert at 970-675-3301.

### Black Powder Blanket Shoot March 25

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Sportsman's Club annual Jim Harmon Memorial Black Powder Blanket Shoot will be Saturday, March 25. Sign up at 9 a.m., shotgun shoot starts at 10 a.m. Traditional muzzleloaders, black powder pistols and in-lines, iron sights only and patch and ball only. Traditional dress encouraged by not required. Open to the public, spectators are welcome. Prizes awarded for three classes: men's, women's, and youth 9-14. Call or email Dan Dewitt for info: 970-220-2202.

### CNCC registration for spring classes open

**MEEKER** | Machine quilting, March 1-April 12, 4-7 p.m.: new session for spring, learn new skills or complete projects. Microsoft Excel, March 3-April 4, 6-8 p.m.: spreadsheet calculations, etc. Microsoft Powerpoint, April 11-18, 6-8 p.m.: create dynamic presentations. Culinary classes, March 30-May 11: subjects to include menu planning, breakfast surprises, vegetarian cooking, Mexican cooking, lunch specials and summer main dishes. GED preparation: individualized training program available. For further information, call 878-5227 to get on a class list, stop by CNCC Meeker Center at 345 Sixth St. on Tuesday or Wednesdays to register. Registrations may be mailed to CNCC, PO Box 1542, faxed to 878-4145, or emailed to iris.franklin@cncc.edu.

# Meeker native returns with new business

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | T Rose Etc. LLC today announced that it is ready for business in Meeker. This business moved nearly 3,000 miles from Cape Coral, Fla. T Rose Etc. LLC is owned and operated by Teresia "Terri" Ruckman-Reed, who is originally from Meeker. T Rose Etc. LLC offers a full spectrum of sewing, mending, alterations as well as upholstery work, outdoor equipment repair, blind and window treatment repair and restoration, scissor sharpening and sewing machine repairs.

T Rose Etc LLC is located at 375 12th St. in the studio apartment above the Ruckman Shop. The location comes with a lot of history, being built by the late Ray Ruckman and sons before Reed was born. Access to the shop is a bit tricky, as you have to go through the side door and up the stairs, but she does make home and office visits as needed.

The studio is complete with sewing machines to do almost any-

thing from light and delicate to heavy leather. Reed learned to sew under the watchful eye of her great-aunt, the late Audrey Oldland. She has sewn professionally for more than 35 years. In addition, she served as the warranty manager for American Recreation, who then represented Kelty, Sierra Designs and Slumberjack in Longmont, where she mastered methods for repairing tents, sleeping bags, backpacks and most outdoor equipment. She then went on to manage the Chico's Center for Creative Development in Fort Myers, Fla., for added couture expertise.

Reed stated, "I am so excited to be home. Being back in this amazing community is a dream come true. Can't wait to meet people and find out how I can be of service to my hometown."

To contact T Rose Etc. LLC call 970-388-7164, or visit the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/troseetc/](http://www.facebook.com/troseetc/). See a full list of services at [www.TRoseEtc.com](http://www.TRoseEtc.com).



Some of the tools of the trade for Terri Ruckman-Reed, who has returned to Meeker from Florida and set up her full-spectrum sewing shop above the Ruckman Shop on 12th Street.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Opinions are like \_\_\_\_\_ ?

By NIKI TURNER  
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Perhaps whether some news is "false" depends on one's perspective; or more accurately, on one's opinion (remember, an opinion is a view

or judgment formed about something, not necessarily based on fact or knowledge). To British loyalists that patriotic literature was full of lies and discord. To revolutionary patriots, those leaflets (distributed at risk of being tarred and feathered) were a reminder to why they were fighting for independence from authoritarian rule.

Fill in the blank. The point is, everybody's got one. I usually use noses, although other body parts might be more apropos. The technical definition of an opinion is "a view or judgment formed about something, not necessarily based on fact or knowledge."

In 1275 British monarchs established De Scandalis Magnatum, which prohibited the distribution of "any false News or Tales, whereby discord, or occasion of discord or slander may grow between the King and his People, or the Great Men of the Realm."

De Scandalis Magnatum may be the root of what our founding fathers had in mind when they penned the First Amendment. Pamphlets like Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" were considered sensationalist propaganda by British loyalists, yet became some of the most revered documents in our nation's history

Conflicts of interest: big or small?

By PAT TURNER  
pat@theheraldtimes.com

RBC I People like to talk about the big issues. Large government, giant corporations, non-profit-organizations and the mass media being corrupt. Much of this stems from previous conflicts of interest. Historically, people in power have had the opportunity to manipulate decisions and policies. Unfortunately, many have used this influence to benefit their own interests above that of the society and the people that they were called to serve. Rarely are the rules broken openly, but often he who makes the rules, rules the roost.

We don't usually see the evidence of this "big" corruption at its inception, but eventually what's done behind the scenes will be seen. The weeds of indiscretion start out small, but if left to themselves they grow up and take over an organization that was

once productive. How often have we neglected these "little things" and ended up regretting it later?

What does this mean to us personally? Because around here we're not big business or the mass media, but mostly just "ma's and pop's" and small town politics. But isn't the bigger picture made up of many pixels? If we don't hold our own little media, corporations, organizations and government entities accountable who will?

Morality starts with each of us individually. If we want a better society we will have to choose it. There will be conflicts of interest, and they will probably more often be personally encountered in small towns than in big cities. And when the opportunity does arise for us to put our own interests above those we are called to serve, what will we do? In that case, we must choose to recuse ourselves, or there will be abuse.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Better City, a question of the economy?

By JAY SULLIVAN, Ph.D.  
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Half a century ago the straight pipes on the International 4100 drowned any hope of a radio station. The ever-tightening concentric furrows plowed around the fields prepared the soil for next year's crop. Hawks circled overhead hoping that the plow would turn up a ground squirrel here and there. Rabbits ran for cover as the farm dog trotted ahead of the tractor in the furrow. There is a lot of time to think on the seat of a tractor. Sometimes speculation turns to wonder as you realize that one seed in prepared ground sprouts into a stalk of wheat. At the sunshine end of that straw stalk a head of grain is formed. The average head contained 56 kernels. Plant those 56 kernels and your yield is 3,156 grains. Three thousand one hundred and fifty-six grains planted produce 9,897,216 new kernels. The wonder of this is the realization that this is the creation of new wealth. Year after year nature and the farmer nurture a new crop generating new wealth. Food production is an economic driver.

According to "Strategies and Tactics" there are 10 global economic drivers or spheres of influence that deserve our attention. These are:

1. Food
2. Shelter
3. Clothing
4. Government
5. Transportation
6. Communication
7. Information Processing
8. Energy
9. Industrial Metals
10. Entertainment

"Strategies and Tactics" also notes that commercial banks, mortgage banks, thrifts, insurance companies, pension funds and professional money managers need to be considered as aggregators of financial transactions. They combine and redistribute wealth as a function of their business.

After some time on the seat of the tractor and a few rounds of the field it seems to me that all of the economic drivers are interrelated. Further these

drivers support each other. The tractor would not exist without industrial metals. You need communication to sell your product. Energy turns the wheels. Transportation links the supply chain, and so on.

After further consideration, it seems to me that economic drivers are cyclical. They each individually have and all together they have ups and downs. Value of goods and services fluctuate with market conditions. Abundance and scarcity in one area has an impact on the other areas to differing degrees. This means that there must be some mechanism of control to keep this system of economic drivers in balance.

These mechanisms are called general economic systems and are segmented by allocation mechanism. (Harvard Business School) Three are highlighted here. (There are more than a dozen listed in the Wikipedia article on economic systems.)

The basic and general economic systems segmented by allocation are:

Market economy: "hands off" systems, such as laissez-faire. (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Market\_economy, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laissez-faire) capitalism)

Mixed economy a hybrid that blends some aspects of both market and planned economies. (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixed\_economy)

Planned economy: "hands on" systems, such as state socialism, also known as "command economy" when referring to the Soviet model. (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Planned\_economy)

The capitalistic economy of the United States is the singularly most successful mixed economic model. It is successful because it takes advantage of both the freedom to innovate and the control of a planned economy. INSEAD, The Business School for the World, published "The 4 I's of Economic Growth." Notes that, "The U.S. has enjoyed levels of productivity above that of other countries for the last 100 years."

So now Better City seems poised to focus on the tenth economic driver

to improve the economy of Meeker. One of the keys to their proposition is the use of the Government Economic Driver by the establishment of an Urban Renewal Authority to initiate and stimulate the tenth economic driver Entertainment. As Bob Dorsett notes this allows for the use of tax increment financing (TIF). As Dorsett notes funds are collected from special districts such as schools, recreation districts and so on. Whether or not this is a legitimate use of an Urban Renewal Authority to fund entertainment infrastructure is an open question. But, there is a larger issue.

Seemingly, Tax Increment Financing has the potential in this case to freeze or limit income to schools. But is this a rob Peter to pay Paul scenario? Sure we want growth, but do we want an expansion of entertainment revenues to limit school funding? We well might if the project were successful. However, consider in the Wikipedia article on TIFS the unintended consequences of a TIF include:

With successful revitalization comes gentrification with higher property values and taxes, and the exodus of lower income earners. [13][14]

"Successful city revitalization can't be achieved by megaprojects alone — signature buildings, stadiums or other such concentrated development efforts. Instead, "it must be multifaceted and encompass improvements to the cities' physical environments, their economic bases, and the social and economic conditions of their residents."

—Mallach and Date 2013

After another round or two on the tractor seat more questions arise. Is the purpose of the TIF to mitigate the risks to the potential wealthy investor at the expense of education? How does the support of a mega project like this one contribute to the overall financial stability and health of the community when not all factors may not be equal and fair? Consider transportation as an economic driver for this project. Meeker suffers from being off the beaten track. In what way does transportation have to improve in order to get the people here who need to be engaged for the concept to be viable?

From the view between the driving wheels of the tractor come an even more disturbing question. Fifty years ago the John Deere Poppin Johnny made the rounds in the fields. Agricultural survival depended on doing more with less. Unfortunately, government regulation required the farmer and rancher in Rio Blanco County to be continuously leaner and

Dear Miss Know It All

By LAURIE WARD  
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I EDITOR'S NOTE: Laurie Ward is a fifth grader at Parkview Elementary in Rangely. Ward has been producing an advice column titled Miss Know-It-All. She was inspired to create the column by the book "Dork Diaries." Ward says she responds to the questions she receives from fellow students based on what she thinks and feels would be the best answer, and occasionally asks her parents, for help. Her teacher, Dana Forbes, describes her as "gifted in art, music and dance" and says she received national recognition for her fundraising efforts to raise money for cancer research and a cure by organizing bake sales during parent-teacher conferences. The Herald Times is pleased to share Laurie's column here in our op-ed pages. Good advice is good advice, regardless of your age.

Dear Miss Know It All:

I am mad at myself for having one B in my grades. It is in music, and that is my least favorite subject. What can I do to calm myself down?

From Alex

Dear Alex: I think you are doing amazing! you have the same grades I do, and I'm not mad... I have one B too. Curse you math! But even though you have one B and want to do better, be good to yourself. Those are terrific grades. I'm happy for you. I hope you feel better!

Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All:

People are being really mean to me. I want to do something, but I'm scared I'll get into trouble. What should I do?

From Crazy Cool Lady

Dear Crazy Cool Lady: I'm sorry, that must suck. Try telling them to stop, if that doesn't work, try one more time, and if they still do it, then tell a teacher. If you have a teacher that won't really do anything, then tell the principal. He will make sure to put a stop to what is happening.

Miss Know It All

**A BIG THANK YOU**

FROM THE WOODS

To the Rio Blanco Herald Times for their fine picture and article announcing our 50th wedding anniversary ...

To our children: Russ and Tammy, Dani and Brett, Roy and Dawn and their families for thoughtful planning, delicious food and sparkling decorations to give us a wonderful celebration ...

To our relatives, friends and neighbors who sent cards, stopped by the house and continue to offer best wishes.

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*Jean and Dan Wood*

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**Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Round Table Meeting**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Washington raises serious concerns

Dear Editor:  
No matter what our personal political leanings, I think we all agree on the Constitutional foundation of our democracy. It is therefore troubling to see legitimate Constitutional questions dismissed as tests of party loyalty. Actions by the new administration in Washington raise serious concerns. They should not be swept under the rug just to "give the man a chance," or because "he won the election."

President Trump insists he is exempt from laws requiring divestiture of his business interests. He continues to profit from those interests. Those profits raise serious concerns that he is in violation of the emoluments clause, which requires that a President removes himself from any suspicion of bribery or foreign influence. He refuses to provide information that might resolve that suspicion.

President Trump and his staff attack the free press and deny journalists the information they need to keep the public informed. Most recently, he has refused access to news briefings to journalists and news organizations critical of his policies. His administration dismisses free speech and free assembly as actions of "paid trouble-makers," and the administration is attempting to block investigation into serious allegations of interference in our democratic process by a foreign power. Voting is at the heart of democracy, and it is vital that our votes are informed and secure, not manipulated by the Russians.

Whether executive orders from the new administration violate 14th Amendment rights have already been referred to the courts.

The President's actions cannot be ignored. Congressman Tipton,

Senator Bennet and Senator Gardner should uphold their oaths to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and insist on non-partisan investigation into allegations of wrongdoing. And we should all insist on the accountability provided by the framers of our democracy.  
Bob Dorsett, MD  
Meeker

2nd graders at MES encourage reading

Dear Editor:  
We decided to help kids read and have many reasons why it is important and can be fun for children to read. We wanted to convince people in Meeker to read.

We have a flyer for you that has all the reasons why children should read. Reading is good for you in many ways, so this is why we wanted to make a flyer. We are excited to share and give out these flyers. Some of us are nervous because we have never done something like this before.

We are glad to give you these flyers so you can help convince people to read. Please spread the word to everyone!

From the 2nd grade Reading Flood Group,  
Tucker Chim, Hailey Cox,  
Brooklyn Davis, Skylar Grimes,  
Sawyer May, Serenity Murray,  
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Good curriculum vital to learning

By CHRIS SELLE  
SUPERINTENDENT  
MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Special to the Herald Times



Chris Selle

**MEEKER** | No factor has greater influence on student learning than the classroom teacher. While this statement may seem exceedingly obvious, it is also backed by much research. As such, the effort made by the Meeker School District to attract and retain high quality educators is of greatest importance. Currently, we are blessed with professional staff members that care deeply about students and learning. We must still be diligent providing competitive compensation, a positive work environment, and academic freedom coupled with appropriate accountability to ensure that these wonderful and devoted individuals stay in the Meeker School District. A teacher shortage currently exists in Colorado, as fewer and fewer young people are choosing to make education their lifelong profession. Many of the reasons for this are well beyond the control of the Meeker School District. Nonetheless, it is imperative that we make the Meeker School District a viable and attractive destination, when we have staff vacancies, for the quality educators who may be interested in our district.

One tool we can use to support excellent instruction is appropriate curriculum and curriculum materials. In the most basic sense, curriculum refers to the knowledge and skills we want students to gain and learn. The focus of the curriculum narrows when we consider the knowledge and skills specific to a given grade level and subject area. An overview of this narrowed focus in our curriculum can be found on the school district's website (www.meeker.k12.co.us). This overview is located in the "Parent & Student Portal" menu on the left-hand side of the home page under the "Curriculum" tab in this menu. The documents contained in this folder give a weekly summary of the knowledge and skills that will be taught at various times in the school year. These documents undergo consistent review and revision so that the curriculum we offer our students appropriately meets

learning expectations. Naturally, the school district must regularly invest in materials to support our curriculum. Few challenges are more frustrating to a teacher than trying to teach with inadequate resources. Therefore, providing appropriate materials has been a point of focus for the school district over the past couple years. New materials we use for mathematics have been purchased and we are currently in the process of reviewing literacy and health materials. Additionally, smaller pockets of curriculum materials have been purchased for individual grade levels or classes on an as needed basis. At the beginning of the 15-16 school year, every content area had main curriculum materials that were at least 14 years old, with some as old as 32 years. While the content itself might not change in a given subject, materi-

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**The Law Concerning Life**  
By Dr. J. D. Watson  
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Thou shalt not kill. (Ex. 20:13)

**Dr. J.D. Watson**

**H**ow significant it is that this command appears here! It is the first one that speaks exclusively of our dealings with all other men in general. So, the worst possible sin to commit against another is murder. Why is murder an abomination to God (Prov. 6:17)? Because man is made in God's image, making murder a direct attack upon Him. So heinous is this crime that God instituted capital punishment (Gen. 9:6; cf. Matt. 26:52; Rom. 13:4; Rev. 13:10).

First, then, we observe the meaning of the OT commandment. This verse has been used by some folks to teach that all killing is wrong. While we love these dear ones and certainly agree with their high view of the sanctity of life, both the Hebrew and Greek words that are used speak of murder, not all killing. (It is hard to explain why Jesus would instruct his disciples to buy a sword [Lk. 22:36] if He did not expect them to use it.)

**Kill** is the Hebrew *rāṣaḥ*, which while at times is used for an accidental killing (Num. 35:11; Josh. 20:3) or even death by means of an animal attack (Prov. 22:13), is used primarily to indicate premeditated murder (Deut. 5:17; Judg. 20:4; 1 Kings 21:19; Ps. 94:6; Jer. 7:9; Hos. 4:2; 6:9). If any doubt remains, it is completely erased by the Greek word used for "kill" (*phoneuō*) in Matthew 5:21: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill." This word is never used in any other way other than murder (Matt. 19:18; 23:31, 35; Mk. 10:19; Lk. 18:20; Rom. 13:9; Jas. 2:11; 4:2; 5:6. See also the Septuagint: Ex. 20:15; Deut. 4:42; 5:17). In fact, it appears in Romans 13:9—a direct reference to the sixth commandment—to parallel (and thereby clarify) the use of the Hebrew *rāṣaḥ* in our text.

Second, the NT counterpart. This command is repeated not only in Romans 13:9 (along with other "words" of the Moral Law) but also in James 2:11. Even more significant, however, is how our Lord Himself enhanced this prohibition. As noted above, during His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus cited the sixth commandment about murder (Matt. 5:21), but in the very next verse He added, "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Uncontrolled anger that could lead to murder—as in the idiom, "If looks could kill"—is as sinful as the act itself (cf. 1 Jn. 3:15).

Third, the combined *confrontation*. In addition to the applications already made, one that begs for recognition concerns the legalized murderers in our day who wear lab coats. As any honest person would admit, abortion, no matter what the reason, is premeditated murder. Inexplicably, however, not all Christians agree. One evangelical author, in fact, says that if "the fetus"—this is the term the pro-abortionist uses to escape the reality that we're talking about a human being—threatens the life of the mother, then it is the same as "a crazed madman threatening someone else with a revolver." So much for the sanctity of life.

**Scriptures for Study:** What do the following verses say about the sanctity of life: Jeremiah 1:5; Judges 13:7; Pss. 127:3; 139:13-16; Luke 1:41, 44?

You are 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 the expository preaching of God's Word. Please visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

## CROCHETING FOR A CAUSE...



This group of Meeker residents (plus a few who weren't there Monday) has been gathering at the LAI office at Sixth and Main for seven weeks to create sleeping mats for homeless folks out of plastic grocery bags. First the donated bags are cut into strips. The strips are joined together to create balls of "plarn"—plastic yarn—which is crocheted into 3 foot by 6 foot long mats. As of Monday, the group had completed three mats, and hopes to complete at least 20 before they take them to the homeless shelter in Grand Junction. It takes 600-700 bags to complete one mat. More bags, preferably clean ones, are needed.

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## OBITUARIES

### Ronald George Hrynkow

Sept. 10, 1946~Feb. 21, 2017

Ronald George Hrynkow, 70, of Meeker, Colo., passed away on Feb. 21, 2017, at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker from a rare degenerative brain disease.

Ron was born on Sept. 10, 1946, in Oak Park, Ill., to Michael and Hazel Hrynkow, where he lived with his older brother, Thomas, 77, of Pennsylvania and twins Dennis and Doris, 72, of Tiffin, Iowa.

He spent his early years enjoying life along the Mississippi River, helping at the family restaurant, "The Circle," and graduating from Dubuque High School in 1964. After graduating from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls he was married in Denver, Colo., to Marsha Kaye Burgess in January 1970.

Shortly thereafter he was drafted into the Army in mid-1970 and was discharged a year and a half later from Fort Bragg, N.C. There

they had Matthew (now 45, of Omaha, Neb.) and later moved to Northglenn, Colo., where they had Andrew (now 42, of Sunbury, Ohio). After a few years, they got tired of "city life" and moved to Coal Creek Canyon west of Golden, Colo.

Then after moving to Crete, Neb., in 1978 to raise their sons, Ron worked for Pioneer Mental Health Center and then in Lincoln, Neb., at Valley Hope Association.

In 1995, Ron and Marsha moved to Meeker, Colo., where he worked at Regional Mental Health Center before a one-year battle with cancer in 2002. After God's gracious healing, he began a lawn mowing and service company that he operated until recently. They are members of Grace Bible Church and have spent their lives faithfully serving the Lord wherever they have been.

He is survived by his three sib-



Ron Hrynkow

lings, wife, and sons Matt (wife Laura, grandchildren Ellie, Josh and Nate) and Andy (wife Heather, grandchildren Caleb, Ethan, Luke, Benjamin, Abigail and Samuel).

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his honor to The Gideon's International ([www.gideons.org/donate](http://www.gideons.org/donate)) to further spread the ministry of God's Word.

A celebration of Ron's life was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017, at Grace Bible Church in Meeker. A private family interment was held at Highland Cemetery. View the internet obituary and sign the online guest registry at [grant-mortuary.com](http://grant-mortuary.com).

### Wilma Sutton Fowler

March 18, 1927~Feb. 17, 2017

Wilma Lue Sutton was born on March 18, 1927, in Glenwood Springs, Colo., to Glen and Doris Sutton. She passed away at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, Mont., on Feb. 17, 2017, one month short of her 90th birthday.

She was the eldest of seven children and is survived by brothers Glen Sutton of Vernal, Utah, and Ray "Bub"(Jeri) Sutton of Fruita, Colo.; and sister Mary Beth (Tom) Pilkington of Ammon, Idaho. Her father was a government trapper so they spent summers living in a tent traveling with bands of sheep so he could keep the predators away.

Wilma's first marriage to Carol Arnold blessed her with three children; Carolee Arnold of Cottage Grove, Ore.; Michael Arnold (pre-deceased in death in 2005); and Patrick (Rhoda) Arnold of Redding, Calif.

In 1954 she married the love of her life, Lee (Sonny) Heryford Jr. They had two sons: Russell (Lynne)

of Fort Shaw, Mont., and Kent (Dorene) of Oakdale, Calif. Sonny was a rancher in Cedarville, Calif., and later they owned a hardware store where the two of them enjoyed working together for many years. Sonny passed away in 1985.

Wilma then began traveling and spending time in the Napa Valley of California. She later married Donald Fowler and they lived the remaining years of their life together in Santa Rosa and the surrounding area.

Wilma moved to Montana in June 2014 where she lived with Russ and Lynne. Later she became a resident at Front Range Assisted Living in Fairfield, Mont. Wilma's gracious spirit endeared her to many and she gathered friends wherever she lived. Even though she had lost the ability to speak in the last few years she added many dear friends during her stay in Montana.

Wilma is survived by four chil-



Wilma Sutton Fowler

dren, 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Wilma was an accomplished pianist. She played piano and the organ for the church and many weddings and

funerals. She also enjoyed crocheting and fishing.

She always enjoyed life: dancing, entertaining, and helping everyone. She was always employed, working until she was 80. Her last job was taking care of "old people"! A vibrant dresser, hostess and terrific dancer, Wilma was always fun to be around.

Information about services to be held in Cedarville will be forthcoming.

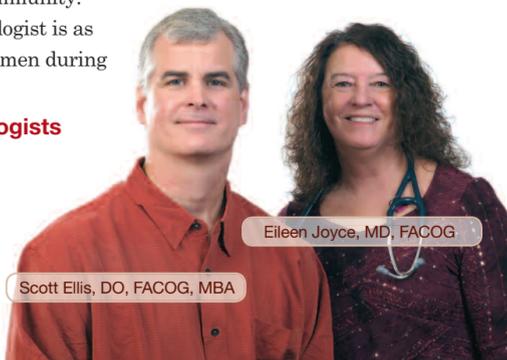
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## BETTER CITY: Many questions answered

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each of the key areas, some local and some looking to relocate or open a branch. An international company that provides backpacking tours now has the necessary permits with the Forest Service to start operation in the White River National Forest.

Bosshardt explained the capital funding structure for the Center. "It's structured at \$10 million at this point. That could go up or down."

Of that amount, \$2 million (20 percent) or less is expected to come through public funding in the form of Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

"We're not asking the local government to pay \$10 million," Bosshardt said.

The other 80 percent of the funds would come from non-local public/private sector options: 15 percent from owner/operator equity (either one single investor or "condo-style" with multiple buy-ins); 15 percent would come from Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) funds that provides long term financing for approved energy efficiency projects in commercial buildings; the remaining 50 percent would be would come through a Colorado based commercial note.

"The community would initially own 20 percent of the building," Bosshardt said. TIF funds from property taxes on the building would be diverted to pay back that public

investment.

There will not be an increase in taxes to cover the TIF.

Property tax dollars are divided up between special districts according to mill levies. For TIF funds to be appropriated, the town's Urban Renewal Authority would work together with the special districts to determine how much of the TIF funds would be diverted. The project would not take any money away from the special districts, as the TIF funds are based off increases in property tax created by the new development.

If the project were to fail, the ultimate lien holder—the holder of the commercial note—would be "left holding the bag," not the public. In a worst case scenario, if the project "went completely dark" the bank holding the commercial note would continue to pay the property taxes, which would continue to fund the TIF.

"The bank is the majority owner. They're going to vet the loan."

Other information provided included:

- Two bow manufacturers and one fly-tying company are interested.

- The \$10 million includes the cost of property acquisition. Better City does not use eminent domain for property acquisition.

- Perceived competition with the Cameo shooting facility being developed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife would actually benefit the Meeker center, according to industry reps

from Cabela's. The Cameo project, which is largely an outdoor facility, is not expected to be finished for 5-8 years.

■ The "100 miles of fishing access on the White River" question was addressed with an explanation that the study wasn't just looking at fishing upriver from Meeker, but includes areas west of town, where property owners have been more amenable to providing easements for responsible guides.

Once again Better City encouraged residents to contact them directly with concerns about the center or any of the other components of the plan.

As to whether the public meeting changed any minds about the center one way or another, that remains to be seen. The results of an online survey at [www.theheraldtimes.com](http://www.theheraldtimes.com) thus far have the respondents evenly divided. We'll publish the full results next week. If you haven't taken the survey, visit the *Herald Times* website.

## CURRICULUM: Not just about textbooks

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als of that age simply wear out and/or do not meet the educational needs of today's children. For many of us who have been out of school for several years, we think of curriculum materials as textbooks. Those days are long gone. Today's teachers use a combination of many online and traditional resources to deliver curriculum.

In order to purchase appropriate materials when needed, the Meeker School District has developed a protocol used to evaluate, then acquire, main curriculum materials. The teachers most familiar with the content area are involved in this process, then their recommendations fol-

low a series of steps to ensure the most effective and efficient use of available funds. Fundraising efforts by the Meeker Education Foundation and donations from local organizations to purchase curriculum materials have greatly blessed our school district. Combined with district funds, we are positioned to address the most pressing curriculum material needs in our district. Our professional staff has been intentional and responsible by putting in countless hours to verify our purchases best meet the needs of our students. These efforts made by our teachers and our community to provide viable curriculum materials that will help our students learn gives me one more reason to proclaim I am proud to be a Meeker Cowboy!

## ECONOMY: Protecting our economic drivers

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meaner. Bigger was better and the little guy went the way of the family farm. Food is a staple. We consume it every day. Yet we did not protect the producer and we lost agriculture as an economic driver. There is no parity in agriculture. Meeker doesn't have a single implement dealer. We can't even

host a farmer's market. It is a national disgrace that we did not protect the family farm. We did not protect mining, manufacturing and the service industry. Our systems are compromising education as most of our faith is put in technology as the salvation of future generations. Many sing the song of salvation with the chorus of "Innovation will save us! Innovation!"

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He recently married Abigail Urish MD, who was contracted to begin working at Rangely District Hospital in 2015 and they decided that he would follow her to Rangely to start their new life together.

Dr. Sutton considers himself fortunate to be a graduate from a "hands on" residency where he was able to learn and become comfortable doing a wide range of procedures. He believes Rangely will offer a wide variety of small town medicine opportunities. He is excited to be able to help the hospital provide for the needs of the community in Ambulatory, Inpatient and Emergency settings.

In his free time, Dr. Sutton enjoys spending time with family. As an outdoor enthusiast, he is looking forward to camping, exploring Colorado, visiting the national parks, star-gazing and just spending more quality time with his new wife Abbie.



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## Three RBC basketball teams headed to regionals

*Meeker boys and girls, Rangely girls will play in Gunnison Friday*



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The Meeker Cowboys will advance to the regional tournament this weekend in Gunnison after finishing as the District 5 runner-up. The Cowboys defeated Plateau Valley in the semifinals but lost to the No. 1 seeded Paonia Eagles in the championship game. Meeker will play Norwood Friday at 2:30 p.m., with the winner advancing to play Sanford for the opportunity to play in the 2A 2017 Colorado State Basketball Championships. Pictured: head coach Klark Kindler, Cole Rogers, Zach Dinwiddie, Valentine Rosas, Jerrick Garza, Logan Hughes, Doak Mantle, Stephen Walsh, Trapper Merrifield, Andy Kracht, Brennan Jensen, assistant coach Brock Campbell, and Eli Newman and coach Matt Dupire in back.



BECKY HUGHES PHOTO

The Meeker girls' basketball team finished second in the District 5 tournament held last weekend in DeBeque and will advance to the Regional tournament this weekend in Gunnison, where they will play Ridgeway Friday at 1 p.m. Pictured smiling with their plaque are head coach Jamie Rogers, Sierra Williams, Kenzie Turner, Peyton Burke, Tilly Brown, Maggie Phelan, Halle Ahrens, Reese Pertile, Anna Walsh, Gracie Bradfield, Megan Shelton, Victoria Lasker, Julia Dinwiddie, assistant coaches Lori Chintala and Hallie Blunt.

### Cowboys finish 2nd in district tourney

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** The Meeker boys' basketball team played in the District 5 championship game where they finished second and qualified for the regional tournament to be held in Gunnison this weekend. Meeker defeated the Plateau Valley Cowboys in the semifinals but lost to the No. 1 seeded Paonia Eagles in the championship game.

"We played well Friday, but Saturday we did not play well," Meeker head coach Klark Kindler said of the 58-47 win over Plateau Valley and the 36-68 loss to the Eagles in the championship game.

The Cowboys will now advance to the regional tournament in Gunnison where they will play the Norwood Mavericks on Friday at Gunnison High School with the winner playing Sanford for the opportunity to earn a berth into the 2017 Colorado State Basketball Championship.

The Cowboys are currently 15-7 overall and entered the District 5 tournament as the No. 2 seed. They started post-season play with a quarterfinal win against West Grand in front of a hometown crowd.

DeBeque High School was the site of the District 5 tournament and many Meeker fans attended the semifinal game the Cowboys played against Plateau Valley.

"We executed offensively and after the first quarter, we settled in defensively and got them stopped," coach Kindler said.

Meeker trailed 12-14 after the first quarter but scored 22 in the second and held Plateau Valley to six, giving the Cowboys from Meeker a 36-20 lead at halftime. Meeker added two points to its lead in the third quarter and finished the game 11 points ahead.

Doak Mantle led the Cowboys with 21 points, including one from behind the three-point line. Zach Dinwiddie scored 10, Logan Hughes added nine and Eli Newman finished with eight. Jerrick Garza scored six against Plateau Valley, while Trapper Merrifield and Valentine Rosas each added a basket.

Dinwiddie led the Cowboys with nine rebounds and Newman pulled down seven.

The Cowboys fell behind Paonia early in the championship game, trailing 16-32 at halftime and 28-56 after three quarters of play.

"Paonia is good and they shot the ball well," coach Kindler said.

Mantle again led the Cowboys with 13 points, Dinwiddie added nine, Hughes and Stephen Walsh each scored five and Newman finished with four.

Meeker will play Norwood (13-9), of the San Juan Basin League at Gunnison High School, Friday at 2:30 p.m., with the winner playing Sanford (15-7), of the Southern Peaks League, Saturday at 4 p.m.

"Norwood is extremely well coached and has a big post player that averages 17 points a game," Kindler said.



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Rangely senior Sidney Shaffer and her teammates celebrate a 54-53 victory over the Soroco Rams in the consolation championship game of the District 5 tournament. The win advanced the lady Panthers to the regional tournament held in Gunnison where Rangely (16-6) will play Sanford (13-9) Friday at Western State College at 5 p.m., with the winner playing Ignacio for the opportunity to advance to the 2A 2017 Colorado State Basketball Championships.

### Lady Panthers move on to regionals

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Lady Panthers played three days of tough games last week that carried them through the district tournament. They'll play in the regional tournament in Gunnison this Friday.

According to head coach Quinton Kent, the district pigtail game against Vail Christian on Feb. 22 was a battle, but the girls came out on top 48-40.

"Vail Christian was really active in their zone and their defense forced us into a lot of turnovers. Fortunately for us, our defense was good, despite our inability to score and the game stayed close throughout," Kent said.

"It was a two-point game going into the fourth quarter and that's when we were able to get going a little offensively and outscored them 19-9

to come out on top 48-40.

In Friday's game against Paonia—the No. 1 team in the state—the Panthers lost 55-31 in the district semi-final game.

"Even when we felt like we were playing good defense and contesting their shots, they still made them. They play really good defense and they were simply the better team," Kent said.

The lady Panthers faced Soroco on Saturday for third place in the district tournament.

"We came into this game knowing it was a win or go home situation. I was really proud of the way the girls responded," Kent said. "They executed our defensive plan pretty well and with about five minutes to go in the fourth we had built up a double digit lead."

"However, Soroco shoots the three-point shot really well and they made a couple shots. We turned the ball over a couple times, and just like that they had come back in a span of about a minute and a half. In the last few minutes we traded buckets and we made some crucial free throws. We had built a two-point lead and then fouled them on a three-point attempt, giving them a chance to pull ahead."

Soroco only made one of those attempts and the Panthers escaped after another three-point attempt was narrowly missed. The final was 54-53.

"We are extremely excited to move on to regionals in Gunnison where we will match up with Sanford on Friday at 5 p.m. at Western State College."

### Lady Cowboys continue post-season play Friday

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** The top three girls' basketball teams from the District 5 tournament, held last weekend in DeBeque, qualified for the regional tournament, which will be held this weekend in Gunnison and the lady Cowboys were one of the three qualifiers. Meeker defeated the Soroco Rams in the District 5 semifinal game, guaranteeing them a spot in the regional tournament, although they lost to the 2A state's No. 1 ranked Eagles from Paonia. Meeker will now play Ridgeway, Friday at Gunnison High School with the winner to play Del Norte Saturday.

"The Soroco game was such a team win," first-year Meeker head coach Jamie Rogers said of the 59-49 semifinal win, which extended Meeker's post-season play to the next level. "Reese (Pertile), Megan (Shelton), Kenzie (Turner) and Julia (Dinwiddie) did a fantastic job in the paint and Peyton (Burke) stopped a Soroco layup going into halftime to keep the momentum in our favor."

Meeker trailed 16-18 at the end of the first period but came back in the second to take a 31-30 lead into halftime.

"Maggie did a great job getting the ball in to our press break, then Halle (Ahrens) and Gracie (Bradfield) took charge of our defense," coach Rogers said of her team's play.

Pertile led the team with 20 points and 15 rebounds, while Shelton also had a double/double, scoring 17 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Turner and Dinwiddie each scored seven points, with 10 and seven rebounds respectively. Phelan scored four points, Ahrens finished with two and freshman Tilly Brown played tough defense and also added a basket.

Meeker is currently 13-9 after the 31-62 loss to the lady Eagles who are undefeated in 21 games and the No. 1 ranked 2A team in the state.

"Against Paonia, we struggled with their tight 'in your face' defense and we couldn't get into any kind of rhythm," coach Rogers said. "Paonia is a strong team but our girls continued to play hard with a great amount of class and heart."

Pertile again led her team with 13 points, Ahrens scored six, Shelton had five, Phelan scored four, Bradfield two and Turner made a free throw in the championship game.

The second place District finish will match the lady Cowboys up with the Ridgeway Demons (8-13) of the San Juan Basin League, to play at Gunnison High School. The winner of the Friday (1 p.m.) game will play Del Norte (19-2) of the Southern Peaks League, in the state-qualifying regional championship game Saturday at Western State College.

"We are excited to play," coach Rogers said.



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## Champions of the Week

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### Katelyn Brown Rangely High School Basketball

Brown helped lead the lady Panthers to the regional tournament with 18 points, seven assists and five rebounds against the Soroco Rams, in the consolation championship game of the District 5 tournament. Brown, who has scored 367 points (16.7 avg. per game) this season and her teammates will play the Sanford Indians in Gunnison, Friday.



### Reese Pertile Meeker High School Basketball

Pertile led the lady Cowboys to victory against the Soroco Rams with a double/double, scoring 20 points and pulling down 15 rebounds to help advance her team to the District 5 championship game, where they finished second to the top ranked 2A Paonia Eagles. Pertile has scored 334 points (15.2 avg. per game) this season, pulled down 218 rebounds in 22 games and has 41 steals.



The third and fourth grade youth basketball teams for the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District had a great season this year with enough players for two teams: Team Black and Team Gold. They finished their season on Feb. 25. Team Black: Tyler Sanders, Nathan Smith, Cameron Hanberg, Jacob Roberts, Finley Deming, Connor Rose, Tristin Rollins, Montey Franklin, Wyatt Rollins. Not Pictured: Coaches Obie Deming and Cody Smith.

CHRISTY KNIGHT PHOTO

Team Gold: Coaches (Back row): Ellen Conrado, Matt Houser and Josh Halstead. Top row: William Foster, Drew Drake, Mason Allen. Middle row: Clay Stewart Randall, Augie Halstead, Benjamin Houser, Wil Schwartz, Landin Lopez. Bottom row: Sam Conrado and Skylar Browning.



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GAYLE ROBINSON PHOTO

The Barone Middle School wrestling team, consisting of 26 wrestlers, opened the 2017 season in Craig, where they finished second as a team to the host, crowned four champions and placed eight others in the top four. The young Cowboys will wrestle the Panthers in a dual today in Rangely, then wrestle in another tournament in Eagle Valley Saturday. Pictured in back are coach Todd Morris, Ryan Phelan (1st), Kelton Turner (1st), Zach Eskelson (2nd), Colby Clatterbaugh (1st), Bren Crowe, Tucker Ercanbrack (1st), Tyrell Lee (4th), Tyson Portwood, Cooper Main (3rd), Manager: Caleb Hall and coach Chris Selle. Middle row; Zagar Brown, Liam Deming, Dalton Portwood, Ivan Carrillo, Chris Harris, Carter Strate, John Hamp Hightower, Lane Anderson and Jeremy Woodward (4th). Front row; Damon Dade, Braydon Garcia (3rd), Casey Zellers, Porter Hossack, Manager: Conner Blunt, Ty Goedert (2nd), Kaleb Nielsen (3rd), Rowdy Rosendahl and Austen Richardson (3rd). Not pictured are sixth grade managers: Kaden Franklin and Trae Kennedy and eighth-grader Dax Sheridan (due to injury).

BASEBALL...



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Several of Meeker High School's baseball players are still playing basketball but 14 showed up Monday, for the first official day of practice for spring sports. The Cowboys will be coached by Brian Merrifield and Donald Blazon and they are scheduled to play their first game against the Roaring Fork Rams in Carbondale at the end of the month.

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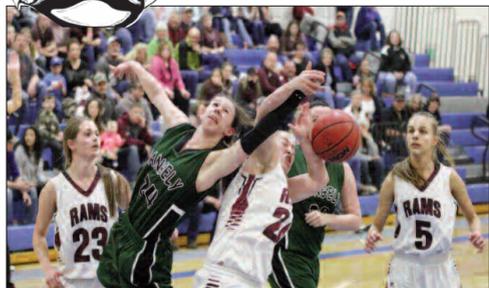
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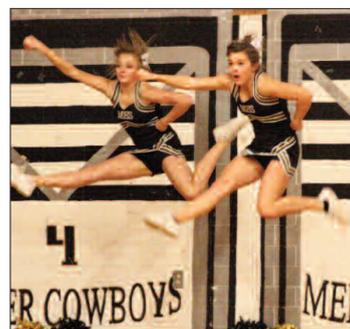
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# Newspaper Fun!

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Hey Tiger! What do you know about dental health?

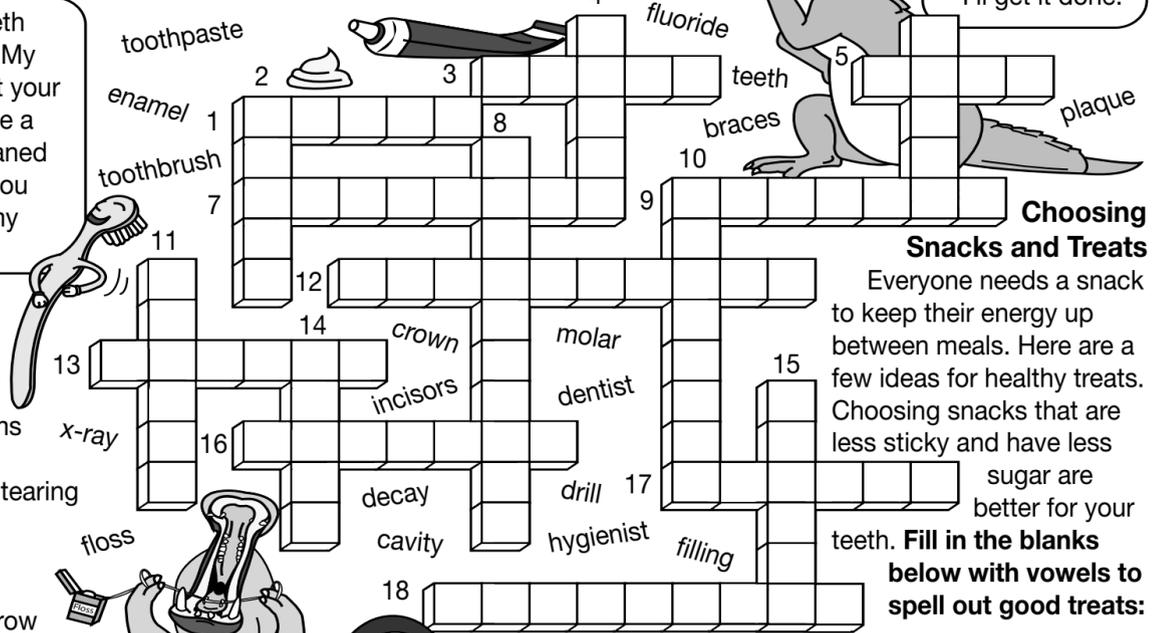


**Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:**

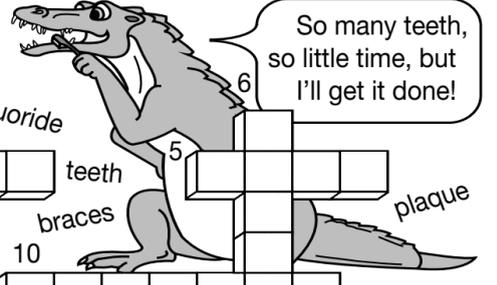
## Brushing Up On Teeth!

I'm "brushing" up on teeth with all of my new puzzles. My biggest tip for you is to visit your favorite dentist's office twice a year to have your teeth cleaned and checked! Meanwhile, you can "sink your teeth" into my dental puzzles below.

- "eating away" of teeth by acids, causing a cavity
- tool used to remove tooth decay to prepare for a filling
- flat grinding tooth in the back of the mouth
- waxed, silky string used to clean between teeth
- way for dentist to take a picture inside teeth; behind gums
- the part of the tooth seen inside the mouth
- sharp front teeth – four on top, four on bottom, used for tearing
- gel or paste used with toothbrush to clean teeth
- material used to repair a tooth that has decay
- mineral treatment that repairs tooth enamel
- sticky buildup on teeth, harbors bacteria and helps it grow
- clean teeth twice a day using this
- little hole in a tooth (due to bacteria)
- rows of hard, bony, white structures in mouth; grind, bite
- tool for correcting crooked teeth
- doctor who specializes in the care of human teeth
- thin outer covering that protects teeth
- person who cleans and checks teeth



So many teeth, so little time, but I'll get it done!

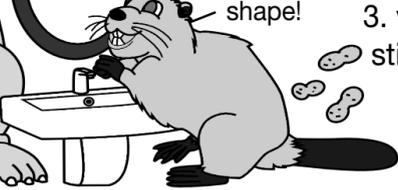


Flossing takes a few minutes to do, but it keeps your gums healthy.

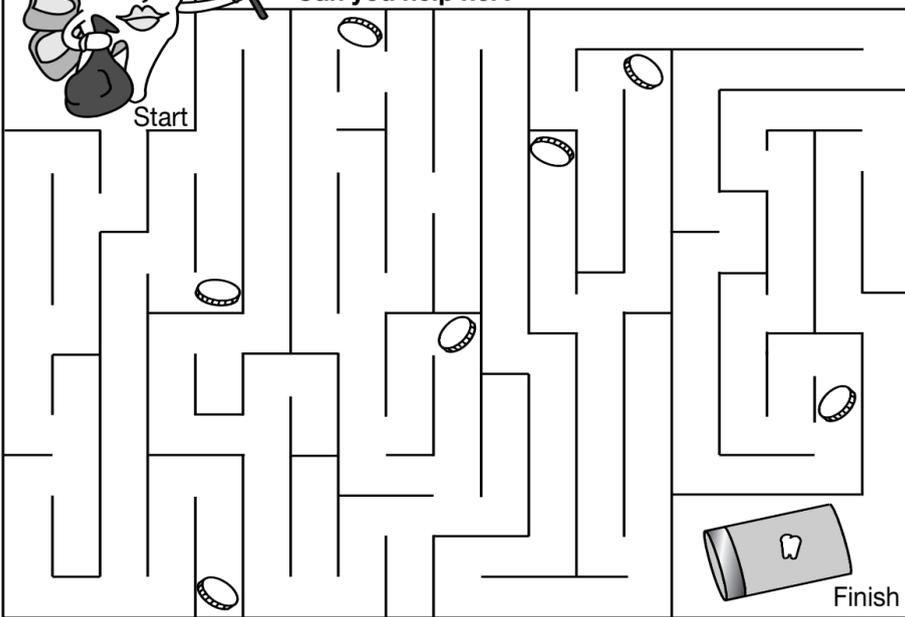


My teeth are in "ship-sharp" shape!

1. fresh fr \_\_\_ ts apples, grapes  
2. p \_\_\_ pc \_\_\_ rn or rice cakes  
3. v \_\_\_ g \_\_\_ t \_\_\_ bl \_\_\_ sticks – carrots, celery  
4. n \_\_\_ ts and s \_\_\_ ds  
5. m \_\_\_ lk instead of soda  
6. ch \_\_\_ s \_\_\_ cubes



**The Tooth Fairy** needs to pick up coins to put under the pillow when she picks up the tooth. Can you help her?

**Grin and 'Bear' It!**

Bears have great teeth! You can, too, if you brush after meals and floss daily.

I'm called a sperm whale. I'm a toothed whale. Most animals have teeth to catch or chew food. Some use their teeth as a tool or for fighting – or even for grooming.

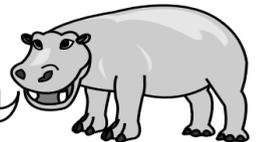


**Match up the description of the teeth to the animal that has them:**

- has very long teeth on top and bottom; they are sharp and strong, can cut down trees
- do not have teeth, but the size and shape of their bills are suited to what they eat and where they get it
- has no upper front teeth; there is a thick pad there instead; it grabs leaves with its tongue and cuts them off with its front lower teeth and swallows them
- has strong, broad, flat teeth like chisels to chew grass
- uses two special teeth called fangs to poison prey or enemies

A. birds  
B. giraffe  
C. beaver  
D. rattlesnake  
E. horse

Look at my pearly whites!

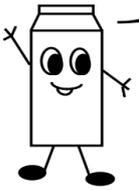


**Tooth-Building Foods!**

Milk has calcium that builds strong bones and teeth, but other foods have it, too!

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ice cream  
molasses  
oranges  
oatmeal  
corn tortillas  
sweet potatoes

cheese  
sardines  
almonds  
kale  
tofu  
milk  
salmon  
beans  
broccoli  
yogurt



**Circle these foods that have calcium:**

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*The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago*

■ The demand for a national referendum on the question of war with Germany seems to be what a New York paper calls it, "The expiring gasp of German propaganda in the United States."

■ The annual St. Patrick's Day Dance will be given this year on Friday evening at Rooney's Hall. The usual excellent supper will be better than ever. Under the auspices of the Catholic Ladies' Society.

■ Meeker was worse than "bone dry" Thursday due to a break in our main water main. The Finchites and everybody else had to go to the river for "moisture."

■ The Meeker Hotel, now under the management of the original owner, R.S. Ball. Large well-furnished rooms, 50 cents and up. Meals—European plan; 25 cents and up. Good cooking and service. A large, free sample room for the use of commercial travelers. A soft drink parlor in which nothing but the best in the line of soft drinks, seasonal fruits, confections and cigars are served.

*The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago*

■ A postcard from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jensen says the eight Meeker people are having a wonderful time in Hawaii. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Love and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dodo left for a two week Farm Journal tour of the Hawaiian Islands.

■ Utopia Club met Monday at the home of Evalyn Carstens with Barbara Meek and Gayla Richardson as co-hostesses.

■ It is that time of year. If you don't know the price of success the Bureau of Internal Revenue will be glad to send you a tax table.

■ Good luck in the district basketball tournament, Meeker

Cowboys: John Merriam, Les Crook, Jim Watson, Mike Sullivan, Mike Nieslanik, Chuck Bewley, Don Merriam, Doug Moody, Dan Murphy, Jim Cook, Mike Lugenbeel, Jim McKean.

*The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago*

■ Just as most people thought it would, the controversy at Pioneers Hospital exploded this past week which saw Meeker's doctors file two complaints against the Pioneers Hospital Board. These charges are just part of the most recent hospital controversy in which just about everyone involved is pointing the finger of blame at somebody else. "If I can stress anything, is just that we'd ask everybody to mellow out for a while until we can find out what's going on," said Commissioner Joe Collins who huddled behind closed doors once again this week with the doctors and members of the hospital's administration and board.

■ Assured by the banking community and the state that this action would help put the LynMar Tool Company on better financial footing, the Meeker Town Council voted unanimously to approve a resolution that would allow the company to secure additional outside financing to build high tech SCAN-NIA machines.

*The Rangely Times— 50 years ago*

■ Swinging to victory in the NWL, the Panthers head for further glory Friday in the District Tournament. Their record includes 12 wins against 3 losses, with an 8-2 conference record. 1967 Panthers: Kent Oldham, Don Roverts, Larry Gierhart, Ron Brenton, Jack Dembowski, Dale Kenyon, Mark Row, Pete Miller, Dale Matriciano, Junior Matriciano, Gary Chism, Jerry Mobley, Mike Hutton, Tony

McPhail.

■ Project Beautification for Rangely will kick off with a meeting of all interested in making the town a better place to live. The roads to future prosperity for Rangely are: 1. Improvement of the area's retail trade potential. 2. Development of the vast tourist potential. The present tourist tide is around 70,000 visitors a year. If each of these stayed a day in Rangely, the return in dollars would be over \$600,000.

■ A perfectionist has been described as somebody who takes great pains and gives them to other people.

■ Senator Pete Dominick (R-Colo) said in a speech that there is a really good chance "we will have a going oil shale industry within five to seven years."

*The Rangely Times — 25 years ago*

■ At a meeting of the Rangely Development Authority held last

week, the first order of business was to swear in two new members: Michele Hornback and Junior Hume.

■ Police Officer Nickson and the Rangely Fire Department were dispatched to the Sinclair gas station. A customer had moved their vehicle while the gas hose was still attached to the car. The hose broke and the pump was pulled down. A fire broke out immediately from the gas spillage. The flames were extinguished quickly and there were no injuries.

■ The girls have done it again! They're on their way to Regional, only this time it's for basketball. 1992 Lady Panthers: Misty Newlin, Amy Williams, Cori Ducey, Jaime Hume, Stephanie Hughes, Rosa Lopez, Jeannette Rice, Amber Hopson, Tiffany Thompson, Jennifer Filener, Jamie Kurrasch, Amber McPhail, Tina Hames, Stacy Crawford.

Late winter is best time to prune most trees

*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC** ■ Late winter, from February through early March, is the best time to prune most trees. Trees are still dormant at this time of year and, unlike in early winter, wound closure will be rapid if pruning occurs just prior to the time new growth emerges.

"Pruning trees during the late dormant season reduces impacts on tree health, and builds a strong structure for our community trees in the long term," said Keith Wood, community forestry program manager for the Colorado State Forest Service. The CSFS offers the following tree pruning tips:

Know what you want to accomplish before you saw. Don't remove

any branches without a reason.

Remove any torn, dead or broken branches.

Try to develop or maintain one dominant vertical top stem, or leader and don't cut off the tops of trees.

Space the main branches along the trunk, and prevent branches below the permanent canopy from growing upright or too large.

Always prune just outside the branch collar—the point where one branch leaves a larger one (or the trunk), often discerned by raised or wrinkled bark.

Limit pruning of newly planted trees to the removal of dead, damaged or crossing limbs, or those interfering with the main stem.

Avoid removing more than 25 per-

Rangely middle school wrestlers open season in Fruita tournament

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY** ■ The Rangely Middle School wrestling team opened the season in Fruita, competing in a dual meet tournament. Eighteen wrestlers are out for the team and according to their coach, they are off to a good start.

"The young Panthers wrestled well," coach Jeff LeBleu, who along with Claude Rose, assist Travis Witherell, said. "We finished the duals with a 3-2 record and we had three undefeated wrestlers on the day."

Rangely Middle School sev-

enth-graders Braxton Hall and Zane Varner, along with eighth-grader Anthony Lujan, were all undefeated in their first action.

"Lujan pinned all five of his opponents," LeBleu said. "We have some things to work on but all in all, it was a good day of wrestling."

The young Panthers will host Meeker tonight at 6 p.m., then wrestle in a tournament in Kremmling Saturday.

"The team and coaching staff would like to thank Chris and Kendra Varner for the breakfast and supplies and to the parents and grandparents who traveled to support the team," coach LeBleu said.

cent of a tree's branches in any one year.

Consider recycling pruned limbs by having them ground into mulch.

If a job requires running a chainsaw overhead or removing large

branches or entire trees, Wood says it is best to contact an insured, certified arborist. A list of these professionals can be found at [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com). For more information about urban tree care, go to [www.csfs.colostate.edu](http://www.csfs.colostate.edu).

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THE RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**

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The bond release areas applied for totals 129.6 acres that were reclaimed in 2016. The status of the reclamation is consistent with the requirements of the approved reclamation plan which includes backfill and grading to the approved post mine topography, variable topsoil depth replacement, and seeding with the approved seed mixture. Exhibit 1 of the bond release application presents all of the reclaimed areas a. Listed below is a general legal description of these areas:

Township 3 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M.  
Section 9 – NW¼ S½, and W½ N½;  
Section 9 – SE ¼ SE ¼;

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Section 10 – SW ¼ SW ¼;  
Section 15 – NW ¼ NW ¼;  
Section 16 – NE ¼ NE ¼

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**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**  
March 6, 2017  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM**  
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office,  
265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado

1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. New Business
6. Old Business
- A.Plant Assessment
- B.Driveway for New Shop
- C.Plant Manager Report
- D.Office Manager Report
7. Attorney
8. Board
- A.Reports
- B.Delinquent Accounts
- C.Approve Current Bills
9. Adjourn

This agenda is subject to change without further notice.  
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.  
265 8th Street.  
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**TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Tuesday March 7, 2017  
5:15 P.M. Board Strategic Planning Workshop- Elyse Ackerman  
7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

- I.Call to Order
- A.Pledge of Allegiance
- B.Roll Call
- II.Approval of the Agenda
- III.Approval of the Previous Minutes
- IV.Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- V.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.

- 1.Community Development Crew (CDC) on Mural Concept Project- Victoria Houser, Recreation Staff Officer (and Student group) Blanco Ranger District VI. A. Public Hearings- 7:15 p.m.
- 1.Request(s) from the Meeker Lions Club for special event Liquor Permit (200 Main Street Location); a.March 11, 2017, (4pm to 12pm) to serve during the "Meeker Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dinner" (Hugus Building Location- 592 Main Street); b.March 17, 2017, (6pm to 12pm) to serve during the "St. Patrick's Day MS Fundraiser and Dance"
- 2.Request renewal of Hotel/Restaurant Liquor License for Happy Holiday's, LLC, dba "Holiday's" located at 364 7th Street
- C.New Business;
1. Award 2017 Police Vehicle Bid

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2. Bid Policy/Personnel Policy Items
3. Town's Business Grant Guidelines
4. Ute Park Agreements (Discussion)
- VIII. Mayor's remarks
- IX. Town Manager's Report- Evaluation
- X.Town Attorney's Report
- XI.Adjournment

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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**MAINTENANCE SHOP DRIVEWAY**  
**CLOSING BID DATE – March 22nd 2017**

The Meeker Sanitation District will be accepting sealed bids for the maintenance shop driveway. The bid specs will be available at the walk thru on March 7th 2017, at 11:00 am, at the plant of the Meeker Sanitation District, 1150 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado. Please contact Plant Manager Kurt Nielsen at the Plant 970-878-5345 or at [kurtn@meekersanitation.org](mailto:kurtn@meekersanitation.org) with any questions. All price proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and designated on the envelope as "Meeker Sanitation District Maintenance". Bids must be received in the office by 4:00 PM on Wednesday March 22nd 2017. Mail to: Meeker Sanitation District , PO Box 417, Meeker, CO 81641 OR drop by: 265 8th Street, Meeker, CO 81641

Bids will be opened March 28, 2017 by The plant manager and office manager for review. The Meeker Sanitation District reserves the right

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to reject any an all bids and waive any and all informalities, and the right to disregard all non conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. The final award shall be subject to the District's review of all submitted price proposals, including specifications and prices.  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
Board of Education Work Session  
555 Garfield Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
March 7, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Work Session

- 1.URA Representation
- 2.CNCC concurrent enrollment agreement
- 3.Communications
- 4.Master Plan
- 5.School Board professional development a.Personnel roles and responsibilities i.Governance vs. management ii.2.Statute iii.Policy iv.Current processes b.Curriculum i.What is curriculum ii.What does statute/policy require from the BOE iii.What processes are in place iv.What is on the horizon c.Risk assessment from auditor

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## LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MEEKER  
ORDINANCE NO. 01-2017AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MEEKER MUNICIPAL CODE WITH THE  
ADDITION OF AN R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED AND DETACHED RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONING DESIGNATION, TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, AND ADDITION OF SITE PLAN REVIEW REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined it to be reasonable and necessary to amend and update Title 17, Subdivisions and Title 18, Zoning, of the Meeker Municipal Code; and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing on this request on February 21, 2017; and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges that changes shall take effect immediately following the subsequent publication requirement and 30-day time period of this action as mandated by law; and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that such amendments and updates are in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Meeker to promote the legitimate public purposes of the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Meeker and the inhabitants thereof.  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Title 18, Zoning, of the Meeker Municipal Code, is amended to add the following zoning district section in its entirety:

**"18.1.116.5 – R-2, Single-Family Attached and Detached Residential Neighborhoods.**

This zone establishes a district of single-family attached and detached residential dwelling units of mid to high density. It is designed to preserve and enhance the character of neighborhoods established in accordance with previous zoning codes or new areas of the Town where smaller lots and higher densities are encouraged to promote varying housing choices. No manufactured homes or mobile homes are allowed in this district.

(a) Permitted uses, including accessory uses, shall include:

- (1) Single family detached
- (2) Duplex dwellings
- (3) Townhouse

(b) Townhouse and duplex structures shall be designed as follows:

- (1) Exterior materials shall be brick, wood, stucco, stone or masonry product;
- (2) The structure shall have an engineered, permanent foundation;
- (3) Either the foundation or an exterior perimeter wall shall be constructed so as to provide a solid and continuous base wall of concrete, treated wood, mortared concrete block or I.C.E. Block™ Stay-in-Place concrete forms (in conformance with ICBO Evaluation Service, Inc. Evaluation Report No. 5055, June 1994) as provided by the International Residential Code;
- (4) A total habitable interior area of no less than one-thousand (1,000) square feet; and
- (5) The structure shall have a pitched roof and exterior siding.

(c) The record owner of each single-family dwelling shall also be the record owner of the real property upon which the dwelling is sited, as evidenced by the records of the office of the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder, and which is built to the standards of the International Residential Code, as adopted by the Town.

(d) Special review uses, including accessory uses thereto, shall include:

- (1) Home occupation
- (2) Community center
- (e) Minimum lot area per dwelling unit for townhouse & duplex structures: two thousand one hundred (2,100) square feet.

(1) Minimum setbacks:

a. Front yard: twenty (20) feet

b. Side yard:

(1) For all sides not sharing a wall, five (5) feet

(2) Corner lot: Where a street is abutting a side property line, the side yard setback adjacent to the side street shall be one-half (1/2) the distance required for the front yard setback

c. Rear yard:

(1) Lot abutting alley: five (5) feet

(2) All others: ten (10) feet

d. Maximum building height: thirty five (35) feet

(f) Minimum lot area per dwelling unit for single family detached structures: five thousand (5,000) square feet.

(1) Minimum setbacks

a. Front yard: twenty (20) feet

b. Side yard:

(1) Five (5) feet

(2) Corner lot: Where a street is abutting a side property line, the side yard setback adjacent to the side street shall be one-half (1/2) the distance required for the front yard setback.

c. Rear yard:

(1) Lot abutting alley: five (5) feet

(2) All others: ten (10) feet

d. Maximum building height: thirty five (35) feet"

2. Chapter 18.1.103- Zoning Definitions, of the Meeker Municipal Code is amended to add the following definitions:

"Townhouse means a dwelling that is attached by a common wall to at least one other dwelling and where ownership includes airspace, walls, and the ground upon which the dwelling sits, and where the ownership includes an undivided interest in the common areas and limited common areas of the development, and where no dwelling is built above or below another dwelling, and does not include manufactured housing per the definitions provided herein.

Duplex means an attached single family unit on a single lot designed for and occupied exclusively as the residence of not more than two families, each living as an independent housekeeping unit."

3. Chapter 17.1.106 –Major subdivisions, of the Meeker Municipal Code is amended to add the following section in its entirety:

**"17.1.106 – Major subdivisions.**

(g) Townhome subdivision

(1) Recordation of Plat. Any person proposing to develop a townhome subdivision within the Town of Meeker, shall, cause a plat to be recorded in the records of the Rio County Clerk and Recorder, in conformance with these regulations and any regulations outlined in the Town of Meeker Zoning Ordinance, before any building permits are issued.

(2) Townhome Subdivision Processing. A townhome subdivision shall be processed in accordance with the processes and requirements outlined in 17.1.105 General Procedures and 17.1.106 Major Subdivisions.

(3) Ownership and Maintenance.

a. An application shall not be processed until the applicant provides, in addition to the final plat, the following for review by staff of the Town:

1. A draft declaration of protective covenants and restrictions applicable to the land within the subdivision.

2. A draft of the incorporation documents, articles, and bylaws of a homeowners association.

3. Any deed for sale and conveyance of a townhome subject to these requirements shall confirm the rights and duties of the same.

(4) Utilities for Lots. Each lot created by a townhome subdivision shall be served by individual utilities that connect to the Town's trunkline water and sanitary utility systems. This information shall be provided at the appropriate stage in accordance with the process outlined in section 17.1.106 - Major subdivisions.

4. Chapter 18.4.106 – Scope, of the Meeker Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**"18.4.106 – Scope.**

No major project shall be approved pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter until:

(1) The Planner approves the processing of the proposed project, as provided by this Chapter; or

(2) The Board has determined either:

a. That no impact analysis statement need be filed due to the absence of any apparent significant adverse impact; or

b. That, based on the information contained in the impact analysis statement submitted to the Planner, the proposed project will not adversely affect the services, matters, concerns and policies set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.

In addition to the above requirements, all major projects are subject to site plan review as outlined in 18.4.114.

No site plan, as outlined in 18.4.114 below, shall be approved pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter until:

(1) The Town Staff approves of the processing of the proposed project, as provided by this Chapter; and

(2) The Town Staff finds that the application submitted meets all of the criteria as outlined below in 18.4.114(e) Approval Criteria; or

(3) In the event of referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Commission finds that the application submitted meets all of the criteria as outlined below in 18.4.114(e)."

5. Chapter 18.4- Major Projects, of the Meeker Municipal Code, is amended to add the following section in its entirety:

**"18.4.114 – Site Plan Review.**

(a) Purpose

The purpose of the site plan review process is to ensure compliance with the development and design standards and provisions of this Code. It is designed to encourage quality development reflective of the goals, policies, and objectives of the Town of Meeker comprehensive plan.

(b) Applicability

(1) When site plan review is required, structures and uses may be established and building or land use permits may be issued only after a site plan showing the proposed development has been approved in accordance with the procedures and requirements of this section.

(2) Preliminary PUD review and approval serves as site plan review for the purposes of this section.

(c) Site Plan Review Required

(1) The following applications and projects exempt from site plan approval:

(a) Individual single family detached residential units

(b) Any proposed modification of an existing structure whereby less than 20 percent of gross square footage of the existing structure is being modified, provided that the modification does not exceed 1,000 gross square feet.

(2) The following applications and projects, are subject to site plan approval:

(a) Any project identified as a Project per the definitions provided in section 18.4.104 Major Projects – Definitions;

(b) All new uses and structures that are not part of a preliminary PUD application or preliminary subdivision plat, except for those highlighted above that are exempt from site plan approval;

(c) Any proposed redevelopment that meets or exceeds the thresholds as outlined in c(1)(b) above;

(d) Any request that would, in the opinion of the Town Staff, significantly alter the design of the site and/or building(s); or

(e) A request to change or delete a condition of approval established by the Planning and Zoning Commission or Town Board.

(d) Submittal Requirements

(1) The Town Staff shall determine additional requirements for submittal above any outlined in the requirements below. This may include traffic, utility, environmental, or other studies deemed necessary to evaluate potential impacts.

(2) Applicants shall submit the following information when site plan review is required. Town Staff may determine when certain items are not applicable and may be omitted from submission.

(a) Certified survey prepared and stamped by a Licensed Public Land Surveyor (PLS)

(b) Site plan including the following:

(1) The site plan shall be prepared on plan sheets no greater than 24 x 36 inch format in size.

(2) Vicinity map showing the site location within the context of the Town of Meeker.

(3) The boundary of the site described in bearings and distances and existing and proposed lot lines.

(4) Legal description of the site matching the certified survey.

(5) Scale (not less than 1" = 60-feet) and north arrow.

(6) Date of plan preparation and contact information for plan preparer.

(7) Location of 100-year floodplain, if applicable.

(8) Existing and proposed contours at two-foot intervals.

(9) Location of all existing and proposed:

(a) Fences, walls or screen plantings and their type and height;

(b) Exterior lighting, location, height and type;

(c) Signs, including type, height and size;

(d) Landscaping and special buffers, including type and coverage;

(e) Parking, loading, and handicap parking areas in accordance with 18.2.106 of the Town's code;

(f) Easements and rights-of-way;

(g) Drainage ways, pond areas, ditches, irrigation canals, lakes and streams, if applicable;

(h) Buildings and structures to be developed or retained on the site, including possible use, height, size, floor area, and type of construction;

(i) Structure setback dimensions from property lines

(j) Existing and proposed streets, both adjacent and within the site, including names, widths, location of centerlines, acceleration/deceleration lanes;

(k) Curbs, gutters, ramps, sidewalks, and bike paths;

(l) Location of trash containers and method of screening, if any;

(m) Areas to be used for outside work areas, storage or display and method of screening, if any; and

(n) Location of fire hydrants, both existing and proposed.

(10) Information regarding a plan for parking in accordance with 18.2.107 of the Town's code.

(11) Adjoining property lot lines, zoning designation of adjoining lots, buildings, access, and parking, so that development compatibility can be determined.

(12) Other information which shall be in written or tabular form, including:

(a) Statement of proposed and existing zoning and any zoning conditions;

(b) Statement of proposed uses;

(c) Site data (numeric and percentage) in tabular form, including;

(i) Total area of property, gross and net;

(ii) Building coverage;

(iii) Landscape coverage;

(iv) Total lot coverage by all structures and paving;

(v) Number of parking spaces;

(vi) Gross floor area; and

(vii) Number of residential units and density (if applicable).

(13) Signature and date title block for the Town Administrator.

(e) Procedure for Administrative Site Plan Review

Action by Town Staff

The Town Staff shall review each site plan application and, as necessary, distribute the application to other reviewers. Taking into account the results of those reviews, the Town Staff shall take final action on the application and approve, approve with conditions, deny, or refer decision on the application, to the Planning Commission based on the applicable approval criteria below.

Referral to Planning and Zoning Commission

(a) The Town Administrator or their designee may refer any application to the Planning and Zoning Commission that, in their opinion, presents issues that require Planning and Zoning Commission attention.

(b) In the event that the application is referred to the Planning Commission, the Town staff will prepare a report and present the findings to the Commission. The Commission shall render a decision based on the criteria as outlined in Approval Criteria below.

Approval Criteria

(c) The Town Staff may approve a site plan upon a finding that the application meets all of the following criteria, as applicable:

(1) The site plan is consistent with the comprehensive plan;

(2) The site plan is consistent with any previously approved subdivision plat, planned development, or any other precedent plan or land use approval as applicable;

(3) The site plan complies with all applicable development and design standards set forth in this Code;

(4) Any significant adverse impacts reasonably anticipated to result from the use will be mitigated or offset to the maximum extent practicable;

(5) The development proposed in the plan and its general location is or will be compatible with the character of surrounding land uses and structures; and

(6) The development can be adequately served by town services including but not limited to roads, water, and wastewater.

Appeal of Administrative Decision

An appeal of any administrative decision concerning the provisions of these requirements shall be made to the Town Board of Adjustment in accordance with C.R.S. § 31-23-307 and processed as provided in Chapter 2.46 of this Code.

(f) Post-Approval

(1) Building Permit and Construction

No permit shall be issued for any building or structure or use that is not in accord with the approved documents or any approved modifications thereto. The construction, location, use, or operation of all land and structures within the site shall conform to all conditions and limitations set forth in the documents. No structure, use, or other element of approved design review documents shall be eliminated, altered, or provided in another manner unless an amended site plan is approved.

(2) Expiration

Approved site plan documents shall expire two years after approval if a building permit has not been obtained or the approved use established. In the event that the documents expire due to the passage of this time period, new site plan review documents must be submitted for approval in the same manner as an original application for development review.

(3) Modifications to Site Plans

The holder of an approved site plan may request a modification to the document or the conditions of approval by submitting amended documents to the Community Development Department. The amended documents shall be filed and processed in accordance with the procedures for an initial site plan submittal."

6. Except as specifically modified herein the remaining provisions of the Meeker Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect.

7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication as provided in C.R.S. §31-16-105.

**INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on February 21, 2017, by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, and ordered published in full in the Rio Blanco Herald Times.

TOWN OF MEEKER: Regas K.alandras, Mayor

ATTEST: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk

Published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times: March 2, 2017

**Notice of Proposed Decision**

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to approve Surety Reduction No. 3 (SR-3) for the Deserado Mine, Permit No. C-1981-018. The mine is operated by Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. SR-3 is based on the updated Reclamation Costs associated with the 2017 Midterm Review of the Deserado Mine permit. The affected area is located in Moffat and Rio Blanco County, approximately 7miles miles NE of Rangely, Colorado.

Copies of the proposed decision are available for review at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety office, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, and on the Division's website at <http://mining.state.co.us/Reports/MiningData/Pages/ImagedDocumentData.aspx>. A user's guide for our document imaging system is also available in pdf format at the same web address.

Any person who has an interest which is or may be adversely affected may request an adjudicatory hearing regarding this proposed decision. Requests for a hearing must be made in writing within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this notice, and shall state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and objections to the proposed decision. Publish: March 2, and March 9, 2017  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given of the filing of a Technical Revision 110 (TR-110) to the Colowyo Coal Mine, Mining Permit No. C-1981-019, by the Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO, 81641, with the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. TR-110 proposes geotechnical drilling at Wilson Reservoir directly adjacent to State Highway 13.

All of the areas to be affected by this Technical Revision are owned by Colowyo Coal Company L.P., Axial Basin Coal Company, and are located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado, west of Colorado State Highway 13 and east of Moffat County Road 51.

The affected area can be located on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Nos. N4015-W10945/7.5 (Axial, Colorado) and N4007.5-W10945/7.5 (Ninemile Gap, Colorado) and is more particularly described as follows:

All or portions of Sections 2-6, 7-11, 14-22, and 28-30 of Township 3 North, Range 93 West, all or portions of Sections 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, and 31-34 of Township 4 North, Range 93, all or portions of Sections 1-3, 10-12, and 14-15 of Township 3 North, Range 94 West, and all or portions of Sections 12, 13, 18, 23-27, and 34-36 of Township 4 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County and Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

A precise description of the Permit Boundary can be found in Volume 2A, Exhibit 1, Item 12 of the permit document and is included herein by reference.

The geotechnical drilling is proposed to occur within 100 feet of the right-of-way of State Highway 13 and is described as follows:

The NE1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 13 of Township 4 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County, Colorado.

A copy of the application for the Technical Revision is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Moffat County Courthouse located at 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado, 81625 and the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Rio Blanco Courthouse located at 555 Main Street #303, Meeker, CO, 8164. Questions concerning this Technical Revision should be directed to Tony Tennyson, Senior Environmental Engineer at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., at (970) 824-1232.

Any person having an interest concerning this Technical Revision has the right to request a public hearing on this Technical Revision to the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety at the address noted above. The request for a hearing must be made to the Division within 30 days after the publication of this notice. Any public hearing requested will be held within the vicinity of the Colowyo Mine.

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The application areas for both Phase II and III bond release were reclaimed from 1993 through 1999. The Phase II areas total approximately 48 acres, and the Phase III acres total approximately 183 and all areas are shown in detail on Maps 1 and 2 within the application. The status of the reclaimed areas is consistent with the requirements of the approved reclamation plan which includes achievement of Phase I and in some cases Phase II bond release, establishment of vegetation that supports the post-mining land use, a reduction of contributions of suspended solids below pre-mining levels, a minimum of 5 years since the last seeding and fill and gully repair, and reclamation parcels have met the requirements of the revegetation success criteria for two years. Listed below is a general legal description of this area:

Phase II Areas

Township 3 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M.

Section 16 – W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 15 – SE1/4NW1/4

Phase III Areas

Township 3 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M.

Section 16 – S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 15 – SE1/4NW1/4

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**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES / DISTRICT ENGINEER**  
The Meeker Sanitation District is seeking the services of a qualified Professional Engineering company to provide an Engineering Assessment of the wastewater treatment plant and collection system. Interested companies may obtain an electronic copy of the complete request for proposal package beginning

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February 9th 2017 from Kurt Nielsen at (970) 878-5345 or kurt@meekersanitation.org. Proposals are due by 3:00 p.m., March 23rd 2017. Questions may be addressed by contacting Kurt Nielsen via phone or email. The District's Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals. Publish: February 16, 23, March 2, and 9, 2017 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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**BID REQUEST**  
Piceance Weed and Pest District Hand Spraying of Herbicide and Ariel Spraying of Herbicide  
The Piceance and Weed and Pest District is soliciting bids for Herbicide hand spraying and Herbicide ariel spraying. Bid packets are available by calling Chris Uphoff at 970- 379-9244. Mailed bids are due to the Board of County commissioners, P.O. Box i, Meeker, Co 81641 no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 13th, 2017. If hand delivered the bids are due no later than 11:00 a.m. on March 13th, 2017 to the County Commissioners, County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO. The bids will be opened after 4:00 on the 14th of March. All bids must be clearly marked "Herbicide Hand Spraying" or Herbicide Ariel Spraying" on the outside of the

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bid.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SAFEHOUSE**  
If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.  
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The VFW, American Legion, and their Auxiliaries will meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM at 290 4th St. For further information call (970) 878-5326.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rangely Food Bank is open on **Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m.** at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

The Rangely Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S Sunset). Join us! For more information, call Britt Campos at 801-589-4803.

**NEW EDEN PREGNANCY CARE SERVICES** - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Thursdays, 12p-5p, 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and Thursdays, 1p-6p, 219 Sunset Avenue, Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 875-2300. All services are confidential.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

The Meeker Colorado Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Starting pay for the Officer position it is \$46,000 - \$49,000 per year depending on qualifications, plus full medical/family benefits, and an excellent retirement plan and possible moving assistance up to \$6,000. Applicants must be Colorado Post Certified or the ability to obtain certification within 6 months and have a valid Colorado driver's license, experience is preferred. Applications accepted by mail at 345 Market Street, Meeker Co 81641 fax 970-878-5625 or email Kathy@town.meeker.co.us. EEO 3/2-3/9

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-33**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On December 9, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.  
Original Grantor(s)

MARCOS MERCADO, III and SANDRA L. MERCADO MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, D/B/A FMC MORTGAGE COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
March 18, 2013  
Rio Blanco  
May 17, 2013  
306353  
\$185,203.00  
\$175,087.99

Original Beneficiary(ies)

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Date of Deed of Trust  
County of Recording  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
Original Principal Amount  
Outstanding Principal Balance

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

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 34-35 IN BLOCK 3, REPLAT NO. 2 OF THE REPLAT OF LA MESA P.U.D. AS PLATTED AND RECORDED ON JULY 23, 2007 AS RECEPTION NO. 289325, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO.**

**Also known by street and number as: 1224 SOLAR CIRCLE, RANGELY, CO 81648. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

\*\*\* Recording: Reception Number 305962 AND RECORDED AGAIN ELECTRONICALLY ON 5/21/2013 AT RECEPTION NO. 306379 TO DELETE THE NON BORROWING SPOUSE ON PAGE 1 AND 8 AND TO INCLUDE PAGE 10 AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED ON THE DEED OF TRUST.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/12/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

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

• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

• IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

• IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General  
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DATE: 12/12/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Alison L. Berry #34531 David R. Doughty #40042 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092  
Eve M. Grina #43658 Kelly Murdoch #46915 Lynn M. Janeway #15592  
Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Sheila J. Finn #36637  
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990  
Attorney File # 16-013264  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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DATE: 12/14/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Robert Traylor #10730  
Traylor, Black & Kane, P.C. 751 Horizon Court, Suite 200, Grand Junction, CO 81506 (970) 242-2636  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

ATV, Boat and Snowmobile Owners! You can now renew your Colorado OHV registrations on line at: [www.parks.state.co.us](http://www.parks.state.co.us)

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**Rangely Victim Services**

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

**AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely**

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

**Veterans Service Offices**

Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.

Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**AUCTIONS**

Annual Spring Consignment Auction, Saturday April 1st at 9:00 a.m., 2368 S. 1500 E. Vernal, Utah

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**YARD SALES**

Garage Sale at 8th Street Storage Units (MEEKER) - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 4-5. Lots of clothes, vintage items, car and bike parts.

Multi Family Yard Sale @ New Exhibit Hall @ RBC Fairgrounds - 9 AM-2 PM on March 4th 2/23-3/2

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**GUNS**

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To reserve your space email [scmclelland79@yahoo.com](mailto:scmclelland79@yahoo.com) or call Clint @ (970)987-2620 3/2-3/23

**LOST AND FOUND**

LOST: Werner 24' orange extension ladder, HWY 64 mile marker 60. \$50 reward, no questions asked. (970)200-2203 3/2

**FOUND: Set of keys near the clock on Main St. May claim at Rio Blanco Herald Times Office.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

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WANTED: Meat for dog food. Beef, venison, lamb, rabbit, antelope. No pork or chicken because of allergies. Can be freezer burned, old, etc. Call or text 970-948-9547.

**LAND/LOTS**

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**LAND/LOTS**

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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

1 BDR/1 BA small house @ 789 Water St., \$425 mo + damage, last month, electric & gas. Ken 970-948-5743, [olddog151@yahoo.com](mailto:olddog151@yahoo.com)

FOR RENT: 2-3 bedroom house, off street parking, small fenced back yard. \$775/month; \$775 deposit plus utilities. Includes W/D, water, sewer. Tenant maintains yard. Serious inquiries only 970-629-9714.

3 BDR. 2 car garage, home in Sage Hills. Available March 1. Call (970)878-5191 2/2-3/2

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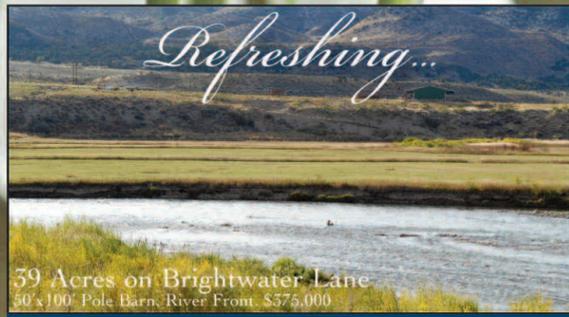
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- ◆ 1361 Robert St. - quiet location with this 4 bdr, 2 ba. home, 1 car garage ..... \$178,000
- ◆ 1036 Park Ave. - Fixer-upper delight, 1 bdr, 1 ba., lots of potential ..... \$85,000

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- ◆ NEW! 1057 Sage Ct. — Fresh paint throughout, 3 BD/2 bath home with new granite kitchen countertops, SS gas range, nice and open living room and dining, with great floor plan, circle driveway on two lots, mature trees and landscaping. Large deck and wonderful views! Come take a look at this one. \$149,500.
- ◆ NEW! White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64, Two 35 Acre Parcels — Both parcels have river frontage. Lot 12 has 3 phase electrical. \$225,000. Lot 13 is on South side of river. \$200,000.
- ◆ 345 Cleveland St. — GREAT POTENTIAL! A full City block, over 99,000+ square feet, offering 12 individual lots all being sold as one parcel. \$225,000.
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**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**

- \*1266 Cleveland- 3BR, 2BA home on a quiet street. Detached garage, beautifully remodeled kitchen with S.S. appliances, updated bathrooms, A/C, fenced back yard. \$207,000.
- \*125 Main St.- lg corner lot with an impeccable 5 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 story home. Living room, dining room, family room, walk-in closets, large covered back patio, oversized 3 car garage, 2 kennels, beautiful yard. \$319,000.
- \*990 Main St.- 3BR, 1.5 BA, log home w/attached 2 car garage. Updated and spotless. \$168,000 REDUCED!
- \*1111 Wall St- 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Large master suite, storage shed. \$128,000 REDUCED!
- \*1134 Michael- 3BR, 2- 1/2 BA home, attached garage. Built in 2006. \$210,000. SOLD!
- \*660 3rd St.- Older home on two lots in good location. Needs work. \$64,900. SOLD!

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- \*NEW 1580 CR 15- 390 acre ranch, 5 miles NE of Meeker. Fenced and cross fenced, well and spring, 1,412 sq ft log home, storage shed, loafing shed. Great pasture. Secluded and private. \$995,000.
- \*615 Shaman Trail- Large custom built home on 8.8 acres near town. Amazing views, 4 BR, 4 BA, 3 car garage. Town water & natural gas. Livestock friendly. \$449,000. SALE PENDING!
- \*210 CR 75- Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. \$55,000.
- \*29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River. 1,252 sq ft updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$529,000 REDUCED!
- \*6500 CR 7- 2 Acres NW of Meeker. 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, well. \$275,000.
- \*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 REDUCED!

**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

\*109 Market St.-3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$250,000 REDUCED!

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- \*NEW 12924 CR 8- 5 Acres with River, great fishing. Vacant land, good building site, 13 miles upriver, awesome views. \$149,000.
- \*NEW 8432 CR 15- 7.5 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through with great fishing, water well, pasture. \$175,000.
- \*NEW 8432 CR 15- 18 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through, great fishing and hunting, good pasture. \$185,000.
- \*5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views. \$75,000.
- \*CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 REDUCED!
- \*359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14, \$93,000 REDUCED!
- \*Little Beaver Estates Lot 13- 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$89,000 SALE PENDING!
- \*100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000/0.

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**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

- ◆ 585 Cleveland St. - Picturesque 3,806 SQFT home in downtown Meeker. Beautifully landscaped private yard. \$389,000
- ◆ 959 Garfield St. - Wonderfully kept 4BD/2.5BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. Price Reduced: \$259,900
- ◆ 855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000
- ◆ 767 12th St. - Two-story, 2BD/1.5BA Townhouse, well-kept and tastefully remodeled. Great fenced area for children or pets. \$70,000
- ◆ 945 & 975 Cleveland St. - Two older homes, great lot space and potential. \$69,000

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

- ◆ 1972 RBC Rd. 36 - Well kept 16+ acres with over 6,500 SQFT in shop space. Hay sheds, spring water, 2,160 SQFT home and cabin. \$589,000
- ◆ 1400 Flag Creek Dr. - Stunning 4BD/2.5BA home moments from town. Pole barn, acreage and outstanding views. Price Reduced: \$475,000

**RANCH PROPERTY**

- ◆ 945 RBC Rd. 14 - Sensational, beautiful 5BD/2.5BA home with a detached garage, Creek & pond, and a lot of privacy on the White River. Price Reduced: \$430,000
- ◆ 1601 White River Rd. - Brand new 3BD/2BA home w/ attached garage. 3.22 acres just south of the golf course. Price Reduced: \$299,900
- ◆ 8505 RBC Rd. 8 - Lovely up river home on 1.76 acres. Nice views, fenced yard and year round access. Price Reduced: \$258,000
- ◆ 346 N. Cross L Dr. - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views. Price Reduced: \$269,900
- ◆ NEW 519 Rim Rock Dr. - 4BD/2BA home on five acres, nice open floor plan with large family room, new carpet, and a new roof. Just a short distance from town, with outstanding views. \$198,000

**NEW Baker's Peak Vista Ranch: 2113 County Road 70, Craig - 50± acres with 10cfs water rights, gravity flow sprinkler system or flood irrigation. Currently hay. Future expansion for grain possible. Several outbuildings and a domestic well in place. BLM and State land on three sides. Great hunting area with Baker's Peak and Black Mountain a short distance away. Elk, mule deer and pronghorn. \$1,300,000**

- ◆ NEW Four Springs Ranch: 60401 US Hwy 40 - 343.98± acres with Yampa River frontage, water rights, and beautiful pastures. 1596 sq.ft. remodeled ranch house, barn, equipment shed, numerous buildings and corrals. Mixed grasses, alfalfa and clover pastures. Current owner raises cattle, horses, and sheep. Great Ranch set-up in the perfect location. \$1,250,000

**VACANT LAND**

- ◆ 37 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$250,000 for all OWNER FINANCING. \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.
- ◆ 459 Cross L Dr. - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. \$80,000
- ◆ New 49 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 for \$55,000

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- ◆ Ridge Estates Vacant Lots - Moments from town, great views, reasonable covenants! SPRING SALE, prices starting at \$65,000
- ◆ 688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! \$65,000-UNDER CONTRACT!
- ◆ 2.25 Acres off Hwy. 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! \$45,000
- ◆ 2 Lots on Silver Sage Rd. - Sage Hills. \$45,000 for both.
- ◆ 2 Beautiful Lots in Sage Hills - Gentle sloping and panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. \$30,000 each.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**

- ◆ NEW Gravel Pit for Sale - WRC Wet Pit is located about 20 miles west of Meeker, containing approximately 110 acres, water rights, and an estimated 1,600,000 tons of gravel ready for extraction. \$1,500,000
- ◆ 680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! \$950,000

Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, business offered at \$475,000. Lot and building can also be purchased separately for \$475,000.

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