



# RBC POLITICAL PARTY CAUCUSES MARCH 7



## Republican Party Caucuses: March 7, 10 a.m.

Precincts 1 & 2: Rangely Town Hall (209 E. Main)  
Precinct 3: Meeker 4-H Community Center (779 Sulphur Creek Rd.)  
Precinct 4: Meeker Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall (799 Sulphur Creek Rd.)  
Precinct 5: Piceance Creek Rock School (23404 CR 5)

## Democratic Party Caucuses: March 7, 2 p.m.

Precincts 1 & 2: Rangely Recreation Center (611 S. Stanolind)  
Precincts 3, 4 & 5: Meeker Public Library (490 Main St.)

### WHAT IS A CAUCUS?

Precinct caucuses are meetings of registered electors who are members of a particular political party. The purpose is to elect committee persons and delegates to county assemblies.

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## Common sense is the best medicine for preventing coronavirus infection

### What you should know:

- Most cases of COVID-19 appear to be mild. As with influenza, the elderly and individuals with pre-existing conditions are at higher risk of dangerous complications.
- Transmission of the virus is through contact with infected respiratory droplets from breathing, coughing, sneezing or surfaces.
- COVID-19 generally presents with fever and symptoms of respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath).

### How you can protect yourself:

- Frequent handwashing with soap and water or an alcohol-based rub, and regular cleaning of surfaces with a disinfectant is recommended.
- "Social distancing" (avoiding close contact with others) can help prevent the spread of disease.
- Don't touch your face.
- Get a flu shot if you haven't had one. It won't prevent COVID-19, but it will reduce the likelihood of the flu, which is still prevalent.

### Should you stock up on supplies?

The U.S. Surgeon General's office has said masks are neither effective or necessary for prevention of the disease in healthy individuals and may provide a false sense of security. The World Health Organization has said, "if you are healthy, you only need to wear a mask if you are taking care of a person with suspected coronavirus infection or if you are coughing or sneezing."

In the event of a quarantine, ensure you have what you need to stay at home for 14 days, including baby formula, essential prescriptions and medications, pet food, etc.

### Should you cancel travel plans?

It depends on where you're going. Currently, the CDC is recommending avoiding non-essential travel to China, South Korea, Iran and Italy. Those recommendations are subject to change and can be checked at the CDC travel page (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>).

Travel within the U.S. is still considered safe, but as cases of the virus continue to spread, that may change.

### What to do if you get a fever and cough:

Stay home. Call public health at 970-878-9520 or 970-878-9525, or your local medical facility for recommendations.

This scanning electron microscope image shows SARS-CoV-2 (yellow), the virus that causes COVID-19—isolated from a patient in the U.S., emerging from the surface of cells (blue/pink) cultured in the lab. NIAID-RML PHOTO

For updates and recommendations from the CDC, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

General questions? Call the statewide hotline at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911 for answers or email [COHELP@RMPDC.org](mailto:COHELP@RMPDC.org).

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC I** As national and international concerns about the new coronavirus continue to expand, local agencies and organizations have begun fielding questions from area residents.

The new coronavirus, named SARS-CoV-2 by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses, first appeared in late 2019 in Wuhan, China. The virus causes a disease referred to as COVID-19, which has spread to at least 76 countries worldwide and 16 U.S. states as of press time Wednesday, causing more than 3,000 deaths, stock market turbulence, quarantines, conspiracy theories, and fears of a pandemic.

SARS-CoV-2 is not the first or the only coronavirus out there. Coronaviruses are a family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans, including respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe disease like SARS and MERS, which circulated in the early 2000s.

In an effort to keep the local public up-to-date with current, accurate information, Rio Blanco County Public Health has established a web page with recommendations, answers to frequently asked questions and real-time alerts at [rbc.us/592/Coronavirus-Update](http://rbc.us/592/Coronavirus-Update). As the situation changes, the page will be updated.

At this time, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Rio Blanco County or the State of Colorado.

On Monday, the Colorado Department of Public Health announced in a press release that it can now test up to 160 samples a day at the state lab, assuming test kits from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are available. Tests will not be available for the general public. Healthcare providers can request testing for patients if they suspect COVID-19 infection.

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis announced Tuesday that the state's emergency readiness has been raised to its second-highest level, and state health officials warned of the possibility that mild cases are already in the state.

## HAPPY HOUNDS



There were fewer spectators at this year's sled dog races, but the participants had a good time. Scan the ZAP code above with your smartphone Zappar app for more photos. Looking at the digital edition? Click on the ZAP code to open more photos. KIM EKSTROM PHOTOS

## Water line bids received

By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER I** Town trustees received and opened six bids for the planned Water Street water line replacement, scheduled for this summer. \$1.3 million is budgeted for the project and the town has applied for a DOLA grant to cover a part of the cost but won't know if that grant is awarded until April.

Bids were received from United Companies (Grand Junction), RCD Construction (Hayden), TDA Construction (Meeker), Native Excavating (Steamboat Springs), CW Construction LLC (Grand Junction) and Duran and Pierce Contractors (Craig). CW Construction LLC was the low bidder. Town staff will review the bids and award them at the March 17 meeting.

Mary Jo Carroll and Katy Alger requested a special use permit to operate a pet grooming service out of a home at 353 Park Ave. The planning commission recommended approval of the permit conditional on the business operating by appointment only, no walk-in clients. Two letters were received opposing the application from neighbors related to

parking concerns and noise issues. Those concerns were addressed by the planning commission. Four letters were received in support.

"It's been a long time dream of mine to be able to work from home," Alger said.

Trustees approved the permit unanimously. Town staff recommended awarding a bid for a new UTV to All-Terrain Motorsports of Grand Junction for \$11,999. Trustees approved the bid award.

The board heard from Roy Gilbert, 2020 Range Call Committee president, requesting financial support or sponsorship for the annual Range Call celebration.

Lisa Cook said the town last sponsored Range Call in 2013 to the tune of \$1,000, adding that the police department donates a significant amount of time providing security for the event. The trustees agreed to consider the proposals and come back with a decision.

Gilbert said this year's concert performer has been lined up, but the name can't be released until

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## Unofficial presidential primary results for RBC

By the Herald Times Staff

**RBC I** As of 8:30 p.m. on Super Tuesday, unofficial Rio Blanco County results from the first Colorado presidential primary in 20 years indicate incumbent Donald Trump the clear winner for the Republican party with 96.5% of the 1,630 votes cast.

Votes are divided for Democratic party candidates, with Bernie Sanders receiving 27.37%, Mike Bloomberg receiving 26.82%, Joe Biden receiving 23.46%, and Elizabeth Warren receiving 20.11% of the 179 Democratic primary ballots returned.

Voter turnout for this primary was about 40% of Rio Blanco County's 4,448 registered voters.



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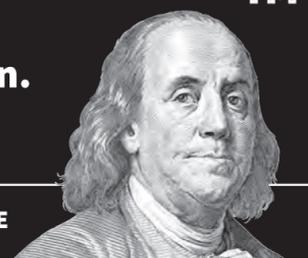


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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

■ **Alzheimer's Education Series: Effective Communication Strategies.** Wednesday, March 25 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library (490 Main St.) RSVP to 800-272-3900 or online at <https://bit.ly/2uZrZdL1>

■ **Hunter Education Course Mar. 27-29.** MRC MP Room. Learn safe and responsible firearm handling at this three-day hunter education course. Must attend all three days: March 27 6pm-8pm, March 28 8am-5pm, March 29 8am-noon and 1-4pm. Participants must register by March 23; cost is \$10 (optional lunch provided Saturday for additional \$6). Register at the Meeker Recreation Center or by calling 970-878-3403. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

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

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

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

■ **Tiny Open Gym** Tuesdays, 10–11 a.m. at

the Admin Gym. Bring your one to four-year-olds to burn off some energy! Runs through Mar. 31 (no session Mar. 24). Maximum of three children per parent/caregiver. ERBM Recreation and Park District 970-878-3403.

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

■ **Friday Craft Class** for middle school through adults. Every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. March's craft will be jewelry making. Space is limited to 8 participants. Call 878-5911 or drop by to sign up.

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Art On A Kart Master the Masters.** Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email calendar events by 5 p.m. Mondays. Listing dependent on available space. [calendar@ht1885.com](mailto:calendar@ht1885.com)

## Guilty verdict returned in five-day RBC jury trial

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**RBC I** Following a five-day trial lasting well into the evening last Friday, a 12-person jury comprised of Meeker and Rangely residents returned a guilty verdict for 30-year-old Kenneth Henson of Rangely on multiple felony sexual assault charges stemming back to a 2018 arrest.

Because a juvenile was involved, details are not available to the public.

Following the jury's decision, Henson was remanded to custody in the Rio Blanco County Detention Center, where he awaits sentencing in April.

Retired Colorado Judge W. Terry Ruckriegle, perhaps best known for presiding over the 2004 rape case against basketball player Kobe Bryant, was the judge in the Henson case. Ruckriegle was filling in for 9th Judicial District Judge Anne Norrdin, who is on maternity leave.

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the contract is signed. This year's Range Call Celebration is planned for July 2-5.

In mayor's comments, Regas Halandras said the town needs to have a "checklist" for property owners who are going through the demolition/abatement process to help them navigate the requirements.

Town Manager Lisa Cook said those requirements are included in the "rehabilitation application" property owners are required to submit to the town prior to demolition and abatement procedures.

"We have an application. It's not a demolition contract or application, it's a rehabilitation application. On that application, it doesn't tell you every detail, but it does tell you what's required to rehabilitate that lot, and that you have to get it signed off by all of the utility companies. That's the owner's responsibility to know and understand what needs to be done. It's not an easy process and I know it's frustrating, but there is an application," Cook said. The process is new for town staff, as well as property owners. An apartment complex owned by Melinda Parker underwent demolition recently.

## Harvey receives bachelors degree

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Sheridan B. Harvey of Meeker has received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wyoming at the completion of the fall 2019 semester.

## Phelan named to Dean's List in SD

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Jacob Phelan of Meeker has been named to the Dean's List at Black Hills State University for the fall 2019 semester. Phelan is studying business administration and achieved a 4.0 GPA.

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# 9Health

## MEEKER HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, April 11, 2020  
7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Meeker Elementary School  
201 Ute Road, Meeker

Free and low-cost health screenings along with educational health info. will be available.

Health Fair participants can access free screenings for:  
Vision • Blood Pressure • Height  
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Dental Scan • Pulse Oximetry

**NEW!**

We are now offering a **PRE-DRAW**  
Friday, April 10, 2020  
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Meeker Elementary School

This event is a community partnership with the 9Health Fair, Rio Blanco Fire Protection District, Pioneers Medical Center and the Meeker Lion's Club.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Register today for chocolate class

**RANGELY** | Learn fabulous facts about chocolate and truffles during this deliciously educational evening. Watch demos, learn how to make amazing flavors and roll your own handmade truffles. Class costs \$40 with each student taking home 12 truffles in a choice of flavors. This is a great class for couples, families and small groups. Class will run from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. Space is limited, so prompt registration is encouraged to avoid disappointment. To learn more and register visit [cncc.edu/communityed](http://cncc.edu/communityed) or call 970-824-1109.

## Woolgrowers' meeting Mar. 6

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

## Want to train for a 'hot' summer job?

**RBC** | Consider CNCC short courses in wildland firefighting, search and rescue and emergency medical response. Fundamentals of Search and Rescue leads to certification in SARTECH I and II and Basic wildland firefighting skills leading to certificate S130, S190 and L180. Both 48-hour classes are offered on weekends with affordable overnight on-campus housing options are available. EMR is a 40-hour course taught across one week to provide students with the core knowledge and skills to function as a first responder until advanced EMS arrives. These short courses are great for job seekers, rural fire departments, police departments, security agencies, industrial workers, lifeguards, school employees, hunting and river guides. Classes may be taken with or without college credit. To learn more and register visit [cncc.edu/communityed](http://cncc.edu/communityed) or call 970-824-1109.

## Latter-Day Saints conference Mar. 7-8

**RBC** | The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will hold a two-day local conference March 7-8. There will be an evening session on March 7 at 6 p.m. for participants over 18, and a general session on March 8 at 10 a.m. for all ages. Speakers will include church leaders serving in the Vernal Temple, the Denver South mission area, and local church offices. The focus of the conference will be on gaining a testimony of Christ. Visitors are welcome to attend any session. All meetings will be held at 1295 W 9th St. in Craig, and will also be broadcast live to chapels for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the following communities: Baggs, Wyoming; Rangely; Meeker; Granby; and Steamboat Springs.

## Meeker mosaic tiling class filling fast

**MEEKER** | Learn mosaic techniques by tiling two projects: a 5x7 picture frame and a soap dispenser. Students are encouraged to bring trinkets to include into their mosaic art. The late registration fee will be waived for anyone registering before Monday, March 9. Class will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 12 and costs \$43 including an art kit with basic supplies needed for class. To learn more and register visit [cncc.edu/communityed](http://cncc.edu/communityed) or call 970-824-1109.

## MHS Drama presentation Mar. 11-12

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

## Racquetball tourney Mar. 13-15

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

## Workforce workshop April 2

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

## Rodeo Bible Camp this summer

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

# THE BIRDS ARE BACK ...



The sweet song of baby birds gently woke us from our winter haze this week. Baby robins frolicking on the courthouse lawn and gobbling up dried fruit (left) seem to herald the possibility of warmer weather. It has indeed been lovely for several days, but this is the time of year commonly referred to as 'fool's spring' by locals. Expect more of the 'white stuff' to be back soon.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Common Sense

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regularly, I try to eat right most of the time, I get a flu shot, I listen to my doctor, and I compare scientific information with the tantalizing internet lore that promises protection in exchange for the purchase of whatever snake oil is in season. I do give some credence to old wives' tales (because you don't get to be an old wife without a little wisdom in play), and I try to temper it all with that most valuable and rare of commodities: common sense.

Common sense tells me several things: 1) We don't have all the background information about COVID-19 and we won't get it any time soon, if ever. 2) We don't really need to know the

details to take rational preventative steps which we should be taking all the time anyway: wash your filthy hands, stop touching your face (with aforementioned filthy hands), cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze (not with your hands, please), and clean everything you can clean.

What we shouldn't do is panic. Panic makes people make silly decisions. Y2K comes to mind. Freeze-dried food and cheap generators, anyone?

As with most things, preparation and planning really are keys to success.

During wildfire season we're urged to be prepared to evacuate our homes. Those same guidelines are pretty applicable in the face of other threats, only instead of being ready to "bug out," we need to be prepared to "bug in."

Looking back at history

(always a good place to learn valuable lessons we don't want to repeat) some communities fared better than others during the Spanish flu of 1918. What did those communities do? They self-quarantined. They canceled events and changed plans. They weren't unscathed, but they suffered less than communities which paid no heed to warnings from doctors and scientists, or, for that matter, common sense. The media was horribly complicit, fearful of repercussions under the Sedition Act, in which anything perceived as a negative comment about the government or the war effort was subject to prosecution.

I'd like to believe this week will be the last time we need to mention COVID-19, but there are no guarantees. Meanwhile, in the words of esteemed journalist Dan Rather, "If you're happy and you know it, wash your hands."

MILLENNIAL MUSINGS

Anything you can do, I can do better?

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RBC I "Anything you can do, I can do better," was a common refrain among my siblings and I.

We were exposed to it not from the 1946 musical Annie Get Your Gun, as one might imagine—our interests ran more towards repeated viewings of the extended Lord of the Rings trilogy—but from an early 2000s Tide commercial.

In the commercial, actors smear different substances across a white t-shirt, cut it in half, and then wash one side with Tide and one side with Oxi-Clean to reveal that Tide works best ... allegedly, of course. I think maybe I remember the video so vividly because Oxi-Clean was a staple in a house with four children, and we were mildly incensed that Tide, of all the overpriced detergent brands out there, would dare to

smear the name of Billy "THAT'S THE POWER OF OXI-CLEAN!" Mays.

We watched the ad spot a ton during all those hours of Lord of the Rings and "Anything you can do, I can do betterrrrr; I can do anything better than youuuuu!" became a refrain quite useful for annoying the heck out of each other.

We've all grown up and are generally much nicer to each other these days, but that commercial still pops into my head occasionally. In the end, sans advertising gimmicks, the goal is a washed shirt and a happy customer. Does the shirt really need to be covered in various grime and cut in half to see who "does it better"?

Apparently, yes. In fact, that principle and its accompanying jingle seems to apply to multiple situations, even in the realm of adulthood. We still lock ourselves

into tiny little subgroups of humanity (i.e. Team Tide v. Team Oxi-Clean) and try desperately to claw some sense of identity out of those restrictions, forgetting the end goal (Team-clean-and-not-chopped-in-half-shirt) completely.

It reminds me of middle school, or at least my limited experience with middle school. Cliques, subgroups, gossip, lies, backbiting, constant comparison and endless one-upping. Why anyone would ever want to repeat those experiences, I have no idea, and yet here we are.

The thing is, we're no longer dealing with problems like whose haircut is, "like, the worst, ohmah-gawsh," or who has the cooler pair of Steve Madden slides (I can still feel the ankle sprains from those bad boys).

We're facing serious issues socially, economically and other-

wise, and it feels like all we're doing is angstily picking at our sparkly nail polish while comparing our sixth grade science project to Sally-Mae-with-the-better-slides much cooler project.

If there's one thing we could all stand to remember, myself included, it's that pettiness doesn't pay, and the "anything you can do, I can do better" mentality just leaves us all depleted, discouraged and burned out.

Whether it's your side of the shirt, or my side of the shirt, the thing to remember is: it's the same shirt. If we can set aside the inconsequential and choose to put our collective efforts toward a common goal, my sincere hope is we don't end up ripped down the middle just to make a point.

#team-clean-and-also-not-chopped-in-half-shirt

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stockgrowers thankful for community support

Dear Editor:

In celebration of the successful Dance Without Wolves fundraiser, the Rio Blanco Stockgrowers, Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau and Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers would like to thank the community and individuals who helped make it such a success. Over 300 attended and approximately \$34,000 was raised. Proceeds will go towards Coloradans Protecting Wildlife's (CPW) efforts opposing the statewide ballot initiative to introduce wolves on the Western Slope of Colorado. Local and surrounding communities came together, and all contributed in a meaningful way. Purchasing dinner tickets, buying or donating auction items, donating time, and making direct donations to CPW; it all makes a difference. We can't thank you enough for your overwhelming support.

Thank you, general sponsors and supporters: 4M Ranch, Bank of the San Juans, Burke Brothers, Cimarron Telecommunications, CKP Insurance, Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Colorado Farm Bureau, Diamond Peak Cattle, Farm Bureau Insurance — James Amick, Harper Livestock, John and Sheryl Etchart, Livestock Exchange, Loma Livestock, M and M Cattle Company, Main Line Band, Meeker Fertilizer, Mountain Valley Bank, Mountain West Insurance and Financial Services, Nichols Store and Hume Distributing, Northwest Auto Sales and Service, Parts City, Rio Blanco Cattlewomen, Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau, Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers, Rio Blanco Herald Times, Rocky Mountain Machinery, Snyder and Counts Feed and Seed, Sterling Livestock Commission, Jim Santomaso, Torrington Livestock, US Tractor and Harvest, Villa Ranch, White River Electric Association, White's Construction and Excavation, Wyatt's Sports Center, Yampa Valley Bank.

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This was truly a community effort and we thank everyone who contributed time, effort, and/or financially. Attendees opened their wallets for this great cause, and we thank each of you who purchased auction items, made cash donations, etc. Rio Blanco Stockgrowers' President Brian Collins said, "We offer a special thanks to Stockgrowers and Farm Bureau Secretaries, Tristan Nielsen and Nancy Amick, for their endless hours and dedication to ensuring the success of this event. And a success it was." Thank you to Ma Famiglia restaurant and staff for the great meal and service along with the Colorado Farm Bureau staff for grilling the steaks. There was so much support that we likely missed some well-deserved acknowledgments but please know everyone's contribution is greatly appreciated.

Rio Blanco Stockgrowers Association

GUEST POST

Fluoridated water IS about healthy children and teeth!

By JOYCE KEY  
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Special to the Herald Times

RBC I In April you will be asked to vote to continue one of the most successful disease fighting programs this country has ever experienced. Please VOTE YES on Exhibit A. Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral in soil, it is truly "organic." The Rangely water treatment plant has updated equipment (installed in the recent remodeling project) to safely add the small amount of fluoride to our water supply necessary to battle the number one most prevalent childhood disease ages 6-19 years old. The Town of Rangely's water plant currently houses a 30-year supply of fluoride. Therefore, taxpayers will experience no further cost/expense to have this safe mineral added to our water, allowing our most precious commodity, our children, to have a fighting chance to combat dental disease.

As far as the other unsubstantiated "claims," fear tactics, and other misleading information out in the cyber world, include words like, "may, possibly, perhaps, maybe, or it is believed to..." to state their opinions as facts. The only scientifically evidenced-based studies that show adverse effects of fluoride are when the mineral is at harmful levels well above the regulated .7ppm. CDC=Center for Disease Control (https://www.cdc.gov/) NAM=National Academy of

at toxic levels. Even inhaling pure oxygen is deadly.

The American Dental Association says water fluoridation is a benefit here are few of their facts:

- From 2000 to 2004, 125 communities in 36 states of the U.S. voted to adopt fluoridation.

- In the right amounts, fluoride helps prevent dental decay.

- It is similar to adding vitamins to foods.

- Using fluoride in water to protect teeth reduces the need for costly dental procedures.

- Over 100 national and international health and other organizations recognize the benefits of added fluoride.

I encourage you to go to any of the legitimate organizations listed below to seek out accurate, evidence-based information on the benefits of water fluoridation.

AAFP=American Academy of Family Physicians (https://www.aafp.org/home.html)

AAP= American Academy of Periodontology (https://www.perio.org/)

AADR=American Association for Dental Research (https://www.iadr.org/AADR)

ADA=American Dental Association (https://www.ada.org/)

ADHA=American Dental Hygiene Association (https://www.adha.org/)

CDC=Center for Disease Control (https://www.cdc.gov/)

NAM=National Academy of

Medicine (https://nam.edu/)

WHO=World Health Organization (https://www.who.int/)

U.S. Surgeon General (https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/index.html)

American Heart Association (https://www.heart.org/)

American Dietetic Association (https://www.diet.com/g/american-dietetic-association)

American Academy of Pedodontics (https://www.aapd.org/)

US Public Health Services (https://usphs.gov/)

American Public Health Association (https://www.apha.org/)

American Medical Association (https://www.ama-assn.org/)

American Academy of Pediatrics (https://www.aap.org/)

Below are just a few quick links to professional and governmental websites that have accurate information (NOTE: Wikipedia is not regulated or supervised for accuracy, so not one of my references.)  
https://www.cdc.gov/grandrounds/pp/2013/20131217-water-fluoridation.html  
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/community-water-fluoridation

https://www.ada.org/en/public-programs/advocating-for-the-public/fluoride-and-fluoridation

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GUEST POST

# CNCC Foundation update

By SUE SAMANIEGO  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation Dinner always stirs up excitement in March. We are in the 16th year. This event serves as the main fundraising event for the college. What began as a dinner-dance is now a dinner and auction. Last year, the event raised over \$75,000. This year's event, slated for Saturday, March 28, is selling out quick.

The proceeds of the Dinner support student scholarships to help attract and keep students. In the past three years, scholarships through the Foundation rose from \$76,516 to \$146,440. Funding for these scholarships comes from a range of sources including donations from individuals and businesses, events, grants, and investments.

Scholarships make up the most visible work of the Foundation; however, its role is to make sure that the College has the funds to meet its mission: enhancing people's lives by providing an accessible, affordable, quality education. This can include funding outdated equipment, repairs to buildings and structures to improve appearance and safety, capital for building projects, and upgrades to academic programs through trainings or technology.

Last year, the Foundation fund-

ed a request for virtual reality equipment to enhance humanities classes. This equipment brought music and art appreciation to life. Students experiencing a classical music performance in a beautiful hall from the perspective of the conductor, the orchestra, and the audience became active learners versus passive listeners.

Also in 2019, the Foundation received a grant to replace a worn dental hygiene chair with a new, more advanced model. Three nursing faculty attended a professional conference to update their skills and provide their students with the latest techniques and research.

Current projects in the works include a \$3.8 million dollar request to fund expansion of the aviation flight and aviation maintenance programs to meet the demands of industry and the waiting list of students. The Foundation is helping the dental hygiene program fundraise for a humanitarian trip that would allow students to use their skills to help those without access to dental care, experience life outside of the United States, and build



Sue Samaniego

a love of giving back that will follow them throughout their lives. The Foundation is working with the athletics department to raise money for safety upgrades to the gym floor in Hefley that would allow CNCC to host the region tournament for basketball in 2022, bringing an economic boost to the community.

The Foundation also accepts gifts of items that can enhance programs at the College. For example, the Town of Rangely recently donated a police cruiser for the National Park Service Seasonal Law Enforcement Academy to use in training students. A generous alumnus donated a floatplane to the flight program, which will allow them to expand training opportunities to include water landings.

Of course, the Foundation could not do any of this without CNCC's supporters: Northwestern Colorado residents and businesses, CNCC alumni here and throughout the country, CNCC faculty and staff, and community members who attend CNCC events. These individuals, businesses, and grant funders are the true heroes. Thank you for what you do to support the CNCC vision.

For more information on CNCC Foundation projects, to purchase Foundation Dinner tickets, or to donate, contact Sue Samaniego, CNCC Foundation Director, at 970-675-3216 or sue.samaniego@cnc.edu.

GUEST POST

# 'I have found you an argument ...'

By DR. BOB DORSETT  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** As you read this, the final installment of Ms. Hemmerich's series on climate change appears in a column nearby. This article refers to her Guest Post Part 3 published last week.

I am reminded of the retort by Samuel Johnson, 18th century writer and lexicographer, to a gentleman with whom he had a prolonged debate. "Sir, I have found you an argument; but I am not obliged to find you an understanding." In these articles I can give you references to the scientific reports on climate, and I can point out the fallacies in climate denial. However, I cannot bestow understanding of that science. That takes careful study on your part. Real understanding requires immersion in the science itself, the hands-on field work, countless hours analyzing measurements from ice volume in glaciers, countless hours counting fossil foraminifers in ocean sediments, tedious decade after decade analysis of the solar output. I refer you to the scientific reports. I have collected previous publications and references on my website. (Dorsett, 2019.) I hope you might take time to read them, think about them, and study further.

Here are my thoughts about Ms. Hemmerich's Part 3. Her main allegations are outside the realm of pro-



Dr. Bob Dorsett

ductive debate. Climate science is a socialist conspiracy? Climate scientists are cult religious followers? They're all hypocrites because they burn fossil fuels, too? All nonsense. (Greta Thunberg, by the way, sailed from Sweden to the U.N. for her presentation and traveled by train and electric car between venues. Then she sailed back to Spain for the Climate Conference. AP, 2019) Ms. Hemmerich's unsubstantiated and misleading allegations serve no purpose to find understanding or to solve real problems.

Considering Ms. Hemmerich's claims that the climate models are wrong and that "we've been here before." As I have explained in previous publications (Dorsett, 2019), first thing you need to appreciate is what is a scientific 'model.' It is a set of mathematical equations (incorporated into computer algorithms for the climate models) that make predictions based on measurements. For example, Isaac Newton developed his model of gravity 350 years ago. Plug in the present position and velocity of Jupiter, say. Include Jupiter's mass, mass of the sun, and distance between them and Newton's model tells you where you'll find Jupiter tomorrow or next week or a year from now. Climate models work the same. Plug in measurements including this year's temperatures, solar flux, cloud cover, humidity, ocean currents, atmospheric gas concentrations and other parameters and the model will calculate temperatures next year, next decade, next century. The climate models work very well, and they're getting better. How do we know? Like all accepted models in science, they've been tested against actual

data. Give a climate model the data for the year 1900 and it will calculate climate in 1901, 1902, 1903 . . . Compare the model's output with actual climate data for those years. Results? The models reproduce the actual historical record of climate. And those models provide compelling evidence that recent rapid global warming is the result of greenhouse gas emissions. You can remove from the models the greenhouse gases we've dumped into the atmosphere, and the hockey stick temperature curve disappears. Include those gases in the models and the models match the temperature record, hockey stick and all.

And no, we have not been here before. There is no period in the climate record except perhaps the rebound from the Younger Dryas event 12,000 years ago in which global temperature has increased so rapidly (NOAA, 2011). Ecosystems don't have time to adapt. Life on earth is extraordinarily resilient, but ecosystems can't keep up with the consequences of today's increasing temperatures. We are pushing familiar life on earth beyond its tolerances.

Ms. Hemmerich acknowledges in her closing paragraphs that humans have some responsibility to protect God's Creation. Hopefully we can agree on a plan to do so.

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GUEST POST

# Climate change—is it a crisis? (Part 4)

By LEONA HEMMERICH  
Special to the Herald Times

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

Is Man responsible for at least some of the global warming? We must assume that premise is true, but the question then is — to what degree? In certain locales, such as big cities, man is definitely responsible for some of the climate since more people in a given area means more water is being used, and therefore more evaporation is taking place, which means in that area the humidity may make that area seem warmer. Given the fact, though, that much of this planet remains uninhabited, it doesn't make sense that those cities are affecting vast portions of the globe. When volcanoes erupt, the CO2 and other aerosols such as SO2 (sulfuric acid) they emit can have a big impact on the earth's climate. Depending upon the type of volcano, the emissions can have either a warming or a cooling effect. (1) Some volcanoes spew their emissions over five miles high, which will affect large portions of the globe. Just over 200 years ago Mt. Tambora in Indonesia erupted measuring a 7 on the Volcanic Eruption Index (VEI). This was equivalent to 800 megatons of TNT. (2) All the sulphur dioxide that was shot up into the stratosphere caused a global drop in temperature of about 1°C in just one year and resulted in 1816 being called the year without a summer. (3)

I remember when Mt. St. Helens erupted (VEI-5) in the state of Washington back in 1981. We were living in Denver, more than 1,000 miles away, at the time, and our car would get an ash dusting any time it was parked for more than a couple of hours. That lasted several days. In 1991, Mt. Pinatubo in the Philippines erupted so violently that the ash cloud rose 22 miles into the stratosphere. (4) This caused the hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica to expand and caused a .5°C cooling effect on the earth. (5)

According to the advocates of climate change as a crisis, the pollution from the volcanoes we see today do not equal the emissions from human activity, but other scientists say the ozone depletion that is caused by volcanoes like this are not being considered in that equation. (6) Of course we cannot blame volcanoes and other natural disasters for all the climate change we experience, but neither can we leave that aspect out of the picture.

In California they seem to think cows contribute too much methane and want farmers to control that. (7) While the farmers could all move to another country, like China, where there are no such concerns, and no one, not even Ms. Thunberg or others proclaiming this fear, to my knowledge, is visiting that country to make their case about climate change. While methane isn't CO2, it does eventually become CO2. During its short life as methane, apparently it does hold in heat. These components of our atmosphere that are called greenhouse gasses are very small portion of those gasses, comprising less than 0.1% of our total atmosphere, while H2O varies between 0-4% of the total atmosphere. (8) Yet it seems that those promoting this issue think all the small greenhouse gasses need to be eliminated, especially CO2. How do they expect plants to grow if you aren't willing to feed them the CO2 they need? (A little side note regarding another crisis of manure — according to Eric Morris, a PhD student studying transportation, back in the late 19th century, many were concerned about the amount of horse poop in the cities. He wrote a paper titled "Horse Power to Horse Power" citing the following historical information. Before the invention of the combustion engine using gasoline, and the primary mode of transportation was by horses, it was getting harder and harder for city workers to keep up with the required manure removal. In 1884 the London Times predicted that by 1950 horse manure in the streets of London would be piled 9 feet high. Another prognosticator from New York predicted that by the 1930s, the manure would reach up to the windows on the third floor of the buildings in Manhattan. I, for one, am very glad that we not only don't have to put up the stench of that prediction, we also don't have the diseases caused by breathing in those aerosols, which, when concentrated, can be toxic. (9)

Considering the fact that we have never in recorded history ever seen the climate remain constant, should we really be fearful to the point of alarmism that we will all die as a result of climate change? As Dr. Soon would ask, shouldn't we consider the sun and other natural events into the equation rather than just assuming man is entirely responsible for any and all climate change? The fact that as we've grown in population and grown in industrialization, means we are no longer the agricultural society of two centuries ago. Thanks to innovation, we are using cleaner methods of heating our homes — natural gas (NG), coal and oil vs. wood or dung. Yes, some use electricity, but much of that is also produced

by NG, coal and oil, and we also know that those worried about the environment don't want anymore dams built to provide hydroelectric power. Even the "clean" energy produced by wind and other sources requires fossil fuel — both for operation and to manufacture them. (10) Of course, there are other problems with windmills as well. (11)

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We inadvertently switched Ms. Hemmerich's Part 3 and Part 4 of her series.

GUEST POST

# Colorado must balance recreation and farming with NEPA reform

By BOB RANKIN AND JEFF RECTOR  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** There are hopeful signs for Colorado's economic prospects in 2020. The Centennial State is not far removed from a record tourism year and the recently relaxed trade tensions with China, Mexico, and Canada mean farmers and ranchers are optimistic about commerce opportunities. Now West Slope Coloradans have an opportunity to offer support for even greater enhanced tourism and agricultural

growth by encouraging proposed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reforms that aim to cut down on unnecessary delays to infrastructure projects — delays which have been a drag on tourism, agriculture, and economic development.

NEPA, originally signed into law by President Nixon in 1970, requires agencies to conduct environmental reviews on proposed infrastructure projects. Since its signing, the statute has ballooned into burdensome regulation that delays projects and drives up costs. The Trump Administration's

Council on Environment Quality (CEQ) has recently identified a number of potential reforms.

In Colorado there is a productive working relationship between our tourism and agriculture industries. In fact, many of our operations dovetail closely to one another. Ranchers and farmers provide foodstuff for the many restaurants and tourist attractions while the outdoor community—hikers, bikers, and skiers—generate and spread demand for the agriculture indus-

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# The Parable of the Good Samaritan (4)

By Dr. J. D. Watson  
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... But a certain Samaritan ... had compassion ... (Lk. 10:25–37)



Dr. J.D. Watson

**H**AVE you ever thought about the victim in this story, perhaps even putting yourself in his place? Imagine if this were a real incident. Perhaps he was conscious after the attack and saw those who passed by. Perhaps he reached out a hand in a plea for help or even had enough strength to speak and beg those passersby for aid. How does one turn his back on the life or death needs of a fellow human being?

Fifth, only the Samaritan saw a person to assist. A Samaritan! While the priest would have been the most likely one to aid a fellow Jew, a Samaritan was by far the most unlikely. When the northern tribes of Israel were taken into Assyrian captivity in 722 BC (the monarch Sargon, who took his name from the famous Sargon of Accad, claimed to have taken 27,290 captives), it inevitably led to their intermarrying with pagans, which then produced children of mixed blood. These were the Samaritans, who established their own priesthood, temple, and ceremonies. The result was a genetic hatred between the Jews and the Samaritans. Part of a Pharisee's morning prayer, in fact, was to thank God he was not born a Gentile, woman, or Samaritan. In this Samaritan, however, we see three characteristics.

(1) *Sympathy—he had compassion on him* (v. 33). The Greek (*splagchnizomai*) goes much deeper than mere pity, rather "to feel deeply or viscerally." The same word is used in 15:20 for the father's compassion for his prodigal son and several times of our Lord as He looked upon lost sinners (Matt. 9:36; 14:14; 15:32; 18:27). This kind of sympathy flows from one who thinks of others instead of himself. If a Samaritan could have this for a Jew, what does that say about our attitude toward a fellow believer (or even a

stranger) in need?

(2) *Service*. Verse 34 describes the Samaritan disinfecting (with the **wine**), soothing, salving (with the **oil**), and bandaging the **wounds**, putting the man on his **own beast** (probably a donkey), taking him to an **inn**, and caring for him. Perhaps he even kept a vigil throughout the night, regularly checking on him. Here is true service, service that neither requires, nor even expects, anything in return.

(3) *Sacrifice* (v. 35). The Samaritan could have easily, and perhaps even justifiably, left the next morning without another thought for the man. After all, he had without doubt saved the man's life and done much to contribute to his recovery. But, no, he gave the innkeeper **two pence** (denarii), which was two day's wages for a common laborer, enough to pay for several weeks room and board. Still further, he promised more, if needed, when he returned.

The story ends with Jesus asking, in effect, "So who was the real neighbor to this man?" and then adding, **Go, and do thou likewise** (vv. 36–37). **Likewise** indeed! Only a transformed believer can (and must) love like that.

*Scriptures for Study*: What does the Apostle John tell us in the following verses: 1 John 3:16–18; 3:23–24; 4:11?

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

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try. Similarly, the industries share vulnerabilities. For example, the Upper Fryingpan Vegetation Management Project would add to the beauty of Colorado by implementing a 1,631 acre vegetation and habitat resiliency program, insulating the land from external shocks and cultivate healthy game populations. As District Ranger Karen Schroyer noted "This project will provide forest products to the local and regional industry while also improving forest resilience and habitat..." Unfortunately, the project has turned into a missed opportunity and is yet to get off the ground after three years in NEPA related litigation.

Other projects in Colorado and around the nation have fallen to a similar fate. For instance, water storage projects, which are so crucial to maintaining a sustainable long-term supply of water, are routinely consigned to languish for years in NEPA purgatory awaiting final approval. These delays often stretch unnecessarily into decades. The White River water storage project near Rangely CO, is already taking years just to receive the necessary state approvals, before even getting to the NEPA analysis stage. With things as they currently are, the NEPA process could hold that particular project up for another decade or more.

To combat future delays to critical infrastructure projects like the White River storage project, the CEQ has proposed a slate of revisions to the NEPA statute aimed at protecting agencies' attention to environmental stewardship while improving and streamlining the approval procedures. Specifically, the CEQ recommends implementing a two-year time limit for environmental impact statements and a one-year limit for less intensive assessments. Further, lead agencies are to strengthen their role as the primary authority on approval to cut down on disputes and delays between agencies. Updates to NEPA come on the back of some startling recent findings by the CEQ that A) the average environmental impact statement took 4.5

years; final environmental impact statements averaged 669 pages; and a fourth of environmental impact states took more than 6 years.

Welcoming NEPA reform can save projects in Colorado, foster growth for the agriculture and tourism industries, and provide for water storage infrastructure. Coloradans should be familiar with the 1-70 Expansion Project. The \$1.2 billion project to expand 12 miles of highway near Denver has only just begun construction after its environmental impact statement took 13 years and totaled nearly 16,000 pages. Tourism and agriculture industries will eventually both benefit from the 1-70 Expansion, which will alleviate congestion for outgoing agricultural goods and incoming tourists, but a 13-year delay is unacceptable and costly for Coloradans.

At 50 years old, NEPA resembles burdensome and antiquated red tape. Coloradans' support of the statute's reform will bring about positive change to industries that have been hamstrung by delays, and will allow vital efforts like the White River water storage project to come to fruition in a reasonable period of time, while still providing for ample environmental review. Public comment on the rules remains open until March 10, and all Coloradans should join together to support a streamlined NEPA so that our state's current and future development projects will benefit.

Bob Rankin is Colorado State Senator for Senate District 8. Jeff Rector is a County Commissioner for Rio Blanco County.



Bob Rankin



Jeff Rector



## ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

Snow may not be everyone's favorite, but it's great for keeping dust and allergens under control. The recent melt has led to pretty spectacular dust clouds cropping up on the streets of Meeker, reminiscent of the wild west. The street sweeper, a herald of spring, has started making the rounds. Let's hope it helps.

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

# Rangely Fire District requests mill levy increase

By ROXIE FROMANG  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Board of Trustees met Feb. 25. In attendance were Mayor Andy Shaffer and trustees Luke Geer, Alisa Granger, Keely Ellis, Andy Key and Tyson Hacking.

### PETITIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

Tim Webber, representing Rangely Rural Fire Protection District which was formed in 1973, addressed the council and audience to request a small mill levy increase. Currently the department receives .874 mills and they would like to increase that to 2 mills. According to Webber's presentation, revenue from taxes to be received in 2020 from the .874 mills is \$250,176 per year. If the voters approve the increase the amount will be \$572,874 per year based on the current assessed value. The increased revenue would allow the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District to continue to operate and help cover the cost of replacing aging equipment, specifically vehicles ranging from 1995 to the newest 2012 model. Their 24-year-old air system has required major repairs almost annually for five years in order to pass yearly inspections. The

approximate replacement cost for that equipment is \$100,000.

Currently the department has 34 firefighters, several of whom have 10 or more years of experience. Between 2015-2019 they responded to 548 total calls. The majority of calls were vehicle accidents, followed by brush fires. The department will be looking into grants to help with funding but will need to first show an increase to their mill levy, which has not been increased since 1997. For more information contact board chair Tim Webber, Andy Shaffer, or budget officer Linda Gordon.

### COMMUNITY AND BOARD MEETINGS

Tim Webber is back on the RDA/RDC Board. The last meeting was reported as being extremely productive with many in attendance. The RDA/RDC board have created committees to help move projects forward. Ellis spoke briefly about their SWOT analysis, in which they identified what they would like to pursue, including a partnership with CNCC for aviation expansion, attracting a call center, investment opportunities with vacant buildings, and service training for marketing Rangely to visitors. On March 24 town council and the RDA/RDC board will hold a joint meeting at Rangely Town Hall. Senator Bennett was on the CNCC Rangely Campus and met with community leaders. Officials met with Senator Rankin on Feb. 22 and Ellis said he heard from this region about its current struggles.

### SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Janet Miller is busy coordinating the town flower order. The tentative planting date is

the last weekend of April at the Community Gardens. All community members are welcome at the planting. In the past they have offered a meal to volunteers.

Miller reported there is one vacant apartment being renovated at White River Village.

Snow removal and maintenance have been a priority over the winter months.

Residents and staff enjoyed a Stop the Bleed and AED classes. They are holding a regular Chair Yoga Class targeted to seniors to which the public is invited.

Miller thanked Family Dollar and the radio station which brought Valentine's Day gifts to the residents at the White River Village.

### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Piering met with Senator Bennet and Rankin during their visit to Rangely. Piering said Rangely's median wage is too high to participate in many of the rural initiative programs and that was a topic of discussion with both senators.

Piering will be attending a public input meeting at the hospital hosted by the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District to discuss the possible creation of a rural water district. On March 17 and 18 the town will be presenting to DOLA on their waterline project.

Ginger Scott with the Northwest Transportation Group sent out an email about grant funding from CDOT and Piering believes that there is an opportunity to match their other CDOT grant and complete the engineering for the CNCC trail loop that runs along the backside of the college.

AGNC reminded members to

make comments for the National Environmental Policy Act that will be making some changes. Piering encouraged members to contact the Rio Blanco County Commissioners if they would like to add comments.

A special financing tour will be coming to Grand Junction on March 19-20. They have funding and development ideas on how to improve Rangely's downtown and Jeannie Caldwell or Piering will try to attend. Piering reports that Town Marketing Director Jeannie Caldwell has been getting to know everyone and has been meeting with special districts. She's working with Connie Billgren with the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce on upcoming events and with Rio Blanco County Economic Development. They both attended the last AGNC meeting. She is also working on the town's social media presence. The town is working on maintaining their website rather than through a third party. The Colorado Oil and Gas Commission is moving forward with their new mandates which is to regulate rather than foster oil and gas. They have a comment period that Piering will forward to the trustees. Piering reports that all departments have a lot of projects going on as soon as the snow melts.

### NEW BUSINESS

Geer moved to approve the January 2020 financials and Ellis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CNCC Foundation Director Sue Samaniego spoke about last year's Foundation Dinner prior to the vote to approve the Special Event Permit for the 16th annual CNCC Foundation Dinner. The dinner, with a live and silent auction, will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 5:30-9 p.m.

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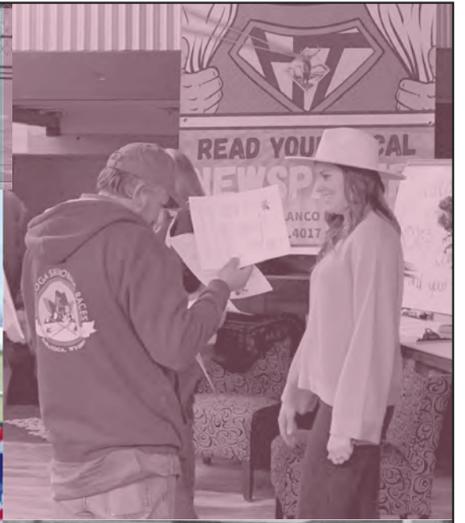
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- Range Call Rodeo and Celebration
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COURTESY PHOTO

# RB Water Conservancy floats idea for rural water district

By **ROXIE FROMANG**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** Alden Vanden Brink, district manager of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District made a very interesting proposal to thirsty property owners on Feb. 27. The concept of creating a rural water district to provide a reliable, high-quality potable water supply and service to property, individuals and businesses was presented for community input and discussion. There's a large demographic of homes and properties outside the service area of the Town of Rangely water system. The proposed service area would be any property within the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District boundaries; outlying areas not presently served by the Town of Rangely.

Vanden Brink, armed with bid information from engineering and consulting firm AE2S, offered meeting attendees tentative financials for the project.

This would not be a tax increase but rather a membership paid for by members and other funding. Vanden Brink proposed an initial one-time membership fee of \$2,000-\$4,000 with a request for a \$1,000 down payment per hook-up for those interested in joining. The remaining \$1,000-\$3,000 for membership would be requested once a feasibility study is complete and the members decide to move forward with the creation of a rural water district. If service cannot be provided the full membership fee would be reimbursed. With membership would come a 5-year service guarantee once water service is available to the preferred location. After that a monthly minimum service fee of \$119 per month would be necessary without securing any grant funding, but if grant funding is secured the service fee drops to \$55 per month with a 46% grant. The monthly minimum does not include a specified quantity of water. Vanden

Brink cautioned that the level of participation will determine fees and funding. The example used for the presentation was establishing water service to Rio Blanco County Road 2, with 30 participating property owners with an estimated total probable project cost of approximately \$1,206,130. Besides the membership and user fees, project financing can be obtained by many sources including local, state and federal grants, as well as state and federal loans.

Moving the project forward, the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District will hold more public meetings to identify public interest and primary service areas followed by identifying funding for a feasibility study (grants, membership commitments, etc.). A complete feasibility analysis would need to be completed and if found feasible and members vote in favor, Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District will create a Rural Water Enterprise.

## QUICK TAKE:

**Vanden Brink's proposal to create a rural water district would not include a tax increase. It would be funded by membership fees and other sources like grants.**

After that they will secure outstanding membership fees, secure project financing and begin the permitting and construction phase.

If you are interested in more information about the proposed creation of a rural water district or you would like to be notified of future meetings and project updates you can contact the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District at 2252 East Main in Rangely, call 970-675-5055, or email rbwcd@yahoo.com.

# CDLE names Office of Just Transition director

Submitted by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

**RBC** Wade Buchanan, Governor Jared Polis' Director of Policy and Research, has been named Director of the Office of Just Transition, which will be housed under the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE). The office, created by HB19-1314, will focus on how to assist workers and communities impacted by Colorado's move away from coal-based electrical generation. Buchanan will be leaving his current position at the end of the month.

"Due to price reductions and technological advances, the shift toward renewable energy is well underway," said Governor Polis. "As we work toward achieving 100 percent renewable energy by 2040, we need to make sure that Coloradans in coal-dependent communities have the tools they need to thrive in today and tomorrow's economy. Wade is just the

right person to lead the office's efforts as our economy makes this transition."

"Wade has years of experience advocating for practical and sensible energy and natural resource policy," said Joe Barela, Executive Director of CDLE. "His ability to build coalitions, as well as his wealth of knowledge and significant leadership experience, will serve the state well as we all work together to ensure we create an economy that elevates all Coloradans."

Prior to serving in Governor Polis' office, Buchanan was a senior advisor on aging in the Hickenlooper administration, president of the Bell Policy Center, a public policy organization, and acting executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and director of the Colorado Office of Energy Conservation in the administration of former-Governor Roy Romer.

The Office of Just Transition created a Just Transition Advisory

Committee, charged with developing a draft just transition plan and presenting it to the governor and general assembly by December 31, 2020. The bill's language requires that the draft include information and recommendations concerning proposed:

Benefits for former coal workers to help them support themselves and their families, including access to education and training leading to high-quality jobs;

Strategies to assist communities that are dealing with the closure of coal mines, coal-fired power plants and other major employers due to the transition to cleaner energy sources;

Grants and other sustainable sources of funding to assist eligible entities in coal transition communities that seek to create a more diversified, equitable, and vibrant economic future for these communities.

More information on the Just Transition initiative can be found at [justtransition.cdle.co](http://justtransition.cdle.co).

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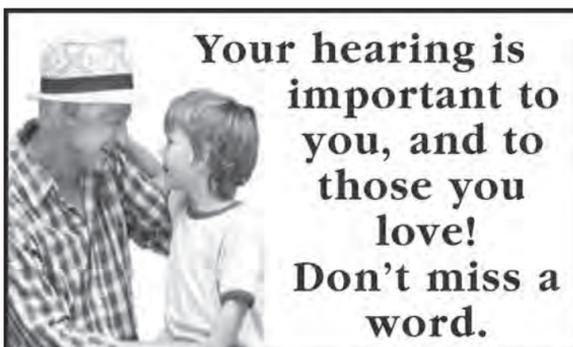


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## DISTRICT CHAMPS!

### Lady Cowboys to host regional competition



CATHIE DOLAN PHOTO

The 2019/2020 lady Cowboys will host regional competition Friday and Saturday, vying for an opportunity to head to state competition.

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

**MEEKER |** The lady Cowboys are district champions and will host regionals in Meeker, playing for a chance for the second year in a row to the big show.

Sarah Kracht with 16 points and Julia Dinwiddie with 12 led the Cowboys in a 53-36 win over the Hayden Tigers.

"We came out and controlled the entire game," commented head coach Jamie Rogers. "The defense did their job and created a lot of turnovers which led to Meeker scoring."

Dinwiddie and Hallie Knowles, each with 11 rebounds, dominated the defensive boards.

Saturday the Cowboys had a slow start, Hotchkiss came out in the first quarter outscoring the Cowboys 22-18, but the Bulldogs couldn't hold on.

"Hotchkiss came ready to play," Rogers said. "They forced us to turn

the ball over and it took us into the middle of the first quarter before we started controlling the game and then we maintained control the rest of the time."

Dinwiddie with 22 points and Kracht and Kirsten Brown with a combined 22 points, led the Cowboys to the 53-36 victory.

Defensively Dinwiddie was only one rebound away from going a triple-double for her stats.

"Julia was really alive in the middle of the press and set the tone," Rogers said.

The district win means the Cowboys will now host Telluride, Wray and Calhan in the Region 8 tournament. On Friday Meeker will play Telluride first and then Wray and Calhan will be game two; the two winners will then play Saturday. Friday's games begin at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday the game is at 1 p.m.

Remember that only CHSAA passes will be accepted, no district passes in postseason play.

### Panthers season comes to a close at district tournament



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**RHS juniors Sydney Cole (left) and Gabe Polley (right) led in scoring for their team in games against the Vail Christian Saints and Paonia last weekend in DeBeque in the district tournament. The boys lost to Vail 74-45 at home, and dropped the consolation game in DeBeque to the Paonia Eagles 43-48.**

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY |** The No. 8 Rangely Panthers traveled to No. 1 seeded Vail Christian for a class 2A District 5 quarterfinal game. Earlier in the season, the Vail Christian Saints defeated the Panthers 74-45 in Rangely. The Saints did not expect the Panthers to match pace with them, but the Panthers did just that, tying the game late in the third quarter. The Saints eventually broke free with their transition game in the final quarter earning a 72-57 victory. Sydney Cole led the Panthers with 24 points and 15 rebounds, followed by Gabe Polley and Ryan Richens with 12 and 10

points respectively. The loss to Vail Christian moved Rangely to the consolation bracket where they faced Paonia on Thursday in DeBeque. Paonia's defense prevailed in the first half as they took a 23-17 lead into halftime. Rangely outscored Paonia 12 -6 in the third quarter, but Paonia's seniors stepped up in the fourth to earn a 43-38 win over the Panthers, ending their season. Sydney Cole once again led the Panthers with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Gabe Polley contributed eight points and eight rebounds, while Dylan LeBleu pitched seven points and four assists.



CATHIE DOLAN PHOTO

**MHS senior Kirsten Brown had 10 points, four rebounds and two steals against Hotchkiss.**



CATHIE DOLAN PHOTO

**MHS senior Elijah Deming goes up for a shot in the game against Plateau Valley.**

### Cowboys take 2nd in district, head to Vail for regionals



CATHIE DOLAN PHOTO

Coming in second at district competition in De Beque last weekend, the Meeker Cowboys will begin regional competition in Vail Friday at 4 p.m. against Yuma. The winner will advance to the finals Saturday at 1 p.m., also in Vail. Meeker is ranked second in the Region 8 teams after Vail Mountain.

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

**MEEKER |** The Cowboys had two nail biters this weekend in district play. Friday, after the decisive win over Soroco on Tuesday, Meeker took on the Cowboys from Plateau Valley.

A one-point game, Meeker took victory 57-56 and looked forward to a chance to play for first place.

Vail Mountain, who was victorious over Vail Christian the night before, came ready to play. Meeker won the previous match 49-33, but Vail's lineup had changed this game.

The first quarter the Cowboys had a slow start but outscored the Gore Rangers for the next three quarters to end regular time tied.

In overtime the Rangers hit a three-point goal followed by a two-pointer before the Cowboys were able to answer. With a heartbreaking loss of 59-64, the Cowboys sealed up second place and will now travel to Vail for regionals.

Region 8 teams this year are, in order of rank, Vail Mountain, Meeker, Yuma and Clear Creek. Meeker will take on Yuma in game one Friday at 4 p.m., the winner will advance to the final Saturday at 1 p.m.

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3/7 @ VAIL 1pm

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONALS**  
3/6 @ HOME v. TELLURIDE 5:30pm  
3/7 @ HOME 1pm

#### PANTHERS

■ **TRACK**  
3/15 @ Rifle  
3/23 @ Hotchkiss

# Barone wrestlers take first place at Gypsum Invitational



The Barone Middle School wrestlers opened their season last Tuesday with a triangular between Meeker, Craig and Hayden, then traveled to Gypsum, where they took first place.

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

**MEEKER I** Tuesday was the opening of the wrestling season for Barone Middle School (BMS). Their first matches of the year, a triangular between Meeker, Craig and Hayden.

"The kids looked nervous against Hayden but battled back against Craig," commented head coach Todd Morris.

Meeker triumphed over Hayden 62-45 but fell to Craig 65-52.

"The boys worked hard during practice after the Tuesday night slow start, and it paid off. We have a lot of seventh graders who are very green but learning fast; the eighth graders that wrestled last year have grown into men. We have had a few in the heavier weights in the past years, but this year we have 10 boys from 150-190 lbs. This is also the first time in a few years that we have had a 70 lb. wrestler," Morris said.

Saturday Meeker traveled to Gypsum for the Gypsum Creek Invitational with 16 teams and BMS took first, crowning eight champions: Connor Rose, Zeek Giannetti, Adrianna Price, Tanner Goodwin, Teagan Sheridan, Brendan Clatterbaugh,

Judd Harvey and Noah Leblanc all placed. "Price, Clatterbaugh, Harvey and Leblanc all had tough matches in the finals, but were able to come out with wins wrestling very hard and smart," Morris said.

Finishing in second was Bo Muxlow and Xavier Leblanc, third was Wil Schwartz, Levi Caulfield, Hayden Gallob, Lynn Gallob and Cade Blunt, and fourth Dylan Hobbs, Dawson Richardson and Hayden Shults, all scoring valuable team points.

"I am proud of each and every one of them as they all improved, and that is what we want as coaches," Morris said. "As a reward, we have a weekly milkshake move if you successfully complete [it] during a match. [It] cost me 33 milkshakes before the day was over and was well deserved to the kids, as they scored 275 points, 83 points ahead of second-place Fruita, and 57 pins," Morris said.

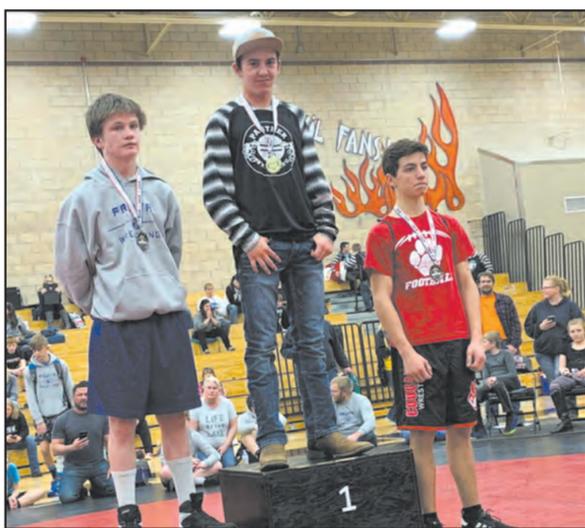
"I'd like to thank Ellie Hossack, Finley Deming and Narely Oliva, my managers; Kurt Blunt and Steve Gianinetti, my assistants; and all the parents that helped. With five mats going the coaches were stretched thin," wrapped up Morris. "It shows that Meeker wrestling is a huge family."

This week the team wrestles Thursday and Saturday in Rifle and Soroco.

# Three Rangely Jr. High wrestlers bring home first place medals



Aiden Christian (left), Kobey Chism (center) and Jaxon Torsell (right) all earned first place medals at the 16-team Gypsum Creek Middle School Wrestling Invitational last Saturday. The young Rangely team has 15 grapplers out for the season. They'll be in Oak Creek Saturday for the Soroco Invitational.



By **ROXIE FROMANG**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Rangely's junior high wrestlers competed in the 16 team Gypsum Creek Middle School Wrestling Invitational on Leap Day last weekend. Rangely has 15 grapplers this season including Gage Nielsen, Robert Murray, Drew Zadra, Landon Carlson, Aiden Christian, Clay Allred, Isaiah Moody, Trenton Long, Kobey Chism, Kolby Olsen, Jaxon Torsell, Wyatt Petty,

Braden Lucas, Marcos Quintana and Colin Zadra (who was unable to compete due to illness).

For being such a young team, these wrestlers gave it their all. Placing at their respective weights were first placers Aiden Christian, who toughed out a battle to beat Iris Renteria of Grand Valley 8-4; Kobey Chism, wrestling against familiar opponent Leo Meraz of Glenwood Springs and won the nail biter 3-2. Jaxon Torsell and Cade Blunt of Meeker wrestled a dog fight of a match, leaving it to overtime, and a young referee to decide the match.

Torsell was the victor as he was able to get the call to move on to the finals. Third place winner Robert Murray, and fourth place finisher Gage Nielsen wrestled all the other competition in their round robin bracket.

Coach Ryan Torsell said, "There were a lot of things that the team did great...and there are a lot of things to work on this coming week. Overall the kids did great and we are excited for the season."

The team will travel to Oak Creek on Saturday, March 7 for the Soroco Invitational.

# Lady Panthers basketball season comes to an end

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely lady Panthers basketball team closed out their season at the 2A Western Slope District Tournament Thursday, Feb. 27 in DeBeque, Colorado. The lady Panthers were the sixth seed in the tournament and started the tournament by traveling to the third seed Soroco Rams on Tuesday, Feb. 25. The lady Panthers fell to the Rams earlier in the season to a score of 32-38 on Jan. 31.

Looking to avenge the previous loss and advance to the quarterfinals of the district tournament was the Panthers' number one goal of the game. The game went back and forth as each team traded the lead in the first half. At the end of the first quarter the Rams held a slight 10-8 lead over

the Panthers. Heading into the halftime break, the Panthers found themselves still down in the score by seven points, 24-17. Hot-shooting by the Rams fueled their first-half performance. The Panthers consistently rebounded and played great defense but the Rams were able to convert on numerous shots throughout the first half to give them the seven-point advantage.

In the third quarter the Panthers could not get into an offensive rhythm to bring the lead of the game back into their advantage. The Rams added 11 more points to the Panthers seven to make the score 35-24 heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter the Panthers were able to find their best offensive rhythm of the game. The Panthers outscored the Rams 21-20 in the quarter

but this was not enough to overcome the advantage held by the Rams. The Panthers fell to the Rams by 10 points 45-55. Offensively the Panthers were led in scoring by Mary Scoggins with 15 points, Kacie Lapp with 12, Hannah Wilkie with 11, Zoey Peck with five and Adelynn Halcomb and Shauna Lapp added one point each to the score. With the loss the Panthers were pushed to the consolation bracket of the district tournament where they played the Paonia Eagles on Thursday, Feb. 27 at DeBeque High School.

The Panthers were once again looking to avenge a regular-season loss to the Paonia Eagles and chance to play for fifth place which would advance the Panthers to the Colorado Regional Tournament. Unfortunately the quick pace of the game proved to be too much for the Panthers as they fell to the Eagles 29-34. Offensively the Lady Panthers were led in scoring by Hannah Wilkie with 12 points, and Mary Scoggins with 11. This loss marked the end of three high school careers for senior Panthers Hannah Wilkie, Zoey Peck and Susan Gillard.

For the season the lady Panthers ended with a 13-8 overall record with a 6-5 record in league play. The Panthers will return three of their five starters and will look to fill those spots from their lower classes who all experienced numerous varsity minutes throughout the season. The Panthers will return for next season with seniors Kacie Lapp and Dixie Rhea, juniors Mary Scoggins, Adelynn Halcomb, Shauna Lapp, Elyssa Byers, and sophomores Rylee Allred and Kyrah Phelps.



RHS sophomore Mary Scoggins led her team in scoring against the Soroco Rams with 15 points at the district tournament in DeBeque last weekend.

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10U rec. team & 7-8 year old t-ball/ coach pitch will be offered through ERBM Recreation and Park District this summer.



It's o-fish-ial! Fishing licenses are valid starting March 1. You may purchase yours online, by phone, at your local CPW office or at any authorized sales agents statewide.

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## It's o-fish-ally fishin' season

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds anglers the upcoming 2020-2021 fishing season is upon us. This year, fishing licenses became available and valid on Sunday, March 1.

New this year, the 2020-2021 fishing license is valid March 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Regulations and pricing for annual, daily and multi-day fishing licenses can be found in the 2020 Colorado Fishing Brochure. For individuals ages 18-64, a \$10 Habitat Stamp is required with the first license purchase for the year. Youth under age 16 can fish for free, and CPW provides opportunities throughout the season to learn how to fish.

Coloradans and non-resident visitors can purchase fishing licenses online, by phone at 1-800-244-5613, at your local CPW office or at any of our hundreds of authorized sales agents statewide. CPW does not receive

general tax dollars and fishing license fees support all statewide hatchery and fish-stocking operations.

CPW stocks 90 million fish annually into waters throughout Colorado in order to ensure quality angling opportunities. Waters of Colorado are open to taking fish, amphibians, mollusks and crustaceans both day and night, year-round, except as otherwise provided in the Fishing Regulations Brochure.

Whether you enjoy line fishing, ice fishing or fly fishing, Colorado provides 6,000 miles of streams and more than 1,300 lakes and reservoirs. Fishing in Colorado opens the prospect to catch 35 species of warm-water and cold-water fish.

Fishing is a great activity to share with family and friends, and the perfect chance to get outside and enjoy Colorado's natural resources.

"Spring is around the corner and so is the opportunity to get out and enjoy the Colorado life-

style by going fishing," said CPW Angler Education Coordinator Howard Horton. "If you are new to fishing there are many classes offered around the state. Classes are available for new anglers, families, or seasoned anglers that want to learn a new way to fish."

CPW fishing classes, events, seminars and tournaments are posted on the Fishing News and Events web page.

When planning your next fishing trip, download our free fishing apps, available on the AppStore or Google Play. The CPW Fishing App allows anglers to research fishing locations and species availability, check water conditions, track catches and read the latest regulations. Our new Match a Hatch App is designed to help fly anglers identify the flies that are hatching in Colorado each month and find an appropriate artificial fly to use to fish.

For more information about fishing in Colorado, visit the CPW website.

## Shed hunting prohibited through Apr. 30

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds shed hunters that the collection and possession of antlers or horns on all public lands west of I-25 is prohibited between Jan. 1 and April 30 each year.

This closure, in place since 2018, is intended to protect wintering animals from unnecessary human disturbance during the late winter months when ungulate body condition is at its worst.

"The closure has been very successful in protecting wildlife during the late winter, however, there are still some who have ignored the closures," said wildlife officer Garrett Smith. "The driving force for shed collection is money, and when you put a price tag on something, you will have people who will go to great lengths to exploit that."

This closure is for public lands only; the collection of antlers and horns on private lands is still permitted. However, permission to access private lands is always required regardless of the time of year.

Due to a recently approved increase in wildlife-related fines, the possession of a single antler or horn will cost you \$137 and 5 license suspension points. Accumulation of 20 or more points may lead to suspensions of hunting and fishing privileges in Colorado and 48 other states, which include all of Colorado's neighboring states.

As two people in Moffat County recently discovered, CPW is taking the closure very seriously. The two individuals were identified as Lucas Price and Bobby Higginbotham of Vernal, Utah. Both were convicted for the possession of 17 elk antlers in March of 2019 and have had their hunting and fishing privileges suspended for one year as of January 2020. Both individuals also received a fine of \$1,233 for possessing the antlers. Price and Higginbotham were contacted by wildlife officials while on snowmobile in game management unit 10, an area that is managed for quality hunting opportunity by CPW. Wildlife officer Smith also stated that this area has seen a large amount of attention by shed collectors due to the size of elk and deer antlers known to be in this unit.

In this case, the individuals were found to have collected the antlers on BLM land, while others have resorted to trespassing on private property to try and escape the closure rules. In conjunction with the closure, if a person is found to be in possession of shed antlers while trespassing they will be charged for the possession of those antlers as well.

CPW encourages people with information about illegal shed collection to call their local CPW office or the Operation Game Thief (OGT) hotline at 1-877-265-6648. Tips to OGT may earn you monetary rewards, individuals who call OGT may remain anonymous.



### CALL REVIEW

FEB. 24-MARCH 1, 2020

Meeker Dispatch Center administered 349 phone calls last week including 27 911 calls, 27 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 89 outgoing calls. A total of 150 calls for service were created, 50 for the Sheriff's Office, 46 for MPD.

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

- Law enforcement conducted 16 traffic stops
- Sheriff's Deputies issued 6 citations on 11 stops and 1 traffic arrest
- MPD issued 2 citations on 19 stops
- There was one DUI and one traffic arrest
- 7 traffic crashes occurred in RBC, four involving wildlife. RBSO and MPD assisted Colorado State Patrol on 6 calls.

Sheriff's Deputies responded to 50 requests for service

- 2 911 hangups/tests
- 8 agency assists
- 3 animal calls
- 6 security checks
- 7 attempts to serve civil papers
- 4 citizen assists
- 2 civil
- 2 domestic violence
- 2 fraud
- 3 motorist assists
- One each: alarm, DUI, traffic complaint and VIN inspection

Meeker Police Department responded to 46 requests for service

- 2 911 misdials/tests
- 2 Agency Assists
- 3 animal calls
- 23 business checks
- 3 citizen assists
- 3 suspicious incidents
- 3 vin inspections
- One each: harassment, restraining order violation, theft, traffic accident and warrant arrest

Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to 7 calls

- 2 ambulance requests and assisted CSP on two traffic crashes

Rio Blanco Detentions

- 14 current inmates, 12 males and 2 females
- 2 warrant arrests
- 1 bond revocation
- 9 booked, 8 by RBCSO and 1 from MPD
- 14 inmates released
- 2 transports to or from other facilities.

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



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Kids: color stuff in!



Practice, practice, practice!

## Arts are Alive!

What does the word **art** mean to you? Art is what people do creatively to share their view of the world with other people. Their expressions may be shown through painting, drawing, poetry, dance, sculpture, acting, music or other art forms.

Music is the art of making sounds. It can be created by making sounds with your voice or by playing instruments. You can keep a piece of music "alive" by writing it down or recording it.

Dance is created by moving the body. Many of the actions or movements are repeated. People in all parts of the world enjoy dance. It is kept in memories and on film. It is passed on from one person to another.

Art lets us create using materials. Paint, charcoal, clay, paper and glue are just a few things you can use to share your ideas and express your feelings.



Try your hand at writing a poem, story or song.



### Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with people creating art!

1. thinks about color, light, form; uses brushes, paints, canvas to make a picture
2. plays a character in a movie, TV show, on radio or on the stage
3. writes and directs musical scores for an orchestra, theatre, film, radio
4. takes photographs with film or digital cameras; the use of light is important
5. makes images in frames that are moved quickly to bring action in cartoons, movies, on web sites
6. creates the look, details of clothing fashions, new items, games
7. makes art using the tools on a computer: posters, websites, video games
8. plays instrument(s); may play in different styles
9. moves the body to rhythm or music to show feeling or idea, tell story
10. uses words to express feelings, tell story
11. blends words with drawings to make us laugh or to make a point
12. blends illustration with engineering to create buildings, bridges

animator



photographer

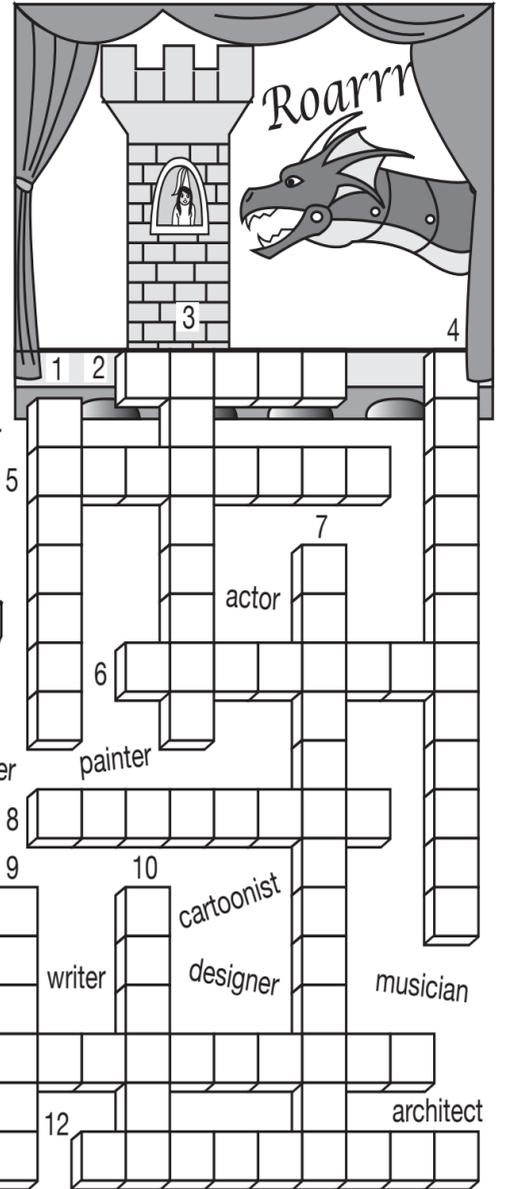


composer



dancer

digital artist

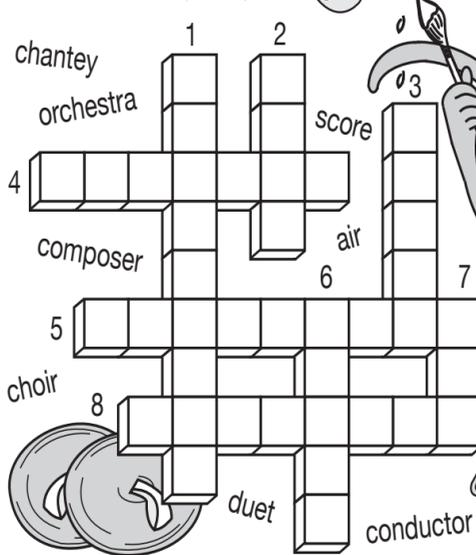


### Read the clues to fill in the music puzzle:

1. leads an orchestra
2. song for two
3. group of church singers
4. sailor's working song

5. large group of musicians
6. written music
7. tune, song
8. makes up musical works

## Music



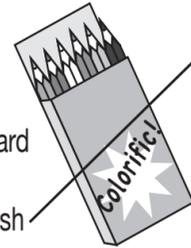
I love to paint designs on items. I save my money and buy paints and brushes. I choose what I want to give and decide how I'm going to decorate it. Each gift is 'one of a kind', so you won't see someone else wearing the same T-shirt!

## Art

- Things you can paint for gifts:
- T-shirts
  - clay pots
  - wood boxes
  - pillowcases
  - photo frames
  - wood trays
  - birdhouses
  - poster boards

### Where do we get things with which we draw and paint? Match each item to things they might be made from:

1. pencil
2. crayon
3. chalk
4. paper
5. chalkboard
6. colors
7. paintbrush
8. eraser

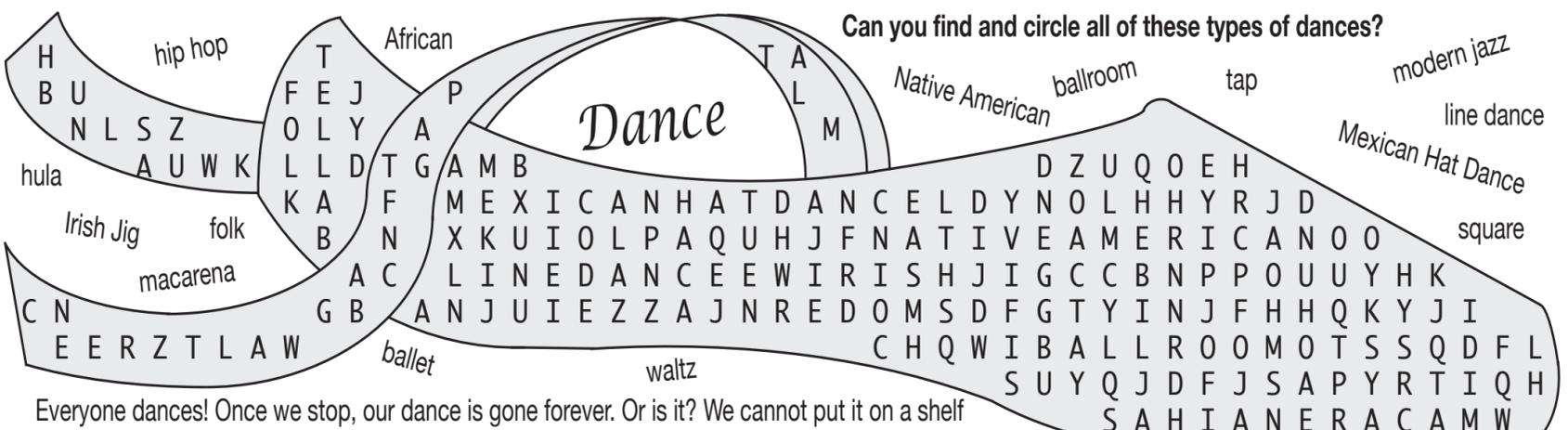


- A. flowers, berries, bark, ground eggshells
- B. animal tails, plastic 'hairs'
- C. rubber tree juice
- D. powdered rock
- E. steel sheet and coating
- F. bits and pieces of wood
- G. wax and powdered colors
- H. clay, graphite and wood

### What art project would you be getting ready for if you had:

1. newspaper and ..... erpap-âcémh wallpaper paste?
2. clay and kiln? ..... rluspucte
3. paint and a wall? ..... lmrua
4. paper and pencil? ..... hkstec
5. loom and yarn? ..... invwaeg
6. magazine and posterboard? ..... alocleg
7. dye and a shirt? ..... eti-yde

(Hint: Get a piece of paper to unscramble the answers!)



### Can you find and circle all of these types of dances?

Everyone dances! Once we stop, our dance is gone forever. Or is it? We cannot put it on a shelf to look at or in a box to give to someone else, but we can keep it in our memories and teach it to others.

CROSSWORD grid with numbers 1-64.

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SUDOKU grid with numbers 1-9.

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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- 1. Cutlass or Delta 88, for short
5. Passports and driver's licenses
8. Bit of smoke
12. Narcotics agent, for short
13. Type of coffee maker
14. Sashay
15. Austin Powers' antagonist
16. Creole cuisine staple
17. Designer Calvin
18. \*Last year's winning coach
20. Red-encased cheese
21. Prepared
22. Drunkard's sound?
23. Source of white meat
26. They are often grand
30. "Ever" to a poet
31. Mrs. Potts of "Beauty and the Beast"
34. Cough syrup balsam
35. Russians, e.g.

- 37. A shot could prevent it
38. Up and about
39. Lake \_\_\_\_caca, South America
40. Plant disease
42. \*Member of University of Utah team
43. Autumnal zodiac sign
45. Rooster, e.g.
47. Rare find
48. Campus VIPs
50. Razor-\_\_\_\_
52. \*Lowest seed
54. In good health
55. 2017 Oscar-winning animated film
56. "\_\_\_\_ for thought"
59. Essential oil derived from iris
60. Nasal input
61. Pre-swan state?
62. \*NCAA basketball team with most titles
63. \*7 seed opponent in round 1

64. Prospector's mother

DOWN

- 1. \*Top seed
2. Abbreviation on a bathroom door team
4. Part of an eyeball
5. Vexed
6. Eastwood's \_\_\_\_ Harry
7. Quarrel
8. \*Lowest seeded team to win championship
9. Part of ideal
10. Fit for a skinny one
11. Mightier than sword?
13. Give to St. Vinnie's
14. Yarn store unit
19. Does like Matryoshka
22. \*An airball doesn't do it to either rim or net
23. Outdoos
24. Thing of the past

- 25. One of the Muses
26. \*Final \_\_\_\_
27. India's sacred flower
28. \*Like last eight
29. More sure
32. Like Bob Ross' hair
33. Layer
36. \*Cavaliers' state
38. Make amends
40. Slow-witted
41. Demosthenes, e.g.
44. Waits for approval, e.g.
46. Being of service
48. D in LED
49. Former prisoner
50. Rigid necklace
51. Catapult
52. One from Glasgow
53. Canceled
54. Olden-day French coin
57. Goes with borrowed and blue
58. Indigo extract

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

And still the inquiry for ranch property continues! Among the latest sales made was the transfer, by George S. Allsebrook, of the old Howard Jones ranch in Powell park, to Owen O. Jones. Ed Saltmarsh has been corresponding with Fish Commissioner-elect Land in regard to maintaining White River's well-known reputation as a trout stream by means of re-stocking, and Mr. Land replies that on entering upon the duties of his office he will give this section his immediate attention.

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

Under the town management of the water works it was the boast of quite a few people that they never paid for the water they used, getting out of their obligation in one way or another. There are still a few people in town who evidently think that they are exempt from payment for the water they use. Violators of this law are now given ample notice; if they continue in their unlawful acts, they do so at their own risk.

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

Thursday evening of last week a group of about 40 Meeker and Rio Blanco County business and professional men, and other listeners got an earful on a possible program this community could engage in, not only for the immediate development of Meeker and the White River Valley, but a project of great importance to all Americans. Doyle Berry and his brother Everett, recent arrivals to the White River Valley, invited the group to their lodge on the

White River about 25 miles east of Meeker to announce the plan.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

The Meeker RE-1 Board of Education, near the end of a long, difficult night March 2, directed the district staff to prepare a calendar for the 1995/96 school year which calls for at least 153 days of school. That is the same as the current school year, so the practical effect will be a four-day school week for the next school year.

Rangely Times 50 years ago

Rangely's tournament team will meet Meeker at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the opening game for the Panthers. Gary Yeager, Scott Brady, Dave Allred, Joel Stahlecker, Kim Daggett, Coach Bill McDaniel, Mike Rasmussen, Steve Kraft, Bill Hume, Mike Smith, David Fox and Rob Bertola are on the team.

German measles shots will be given on April 1 and 2 to all children from kindergarten through sixth grade.

The Sweetheart Dance was Feb. 28. Conda Matriciano reigned as queen with Judy Daggett and Claudia Hardy as attendants.

Rangely Times 25 years ago

A Colorado Northwestern Community College student-piloted Cessna 172 crashed Monday after the forward landing gear collapsed. Pilot Derick Ward, 20, and associate flight instructor Janelle Wallace, 20, were not injured in the crash.

A house fire gutted a house Bill Esslinger and his family were renting at 435 School St. Assistant Fire Chief Fred Hazlewood said that it appeared that the fire started because of something falling on a heater in the house.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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Town of Rangely March 10, 2020 - 7:00pm Agenda Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council) ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor Andy Key, Mayor ProTem Trey Robie, Trustee Luke Geer, Trustee Tyson Hacking, Trustee Alisa Granger, Trustee Keely Ellis, Trustee 1. Call to Order 2. Roll Call 3. Invocation 4. Pledge of Allegiance 5. Minutes of Meeting a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020 6. Petitions and Public Input 7. Changes to the Agenda 8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm Public Hearing to consider the application filed on January 30, 2020 by California Wok, LLC, located at 321 E Main, Unit 5 & 6, Rangely, Co 81648, for a liquor license in VA A SY name. All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. 9. Committee/Board Meetings 10. Reports From Council 11. Supervisor Reports - See Attached a. Janet Miller 12. Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update 13. Old Business 14. New Business a. Discussion and action to approve the February 2020 Check Register b. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2020-02 a resolution of the Town Council vesting jurisdiction over plumbing permit and inspection to the Colorado State Plumbing Board 15. Informational Items a. Rangely Chamber Business over Breakfast March 12th 7am CNCC Weiss Center b. Rangely Racquetball Tournament March 13-15th WRB Recreation Center c. White River Restoration Partnership meeting March 10, 5:30-8:30pm Weiss Conference Room 16. Board Vacancies a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy 17. Scheduled Announcements a. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for Mar 9, 2020 at 5:00pm b. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for Mar 9, 2020 at 7:00pm c. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for Mar 10, 2020 at 6:15pm d. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Mar 16, 2020 at 12:00noon e. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for Mar 16, 2020 at 7:00pm f. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Mar 16, 2020 at 11:00am g. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for Mar 19, 2020 at 7:00am h. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Mar 19, 2020 at 12:00noon i. Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for Mar 23, 2020 at 12:00noon

PUBLIC NOTICES

Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Mar 25, 2020 at 6:00pm k. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for Mar 26, 2020 at 6:00pm 18. Adjournment Published: March 5, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Hearing Room Meeker, Colorado 81641 Tentative Agenda March 10, 2020 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. 1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order: A. Pledge of Allegiance B. Changes to March 10, 2020 Agenda 1) 2) 2. CONSENT AGENDA FOR March 10, 2020 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. A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda. B. Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2020. C. Consideration of the Financial Management Report for February, 2020. D. Consideration of the DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register for February, 2020. E. Consideration of the Motor Vehicle Publication Report for February, 2020. 3. BUSINESS A. Move to approve/deny a Permission Letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Town of Meeker, Colorado to allow the Meeker Arts & Cultural Council to provide alcohol for the following dates, times and events: June 12, 2020, from 4:30-9:30 PM - Beer Garden for ERBM Meekerpalooza #1 June 26, 2020, from 4:30-9:30 PM - Beer Garden for ERBM Meekerpalooza #2 July 17, 2020, from 4:30-9:30 PM - Beer Garden for ERBM Meekerpalooza #3 July 31, 2020, from 4:30-9:30 PM - Beer Garden for ERBM Meekerpalooza #4 B. Move to approve/deny a comment letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Council on Environmental Quality regarding Updates to Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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Move to approve/deny a comment letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Bureau of Land Management regarding updating its regulations for grazing. 4. BID OPENINGS A. 2020 Rio Blanco County Road 8 Surface Treatment Project B. 2020 Rio Blanco County Chip Seal Project 5. BID AWARDS A. Move to award the purchase of one Motor Grader to B. Move to award the purchase of one Tracked Skid Steer Loader to C. Move to award the purchase of one Tandem Truck with snow equipment to D. Move to award the Piceance Creek Weed and Pest Herbicide Hand Spraying Project to Osborn Industries and Julius Ag, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 each. 6. MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS A. None 7. RESOLUTIONS A. None 8. OTHER BUSINESS A. Road & Bridge Report - Dave Moran B. Public Comment C. County Commissioners Updates 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS A. 1:30 PM - Continuation of TEP Abatement Hearing 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 17, 2020 in the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64 Rangely, Colorado 81648. Please check the County's website for information at http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. Published: March 5, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times NOTICE OF CANCELLATION AND CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Meeker Sanitation District, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 5, 2020 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S. The following candidates are hereby declared

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DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2019 Gross Salaries, \$18,224.96 PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$2,208.89 Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$485.00 IRS, FWT/Med, \$1,681.52 FPPA & D & D, Monthly Contributions, \$1,561.98 Centurlynk, Phone, fax, internet, \$410.05 Moon Lake Electric, Town house, School, Town Hall electricity, \$1,455.79 Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$82.00 Caselle Inc, Support, \$340.00 Lizard Analytical Lab, Wastewater tests, \$40.00 City of Grand Junction, Wastewater test, \$153.00 Western Slopes, Explorer, \$38,024.00 Comdata, Fuel, \$926.06 Motorola, Software, \$1,380.00 Sav on Propane, Propane, \$1,632.56 Zions, Water test, generator, air compressor rental, \$677.20 Stewart Welding, Welding, \$135.00 Pinnacol, Workers comp, \$453.00 FedEx, Postage, \$94.27 Vernal Winnelson, Cap, \$28.07 Rangely True Value, gutter, metal town house, \$763.84 LEI Elarton, Portable 2tb, \$139.98 WestWater Engineering, Professional services, \$45,058.95 CHP, Health insurance, \$2,834.20 Psychological Resources, Professional services, \$135.00 TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$118,925.32 Published: March 5, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times NOTICE OF MEDICAID APPLICATION Please take notice that Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District has filed an application with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for Medicaid Certification of its proposed nursing facility located at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive in the Town of Meeker. This application has been filed pursuant to the applicable Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing regulations for new facility certification and will be available for viewing by the public at the department's offices at 1570 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203 or on the department's website: www.colorado.gov/hcpf Published: February 13, 20, 27 and March 5 and 12, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO (MEEKER) COUNTY, COLORADO 455 Main Street, PO Box 1150, Meeker, CO 81641 Telephone: 970-878-5622 Case No. 19 CV 30033 Plaintiff(s): Donald T. Bollinger, Joseph P. Moyet, also known as Joseph Paul Moyet, aka Joseph P. Mayet, aka Joseph Paul Mayet, and Stephanie Boyd Moyet, aka Stephanie Boyd Mayet, vs. Defendant(s): 1) Rio Blanco Properties, a Colorado Limited Partnership, 2) Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry, Probate No. 20835, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, 3) Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry, as General Partner of Rio Blanco Properties, a Colorado Limited Partnership, 4) Bert Kyle Berry, as independent co-executor of the Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry, 5) Scott Thomas Berry, as independent co-executor of the Succession of Doyle Galloway Berry, 6) Rhonna Waldref as Public Trustee of the Rio Blanco County, Colorado, 7) And all unknown persons that claim under or through the above named defendants. Attorney: John P. Gormley SPIECKER, HANLON, GORMLEY & VOLKMAN, LLP P.O. Box 19911 Grand Junction, CO 81502 Phone Number: 970.243.1003/Facsimile Number: 970.243.1011 e-mail: john@shglaw.com Atty. Reg. #: 12292 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an action by Plaintiff to collect amounts due and owing from Defendants concerning two promissory notes in the original principal amount of \$100,000.00 each as described in the complaint and Foreclosure Pursuant to Rule 105 CRCP of a Deed of Trust against real property located in Rio Blanco, Colorado, more particularly described in a Notice of Commencement of Action (Lis Pendens) recorded on December 30, 2019 under Reception # 319351 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Dated February 25, 2020 Published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times First Publication: February 27, 2020 Last Publication: March 26, 2020 SPIECKER, HANLON, GORMLEY & VOLKMAN, LLP By: /s/ John P. Gormley John P. Gormley, #12292 Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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Public Notice Meeker Housing Authority Vacancies The Town Board of Trustees is seeking letters of interest from qualified individuals to fill five positions on an Interim Board for the Meeker Housing Authority. Qualifications for the positions are to be: a registered voter within Rio Blanco County, eighteen years of age or older and must have resided within Rio Blanco County for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the appointment. For further information please call Lisa Cook at 878-5344. Mayor Regas K. Halandras Board of Trustees Town of Meeker Published: March 5, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2020 Gross Salaries, \$20,234.21 PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$2,322.10 Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$529.00 IRS, FWT/Med, \$1,824.78 FPPA & D & D, Monthly Contributions, 1562.63 Centurlynk, Phone, fax, internet, \$408.51 Moon Lake Electric, Town house, Town Hall, School electricity, \$1,348.27 Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$92.00 Caselle Inc, Support, \$340.00 Lizard Analytical Lab, Wastewater tests, \$40.00 City of Grand Junction, Wastewater test, \$153.00 Faris Machinery, Cutting blade, \$110.00 Comdata, Gas, \$1,013.86 T. Long, mileage Jan.-Dec, \$468.00 Sav on Propane, Propane, \$1,244.29 Zions, Water test, rain gutter parts, \$165.12 CHP, Insurance, \$2,834.20 FedEx, Postage, \$99.07 Colorado West Contracting, Sewer project, \$3,386.00 Mountain States Company, Replace water pump, \$22,681.20 HACH, Chlorine pods, \$227.48 SGS, Water tests, \$1,975.85 AGNC, Dues, \$600.00 Rangely True Value, Ice melt, heater, kitchen faucet, parts for snow blower, \$316.42 Tritech Forensics, Collection kit, \$55.57 Office Depot, Office supplies, 170.18 NAPA, Parts for plow, \$53.21 Terrace Motel, aid to transit, \$31.34 CIRSA, Insurance, \$23,007.61 Ducey's Electric, Worked on water pump, \$77.10 Vernal Fire Extinguisher, Fire extinguishers, \$804.00 Colorado Rural Water, Dues, \$175.00 International Code Council, Member dues, \$135.00 TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$88,485.00 Published: March 5, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times NOTICE OF MEDICAID APPLICATION Please take notice that Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District has filed an application with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for Medicaid Certification of its proposed nursing facility located at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive in the Town of Meeker. This application has been filed pursuant to the applicable Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing regulations for new facility certification and will be available for viewing by the public at the department's offices at 1570 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203 or on the department's website: www.colorado.gov/hcpf Published: February 13, 20, 27 and March 5 and 12, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times





**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**  
**Meecker School District RE-1 LOCAL ARTWORK**

Meecker School District RE-1 is soliciting qualified candidates interested in providing Local Artwork for the Meecker High School Addition and Renovation.

The artwork theme includes places and things in/around Meeker, CO and Rio Blanco County. Selected candidates will be limited to local artists (including students) who live on the Western slope of Colorado, preferably those who live in Rio Blanco County or Meeker, CO. The District is requesting artwork of various sizes and mediums.

The RFP is available as of February 21, 2020. Interested applicants may obtain the RFP by contacting the owner's representative, NV5, via work phone or e-mail at (720)-591-4855 or Victoria.Zahourek@NV5.com. Deadline for responses is March 30, 2020 at 3:00 pm.  
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■ Certified Nursing Assistant-Home Health  
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<p><b>Real-Tea Roundtable</b> Wednesday, Apr. 6 7:30 a.m., Wendell's</p> <p><b>Steamboat</b></p> <p><b>Sotheby's</b> INTERNATIONAL REALTY</p> <p><b>Suzan Pelloni</b> 970.623.2900 <a href="mailto:YourMeekerExpert@gmail.com">YourMeekerExpert@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>2204 Rd. 7-618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit ..... \$1,980,000 40± Unencumbered Acres-1.449' Riverfront ..... REDUCED \$1,950,000 1168 Rd. 63-506± Acres, Custom Log Home &amp; Shop ..... \$1,170,000 Elk Mountain Inn-21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard ..... \$975,000 223 8th St.-2+BD/2BA, Yard, Adjoining Retail Space ..... \$790,000 658± Acres, Rd. 143-North of RB Lake, Hunt Unit 11 ..... \$660,000 319± Acres, Rd. 77-Colorow Cabin, Well, Grazing Permit ..... \$640,000 431 E. Market St.-22± Acres, Shop, Office, Living Quarters ..... \$549,000 100 Mesa Dr.-6BD/4BA, Beautiful Location, 5/5 Acres ..... \$449,000 915 Market St. - Carwash, Residence, Income Opportunity ..... \$405,000 6± Acres, Buford/New Castle Rd.-Meadow, Well &amp; Power ..... \$389,000</p>	<p>43523 Hwy. 13-4.18 Acres, Commercial Opportunity ..... \$387,000 363 N Cross L Dr. BACK ON THE MARKET ..... REDUCED \$339,000 29± Acres up Rd. 8-Valley Views, Building Area, Fishing ..... \$349,000 45304 Hwy. 13-No HOA Pets Welcome! 3+BD/2.5BA, Shop ..... \$345,000 TBD N. 6th St.-8.45± Acres, Livestock Welcome ..... \$299,000 946 9th St ..... SALE PENDING 950 Cleveland St.-3BD/3BA, large workshop ..... \$285,000 841 3rd St ..... SALE PENDING 7.46 Acres, E. Market St.-Highway Frontage, Great Traffic ..... \$249,000 3915 Rd. 10 - 3.1 acres, Stunning Views, Well Water ..... \$219,000 643 4th St ..... SALE PENDING</p>	<p>870 4th St. - 3BD/2BA Large Lot, Recently Updated ..... \$197,000 117 6th Street ..... SALE PENDING 109 Market St. - 1/2 Acre, Corner Lot, Highly Visible ..... \$175,000 1299 Rd. 10 - 4.52 Acres, Ideal Basecamp for Units 23/24 ..... \$175,000 1105 &amp; 1107 Market St. - Corner Lot, Commercial Opportunity ..... \$149,000 338 Love Ln. BACK ON THE MARKET ..... REDUCED \$84,900 2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home ..... \$59,000 2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home ..... \$59,000 3 Vacant Lots, Andrea Cir. - Developing Neighborhood, Great Views ..... \$29,000/Lot</p>
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410 Cleveland St - 2BD/1.75BA 1,732 SF.....\$330,000  
1346 Sage Ridge Rd - 3BD/2BA, +Views.....\$287,000  
1134 Michael Cir - 3BD/2.5BA, +Updates.....\$275,000  
1104 Jeannette Cir - 3BD/1.75BA, 1 Level.....\$275,000  
1947 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA, Cabin No. 2, River.....\$250,000  
1959 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA, Cabin No. 3, River.....\$250,000  
112 Main St - 3BD/2BA w/Guest Cottage.....\$207,000  
1042 Park Ave-3BD/1BA 2,340 SF, +Barn.....\$204,000  
1104 Mark Cir - 4BD/2.75BA 2,351 SF.....\$183,000  
1128 Main - 2BD/1BA+Office+lg.Garage.....\$175,000  
440 Cross L. - Lot 3, 4±acres w/Utilities.....\$100,000  
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1057 Sage Ct.....SOLD 258 E. Main St. - Commercial/Res.....\$240,000  
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Commercial Building on Highway 13 going through Meeker with 4 lots. Very nice building, fenced-in area in back, small garage. Realtor owned. **\$395,000.**

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