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Report: Coal, electricity have strong impact on county

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The economic development directors of Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties announced late last week the release of a report outlining measures of the economic activity associated with coal mining and associated electrical power generation in the three-county Yampa-White River Region.

The report, prepared by economist Gary Horvath, with primary funding from the Economic Development Council of Colorado

and sponsorship by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, is intended to establish a shared and objective set of metrics to educate communities about the economic impacts of the coal and electrical power generation industries and inform public policy discussions about the future of the coal industry.

Surface and subsurface coal mining directly employs 4.6 percent of the region's total employees and accounts for 17.4 percent of the region's direct output. Coal mining provides 1,545 direct jobs at an average wage of \$85,481, and total employment (direct and indirect) of 3,149 jobs out of the region's total employment of 33,411.

The coal mining sector contributes \$478.6 million to the region's Gross Regional Product.

Electrical power generation within the region, which uses both coal and gas as fuel sources, accounts for an additional 571 direct jobs and total employment of 1,233, with direct output of \$441.3 million and total output of \$519.3 million.

The report observes that the coal

industry "provides a strong foundation of primary jobs based on the introduction of wealth from outside sources and strong output from the coal mining companies," with a much higher output per employee than other industries, and significantly higher average wages than the state average.

The report does not include fiscal impacts. In a separate analysis of county assessor data, Yampa Valley Data Partners reports that taxable coal mine property accounts for 8.6 percent of property tax revenue in

Moffat County; 2.1 percent in Rio Blanco County, and 5.6 percent in Routt County.

For a copy of the full report, please visit www.craigbusiness.com; www.steamboatbiz.com; www.rbc.us/departments/economic-development

The region's coal fuels power plants and associated economic activity throughout the world.

The region's producing coal mines include Peabody Energy's Twentymile Mine in Routt County, Western Fuels Association's Colowyo

Mine in Moffat and Rio Blanco counties, Trapper Mining, Inc.'s Trapper Mine in Moffat, and Blue Mountain Energy's Deserado Mine in Rio Blanco County.

Electrical power generation stations within the boundaries of the three counties include Xcel's Hayden Generation Station in Routt and Tri-State's Craig Station in Moffat. The Bonanza Plant in neighboring Utah also provides power and employment within the region, however its economic activity is not included in the report.

RBSCO is taking on new staff

By KATELIN COOK

Rio Blanco County Economic Development Director

RBC I The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office has experienced several changes since the first of the year.

Anthony Mazzola was sworn into the office of Rio Blanco County sheriff a month and a half ago, and he has faced several challenges from the beginning.

Mazzola worked to reduce the 2015 budget by more than \$550,000 compared to the 2014 budget. Accomplished primarily through employee attrition and several line item reductions, the reduced 2015 budget reflects fewer calls for service experienced by dispatch and provides 24-hour coverage for Rangely and Meeker. Twenty-four-hour coverage has not recently been provided to the citizens of Rio Blanco County.

Concerning employee attrition, four full-time employee positions and one seasonal patrol position were eliminated in Meeker. One jailer retired and that position was not filled; the office manager retired and that position with filled with an existing dispatch employee, Erin Musser, whose vacant dispatch position will not be filled; a previously budgeted unfilled deputy position was eliminated; and Emergency Manager Ty Gates now reports directly to the Board of County Commissioners.

The RBSCO was short two patrol staff in Rangely, resulting in deputies working many overtime hours.

Deputy Devon Smith was working in the jail and has gone through Peace Officer Standards Training (POST), so he transferred from detentions to patrol, filling one open position.

The sergeant's position was the second vacancy. Deputy Jarrod Lang was promoted to fill this position. Jeremy Muxlow was hired to fill the remaining patrol position. Muxlow, a seven-year veteran of police work, has worked for the Meeker and Rifle police departments.

Recently, long-time deputy Frank England informed Rio Blanco County that he is retiring. His position has been posted, and the new deputy filling his position will be required to

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LEARNING AND FUN ...



John Payne, the owner of Giovanni's Italian Grill in Rangely, reads to second-grade students in Vicki Douglas' class at Parkview Elementary School during Monday's national Read Across America event.

Series of Parkview projects raise fun level, funding, and education

By HEATHER ZADRA

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Coming up with nearly \$750 in change in two weeks is no easy feat. Unless, that is, you're a group of kids, teachers and staff on a mission.

Parkview Elementary School children, along with preschoolers and kindergarteners at the Early Education Center (EEC), are in the third of five weeks of "Pennies for Parkview," a fundraiser for local breakfast and backpack programs and spring activities.

In the first week, \$233 came in, with fifth-graders earning top honors by bringing in more than \$70. The second week, second-grade classes netted the most cash with \$180, including their portion of an anonymous \$200 donation divided among the classes.

Event organizer and second-grade teacher Stephanie Storey said the competition among grades is as much a draw for the kids as the programs the fundraiser benefits.

"I think they've enjoyed the challenge of competing and actually seeing their contributions add

up," she said.

A Parkview breakfast program established in January offers children milk, yogurt, fruit and oatmeal for 50 cents apiece, while the Rio Blanco Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) backpack program sends kids home with easy-to-prepare food on weekends.

Children coming to school hungry but without the requisite breakfast money prompted some Parkview staff to hand kids their

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County jobless rate stays steady

By SEAN McMAHON

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RBC I The Rio Blanco County unemployment rate remained at a steady 3.2 percent in December, unchanged since the November rate and 1.1 percent lower than in December 2013.

The November rate marked the first month in nearly a year that the unemployment rate didn't drop, being up .2 percent from the low of an even

3 percent in October.

In December 2014, there were 4,161 persons considered eligible for the workforce in Rio Blanco County. Of those, 4,029 were employed and there were 132 unemployed, making for the 3.2 percent.

That compares to 4,209 eligible workers in November 2014, and, of those, 4,075 were working. That also comes to a 3.2 percent jobless rate.

In December 2013, there were 4,396 available workers, and 4,209 of

those were employed. There were 187 potential workers who were jobless, arriving at a 4.3 percent unemployment rate.

The state of Colorado's December unemployment rate also remained steady with figures from November 2014, when the rate raised from 3.9 in October to 4.0 percent. That figure compares to the state's jobless rate in December 2013, when the rate was

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Community service is in Ed Coryell's blood

By SARAH WALTON

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I When he finally slows down to take a real break, Rio Blanco County resident Ed Coryell will have left behind a large piece of himself and his endeavors.

Coryell's colorful story began in Carbondale, Colo., where he was born the first of 10 children.

He went to work for Strang Ranch right out of Carbondale High School. The Strang Ranch relocated from Carbondale to Meeker in 1973; Ed followed and has called Meeker home ever since.

Coryell married his wife, Bonnie, in 1967. Together they raised five children.

Today, the Coryells and their children have a family-owned and operated cattle and horse ranch.

Ed's love of family is strongly behind his 100-watt smile.

"We have 13 grandkids, and that's No. 1," Ed said.

In addition to raising their own brood, the Coryells have taken in more than 40 foster children over the years. Occasionally, they will get a

note or letter from a kid they took in who is now grown.

Coryell says it is always nice to hear they are doing well.

After 46 years officiating local ball games, Coryell is now busy being a spectator at his grandchildren's sporting matches and various activities. He said he stays busy attending all 13 of his grandchildren's events, whether it's basketball games or 4-H shows.

"We try to hit every event the grandkids do," he said.

Over the years, Coryell has also put his community service talents to good use by sharing a commitment to enhance the community and the well-being of the people in it. He has also served on the Water Conservation Board and the Meeker School Board, and he served one term as a Rio Blanco County Commissioner in the 1980s.

The Coryells are both active in the Rio Blanco County Fair. Bonnie has more than 30 years working with the 4-H horse department, and Ed is president of the Rio Blanco County Fair

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KIM EKSTROM

Ed Coryell, left, was honored at the Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers' Association dinner on Feb. 7 for his 35 years of service as Colorado brand inspector. The award was presented by Stockgrowers' Association president Kelly Sheridan, right.

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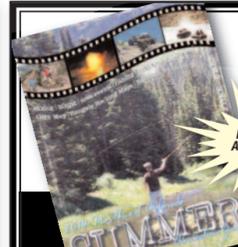
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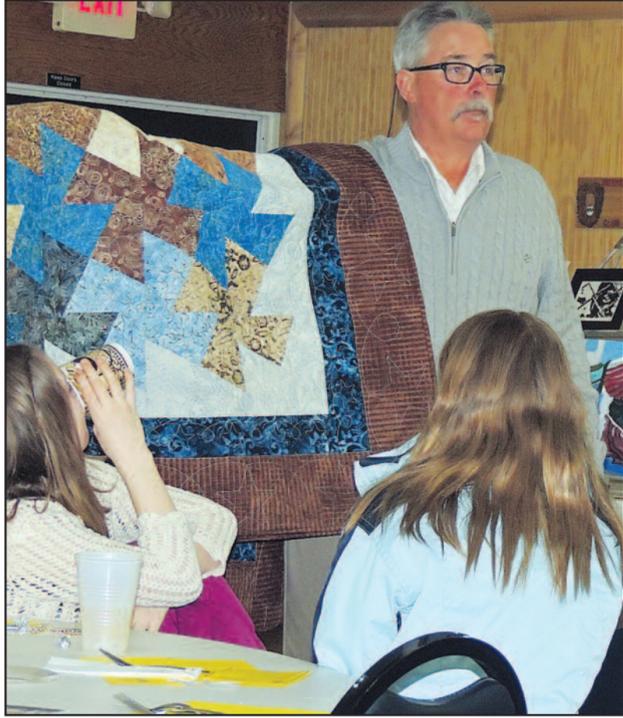
reside in Rangely. Following suit, future positions serving Rangely will require that employee to reside in Rangely.

The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office continues to serve the citizens of Rio Blanco County, focusing on the mission "to safeguard the lives and property of the people of Rio Blanco, while working in partnership with our

citizens to improve their quality of life. Our commitment is to do so with Integrity, Honor and Respect with an attitude of Service to maintain public confidence."

Please visit our Facebook page for up-to-date information on current events and significant weather and road issues in Rio Blanco County.

If questions or concerns arise, please contact the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office at 970-878-9620.



SEAN MCMAHON

Meeker School Board Member Tom Allen displays a quilt being auctioned Sunday night at the inaugural Meeker Education Foundation dinner in Meeker. Roughly 100 persons took part in the dinner and auction, used to raise funds for Meeker student and staff awards, enrichment opportunities and classroom needs. As of Tuesday, MEF President Mary Strang said the proceeds had not all been totaled.

PARKVIEW: Raising funds for programs

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own change, generating the idea for the fundraiser.

Fifty cents per breakfast item "doesn't sound like much, but it is a lot if you are struggling to feed a family," Storey said.

Given established links between children being well-fed and their improved performance in school, Storey hoped the fundraiser would give kids a head start—whether they had the cash or not.

Now, if the giving continues, she thinks "Pennies for Parkview" could bring in \$1,000 or more to help bridge meal gaps. The grade that raises the most money by Spring Break will earn an ice cream sundae party.

Donors short on pennies can give a check or cash directly to the BOCES or Parkview offices, depending on the program they want to support.

Parkview Elementary School's Jump Rope For Heart event also culminated last week. This year's partici-

pants surpassed last year's \$3,000 and netted more than \$4,500 for the American Heart Association (AHA).

Student participants joined a jump rope/hula hoop demo on Thursday for the event's end. Parkview physical education instructor Jamie Trusa said next year's Jump Rope for Heart finale may feature a band and jump rope record-holder Molly Metz.

Since more than 70 children attended Parkview's Lego Club this month, organizer Cheri Smith is looking forward to another Lego Club session on March 16 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Thanks to a \$500 donation, children now have more Legos to construct and some are even considering competitive robotics Lego construction starting next year, Smith said.

Current Lego creations, including several new sets put together last month, can be seen in Parkview's lobby on March 16, which will be the last Lego Club meeting until the fall.

Finally, the school participated in National Read Across America Day

on Monday from 8 to 9 a.m.

Students, staff and parent and adult supporters gathered in the practice gym for a moral focus assembly on encouragement and to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, the latter being the traditional kickoff for the event, followed by small-group reading in classrooms.

"I wish we had seen more parent volunteers come, but I think it went well," second-grade teacher and event organizer Beverly Hernandez said. "Everyone seemed to enjoy it."

Approximately 20 parent and adult volunteers participated.

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CNCC paleontology experiences to get off the ground with summer classes

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Since it is situated adjacent to Dinosaur National Monument and surrounded by the Dinosaur Diamond Scenic Byway, the fact that the area around Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) is proving rich in fossils should come as no surprise.

CNCC will be offering paleontology field experiences beginning this summer as one part of a two-part paleontology experience. Each field experience session will be two weeks long and can be taken for college credit.

During this time, students will stay on the Rangely campus and travel daily to the dig site, where they will work alongside professional paleontologists from around the country to

excavate dinosaur remains.

Molecular paleontologist and CNCC science instructor Liz Johnson describes the vision of the project.

"We are right in the middle of dinosaur country, and it's mostly unexplored in our area," Johnson said.

The fieldwork sessions are scheduled from June 8 to June 19 and from June 22 to July 3. Students will work excavating a dinosaur found by CNCC faculty Ellis Thompson-Ellis and her husband, Josh Ellis.

Thompson-Ellis says, "This is a really exciting opportunity for our students and our communities to experience and learn about the richness of our local lands. It's also an

opportunity to be a part of a unique scientific expedition—and no experience is necessary!"

At the conclusion of the field experience, the fossils will be transported to the new federal fossil repository at the CNCC Craig Campus.

There, fossils will be curated and prepared in the 2015-2016 academic year by students enrolled in the paleontology lab techniques course as the second piece of CNCC's unique paleontology experience.

"This is a unique and once-in-a-lifetime experience as few institutions nationwide offer paleontology field and lab work," Johnson said. "Our students will get to see their work come full circle. Students will exca-

vate and prepare local fossils that will be kept in our communities for present and future generations to enjoy and learn from."

Summer field experience courses have limited availability and fill quickly. Scholarships may be available. For more information on how to apply, contact the program coordinator at Paleo@cncc.edu or visit www.cncc.edu/paleo.

Disclaimer: Remember, fossils are a resource for the entire public and private collection of vertebrate fossils from public lands is strictly prohibited. Only trained paleontologists working under Bureau of Land Management (BLM) permits can excavate fossils.

CORYELL: Honored for his service

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Board.

While the fair already has a large quantity of livestock entries, Ed says he is hoping to grow the indoor exhibits over the next few years.

Coryell is also a retired brand

inspector for the State of Colorado. For more than 35 years, he verified ownership of livestock including cattle, horses, mules, domestic elk and fowl.

He was even honored on Feb. 7 by the Rio Blanco Stockgrowers Association for his many years of

service as a brand inspector.

He said he inspected approximately 40,000 head of livestock annually.

"It was very interesting," Ed said. "I really enjoyed it."

Coryell says the people are his favorite thing about this community.

Hunter Education

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 obtained by passing this class. Hunter Education is recommended for anyone who spends time outdoors whether or not they intend to hunt. Students must be able to take a written test. In addition to successful completion of the written test, full participation both days is required to receive a Hunter Education card. Optional lunch can be purchased at the time of registration for lunch on Saturday for \$5.50. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Meeker Sportsman's Club.

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Racquetball tourney set

By **HEATHER ZADRA**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I It could be that you took a racquetball class in college and haven't played since. Perhaps you've picked up the sport again in the last year or two. Or maybe you're an elite player ready to show this small town just how the game is played.

Whatever your interest and ability level, organizers of the 22nd Rangely Racquetball Tournament want you to join in a weekend of competition and relaxation at the Rangely Recreation Center Friday through Sunday, March 13-15.

Play begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday and at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Levels of competition range from novice to advanced, with singles and doubles play throughout the weekend. First event fees are \$35, with additional events costing \$15 (you may sign up for one singles event with two guaranteed matches and one doubles event. Ask if you

would like help finding a partner). Stop by the Rangely Recreation Center to fill out an entrance form or call 675-8211 to register with a credit card by Monday.

"I've taken all the things I like about the tournaments I've attended and tried to apply them to this one," said Shirley Parsons, a 30-year-plus racquetball veteran who has organized and participated in all of Rangely's tournaments.

Players will be well-treated outside the court, too. The event will provide breakfast and lunch Saturday and lunch on Sunday, with quality trophies made by local potter Elizabeth Robinson Wiley. Tournament souvenirs and door prizes will also be offered. Participants from out of town and locals alike are invited to use recreation center facilities between play, with the community invited to watch matches.

For more information, contact Parsons at 675-5360 or email shirley.parsons@gmail.com.



125TH...

On Sunday, the masonic brothers of Rio Blanco Lodge No. 80, AF&AM, held their annual celebration of George Washington's birthday with food, refreshment and a dessert auction. The proceeds of the auction go toward scholarships for local high school graduates to attend in-state schools. George Washington was initiated into Freemasonry in October 1752, at the age of 20 and by August of the following year was raised to Master Mason. Although there were many masons during our nation's founding years, George Washington is held by many as one of the finest examples of duty to God, our nation, our neighbors and ourselves. This year marks the 125th anniversary of the charter for Meeker's Rio Blanco Lodge No. 80 and members look forward to a new year of brotherly love, truth and charity. Left, friends and Masons celebrate George Washington's birthday as auctioneer Paul "Buckshot" Sheridan and Danny DeWitt help the Masons support local scholarships.

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JOBLESS: RBC at 3.2%

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5.9 percent of the available workforce receiving unemployment.

In December, there were 2,803,091 people in the state's available workforce. Of those, 2,692,014 were employed and 111,077 were jobless for the 4.0 overall state unemployment rate. In November, there were 2,809,023 in the available workforce, and of those there were 2,696,425 with jobs and 112,598 without—also a 4.0 jobless rate.

In December 2013, there were 2,740,061 residents in the state's available workforce. Of those, 2,577,995 held jobs and there were 162,066 who were unemployed for a jobless rate of 5.9 percent.

December figures show six counties in which the jobless rate was 5.5 percent or higher.

Highest in the state (with the county seats in parentheses) was Costilla County (San Luis) at 7.7 per-

cent, up from 7.3 percent in November. Others were: Huerfano County (Walsenburg) at 6.5 percent; Pueblo County (Pueblo) at 5.7 percent; San Juan County (Silverton) at 5.6 percent; and tied for fifth with 5.5 percent unemployment rates were Otero (LaJunta) and Fremont (Canon City) counties.

For December, there were seven counties with unemployment rates below 2 percent.

Tied for the lowest jobless rate in Colorado were Baca County (Springfield) and Cheyenne County (Cheyenne Wells) with 1.5 percent unemployment rates. Tied for the third-place lowest rate were Yuma (Wray) and Jackson (Walden) counties each with a 1.6 percent rate. Tied for fifth place were Kiowa (Eads) and Washington (Akron) counties at 1.8 percent each. The only other Colorado county with a jobless rate under 2 percent in December was Hinsdale County (Lake City), the seventh lowest at 1.9 percent.

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Dr. Borchard, who was raised in Meeker, is excited to return to the area to provide exceptional orthopedic care to the residents of northwest Colorado. Dr. Borchard will be providing surgery care at both Pioneers Medical Center and The Memorial Hospital in Craig. Here at Pioneers Medical Center, Dr. Borchard will offer most surgical options, including general orthopedics, hip and knee replacement, partial knee replacement, uncomplicated revision knee replacements, shoulder/hip/knee/ankle arthroscopy, treatment of sports injuries and most fractures and dislocations.
After graduating from the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Dr. Borchard entered the Air Force. He recently separated from service as a Major after nine years. While in the Air Force he received the Meritorious Service Medal. Currently, he is in Boston completing a fellowship in Adult Reconstruction, which includes specialized training in hip and knee Total Joint Replacement and Revision surgery.
Dr. Borchard and his wife Hanna both grew up in Meeker and are looking forward to moving back to northwest Colorado, and raising their two boys in a small town.
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FROM MY WINDOW...

Two years happily at home in Meeker; Congrats to T.J.

By SEAN McMAHON
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At the end of this week, I will have lived in Rio Blanco for two years exactly. It has been an interesting time, filled with challenges, boo-boos, successes, good news, bad news, good friends, some not-so-good friends, interesting news, depressing news, hot weather, cold weather and weather that is just right.

One thing that really stands out in contrast to the several years when I lived in Arizona before moving back to Colorado and into Rio Blanco County? It has four seasons. I missed that in Arizona.

While the Grand Canyon State doesn't offer temperatures about 28 or 29 below zero, which I have seen in the past two years, it does offer temps up to 135 at nearby Bullhead City. According to locals, that was that was always the high at Bullhead because there wasn't a thermometer that could register any higher.

Let's just say that when you park your car, which is well air-conditioned, within 100 feet of a store and

you are drenched from sweating in those 100 feet, it is hot.

When I lived there, the coolest I ever saw in 18 years is 12 above zero in my home town of Kingman. And, it seems that when the winter is over, sometime in early April, it doesn't take long to hit 90 degrees. Also, when the summer is over, sometimes as late as November, it doesn't take long to get down into the 20s at night.

But what sticks out to me about Rio Blanco is its people.

I don't think I have ever seen, even in towns many times the size of Meeker and Rangely, the citizenry of those towns respond so quickly and so completely when there is a need to help a desperate individual or a cause that is truly in need of help.

Another feature about living here is the abundance of events that take place in Rio Blanco County, beginning in April and running until the weekend after Labor Day. Besides a series of one- or two-day events, there are some full-blown activities that take place over three, four and five days that involve complete com-

munity involvement and hundreds of volunteers.

The events, and yes I know there are more, include Range Call in Meeker (Fourth of July) as well as Fourth of July in Rangely, the Rio Blanco County Fair, which involves individuals from every nook and cranny of the county, Septemberfest in Rangely, and it all culminates with the Meeker Classic Sheepdog trials, the weekend after Labor Day.

Anyone who says there is nothing to do in Rio Blanco County during the summer is crazy. There is something to do almost every weekend as far as attendance is concerned, but there are also several of those events that require the volunteers to show up in volume—and they do.

Plenty of folks are always available for help, and that is truly a big positive as a sign of community cohesion and unity.



Not many larger cities and towns have as many volunteers show up to assist in community functions as they do here.

Then there are the people. The folks here are an interesting lot.

There is no stereotype; the folks in Rangely have a different mindset than those in Meeker and vice versa.

Maybe they represent small town Colorado and small town America.

Maybe they just represent good ol' folks. But the people are cordial, polite, considerate and interesting, it seems, wherever they go. They are all good at make one feel at home in a face-to-face encounter.

I have found many people who agree with (those who haven't lived here for decades or generations) that it is a tough task to break into the inner circles that exist around the county.

But while familiarity and acceptance can take quite a time, the "pioneers" are never rude, unpleasant, discourteous or mean.

It is not too tough to understand

the mindset of generations of locals who like the area as it is and are slow to embrace "progress" and change.

But it is what it is, and there is much to appreciate about the pioneers, the newer residents, the scenery and even the weather.

Rio Blanco is a beautiful place year around.

And I can say I have been very happy to call Rio Blanco County my home for two years with no plan in sight to leave down the road. It took me more than 20 years to return to Colorado after I initially left, and it took me a long time to get back.

To quote a well-known transplanted Coloradan, "Gee, it's good to be back home again."

Much to his own credit, Meeker High School junior T.J. Shelton, all 5-foot-10 and 170 pounds of him, was named one of the two Student Athletes of the Week by the *Denver Post* on Sunday.

Shelton was born April 28, 1998, in Steamboat Springs, the *Post* reported, adding that while in high

school he has wrestled (won his third state championship at 170 pounds last week and is 105-10 in his career; football (running back and linebacker, all 1-A Western State Slope League); track and field (2A 100-meter in 2013 and runner-up in 2014 and 2A 200 runner-up from 2013-14).

Shelton, a junior, carries a 3.93 GPA and his favorite subjects are math and science.

He told the *Post* his favorite athletes are his brother and sister, Jake and Meagan, the Broncos are his favorite team, he likes to listen to country and 1980s music, and his favorite training food is salmon and steak.

He also told the *Post* he plans a career in business, that he would like to visit Lake Powell and is one of five family members, with parents Janae and Robert, brother Jake and sister Megan.

Congratulations T.J.! Your family, your community, your classmates and your newspaper are all proud of you.

GUEST OPINION

Our freedoms should never face being compromised

By BRYAN GOLDEN
www.bryangolden.com

RBC I Freedom is a foundation of life. When freedom is compromised, suffering and misery follow. This indisputable fact has been demonstrated endlessly throughout history. Freedom compromised is freedom lost.

In politics, compromise is touted as a requirement for progress. However, there is no legitimate justification to ever compromise freedom.

Compromising freedom empow-

ers the enemies of freedom, including dictators, tyrants, oppressors and the power hungry. Compromising freedom erodes the wellbeing of a country's population.

To fully understand the devastating impact compromise has on freedom, consider the following examples. How would you react if someone wanted to force you out of your home so they could live there instead? Would you accept a compromise where they take over only half of your home? Would you be willing to give them just one or two rooms as a compromise if they allowed you to live in

the remaining space?

Suppose you had saved \$10,000 over several years. One day you receive a phone call from someone demanding you give them your entire savings. Would you offer them \$5,000 as a compromise in return for being able to keep the remaining \$5,000?

As another example, you have four wonderful children. You are approached by someone who claims it's not fair for you have four children while there are so many childless couples. You are then asked how many of your children are you willing to give up as a compromise? Would you be

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

~ Abraham Lincoln

willing to give up just one? After all, you'll still have three remaining children which should be more than enough for your needs.

Of course you wouldn't allow someone to take over part of your home, steal your savings or abduct any of your children. So why would you let any person, group, or govern-

ment compromise your freedom by taking any portion of it away?

Human history has been characterized by tyrannical oppression.

The founding of America, based on each individual's unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, was the first time a country was established exclusively on freedom.

Freedom is your right. It's not a commodity granted to you by someone else.

Yet, freedom can be compromised by the malicious actions of others. The typical approach to confiscating your freedom is to start small by taking seemingly inconsequential freedoms under the guise of fairness, safety or security. Then, piece by piece your freedoms are eroded until they cease

to exist.

The standard assertion made by the power hungry is that they know what is best for your well-being.

These people claim to be the only ones in the unique position of also knowing what is in the best interest of society.

You are told you lack the necessary intelligence, foresight, experience, or understanding to provide any meaningful input about your freedom.

If you object to your freedoms being compromised, you are maligned and accused of being unreasonable.

When one freedom after another is compromised, before long all of your freedoms will have vanished. Once your freedom is lost, it's virtually

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More on OHV bill clarification

Dear Editor:
In response to various questions and conversations we have had, we would like to provide some additional facts regarding the recent bill, HB15-1054, concerning OHV (off-highway vehicle) usage. To begin with, this bill has died, so it proves to no longer be a threat to Rio Blanco County's OHV enthusiasts.

Since we are in the heart of the 2015 legislative season, we thought it might be a good idea to give a quick overview of the legislative process and explain where confusion might lie concerning proposed bills.

Using the OHV bill as an example, it is easy to find the original version of the proposed bill, but we must research a little further to find all amendments. Once a bill is proposed, it tends to "take on a life of its own," and amendments are continually proposed. Tracking those changes can be easily followed at www.leg.state.co.us. This website provides all Senate and House bills currently proposed, amendments, committee reports, Joint Budget Committee analysis and a variety of additional information concerning the legislative process.

Continuing with the OHV bill example, you can see that the original bill, which was crafted by several commissioners, including Rio Blanco County's commissioners, was introduced Jan. 7, 2015, amended Jan. 28 and on Feb. 19, the House Committee on Finance postponed the bill indefinitely.

The original bill language was beneficial to OHV enthusiasts and helped advance the current OHV tourism actions in our county, which is why RBC was in support. The various amendments, which ultimately led to the bill being killed, put an unacceptable twist on the original concept, and it could not garner

enough support to continue moving through the legislative process.

So, what are county officials doing to ensure proposed legislation that would negatively impact citizens does not move forward in the legislative process? The RBC commissioners are all actively engaged in organizations, such as Associated Governments of Northwestern Colorado, Club 20 and Colorado Counties, Inc.

Organizations such as these are continually watching the bill's progression and alerting us to amendments that could be deemed harmful. Commissioners perform weekly legislative update teleconferences within these organizations, and work closely with lobbyist companies to ensure no details "slip through the cracks."

The Legislative session is a busy time for all government agencies, and working collaboratively with neighboring counties and various non-profit organizations ensures the Western Slope of Colorado is working together to offset non-rural proposed legislation.

If you have any questions concerning proposed legislation, please email the Rio Blanco County Commissioners at bocc@rbc.us or call 970-878-9430.

Shawn Bolton
Rio Blanco County Commissioner

MHS track, football field update

Dear Editor:

A week ago, the Meeker Education Foundation sent the following information to all those who had donated to the Meeker high school track/football field project. Some folks, who didn't receive the letter, were confused by last week's article, and we hope the following will answer their questions.

If anyone wants more details, they're welcome to call 878-5362 or email the Meeker Education

Foundation at meekeredfoundation@gmail.com.

On Feb. 23, the Meeker Education Foundation Board of Directors was able to give donors an update on the project, and it happily reported we were hopefully optimistic. Another Great Outdoors Colorado LPOR grant application was submitted this Wednesday.

Go Colorado (GOCO) has urged the Meeker School District and the ERBM Recreation and Park District community partnership not to sit out a cycle and lose momentum; the issues which kept the last application "out of the winner's circle" have been resolved and new data has been identified through the ERBM, which significantly strengthens the application—all good indicators.

The project will start immediately if a grant award is received in mid-June.

The engineering/design work will start in March and bid packets will go out as soon as possible. Bids will be awarded in May contingent on receiving GOCO funding.

The facility continues to disintegrate, which exacerbates student athlete/user safety problems and school district liability concerns. This, of course, lends urgency to the completion of the project.

Another important consideration is the need for good stewardship of Starbuck Stadium. It represents a significant taxpayer asset. To be able to complete phase I of its renewal with private donations and other dollars

which legally can't go into our academic classrooms makes this a win-win endeavor.

Our letter to donors was our first opportunity to give definitive information on the project's future because ERBM's resolution and other documents had to be confirmed and updated for 2015. Please watch the foundation's website and Facebook page for continuing news.

Mary Strang, President
Meeker Education Foundation
Meeker

Why is out-of-Meeker water more expensive

Dear Editor:

In the Feb. 5, 2015, *Herald Times* you announced an increase in the water rates by the Town of Meeker.

If an increase is necessary, why do you single out the "out-of-town" users to bear the brunt of the increase? We "out-of-town" users already pay more for our water due to transportation costs.

This additional cost is what we pay due to the fact we prefer to live "out-of-town." In choosing to live "out-of-town," consideration was given to availability and cost of potable water. I'm not complaining about that.

What I do draw exception to is the fact you decided that we "out-of-town" users should pay a higher rate for our water than those who live in town. What the hey?

Why are we being penalized for our decision to live "out-of-town"? It's the same water. No additional cost is associated with the water we "out-of-towners" use as opposed to those in town. Are you people running a one-upmanship contest with the current Washington administration?

If an increase is really needed, which I don't doubt, then all should pay the same price!

Ernest T. Bilson
Meeker

Thanks for help

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much to everyone who provided support and compassion after Conrad (Conch) passed away so suddenly.

We were honored and touched by the outpouring of sympathy from family and friends in the communities of Steamboat, Craig and Meeker, and to find out how many people loved Conrad.

Thank you to Len Browning for the touching funeral service and the VFW and American Legion for providing military honors at the cemetery.

Thank you to Elaine Deupree, Doug Field and Kevin Dellit for the beautiful music. We greatly appreciate the First Congregational Church for providing a beautiful space to hold the service, and a wonderful lunch thanks to the hospitality group.

Jesse Arthurs at Grant Mortuary made things easier for us by guiding us through the process and the family really appreciates the compassionate kindness of the ambulance crew and Dr. Watson at The Memorial Hospital.

Conrad was an important part of many people's lives and he will be greatly missed.

Kenneth Conrad Hazelbaker
Family
Meeker

Let's amend the constitution

Dear Editor:

Join the movement to amend the U.S. Constitution.

The bloated federal government and its overreach are hard to understand and deal with. Washington's abuse of power—instigated by both Republicans and Democrats—must come to an end before it is too late.

It is logical to assume that Washington, D.C., will not limit its own power and stop its own overreach, stop "interpreting" the Constitution or quit involving itself in scandals.

Since Washington does not seem inclined to operate in the best interest of the majority of citizens, the Constitution offers a method to attempt to solve the problem: Article V.

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I Am the Resurrection and the Life
By Dr. J. D. Watson
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

Jesus said unto [Martha], I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live . . . [and] never die (Jn. 11:25–26).

Dr. J.D. Watson

The setting of our Lord's fifth "I am" statement is at the scene of raising of Lazarus from the dead. "Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him" and said, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died" (vv. 20–21). This was not *criticism* of his delay, rather *confidence* in his ability to heal the sick. Her confidence went on to say that His arrival would certainly bring some good out of this sad situation (v. 22). When our Lord then said, "Thy brother shall rise again" (v. 23), Martha simply assumed He was comforting her with the knowledge of future resurrection, a doctrine clearly taught in the OT (e.g., Job 19:25–27; Ps. 16:10; Dan. 12:2).

First, then, we see Jesus' *announcement: I am the resurrection, and the life.* With this statement Jesus pulled Martha out of the *abstract* into the *actual*, from *what* was in the future to *who* was in the present. The same One who was going to raise Lazarus *then* is the same One who was going to raise him *now*. Note that He doesn't say, "A resurrection is coming *through* Me," or, "I *perform* resurrections," rather he declares, **I am the resurrection.** The definite article (**the**) further demonstrates that only He is this resurrection. So there would be no ambiguity, He adds still further: **and the life.** Is it not, indeed, significant that we read of not a single person who died in Jesus presence? Why? Because *life* is in His presence.

Second, there is the *application: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.* Physical death is not "the end of the line" for these who believe in Christ. While the believer might one day die physically, he is still alive spiritually, which leads to a final principle.

Third, there is the *assurance: never die.* Our Lord is not being redundant in these verses. The truths are related but still distinct. Physical death ushers the believer into the eternal reality where he will **never die**, no matter what. The language could not be stronger. **Never** is comprised of two "negative particles" in the Greek (*ou me*): *ou*, which not only means "not" or "no," but strongly expresses direct, full, and absolute negation; *me* is then added to create a double negative, "not at all, no never." We could even translate it "shall never die unto eternity." Because of his belief in Christ, it is an absolute impossibility for a Christian to ever die. He cannot lose his salvation as is insisted by some teachers, for it would then be possible for him to spiritually die, and that can never, *ever* happen. "Living believers in Christ shall never die a spiritual death," wrote 18th-century expositor John Gill; "they are passed from death to life, and shall never return to death; their spiritual life cannot be lost; grace in them is an immortal seed, a well of living water springing up into everlasting life." To deny that wondrous truth is to contradict our Lord Himself.

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses declare about salvation: John 10:28–30; 17:11–12; Romans 8:38–39; 2 Timothy 1:12?

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.

OBITUARIES

Faron Victor Wilkins

Feb. 25, 1926 ~ Feb. 25, 2015



Faron Victor Wilkins

(Paul) Roden (Draper, Utah); son Stuart (Holly) Wilkins (Vernal, Utah); son Robert (Joanna) Wilkins (Vernal, Utah); 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; sister Verla (Howard) Walker (St. George, Utah); and brother Edgar (Carolyn) Wilkins (Littleton, Colo.). He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Merle Wilkins; brothers Wayne and Clyde Wilkins; and sisters Velda Gentry and Elaine Hall. Faron grew up in Vernal and graduated from Uintah High School. He then served in the South Pacific in the United States Navy during

World War II. After his return from serving his country, he married Lila R. Goodrich on June 25, 1947, in the Salt Lake City, Utah, LDS Temple.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings including: Elders Quorum President, Seventy, High Priest Group Leader, High Council, councilor in two separate bishoprics and Bishop and Temple worker.

He grew up working with his father and uncles in the trucking business. After serving in the military, he returned to rejoin the family trucking business. Later, he and his brother, Wayne Wilkins, formed Wilkins Transportation and included charter buses. They later sold the trucks, but continued the bus line and were co-owners of the

business for more than 50 years.

He and Wayne also co-owned the Dinosaur Quarry Gift Shop and Dinosaur National Monument Tram and concessions. He retired in the spring of 1997.

Faron loved spending time with his wife, Lila, and family; working in his yard and garden; working on projects with his sons; visiting with family, neighbors and friends (especially sitting outside on their patio); and serving in the Vernal Temple.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at the Vernal 2nd Ward LDS Chapel. Interment was in Vernal Memorial Park with military honors from the American Legion and Utah National Guard under the direction of the Blackburn Vernal Mortuary.

Wayne T. McKinnon Jr.

April 16, 1932 ~ Feb. 26, 2015

Wayne Tyson McKinnon Jr., 82, of Blackfoot, Idaho, passed away Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, under the care of Bingham Memorial Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Wayne was born on April 16, 1932, in Logan, Utah, to Wayne Tyson Sr. and Evelyn Tuddenham McKinnon. He grew up in Utah, Wyoming and Colorado and graduated as valedictorian from Rio Blanco County High School in Meeker, Colo., and Colorado A&M College (now Colorado State University) in Fort Collins, Colo. While in high school, he served in many leadership capacities and was selected by the Colorado Cattlemen's Association as an outstanding youth. In college, he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and ROTC.

Wayne met Shirley Lee Wyatt while at college, and they were married July 11, 1954, in Pueblo, Colo. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple in February 1956.

Wayne joined the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lt. and was stationed in Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Texas and Korea. He was a member of "The Angels" of the Famous 11th Airborne Division stationed at Fort Campbell, Kent. He was a paratrooper, a pilot and flew L-19's (observation planes), helicopters and attended a guided-missile school. He served overseas during the Korean War.

After 4 1/2 years in the Army, Wayne resigned his commission as 1st Lieutenant when his father was injured in a farm accident. Wayne spent his life in the agriculture industry and farmed and ranched alongside his Dad in Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho. In 1962, the family moved to Idaho, living in several different communities in Bingham County.

Wayne served in many capacities in the church and community. He served on the Farm Bureau Board, legislative committees and

for 15 1/5 years, on the Motor Carrier Advisory Committee.

Wayne and Shirley were avid square dancers. In fact, that is how they met, when Wayne was calling "San Antonio Rose" at a square dance. He taught square dancing wherever they lived and they were state chairpersons for the State Round and Square Dance annual festivals a couple of times.

He owned Silver Queen Enterprises, which entailed his many talents in agriculture, custom grain and hay harvest, trucking agriculture products and Silver Sage Gardens. Wayne was a master gardener and participated in the local farmers markets.

Since a young age, Wayne was known for his dependability and leadership abilities and instilled those qualities as well as many others in his children and grandchildren. He taught them a strong work ethic and whatever they did in this life they were representing the family name so they better do it right!

Wayne is survived by: his wife, Shirley of Blackfoot; daughter Marjorie Lusk of Ammon; daughter Elizabeth Harper of Blackfoot; son David (Joy) of Firth; brother John McKinnon of Troutdale, Ore.; sister Joan Carlson of Kearns, Utah; 14 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Margaret and brother Joseph Edward.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday March 7, 2015, at the Rose 1st Ward LDS Church with Bishop Delbert Loosli conducting.

The family will meet with friends on Friday evening at Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot from 6 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday at the church from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

Beverly J. Shaw

April 8, 1927 ~ Feb. 25, 2015



Beverly J. Shaw

Beverly J. Shaw was born on April 8, 1927, on the old Brown Ranch up Rifle Creek near Rifle, Colo., to Delbert William and Annie Lee (Moore) Johnson. She was the 10th child and the fifth daughter along with five sons.

At the age of four, Beverly's family moved to the Magor Ranch on Piceance Creek. Her father was the ranch manager for a number of years. She loved the country life and was an extremely good horse-woman.

Growing up on a ranch, she loved the outdoors and was the first "women's libber" on Piceance Creek as she ran the buck-rake as well or better than any man, and got paid a man's wages.

After the family home burned down, they moved to the Foot Place. While on Piceance Creek, Beverly attended Stewart School and the Rock School. She was graduated from the eighth grade in the Rock School, where she was known as "honest Bev" and could run as fast as the boys. She rode a pinto pony five miles one way each day to the Rock School.

For high school Beverly moved to Rifle and attended and graduated there. She lived with Mrs. Busby, one of her teachers. Bev worked in the Dime Store in Rifle and while at a dance she met a good-looking boy, Robert W. Shaw, from Meeker.

Before, long the two were dating, and, on April 4, 1948, the couple was married in Rifle. After the marriage, the two moved to Meeker, where they lived upriver, and Robert, or Bob, as he was known, worked ranches. Beverly worked for the United States Air Force Ground Observer Command and called in airplanes and kept track for them of the type of plane and the direction of travel.

Bev was a good Christian woman and attended the Christian Church for years. She also loved being a homemaker and yearned to be a mother.

After six years of marriage, their first child, Rodney Wayne was born.

Beverly was in Seventh Heaven. She loved being a mother. Five years later, Virginia (Ginny) Louise was born and the family moved to Bob's home place up Strawberry.

There, Bev became involved with Harmony Club and held all offices locally and in the state. She loved her community and won the blue ribbon at the county fair every year for her chocolate Devils Food cake. She loved to garden and put up a variety of foods every fall. She was an accomplished seamstress and made all the family's clothes. She cleaned "clean peoples" houses part time for extra money.

Bev was part of bowling leagues and went to state many times. With her outgoing personality and sweet disposition, she had many friends and was a joy to be around.

In 1976, her world was turned upside down when Bob died. She was left to raise her daughter, who was in high school. The two moved to town (Meeker) and Beverly began a new career.

Sheriff Bob Kracht came to the house and told Bev he needed an honest, smart and dependable woman to be a dispatcher. Bev told him she would think on that and try and come up with someone. He told her he was looking at her. She took the job and was an emergency dispatcher for Rio Blanco County for 19 years.

During this time, she was able to travel with her sister, Winnie, and the two would take off on various adventures. After retirement in 1995, Beverly moved to the ranch next door to her daughter, son-in-law and family.

As she tells it, "When your son-in-law asks you to move in next door, you do it." Her favorite days were having the grandsons rush in and out next door, watching the river

flow by and the eagles swoop and catch fish. She loved to have all her kids and grandkids come visit and she was soon the last of the Johnson Tribe and became the matriarch of the family.

Bev was an avid Bronco fan, loved to crochet and spent every Friday/Saturday at some sporting event with her grandsons. When not doing that, she was traveling with her son, Rod, and his wife and seeing the U.S.

Several years ago, after taking a medication that caused blood clots, Bev's exciting adventures slowed down. She never complained and was a trooper with her "lead rope" of oxygen tubing she continued to go as much as she could.

In September 2014, she decided to move into the Walbridge Wing in Meeker and was a joy to all the residents and the staff. She brought a ray of sunshine and happiness that resonated throughout the nursing home.

On Feb. 25, 2015, her sweet, gentle soul went to be with the Lord. She was at peace and back with the love of her life. She will be missed by family and scores of friends.

She was preceded in death: by her parents; five brothers, Ray, Roy, Waymon, Johnnie and Pat; and four sisters, Edith, Gladys, Winnie and Virgie.

She is survived by: her son, Rodney W. Shaw of Grand Junction, Colo.; her favorite granddaughter, Jamie Pantuso (Chaunsey), and their two children Kaci Jo and Tanner; grandson Jake W. Shaw; and two great-grandchildren Jesse and Kylie; She is also survived by: her daughter, Ginny Love (Sam) and their children Cade, Cody, Sammy and Patrick; and two great-grandsons (of Cody) Dylan and Dante.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Walbridge Wing.

Beverly's services were held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2015, at the 4-H Building in Meeker, and burial was on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, in the Highland Cemetery in Meeker, Colo.

LETTERS: Amend the U.S. Constitution

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Article V offers two methods of amending the Constitution to modify or end certain actions or processes taken by the federal government. The first is for the U.S.

Congress to call a "convention" to address problematic issues through amendments. This is highly unlikely since members of Congress are unlikely to vote for things that negatively impact them.

The second is for the states to call for a convention to amend the Constitution, called a Convention of States. This is the most likely option since the states need the power they were afforded by the Constitution returned to them.

There is an organization working on "Convention of States" already. The Citizens for Self Governance are supporting the Convention of States Project in all states.

If you are interested in reducing the power of the federal government and increasing the power of the states, join by going to conventionofstates.com.

There are groups in each House district in Colorado already working to have Colorado support a Convention of States. Join and help solve the problem.

Gary Cox
Grand Junction

FREEDOM: To be cherished and protected

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impossible to recover. Life without freedom is proven to be filled with strife and despair.

This fact is evidenced by the endless stream of people willing to risk

their lives fleeing tyrannical regimes around the world.

Freedom is not free and must be constantly cherished and protected. Freedom persists only when good people stand firmly against those who seek to vanquish freedom through

deceitful compromise. Your freedom must never be compromised or it will be lost.

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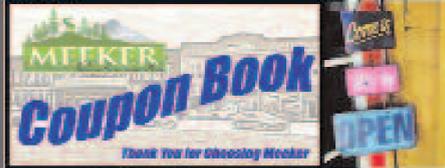
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Catch Up With The Chamber

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Tourism

- ★ Look for the NEW Meeker Booklet coming out at the beginning of the month.
- ★ The Tourism Focus Group will be starting back up this month
- ★ We will be distributing coupon books to various retailers for tourists to get a sample of the variety of businesses we have in Meeker.



Economic Development

- ★ The Meeker Chamber is working with the RBC Economic Development Director, Katelin Cook, on projects and ideas for Economic Development in Meeker.

Membership

- ★ Thank you to all of our members for their support. We have some great new members and businesses in town and the continued support from all of our members. We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Tourism

- ★ Keep your eyes peeled for opportunities in our Meeker Ambassador Program (MAP). MAP is a hospitality and volunteer program to help welcome people to Meeker and show friendly service to keep people coming back for more. We will be invigorating MAP and love having volunteers to help us out at our various events.



- ★ The Meeker Chamber will be heading to Rally on the Rocks in Moab to represent Meeker and hand out information on the Wagon Wheel Trail System and promoting our OHV Rendezvous.

- ★ Meeker Chamber is working with the U.S. Forest Service and various agencies to revitalize the Flat Tops Scenic Byway.



Economic Development

- ★ We now have a Rio Blanco County SBDC Satellite office and will be hosting various workshops and business consulting opportunities. Look for more information. The first one is Bookkeeping Bootcamp, with details to the right.

Membership

- ★ Don't forget to take advantage of your member benefits. Ask us how!

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Visit our website, www.meekerchamber.com, to sign up for our newsletter to learn more information!

BOARD MEETINGS

Meeker Chamber of Commerce Public Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 am at Kilowatt Korner.

MEEKER YOUNG TIMERS (MYT)

A group in their 20's & 30's or young at heart to socialize, learn about Meeker businesses and meet new people. The next meet-up will be on Friday, March 13 at Mexican House.

BUSINESS LEADERS LUNCHEON

Lunch time networking events to discuss business related topics and enjoy a lunch with other business owners. The next luncheon will be April 10 at Smokin' 101 BBQ.

BOOKKEEPING BOOTCAMP

March 18, in Rangely, the SBDC will be host a workshop to learn about setting up and tracking business accounting records. The event will take place at 209 E. Main Street in Rangely from 12 pm-5 pm. The cost is \$35 for Chamber Members and \$75 for Non-Chamber Members. To register, visit www.gjincubator.org.



CONNECT2DOT

March 25 at Kilowatt Korner in Meeker, the SBDC will host a workshop for small businesses in the highway design and construction industry who are interested in doing business with CDOT. Connect2CDOT is a program formed as a result of an innovative partnership between the Colorado SBDC Network and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The workshop will be from 11 am-1 pm, with lunch provided, and a one-on-one consulting session will follow with 30 minute time slots.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- March 7: **Meeker Chamber Annual Dinner**
- March 10: **Community Garden Workshop**
- March 14-15: **Annual Buy-Fly Fishing Tournament**
- March 14-15: Hunter Education
- March 18: **Bookkeeping Bootcamp Workshop**
- March 25: **Connect2DOT Workshop**

Meeker boys still on roll: Win district, still No. 1 seed for regionals

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER I The wins just keep piling up, and with two wins at the district tournament over the weekend, the Meeker High School boys carry the No. 1 District 5 seed into the regional tournament this weekend, two games from being headed to the Colorado Class C State Basketball Tournament in Denver.

But first things first. The Cowboy cagers have a couple of tough opponents ahead, starting out in the first round of regionals on Friday night, when head coach Klark Kindler's boys will take on Ridgeway, which is the District 3, No. 3 seed at Grand Junction Central High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

First, the Meeker cagers defeated Soroco (Southern Routt County) by a wide 69-42 margin on Friday at district and followed up on Saturday to soundly defeat a tough Paonia team 61-47 to keep its No. 1 district seed intact as one of the two top district seeds at regionals, the other No. 1 seed being Ignacio, from District 3.

Meeker had no problem jumping out to a quick lead vs. Soroco, taking a 15-7 edge at the end of the first period and outscoring Soroco in the second period, 16-8, to take a 31-15 lead at the half.

The Cowboys won the scoring battle in the third quarter as well by a 20-18 edge to take a 51-33 lead to the end of the game, which ended won 69-42.

Raul Lopez led the Cowboy scorers with

16 points, and he was joined in double figures by Kash Atwood and Ty Dunham with 11 each and Joe Newman and Cade Rowlett with 10 each. Adding to the effort were Tony Collins with six, Logan Hughes with three and Jake Phelan with two.

"We had good balanced scoring and we played tough as a team," Cowboy head coach Klark Kindler said. "We played well in both weekend games and we just jumped on Paonia in the second quarter of that game and forced them to play catch-up ball the entire game after that."

On Saturday, Paonia jumped out to a quick 13-9 lead at the end of the first quarter, but a turnaround in the second period saw the Cowboy five take command, outscoring Paonia by 20-8 margin to garner a 29-21 lead

at the half.

The third period saw Meeker keep up the pressure and outscore the opponents, 15-9, to take a 44-30 lead headed into the fourth quarter. In the last period, both teams scored 17 points, giving the Cowboys the 61-47 victory and a 20-1 record on the season.

Once again, Lopez led the Meeker scorers with an impressive 23 points, and he was followed by Dunham adding 17 and Atwood adding 11. Also scoring were Rowlett scoring seven, Logan Hughes adding two and Joe Newman adding one.

Regarding Friday night's opponent, Kindler said, "Ridgeway has three very good guards, but they went through a coaching change mid-season, so it is hard to tell what they will do. Their defense is their weakness,

but they have a strong offense.

"I'm not sure how we will attack this game yet," Kindler said on Monday. "I haven't had a chance to see them on film yet. I do know they are not a big team with the tallest players being only 6-foot-1."

"I believe we will continue to do what we have done so far; we just need to execute well," Kindler said. "We will try to force them to play an up-tempo game and don't need to make any changes if we can execute it well," he said. "We are quick, play well as a group, we are very unselfish and play well defensively, and that is just what we hope to continue on Friday night."

Only the top seeds at the end of the tournament will proceed to the state tournament next weekend in Denver.



JEWELL KINDLER

The regional champion Meeker High School boys won both regional games over the weekend and advance to the district finals Friday at 7:30 p.m. against District 3, No. 3 seed Ridgeway at Grand Junction Central High School. Meeker's winning team members are: back row from left: head coach Klark Kindler, Tony Collins, Matt Frantz, Jake Smith, Ty Dunham, Joe Newman, Levi Dinwiddie, Logan Hughes and Jake Phelan. Middle row, from left to right: Doak Mantle, Kash Atwood, Raul Lopez and Cade Rowlett. Front row is manager Madison Kindler. Not pictured are coaches Pat Ibach and Matt Dupire.

CNCC men's rodeo gets off to fast start as team, individuals

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I CNCC rodeo coach Jed Moore reported Monday that the CNCC rodeo team just returned home from the first of six spring rodeos and that he was very happy with the results.

"We had a great one," he said. "Every member of the CNCC men's team qualified for the Short Round, a perfect 10 for 10. The points earned this weekend set us in second place for the weekend behind annual powerhouse College of Southern Idaho."

"The CNCC men's team is continuing to hold strong in the No. 2 spot in the region and we are looking for a No. 2 team berth into the College National Finals Rodeo this June in Casper, Wyo.," he said.

The women's events, argued by

many to be even more competitive than the men's, had several CNCC ladies representing well.

The women were led by Karlee Worthen's win in the Long Go of breakaway roping with a 2.7 second run and a fourth-place finish in the team roping long round with heeler Justin White.

Josie and Teasha Moody continued to be strong competitors in the goat tying, and dual sport (basketball) athlete Jacey Schlegel traveled straight from the regional basketball tournament to the rodeo and placed in the top 10 in the breakaway roping in her first rodeo back.

Other individual results: Tyler Stueve, bull riding, second in the long go, first in the short go, tie for 1/2 in the average; Colby Demo, bull riding, third in the short go; Colton

Onyett, bareback riding, sixth in the long go, first in the short go, tie 2-3 in the average; Dax Koskie, bareback riding, fourth in the long go, fourth in the short go, sixth in the average; Brody Adams, Tie Down Roping, second in the first go, third in the average; Caide Roberts, team roping, sixth in the short round, sixth in the average; Nick Chew, saddle bronc, fourth in the short round; Justin White, team roping, fourth in the long go; Karlee Worthen, team roping fourth in the long go, breakaway roping first in the long go; Jacey Schlegel, 10th in long go; Josie Moody seventh in long go; and Teasha Moody, 10th in long go.

This weekend, the CNCC Spartans will head to Twin Falls, Idaho, for the 39th annual CSI College Rodeo.

CNCC baseball team splits

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Colorado Northwestern Community College men's baseball team is off to a good start this year.

After traveling to Phoenix and Southern Nevada to begin their pre-season play, the Spartans were 4-7 entering conference.

The spring was a showcase for many players on the Spartan roster, especially for shortstop Greg Reynolds, who swung the bat well in

Arizona and hit above .500 in Las Vegas, going seven for 13 with five RB's and a solo home run.

The Spartans' young pitching staff is holding their own and is expected to finish better than they started.

Over this past weekend, Spartans had their home opener in fine fashion against visiting College of Southern Nevada, the No. 2 ranked team in the nation.

Of the four game held, the Spartans won two, splitting the

series and improving their record to 6-9.

The Spartans were led by a number of players offensively, including Reynolds, Zach Hoffman and Larenz Stansfield.

The Spartan pitching staff was led by Trevar Bradley and Chris Ramirez, who both got the wins, as well as Bailey Hoffmeister, who earned the save in game two.

This week the Spartans baseball team travels to College of Southern Idaho to begin a four-game set.

Barone grapplers off to good start

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER I After a second-place finish in the 2A Colorado State Wrestling Championships in Denver, Meeker coaches J.C. Watt and Willy Theos were back in the wrestling room, preparing 20 Barone Middle School kids for their first tournament, held in Gypsum on Saturday.

"We have a real inexperienced team, so we should improve every week," coach Watt said. "They are a

lot of fun."

The young Cowboys did not crown any champions, but six made it into the consolation championship match in their respective weights and half of them finished as consolation champs.

Trapper McGruder (85), Tevin Pelloni (115) and Eli Hanks (170) all won four matches and lost one on their way to bronze medals.

Cody Follman won five matches and lost one to finish fourth in the 105-pound bracket. Gabe Gonzalez (150) and Charles Curry (100) both

won two matches and finished fourth in their respective weights.

Luis Villalpando (125), Kesston Hobbs and Jake Shelton each won two matches but didn't place. Nick Massey (85), Tanner Ridgeway (100), Brennan Ibach, Trentin Moomey (120), James Amick (135), Jared Henderson (155) and Colby Shelton (275) all wrestled but did not place.

Barone Middle School wrestlers competed in Craig on Tuesday and will participate in a tournament in Steamboat Springs on Saturday.



BECKY HUGHES

According to Meeker girls' basketball coach Greg Chintala, sophomore Reese Pertile "has really stepped up" her game. Pertile scored 20 points against Hayden, then 18 against West Grand and she pulled down nine rebounds. Meeker will play Ignacio in the Region 3 tournament, Friday at 3 p.m., at Grand Junction Central High School. Like the games against Hayden and West Grand, the lady Cowboys must win in order to advance to the regional championship game and qualify for the state tournament.

Meeker girls' basketball team enters regionals as No. 5 seed

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER I Since ending the regular season with an 8-4 league record and finishing sixth in the league standings, the Meeker High School girls' basketball team had to play two must-win games last week to enter the regional tournament. They did what they needed.

The girls won both with West Grand being the most recent. Meeker will now enter the Region 3 tournament as the No. 5 seed and will play Ignacio on Friday at 3 p.m., at Grand Junction Central High School.

"We are used to the pressure now from playing two must-win games," Meeker head coach Greg Chintala said of the wins over Hayden and West Grand, where the wins ended

their seasons and extended Meeker's.

After defeating Hayden, Meeker traveled to Kremmling on Thursday to play the West Grand Mustangs, and they made a statement with a 57-36 win.

"After a sluggish start, our defense just locked down in the second and third quarters," coach Chintala said. "They played some really solid defense."

After taking a 12-10 lead at the end of the first quarter, Meeker scored 18 in the second and only allowed West Grand to score eight, giving Meeker a 30-18 lead at halftime.

The girls scored 13 in the third quarter and put the game away by only allowing the Mustangs to score two in the quarter.

Sydney Hughes and Reese Pertile each scored 18 against West

Grand. Hughes finished with 10 steals and Pertile pulled down nine rebounds.

"Sydney was hurt early in the week, and Reese really stepped up," Chintala said. "Everyone did a good job. We have different options now and they make us a little more dangerous."

Meeker senior Megan Parker scored seven, Halle Ahrens scored five, Jamie McLaughlin and Jenna Walsh each added four and Madi Shults made a free throw.

The winner of the Meeker/IGNACIO game will play the winner of the Cedaredge/Vail Christian game, with the top two teams advancing to the 2015 Colorado State Girls' Basketball Championships.

"We are looking forward to the opportunity," coach Chintala said.



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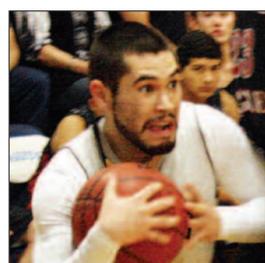
Champions of the Week

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KATELYN BROWN Rangely High School Basketball

With interscholastic sports at a standstill between seasons at Rangely High School, now is a good time to reflect on the past season. One of the standouts for the Panthers is freshman Katelyn Brown, the leading scorer on the girls' basketball team this year. Katelyn scored 317 points during the season with a 15.9 average.



RAUL LOPEZ Meeker High School Basketball

Lopez scored 16 points against Soroco (South Routt County) on Friday, and he followed that up with 23 more points against a usually stingy Paonia team on Saturday, for a total of 39 weekend points. Meeker won both games handily and the Cowboys stand at 20-1 on the year.

RANGELY WRESTLING...



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Rangely head wrestling coach Jeff Heinle and assistant coaches Gary Bennett and Blane Warrior stand next to senior Ethan Allred, the only Panther to qualify for the 2015 Colorado State Wrestling Championships. Allred won a match in the 2A, 170-pound bracket before being eliminated.

CNCC Spartan Horse Team enjoys good performances

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The Colorado Northwestern Community College Horse Show Team fared well individually and as a team when it traveled to the IHSA Show on Feb. 14-15 in Billings, Mont.

Coach Stacey Bailey said the team did very well in team competition as well as individual competition. CNCC does not have a "full team" that fills every level of IHSA competition but the team placed third out of six teams and CNCC was Reserve High Point Team on Feb. 15.

The team exceeded expectations as individuals placed first, second and third in their respective levels, helping the team as a whole.

"We hoped to end the year by qualifying two individuals for the regional competition held Sunday afternoon, and we did," Bailey said.

Amber Parmley qualified for regionals in the intermediate level and "pointed up" into the novice. Tasha Gibson qualified for regionals in open horsemanship and reining.

"At the regional, both girls rode exceptionally well," Bailey said.

"Amber has been working extra hard this spring to qualify and do well at regionals. She was in the largest class, with 10 competitors.

"Amber took home fourth place in intermediate horsemanship out of the whole region," she said. "She also is the horse show team's president and has continued to work with the IHSA regional president concerning prizes for regionals and IHSA nationals."

"First-year reiner Tasha Gibson rode smart in reining and horsemanship, bringing home reserve champion in reining and Regional Champion in horsemanship," Bailey said. "Tasha's placing advance her to the semi-finals, where she will represent CNCC and IHSA zone 8 region 3.

"Tasha and I will be traveling to El Reno, Okla., the weekend of March 21-22, when she will compete against 16 people in each class to qualify for the IHSA national championship."

This was the horse show team's first full year of competition and Bailey said she could not be happier.

"The girls worked extremely hard and it paid off for them," she said.

Bailey added, "The team also would like to give a big thank you to everyone who assisted with our fundraising efforts and student government for financial assistance. Also, a big thank you to Dustin Davis and Judy Allred, who traveled with the team this year and helped and supported in many ways."

The following are the individual results for the regular season shows:

Tasha Gibson: Horsemanship: fifth, second and fifth. Reining: first, sixth, fourth.

Amber Parmley: first, second and sixth.

Kelsey Priestley: third, first and fifth.

Kathryn Costales: third, fourth and fifth.

Meeker youth wrestling registration Friday

MEEKER | The Meeker Community Youth Wrestling club will register wrestlers pre-K through sixth grade on Friday, March 6 at 6 p.m., at the high school cafeteria. Practice starts March 9 at 6 p.m. and the Casey Turner Memorial tournament will be held April 25.

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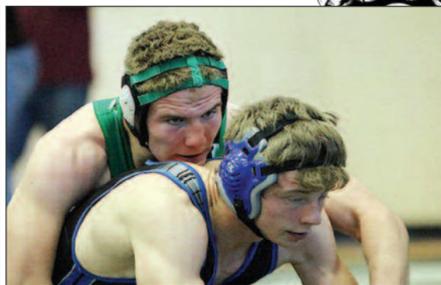
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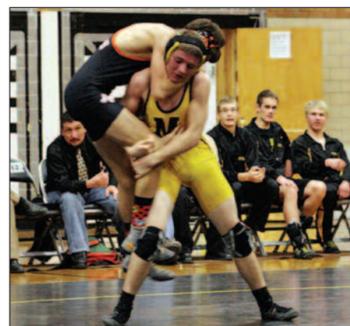


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RIO BLANCO COUNTY WARRANTY DEEDS ~ June 2014

SELLER: Arlene E. Fritzlan Revocable Living Trust
BUYER: Vicki Bissell
DESCRIPTION: MOUNTAIN VIEW SUBDIVISION AMENDED 222826 3 1 1891 COUNTY RD 12 MEEKER
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$150,000.00

SELLER: Ted Bina and Sharon Reese
BUYER: Scott and Courtney Aldridge
DESCRIPTION: TOWN OF MEEKER 2 50 830 MAIN ST
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$86,000.00

SELLER: Nathaniel Polley
BUYER: Mark and Beverly Byers

DESCRIPTION: 16418 HIGHWAY 64 RANGELY
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$5000.00

SELLER: Marvin and Linda Cortner
BUYER: Larin Crase and Danielle Feola
DESCRIPTION: TOWN OF MEEKER 1 10 275 6TH ST
TOWN OF MEEKER 2 10 275 6TH ST
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$78,000.00

SELLER: Marilyn Cunningham
BUYER: Marie Mathe
DESCRIPTION: TOWN OF MEEKER 3 116 917 4TH ST
TOWN OF MEEKER 4 116 917 4TH ST
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$230,000.00

SELLER: Jeff and Shelly Dillingham
BUYER: Robert and Paula Kracht
DESCRIPTION: TOWN OF MEEKER 12 112 879 PINE ST
TOWN OF MEEKER 13 112 879 PINE ST
TOWN OF MEEKER 14 112 879 PINE ST
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$25,000.00

SELLER: James and Emily Hazelbush
BUYER: Chelsi Dunn
DESCRIPTION: STANOLIND SUBDIVISION 95708 8 A 231 SOUTH STANOLIND AVE RANGELY
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$143,000.00

SELLER: Kenneth L. Idol Revocable Trust, Carol S. Idol Revocable Trust
BUYER: Daniel and Ellen Conrado
DESCRIPTION: UTE TERRACE SUBDIVISION 256144 14 860 SHAMAN TRAIL MEEKER
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$50,000.00

SELLER: Gary and Louise Dahl
BUYER: Adam Dahl
DESCRIPTION: HILDENBRANDT SUBDIVISION 69613 17 4 307 W RIO BLANCO AVE HILDENBRANDT SUBDIVISION 69613 18 4 307 W RIO BLANCO AVE HILDENBRANDT SUBDIVISION 69613 19 4 307 W RIO BLANCO AVE RANGELY
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$160,000.00

SELLER: M and A Boleng Family Trust
BUYER: Scott Hejl and Angelina Sheppard
DESCRIPTION: HILDENBRANDT SUBDIVISION 69613 7 4 322 W MAIN ST HILDENBRANDT SUBDIVISION 69613 8 4 322 W MAIN ST HILDENBRANDT SUBDIVISION 69613 9 4 322 W MAIN ST HILDENBRANDT SUBDIVISION 69613 10 4 322 W MAIN ST
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$150,000

HopeWest CEO honored

MEEKER I Christy Whitney, President and CEO of HopeWest, a Colorado non-profit hospice and palliative care organization, was recently honored with the Community Visionary Award from the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce.

The organization has come a long way in the last 22 years. In 1993, Whitney sat down at her kitchen table and hired her first employee in Mesa County. Today, HopeWest, the organization she built, has 350 employees and 1,500 dedicated volunteers.

HopeWest provides care to more than 7,000 square miles of the Western Slope of Colorado with offices in Grand Junction, Delta, Montrose, Collbran and Meeker.

"Starting an organization requires commitment and inspiration," said Greg Motz, board chair of the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce.



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2 Days Only AUCTION

Tractors & Titled Vehicles Will Be Sold Saturday March 7th

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LEGAL NOTICES

The Town of Rangely will be conducting a Public Hearing on the Amended Final Plat for the West Rangely Subdivision pertaining to, among other things, the dedication of rights-of-way to Rio Mesa Resources, Inc. and a successor homeowners association who shall own and maintain such rights-of-way. If you have any questions please contact the Town of Rangely at (970) 675-8476.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF RANGELY COUNCIL MEETING

The Town of Rangely will hold a Public Hearing at 7:15 pm, Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 209 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on the following:

WEST RANGELY SUBDIVISION Amended Final Plat in C.E. 950, Section 3 T1N, R102W of the 6th P.M., Town of Rangely Rio Blanco County, Colorado

The property is generally located north of River Road and west of Parkview Elementary School.

All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings.

By:
Lisa Piering, Town Clerk
Publish: February 19, 26 & March 5, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

ROBERT & PAULA KRACHT AND ERIC & ANTONIA DIBENEDETTO 936 9TH STREET, LOT 15, THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 16, BLOCK 112 AND 879 PINE STREET, EAST 75 FEET OF LOTS 12, 13, AND 14, BLOCK 112 ARE REQUESTING A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT TO ADJUST THE LOT LINES TO FIT THE CURRENT LINES OF OCCUPATION FOR THE PROPERTIES.

THE MEEKER PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL, 345 MARKET STREET, MEEKER COLORADO, TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ON MARCH 17, 2015 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HOLDING A MEETING ON THIS ITEM. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION, YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HEARING OR SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO TOWN HALL, 345 MARKET STREET, MEEKER, CO 81641, PRIOR OR DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE MEEKER TOWN HALL OR BY TELEPHONE (970) 878-4970, DURING THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Rio Blanco County is soliciting Bids from Licensed Contractors for tree trimming and tree removal at the Rio Blanco County Courthouse located at 555 Main Street Meeker, Co 81641. For further information containing General Terms and Conditions of the Invitation for Bid, Scope of Work, Schedule, Minimum Qualifications, and Bid Form is located on the County website at <http://www.rbc.us/bids>. All Bids must be received by mail no later than Friday March 6, 2015, to the Rio Blanco Board of County Commissioners, County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, P.O. Box 1, Meeker, Colorado 81641 or hand delivery to Melanie Godwin no later than 11:00 A.M., Mountain Standard Time, on Monday March 9, 2015 to the County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Meeker Co, 81641. The Bid must be sealed in an envelope and must be clearly identified on the outside of the bid document, Sealed Bid for RBC 2015 Courthouse Tree Trimming and Removal. For further information contact Rio Blanco County Project Coordinator Eric Jaquez, 970-878-9583. Publish: February 26 & March 2, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Board of County Commissioners Monday, March 09, 2015 County Administration Bldg, 200 Main, Meeker, Colorado

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

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

11:00 Call to order:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Changes or additions to the March 09, 2015, Board Agenda
- Approval of the March 09, 2015 Agenda

Consent agenda for March 09, 2015:

- Consideration of the Board Minutes of February 23, 2015
- Motor Vehicle Publication List for February 2015
- Treasury Publication List for February 2015
- Financial Management Report for February 2015
- Financial Transactions for DHS for February 2015
- GoCo grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Meeker Town Square

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- Agreement with Phil Vaughn Construction Management, Inc. for building code plan review and project support in the amount not to exceed \$27,000.00; Term of Agreement March 31, 2015 to March 30, 2016.
- Rangely Airport Master Plan State of Colorado Grant #14-4VO-01-Element B, RFR #2 in the amount of \$29,141.67.
- Rangely Airport Closeout of the FAA Grant for the Auto Parking Drainage and AWOS Site Improvements Project #03-08-0047-10.
- Rangely Airport FAA Sponsor Certification for Selection of Consultants for the Auto Parking Drainage and AWOS Site Improvements Project, #03-08-0047-10.

General Business:

Resolutions:

MOU, Contracts and Agreements:

- Contract for Aerial Spraying for the Lower White River Pest & Weed District
- Contract for Hand Spraying for the Lower White River Pest & Weed District
- Contract with Van Diest Supply Company for the purchase of herbicides in an amount not to exceed \$125,000
- Amendment of CPW Grant for the OHV Trail Extension extending the end date to December 31, 2015, with no increase in the Grant amount.
- Contract with Better City, LLC. for the Economic Assessment Project in the not to exceed amount of \$75,450.00 with a completion date of December 31, 2015
- Road and Bridge: Contract Modification Order #2 with Old Castle SW Group d/b/a United Companies of Mesa County for the 2014 CR-5 SP-7 Wildlife Crossing Project extending the Completion date to November 14, 2015, and not increasing the contract amount.
- Road and Bridge: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit for the CR-5 Stockpass 17 Replacement Project.
- Road and Bridge: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit for the CR-0 White River Bridge Replacement Project.
- Agreement For Cooperative Wildfire Protection with the State of Colorado Department of Public Safety for the benefit of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control.
- Office Lease with Colorado Department of Revenue for Drivers Licensing Services Rangely Annex

Bids:

- 2015 Hand Spraying of Herbicide for the Piceance Creek Pest & Weed District
- 2015 Aerial Spraying Herbicides and Insecticide for the Piceance Creek Pest & Weed District
- 2015 R&B Cattleguards & Wings materials
- 2015 R&B Dust Control Project
- 2015 Courthouse Tree Trimming & Removal

Other Business:

- Road & Bridge Monthly Update, Dave Morlan
- County Commissioners Updates
- Public Comments
- Break

1:15 p.m. Hearing:

- Development Department PUD Amendment 15-01, The Ridge Estates PUD Homeowners Association is requesting to amend their PUD Agreement to remove the requirement for sprinkler systems in townhomes. The Ridge Estates PUD is

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located south of Meeker on CR 13, North of the junction with CR 36, in S34, T1N, R94W. ADJOURN AS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OPEN AS THE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A VARIANCE HEARING

HEARING:

- Meeker Collision Center Variance 15-01. The applicant is requesting a variance from the square footage limitation on signs to allow a total of 280 square feet of signage for the site, and allow 150 square feet for an individual sign at 42904 State Highway 13 Meeker, in S19, T1N, R93W.

Adjourn

The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.

The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 16, 2015 in Rangely at the County Annex Building. Please check the County website for information at www.rbc.us If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9570 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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Town of Rangely March 10, 2015 - 7:00pm Agenda

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
FRANK HUITT, MAYOR
BRAD CASTO, MAYOR PRO TEM
LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE
ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE
DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE
JOSEPH NIELSEN, TRUSTEE
ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes of Meeting
- Approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting.
- Petitions and Public Input
- Changes to the Agenda
- Public Hearings - 7:15pm
- Final Plat - REPLAT OF WEST RANGELY SUBDIVISION in C.E. Section 3, T1N, R102W of the 6th P.M., Town of Rangely Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
- Committee/Board Meetings
- County Commissioners Updates
- Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update
- New Business
- Discussion and Action on Ordinance No. 686 (2015); An Emergency Ordinance Approving the Vacation of Rio Mesa Drive and Rio Mesa Road Dedicated to the Town by the Plat of the West Rangely Subdivision Within the Town of Rangely.
- Discussion and Action to approve a Fin-

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al Plat for REPLAT OF WEST RANGELY SUBDIVISION in C.E. Section 3, T1N, R102W of the 6th P.M., Town of Rangely Rio Blanco County, Colorado for the purpose of dedicating and conveying easements, tracts and roads as described within the Final Plat.

- Discussion and Action to approve the First Amendment to the Subdivision Improvement Agreement West Rangely Subdivision between the Town of Rangely and Rio Mesa Resources, Inc., a Colorado Corporation.
- Discussion and Action to approve February 2015 Check Register
- Discussion and Action to approve Special Event Permit for CNCC Foundation Dinner

Informational Items

- Wild Game Dinner March 14, 2015 at 5:00 pm.
- Rangely Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement Grant Award
- Rangely Animal Shelter 2014 Annual Report
- RPD Dispatch Award - Mercy Mcalister

Scheduled Announcements

- Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2015 at 6:15pm.
- Rangely District Library regular meeting March 9, 2015 at 5:00pm.
- Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2015 at 6:00pm.
- Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2015 at 7:00pm.
- Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting March 9, 2015 at 7:00pm.
- Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting is March 25, 2015 at 7:00pm.
- Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2015 at 12:00pm.

Adjournment

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON

Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal
878-5627 or 675-8112

Senior Citizen Nutrition Program
Meals served at noon.
Reservations appreciated.

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

****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

FRIDAY, March 6: Pork chops, Apple dressing, Green beans w caramelized onions, Whole wheat rolls, Fresh fruit, Birthday cake.

MONDAY, March 9: Chicken sandwich, Coleslaw, French fries, Apple, Oatmeal cookie.

TUESDAY, March 10: Ribs, Potato salad, Corn, Wheat roll, German chocolate cake.

WEDNESDAY March 11: Sausage, peppers, Onions, Rice pilaf, Carrots, Focaccia bread, Melon.

FRIDAY, March 13: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Italian salad, Garlic bread, Chocolate mousse, Strawberries.

RANGE CALL is looking for someone to produce a wood cutout for photo shoots. For more information phone 320-223-4351

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFEHOUSE

If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.
878-3131

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

Rangely Victim Services

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

RANGE CALL is looking for vendors to showcase crafts, products or information booths. For more information phone 320-223-4351

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE MARCH 2015

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.

March 2, Bus in Town
March 3, Bus in Town •Council on Aging•
March 4, Bus in Town
March 5, Grand Junction, Bus in Town
March 6, Bus in Town
March 7, No Bus
March 8, AM BUS
March 9, Bus in Town
March 10, Bus in Town •Foot Clinic•
March 11, Bus in Town
March 12, Rifle, Bus in Town
March 13, Bus in Town
March 14, No Bus
March 15, AM Bus
March 16, Bus in Town
March 17, Bus in Town
March 18, Bus in Town
March 19, GRD JCT Medical No Town Bus
March 20, Bus in Town
March 21, No Bus
March 22, AM Bus
March 23, Bus in Town
March 24, Bus in Town
March 25, Bus in Town
March 26, Craig, Bus in Town
March 27, Bus in Town
March 28, No Bus
March 29, AM Bus
March 30, Bus in Town
March 31, Bus in Town

Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627.

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

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

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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.

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SNOWBLOWER-HUSQVARNA 24", 2 stage, 5.5 HP, Tecumseh, single lever adjustable chute control, variable front & rear drive. Good, reliable machine, \$225. Call Ron (970)878-3507.

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GUNS

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YARD SALES

PRE-MOVING SALE: Furniture and Things! March 10th-14th, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday by appointment at (970) 620-5990. Friday and Saturday 8:00AM-4:00PM at 207 Hillcrest Circle, Rangely.

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.

HELP WANTED: FULL TIME

PHOTOGRAPHER The ERBM Recreation & Park District is accepting proposals from qualified photographers to provide professional services for upcoming sports seasons. Proposals must include a list of prices and specifications of basic services, availability, and method of photo delivery. Examples may be provided and are appreciated. Upcoming proposals will be accepted until March 29, 2015. A list of photographer expectations can be picked up at the Meeker Recreation Center or found online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Please direct all inquiries and questions to Shelly Rogers at 970-878-3403.

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

TEMPORARY LABORER, Rio Blanco County is currently seeking applicants for a temporary laborer at the Rangely Road & Bridge Dept. Applicants must be able to perform manual labor, flagging (stand on hot pavement 8-10 hrs per day) and operate light construction equipment. Must have a valid Colorado Drivers License, be 18 years of age, have the ability to regularly lift 50lbs., be in good physical shape and have full range of motion. Rio Blanco County will train and certify for Flagger Certificate. \$15.71/hr. Position starts March 23rd. Applications can be obtained from the HR Dept, 200 Main Street, Meeker, or downloaded from our website at www.rbc.us. Application deadline: March 16, 2015. Job # 1505 EOE

Kitchen Positions

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

RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4 has job openings at this time; please refer to www.rangelyk12.org for detailed information and applications.

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

HELP NEEDED at the front desk at Elk Mountain Inn. Come by for application.

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On December 4, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s)
Original Beneficiary(ies)
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Richard D Brenton and Elizabeth Brenton
Amerquest Mortgage Company
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R12
October 09, 2004
Rio Blanco
October 20, 2004
279891
\$64,000.00
\$70,917.10

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:
LOT 1, BLOCK A, UTAH OIL SUBDIVISION FIRST AMENDED PLAT ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JANUARY 17, 1961 AS RECEPTION NO. 115665 TOWN RANGELY, COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO.

Also known by street and number as: 203 Morrison Rd, Rangely, CO 80648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

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.

HEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/08/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Court-house, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE. DATE: 12/05/2014

Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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- *NEW 1287 Cleveland - Lg lot, Big beautiful 4 BR, log home, large metal shop. \$325,000. SALE PENDING!
- *NEW 265 Cedar - 5 BR, 3 BA on a fenced corner lot. Large shop/garage. Custom features. \$299,900.
- *NEW 1134 Park -Log home, 4 BR, 2 BA Newly remodeled. Fenced yard. \$169,000.
- *296 Park Ave. - Nice lot, small log home. 1 BR, 1 BA. Great condition. Garage. \$139,900 REDUCED!
- *836 Sulphur Creek Rd.- 3 BR, 2 BA home by fairgrounds. Fenced backyard, landscaped. \$165,000
- *1440 Mountain View Rd.-5BR, 4 1/2 BA, one of a kind custom home, panoramic views, outdoor entertaining area, lawn w/sprinkler system, home security system, A/C & more! \$375,000 REDUCED!
- *112 Main St.-3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000
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- *643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$115,000 REDUCED!
- *1369 Juniper Rd.-Beautiful home in Sage Hills, on 2 large lots. Single level home & attached garage. \$250,000 SOLD!
- *1109 Main St- 3 BR, 1 BA, new paint & flooring. Fenced yd, R.V. parking, 2 sheds. \$149,900. SOLD!

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- *8505 CR 8- 9 miles east. Nice 3 BR home, basement, garage, fenced yard, great views. \$325,000
- *970 Shaman Trail- 5 acres, beautiful newer 2 story home, top of the line. Big heated shop. \$545,000 REDUCED!
- *14970 CR 8- 14 acres on the River. Great fishing. Hay pasture, beautiful 2,500 sq ft home. \$1,995,000.
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- *2610 CR 33- 3 Acres 7 mi W of town. 4 BR, 3 BA home, full basement, shed, pasture, views. \$260,000.
- *13245 CR 8- 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$295,000 REDUCED!
- *River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles east, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$275,000 REDUCED!
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- *Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$93,000 REDUCED!
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- 780 11th St. - Tastefully remodeled 3BD, 2BA bi-level home with a fantastic fenced yard. REDUCED TO \$167,900
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- 182 Main St. - Commercial lot behind Family Dollar store. Busy location, cleared, ready to build! \$85,000
- 688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! \$85,000
- NEW 459 Cross L Drive - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. \$80,000
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- 6.79 Acres in Cross L Estates - Irrigated meadow, domestic water, electricity and views. REDUCED \$65,000
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- NEW 1095 Pinyon Street - 3 sprawling lots at the top of 11th Street. Great views and amazing PRICE! \$29,000
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