

# Herald Times



81 Years ...

Meeker Fire Chief Steve Allen, left, looks on as Frank Cooley gives the invocation at the 81st annual Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue Banquet on Saturday night. A number of awards were presented and the firemen and women of the department were honored for the tireless work they do. For more, see photo below left and more photos on Page 3A.



## MSD joins other state districts, wants 'negative factor' tossed

By **BOB LANGE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker School District RE-1 (MSD) Board of Education approved a resolution March 4 calling on the Colorado General Assembly and the governor to remove the negative factor in school financing.

The negative factor was implemented to reduce education spending during Colorado's recent recession. Now that the recession has waned, MSD is joining the growing chorus to dump the negative factor.

The Senate Education Committee listened to superintendents from around Colorado at a 6.5 hour hearing March 1 on school finance House Bill (HB) 14-1292. The most common desire expressed by the superintendents was

the need to reduce the \$1 billion negative factor as much as possible, but a close second was to stop imposing new or expanded requirements for districts.

A news article in Chalkbeat stated that HB 14-1292 would reduce the state's \$1 billion negative factor by just \$100 million. Also in the bill is new funding that would give districts \$110 million to help pay for implementing recent laws and state programs, \$40 million for construction funding and \$13 million for charter school facilities.

Many school districts are wondering why the austerity measures imposed by the negative factor are continuing, especially since state employment numbers reached pre-2008 levels of 24 million last year. With the improving economy, Colorado ended FY 2013 with about

\$8.6 billion in general fund revenue, a surplus of \$1.1 billion and an education fund in excess of \$1.6 billion. The education fund would continue to grow based on extra revenue predicted for 2014.

Good news came during Tuesday's MSD meeting from Superintendent Mark Meyer, who said Gov. Hickenlooper approved the funds recommended by the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) for Meeker and two other rural school districts. The measure is separate from HB 14-1292 and would provide \$476,366 of relief for MSD's \$591,280 negative factor in FY 2013-14. This measure still leaves a total MSD budget shortfall of about \$724,000, of which \$114,914 is a result of the negative factor.

Athletic director Brett Steinacher updated

the MSD board about the status of the high school track. A Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant application was submitted March 5 by the Meeker Foundation. GOCO invests Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. The current proposal would be to resurface the track itself to last another 20 years. The Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (ERBM) has committed \$400,000 to the project.

Tuesday's MSD meeting heard mid-year reports from the principals and reports from the District Advisory Committee (DAC) and the District Leadership Team (DLT). The principals described the results of mid-year evaluations using a new model for teachers devel-

oped by the state. The DLT presented the status in implementing the MSD Strategic Plan approved last spring. The DAC has recommended that MSD seek more private sponsorship of athletics. They also recommend that if budget cuts are needed, cuts in transportation should come before personnel.

The MSD board approved a budget work session to address recommendations from the DAC and plan for the next fiscal year.

The DLT discussed implementation of the MSD 2013-2016 Strategic Plan, adopted in May. The plan has a description of specific steps with targeted completion dates. One of the key goals is to implement the Colorado Academic Standards (CAS) for teaching. The

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## CNCC Foundation Dinner will be held in Rangely on March 29

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

**RANGELY I** The Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation will host its annual dinner dance March 29 at 6 p.m. in the Weiss Colorado Room on the Rangely campus.

The event raises funds for student scholarships, facility improvements, program enhancements and special projects depending on the school's needs in a given year. More than \$39,000 raised at last year's dinner dance helped fund the college's Rector Building remodel and expansion. The use of this year's funds will be determined by an executive committee Friday.

"For decades now, this has been the biggest opportunity for the CNCC Foundation, the college and the public to come together and support the students in one way or another," CNCC President Russell George said. "It's a time when we have some fun and bring together funds we can

then use for scholarships or things on campus we might not otherwise have money allocated for."

Live and silent auctions will accompany the event, with Colorado Northwestern Aero Club students raising funds for an upcoming trip to nationals by offering work hours for purchase.

The dinner dance features musician Shae Bramer and will recognize the Foundation's Supporter of the Year award recipient. Caterer Sodexo will provide appetizers, a prime rib or chicken dinner and dessert, with beer or wine available for purchase.

Tickets are \$35 each or \$200 for a table of six and can be purchased at the Rangely recreation center, Sweetbriar Gifts, First National Bank of the Rockies, the Rangely Liquor Store or by contacting Amy Deese at 675-3219 or Becky Dubbert at 675-3301 in Rangely.

In Meeker, tickets can be obtained from Iris Franklin on CNCC's Meeker campus at 878-5227.

## MHS CAGERS HEAD TO STATE...



LAUREL HANEY

The Meeker police and fire departments escorted the Meeker High School boys' and girls' basketball teams down Main Street at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday as they began the long trip to the Class 2A State Basketball Championships in Pueblo. Both teams won the regional tournament over the weekend to qualify for state. The No. 4-seeded girls are set to play No. 5 Akron at 11:45 a.m. today and the No. 6-seeded boys will face No. 3 Akron today at 1:15 p.m.

## Dogs serious threat to area deer and elk

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is issuing a warning to people whose dogs chase wildlife: Keep them under control and away from deer, elk and other wild animals or face the possibility of steep fines and the loss of a beloved pet.

Dogs that chase wild animals can cause them extreme stress and injuries from bites, wildlife officials say, adding that there have been several incidents in northwest Colorado.

The officials said that by late winter, many big game animals susceptible to dog harassment are pregnant females. As they run to escape, deer and elk expend crucial energy that can lead to an increase in the mortality rate of the animals or their unborn calves and fawns.

Dogs that are allowed to interact with wildlife are also at a significant risk of being injured or killed by a wild animal or at risk of being put down by a peace officer enforcing state wildlife laws.

"The last thing any officer wants to do is to destroy someone's dog," said Ron Velarde, CPW northwest regional manager. "But pet owners should know that, because it is so harmful to wildlife, any law enforcement officer in Colorado is authorized by state statute to use whatever force is necessary to stop any dog that is chasing, injuring or killing a wild animal."

Dogs that chase or harass wild animals are a serious concern any time of year; however, they can make winter much more difficult for many big game animals.

"By this time of year, deer and elk are just trying to survive the deep snow and lack of forage," said Libbie Miller, CPW district wildlife manager in Steamboat Springs. "If dogs chase them, they quickly expend their already limited fat stores, leading to poor health and eventual death from starvation. That is what we are trying to prevent."

Wildlife managers say that although it may be legal to let dogs run free in some recreation areas, they strongly recommend keeping pets on a leash whenever encounters with animals are likely.

"The stress and injuries caused by dogs are concerns, but so are conflicts," Velarde said. "Each year, we

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## No antler hunting on Dinosaur Monument

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** In recent years, antler collecting has become a lucrative endeavor for many people, with antlers being used for everything from chandeliers to dog chews.

The National Park Service, however, would like to remind antler hunters on adjacent lands that all items, including deer and elk antlers, within Dinosaur National Monument are protected by law and may not be removed for any reason.

In addition to antlers, this also includes archeological remains, fossils and items such as rocks, feathers, nests and plant material.

Collecting antlers is a violation of 36 CFR 2.1(a)(1)(i), which covers

possessing, removing or disturbing wildlife parts such as antlers. The penalty for violating this regulation is a fine up to \$5,000 and/or up to six months in prison.

The monument's boundary is generally well-marked by fence and boundary signs, but antler hunters are responsible for knowing who manages the property they are on and what rules and regulations govern the use of that property.

Shed antlers are an important food source and provide critical nutrients, such as calcium, to many small mammals. These nutrients are vital for survival as many of these animals become more active in the spring.

These small mammals then pass those nutrients on to other larger

mammals and birds, such as bobcats and hawks, when they are caught and consumed. Retaining this important ecological connection between species is an important role that national parks serve. Sites like Dinosaur National Monument were established to protect natural and cultural features "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The monument's staff invites people to enjoy the scenery of Dinosaur National Monument while leaving it as they found it for others to enjoy.

For more information on Dinosaur National Monument, call us at 435-781-7700, visit us online at www.nps.gov/dino, find us on Facebook, or follow Dinosaur NPS on Twitter, Flickr, and Tumblr.

## 10th Annual Buy-Fly Fishing Tournament this weekend

**RBC I** The White River Community Association is hosting its 10th annual Buy-Fly White Fish Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, and organizers are seeking teams of interested fisher-folks to join fun.

The purpose of the tournament is three-fold: to raise money for the sustainability of the historic Buford School; secure the white fish for the annual Community Fish Fry held in June each year; and to provide a fun, competitive opportunity for the community. There is a 12-team limit for this two-day event, and prizes are awarded to the first-, second- and third-place teams in addition to the high-point individual. Teams consist of four persons and the entry fee is \$100 per person. To sign up, contact tournament coordinator Jeanne Home at 970-878-0663 or email jeanneh@jbarhouffitters.com.

## FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR ...



SEAN MCMAHON

Meeker Fire Chief Steve Allen, right, congratulates and presents the Firefighter of the Year Award to Jacob Jorgensen, left, who has been with the fire and rescue department since 2012. In 2013, Jorgensen attended 12 business meetings while volunteering 239 hours of service. The award was given on Saturday night during the 81st annual Meeker Fire and Rescue Banquet at the Fairfield Center. The department has been serving Meeker and the surrounding community since 1933.

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## Shed antler hunters must stay on roads

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The Bureau of Land Management's Little Snake Field Office in Craig is reminding people planning to collect shed antlers in northern Colorado this spring that it is illegal to travel off existing roads in a motor vehicle on BLM public lands in this area.

"Shed-antler hunting is a great way to spend time enjoying public lands with friends and family," said BLM Little Snake field manager Wendy Reynolds. "While most people responsibly search for antlers on foot or horseback, the few people that illegally leave roads on ATVs or other motorized vehicles cause tremendous damage every spring."

Off-road driving can cause significant damage anytime, but moist spring soils are especially susceptible. The resulting damage can cause erosion and serious impacts to

important wildlife habitat.

BLM rangers will be patrolling popular shed hunting areas this spring in the Little Snake Field Office in northwestern Colorado to ensure compliance with existing travel management rules.

"Shed hunters also need to keep in mind that wildlife is especially vulnerable to disturbance during the early spring, when their winter reserves are depleted but spring green-up can still be weeks away," Reynolds said.

A citation for riding an ATV off existing roads or in a closed area can result in fines of \$250. Harassing wildlife may result in a \$200 fine.

Northern Colorado is well-known for its quality big game resources. Shed hunters come from throughout the region, including Utah and Wyoming, to look for shed antlers on BLM lands in northern Colorado every spring.

## Dolphin trip benefit bingo set

**MEEKER I** Meeker students who are participating in this summer's dolphin research trip to Belize are holding a fundraiser chili supper, Bingo and bake auction Wednesday.

The event begins with supper at 6 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds in Meeker and is followed by Bingo, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## MSD: Factor proved costly

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CAS this is a basic list of expected concepts by subject and grade level. The plan can be viewed at the MSD website ([www.meeker.k12.co.us/](http://www.meeker.k12.co.us/)) under the "Our District" tab. Appendices in the plan carry input from teachers, support staff, the board and others with specific programming recommendations.

MSD teachers and administrators are struggling to sort a changing climate of teacher and administrative evaluation and student testing requirements.

With last month's Education Committee vote against a bill calling for an end to common core standards, common core standards will begin to be implemented next year. At a minimum, changes in student testing will be required.

In preparation for the DAC meeting last week, the DAC asked administrators to evaluate the amount of class time used for student testing. According to information provided to the DAC, the district uses a computer-based system called Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) three times a year for four hours in grades 2-12. This is in addition to about a day or day and a half for required Colorado standard tests (TCAP) in grades 3-10 and about a day or day and a half for different assessment tests and one college entrance test (the ACT) for juniors.

In addition to student testing, principals and teachers are required to be evaluated each year based on Senate Bill (SB) 10-191, which passed last year. The evaluations are based half on professional practice observed by an evaluation team and half on student academic measured by student testing. The "expected" student testing standards are determined by a combination of tests at the student's grade

level. The state teacher/administrator evaluation program began implementation in MSD during the 2013-14, but will not be fully in place until 2014-15.

A bill to delay the student testing portion of the teacher evaluation was introduced last week by State Sen. Mike Johnston. As the original sponsor of SB 10-191, the introduction by Johnston improves the likelihood for this bill to pass.

The new bill would delay the student growth portion of teacher evaluations until after the TCAP system is replaced by the new CMAS student testing system next year.

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) is a multi-state Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test based on the common core standards.

MSD uses the Colorado State Model Evaluation System (CSMES) for evaluating teachers and administrators based on a rubric. A rubric is a set of criteria and standards used to assess or communicate performance.

## CUB SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY RACE ...



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

COURTESY PHOTO

## Udall: Parks need our protection

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Sen. Mark Udall, chairman of the U.S. Senate National Park Subcommittee, said a report issued by the U.S. National Park Service highlights why he has fought to protect Colorado's national parks, monuments and recreation areas, which support the Colorado way of life.

The report found that in 2012 more than 5.8 million people visited Colorado's parks, spending \$347.4 million and directly supporting nearly 5,000 jobs.

The report also highlights the destructive effect the 2013 government shutdown had on communities like Estes Park, Cortez and other gateways to our nation's national parks.

According to the report, which highlighted parks that experienced a loss of \$2 million or more in visitor revenue, the 2013 government shutdown led to: 177,000 fewer visitors to Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park and an estimated loss of \$10.9 million in visitor spending; and, 30,000 fewer visitors to Cortez and Mesa Verde National Park and an esti-

mated loss of \$3 million in visitor spending.

"As chairman of the U.S. Senate National Park Subcommittee and an avid outdoorsman, I understand the important role Colorado's national parks, monuments and recreation areas play in creating jobs, sustaining local economies and supporting our way of life," Udall said. "From Rocky Mountain National Park to Mesa Verde National Park to the Colorado National Monument, our public lands form the very foundation of the Centennial State.

"This report also underscores the destructive effect that partisan politics can have on these national treasures,"

he said. "The reckless 2013 government shutdown and the pain it caused in Estes Park and across Colorado have only steeled my resolve to keep fighting to support and protect Colorado's spectacular parks and monuments and the communities they support."

Udall, who is honorary chairman of Rocky Mountain National Park's 100th anniversary celebration, has been a strong proponent of Colorado's national parks and other public lands.

As Colorado's senior U.S. senator, Udall decried how the partisan 2013 government shutdown hurt Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park and the state's flood-recovery work.

He also welcomed the federal government's decision during the shutdown to allow Colorado's state government to reopen Rocky Mountain National Park.

Udall also has worked to continue to protect Colorado's spectacular public lands and sensitive wilderness areas.

He recently unveiled a plan to protect 22,000 acres of wilderness near the Arkansas River by establishing the Browns Canyon National Monument and Wilderness Area and is working with U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton and local residents to develop a proposal to redesignate Colorado National Monument as a national park.

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# 81 years of protection



SEAN MCMAHON PHOTOS

Cutting the birthday cake to signify the 81st birthday of the Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, the oldest and youngest members of the department, Frank Cooley and Dehlia Dodd, carried out the honors on Saturday night at the Fairfield Center. Also thanked at the meeting were board members Rich Merriam, Sherri Halandras, Wade Bradford, Doug Overton and Todd Morris, who is retiring from the board.



Meeker Fire Chief Steve Allen presented a plaque of appreciation Saturday night to Todd Morris, who is stepping down after a number of years of service on the Meeker Fire District Board. Roughly 100 firemen and women and area residents attended the 81st annual Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue Banquet, held at the Fairfield Center in Meeker.



## DR. SEUSS ...

Oh the places you'll go when you have a Dr. Seuss party! Roughly 200 guests enjoyed a delightful evening recently at Meeker Elementary School. Kathleen Kelly's Meeker High School literature students presented a reader's theater from Dr. Seuss's books, including 'Oh the places you'll go,' 'Butter Battle' and 'Yertle the Turtle.' A delightful group of young Seussical Singers performed between the skits. From left to right are: Joe Newman, Paige Jones, Roasa Ochoa, McKinna Kummer, Jake Phelan.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

# Woolgrowers enlightening; volunteers play a major role

By SEAN McMAHON  
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I spent an interesting couple of hours on Friday at the annual Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association meeting, and I was surprised at how enlightening that meeting was.

I had attended the county stockgrowers' meeting several weeks ago, and it was enlightening as well. While much of the same information was given, it was interesting to see that the woolgrowers and stockgrowers have much in common when it comes to land leases, water regulations, grazing, permits, state and federal regulation, etc.

But what set the woolgrowers apart from the stockgrowers were a couple of topics that barely even came up during the meeting.

What happens with the meat from the local sheep? Where can one purchase reasonably priced lamb locally during the year? Why is lamb so expensive in the local markets – and

everywhere else?

One small discussion that did bring me enlightenment was in relation to goat growers throughout the area. I did not know goats were part of the "woolgrowers" group but it did make me wonder consciously about something I have had questions on for several years.

Why can't one find goat meat in stores or on menus around here?

Most of these topics, if covered at all, came up during discussions on how best to promote lamb within the county, how to get more local activity and participation by the county's goat ranchers and how to let the rest of the world know there are plenty of lambs and goats in this area.

I am interested because I would say it is a real toss-up as to which meat – beef or lamb or goat – that I would prefer to eat on a daily basis.

The high price of beef is frustrating to all of us as we head into grocery stores all over the country. But pound for pound, the price of lamb is even higher than beef. And it is quite

difficult to find goat meat at all except in the largest of cities and metropolitan areas.

Around the turn of the century, much of northern Colorado and almost all of southern Wyoming were sheep lands. Carbon County (Rawlins), Wyo., was in the top five in sheep production in the United States.

What happened?

We all know about the bloody Johnson County War around Buffalo, Wyo., which was a true, bloody battle between the cattlemen and the sheep men. We know about the range wars all over the West between the sheep men and beef men, and many a body was strewn across the grassland of the West.

In the end, it seems both parties reached a settlement as to where both interests were able to use our ranges,



and beef as well as sheep thrived throughout the Rocky Mountains and much of the West?

What happened?

An interesting sidelight follows. All over the food networks out there, lamb from Colorado is considered the best in the world, surpassing Australia, which has long been known as sheep country and the purveyors of some of the best lamb on earth.

Colorado lamb is good. Colorado lamb may be the best in the world.

Colorado still has a good supply of sheep, but you'd never know it if you were looking for it in the stores in surrounding counties or here in Rio Blanco County.

Most local lamb is gone from this area by early November. If you were lucky enough to know a sheep rancher, you might have been lucky to get some local lamb at a decent price.

But wouldn't it be great if the sheep ranchers here would hold back a few more of their lambs in the fall? Those that do butchering on their

properties, and there are quite a few of those, could sell lamb meat off their ranches and that would allow them to get more per pound than they do by selling their sheep to slaughter, and local residents could get it cheaper than they would at the grocery stores in or out of town.

There is a solution to this that I would think plausible here. It is not a new concept at all.

It is called a co-op, and the area sheep growers would have lamb year-round for sale and, more importantly, for promotion locally and to visitors.

I would love to find real lamb here year-round and I know there are others as well who would like to see it available as well.

While the prices of lamb locally are sky-high (if you can find much of it at all) it is tough to place all of the blame at the local markets. The middlemen (of which there are many layers) have to get their fair share of the profits and by the time the lamb (and beef) hits the meat counters, the

prices are way high.

The entire business world is founded on marketing, marketing, marketing.

And it seems to me that the lamb industry has fallen way back in marketing over the past 40 years.

And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the goat growers as well.

While the sheep growers have fallen way behind, I'm not certain that the goat growers have even started any kind of a marketing campaign.

Goat meat has been growing in popularity by leaps and bounds throughout the Caribbean and from Mexico to southern Chile and Argentina.

Goat meat is also flying up the popularity charts on the East and West coasts of the United States, having already become by far the fastest growing consumer meat of any kind in the U.S.

It is, from what I hear, the No. 5 meat in the nation behind beef, pork, chicken and lamb. If the curried goat

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

More details about these March events can be found on our Community Calendar on our website [www.meekerchamber.com](http://www.meekerchamber.com)  
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- March 12: "Active Adult" Game Day -Cards and Coffee ERBM
- March 15: Dinner Theater - ERBM and MACC
- March 15-16: Annual Buy-Fly Fishing Tournament
- March 19: "Active Adult" Game Day -Cards and Coffee ERBM
- March 21: Pioneers Medical Center Groundbreaking Ceremony
- March 23: White River Spring Muzzleloader-Blanket Shoot
- March 26: "Active Adult" Game Day -Cards and Coffee ERBM

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**DINNER THEATER "Miracle on South Division Street" Saturday, March 15, 2014, 5:30pm, Fairfield Center**

The ERBM Parks and Rec District and Meeker Arts and Culture Council bring you an entertaining night of food and theatre. The thespians of Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC) will entertain the audience. "Miracle on South Division Street" is the story of the Nowark family and their hilarious and heartfelt conflict over a "miracle" that occurred in the family barbershop more than 70 years ago.



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**PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY Friday, March 21, 2014 3pm Hwy 13, north side, across from Samuelson's True Value**

Join the town and hospital in celebrating the groundbreaking of the new medical facility. The Meeker Streaker will be offering shuttle rides to the groundbreaking site from the LDS Church parking lot (903 3rd Street). Wendell's Wondrous Wiener Wagon will be there too!

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The Meeker Sportsmen's Club, located South of Meeker on Highway 13 (36684 Hwy 13) will be holding their Muzzleloader-Blanket Shoot. Sign up starts at 9:00 am, Shotgun Start at 10:00 am. \$10 Shoot fee + \$15-\$25 blanket prize. Food and drinks will be available. Contact Dan DeWitt at 970-220-2202 for more information of any questions.

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I had about six years ago in the Caribbean and a couple of times since, was any indication of quality and taste, goat would be right up there near the top to me.

But if no one knows about it in the smaller markets or the meat isn't available in the smaller markets, then we in those smaller markets all lose.

Particularly when that meat is so available locally — on the hoof, but not at the meat counter.

Remember: marketing, marketing, marketing is the key.



There are so many things we take for granted in our lives, and it doesn't matter whether you live in small towns or large cities, although I believe the residents of small towns are more involved and appreciative.

Volunteers add so much to a community and that unique sense of community that often comes with smaller towns. It seems almost everyone plays at least a small role in volunteering time, labor or donations to help some group or activity.

That perspective really became obvious on Saturday at the Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue's 81st annual banquet at the Fairfield Center.

Fire Chief Steve Allen pointed out that the volunteer department is 39 men and women strong and that the longest-term member is Bob Ruckman, who joined the force in 1974.

These volunteers are probably the most vital to our survival as a town and community, which definitely

extends outside the town limits for many miles when needed.

Their presence and participation at vehicle accidents, fires and rescues reaches out to a lot of people over a lot of land around here, yet it is the volunteers who play such a vital role.

These volunteers come running anytime, night and day, in sunshine and knee-deep snow.

And it is to these men and women that many folks in this county and its two towns owe their home, their properties and, in many cases, their lives.

Volunteers play many other key roles in our two communities as well.

From Septemberfest to the Fourth of July, from the Rio Blanco County Fair and its recreation of the Meeker Massacre to the annual Meeker Sheepdog Classic, volunteers carry the weight of the actual events.

Volunteers also serve on bank boards, business boards of directors, chambers of commerce, church boards, school boards — the list is endless.

Volunteers are truly the heart of any community, and we should all feel blessed by the number of volunteers in Rangely and Meeker who really help make our lives more practical, safer and more enjoyable — depending on the board on which they serve.

While thousands in this county undoubtedly serve in some capacity

as volunteers in some way, there is always a need for more.

There are thousands of slots for volunteers, all of which help make life in a small town much more enjoyable.

If you aren't involved in some theater group, animal care group, health care group or some community group, it isn't too late. It is a great way to help your neighbor, it can help you stay off the couch and become active in your community and there is no better way to get to know your neighbors.

I have always felt that volunteers are truly a community's citizens of the year because they make so much happen.

If you aren't volunteering now, how about giving it a thought?



Congratulations and a hatful of confetti is well deserved by the Meeker High School boys' and girls' basketball teams — both of which qualified for this weekend's Colorado State 2A boys' and girls' basketball tournaments in Pueblo.

Best of luck, Cowboys! If not there in person, we are there with you in spirit!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Foundation Dinner Dance tops busy day

Dear Editor:

We at Colorado Northwestern Community College know there are several important events scheduled for Saturday, March 29 in addition to our annual CNCC Foundation Dinner and Dance.

Some of you will be attending Club 20's spring meeting in Grand Junction during the day.

Some of you will be attending the political party caucus meetings in Meeker in the afternoon.

And some of you will have other things you must do during the day.

We know you are busy, but we still hope you will finish your big day with us as we hold the annual CNCC Foundation Dinner Dance. Our big event is slated to begin at 6 p.m. in the Weiss Colorado Room on the Rangely campus.

We know that this year, Saturday will really be a busy day for many of the college's friends. We are still really looking forward to seeing you at our dinner and dance, and we will even hold dinner for you if needed.

We promise we will not start

the fun until you get here.

Russell George

President

Colorado Northwestern

Community College

Rangely

### Another plea to save the old school

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners.

Although I am a registered voter in Rio Blanco County, I am currently assigned and working overseas for the U.S. Government. Despite being halfway around the world, I am pleased to regard Meeker as my home town.

The natural beauty of the place combined with the hard-working legacy of its people makes Meeker a special place. Part of what makes Meeker special is its unique history, preserved prominently in buildings such as the Meeker Hotel, the museum, the courthouse and the old elementary school.

In a very real way, these old

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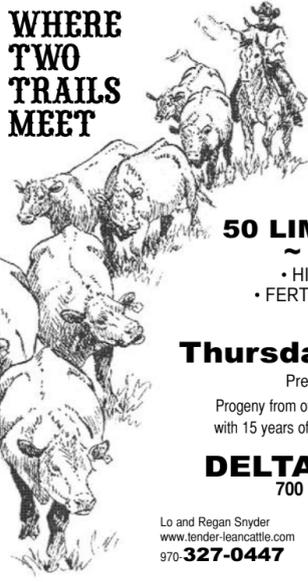
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## Our Omnipresent God (3)

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



■ Dr. J.D. Watson

**W**HITHER shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? . . . (Ps. 139:7-12). Doctrine always leads to practice, and this doctrine is no exception, achieving two sweeping results in our Christian experience.

*First*, it is a grand comfort. Is not the knowledge that God is ever-present a wondrous comfort to the heart? Think a moment. How can we ever feel desolate? How can we ever be despondent? How can we ever get discouraged? How can we ever be depressed? How can we ever feel destitute?

Further along in Psalm 139 we read: "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee" (vv. 17-18). How sublime! When it seems that everyone else has forsaken us, we can be assured that God is still there. David tells us that even if our parents forsake us, God will lift us up (Ps. 27:10). When trial and temptations press upon us, God is there (1 Cor. 10:13). When our daily witness becomes difficult because of the world's attack, God is there to give us the words to say, just as He did with Moses (Ex. 4:12). When persecution for Christ's sake comes upon us, God is there and will "comfort us in all our tribulation," and the more "sufferings" we have, the more "consolation" will come (2 Cor. 1:3-5). Even when physical infirmity touches us, God is there to give us His strength, which is "made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). Oh, what grand comfort indeed! But there is some-

thing else.

*Second*, God's omnipresence is also a grave challenge. How so?

(1) It challenges us to *deepen* our worship. Reverence and true worship are lacking in much of today's Church. Levity, frivolity, and outright entertainment are common. We would submit that the reason for this is a failure to really grasp the fact that God is present. If we *truly* believe the omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign God is present, we will reverently and quietly approach Him in worship.

(2) It challenges us to *defeat* sin. "Doth not he see my ways?" (Job 31:4). Another rhetorical question. "This makes it dreadful work to sin," Charles Spurgeon wrote, "for we offend the Almighty to His face, and commit acts of treason at the very foot of His throne."

(3) It challenges us to *desire* to serve. Does not our knowing that God is present make us more aware of our responsibility to be a witness of our Savior to those around us? Since He is our constant companion, should we not "introduce" Him to others on the spot? This is also an encouragement because God is with us we have more courage to do the job.

**Scriptures for Study:** In the verses cited today, what struck you the most profoundly? Why?

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# LETTERS: No horse fence is needed if BLM will do its job, remove excess horses

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buildings and the surrounding natural beauty of the "China Wall" and Mesa represent the heart and soul of the community. These are the things that make Meeker an attractive community with an enviable, idyllic setting.

While it might be easily taken for granted, this unique setting is appreciated by the many visitors who stop in for events like the sheep dog trials. Sitting on the courthouse lawn during a summer evening listening to an outdoor concert, surrounded by these historic buildings, is a rare and genuine treat. At such a time, one can feel the heart and soul of the community.

But it won't feel the same if one of these structures has been destroyed or converted into a jail or "justice center."

Try as I may, I cannot envision how the demolition or partial conversion of the old elementary school into a jail and court facility will be a positive move for the community.

The historic old elementary school

was built with stone hewed from nearby quarries and stands a testament to the hard-working legacy of this community and its commitment to education.

This is an irreplaceable building that should be protected, not demolished or turned into a "monument" dedicated to delinquents and criminals.

As a personal aside, I would note that my father spent what he would likely regard as the best years of his life serving as the principal of the old elementary school. He loved the students that he served, and he loved the community.

In part, to honor his memory, I write to add my voice to those of others who love their community and who would like to see this grand old structure repurposed for something that will add to the community's quality of life and sense of purpose, not for something that will diminish it.

Gary Oba  
Currently overseas  
Meeker

## Oh, those answers by Rio Blanco County

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to our Rio Blanco County commissioners.

I told you to be prepared for a response to your answers to my questions of Feb 26. First off, let me say it was obvious the response was written by other than the three of you, but I guess that's why they get paid the big bucks.

Truthfully, much of the response sounded just like Obama saying "Not my fault, Bush did it," but, in this case, the blame was laid at the feet of Ken Parsons, Forrest Nelson, Joe Collins and Kai Turner, and, actually, you, Mr. Bolton were in there for some of the time. Oh yes, and let us not forget Archetype, the company that was hired by the BOCC and I'm certain was paid for the work they performed.

1. Your answer to me indicates that none of the prior proposals were viable nor fiscally responsible. Can you please explain your evaluation procedures and why and how the three of you reached this conclusion?

2. With regard to your answer to my question No. 2, I find your response flippant in nature. I never assumed that

the cost for 2005 would remain static for 2014, nor should you have assumed I did. I spoke to various builders and was told it is possible some costs have doubled while others have gone down. Your "experts" should have this same knowledge. If the cost of a two-story justice center behind the courthouse on the courthouse square were doubled from 2005, you are still under the \$15 million you have set aside. Please explain how that would be fiscally irresponsible.

3. Reference my question and your response to No. 3. Can you provide the amount of savings on overall project costs by using part of the old elementary school versus not using the school at all and building behind the courthouse?

I am pleased to know that county employees are required to be accountable for their time, however, the request that was posed was due to not having the exact title for drawings, costs, etc., and knowing that without this information a formal request for information is a moot point, thereby the request was made to Archetype. They did not hesitate to provide the information.

It is rumored to have been said that you all did not want the public to "be confused" by any of this information. If the rumor is true, the only confusing thing about it is why didn't you want anyone to see the information? Is it because a more-informed public may disagree with what you have already decided is best for them?

With regard to the closure of Fifth Street, I appreciate Jon Hill's candid response (see below), which I know came directly from him as opposed to being composed by committee. If Jon's understanding is correct, it sort of sounds like a "backroom deal."

I really do not believe you gave consideration to those individuals whose signatures in support of saving the school were submitted with a full

set to each commissioner as well as the county attorney. Why do I believe as I do? At no time were options given to your newly hired Colorado experts, Reilly Johnson, that did not preclude the elementary school site.

I know this is true because Bob Johnson himself told me this outside the Fairfield Center on the day you all interviewed the four bid finalists. The site of the courthouse square was never part of your plan even though the many individual referenced above made an alternative request when they signed the petition to Save the School. My question to you is why?

Regarding the response section on DOLA grants: Am I understanding this correctly, that no DOLA money will be used to construct this justice center? The DOLA grants would be used to remodel the existing courthouse (which was included in the 2005 cost estimate of \$6,742,400) or for future expansion if required. If you obtain a DOLA grant, how many years do you have before you are required to activate a project and spend the match portion? Are these grants a lifetime deal?

With reference to your commitment to economic development: I see here you talk about Curtis Creek and broadband and having the economic development person and the advisory committee on board. I also know that the OHV project is a part of this overall plan, but what of heritage and agri-tourism?

The State of Colorado, in various publications and at meetings I have attended has said that this huge economic booster, especially in rural communities. I point out that one thing we have here is history and the old Meeker Elementary School is a major part of that history. It was the last WPA building built in the United States.

Again, I point out that my quest has been to Save the School, obtain an historic designation and to see it repurposed to the benefit of all the residents

of the county as the anchor for a true active and viable community once more and to bring in some much-needed outside money - as well as a venue to be utilized by all. Oh, and one more thing, the school can be used in the winter when it is really cold outside, as opposed to this proposed gazebo for which we are supposed to be excited.

Connie Theas  
Meeker

## Comment on the proposed BLM fence

Dear Editor:

This letter is a comment on the Bureau of Land Management's proposal for "BLM seeks local input on Rio Blanco County fence."

First, the notice is completely lacking in the sort of detail that would inform the interested public of the when, where, how much and at what cost and why? Why not? Because there is no good reason to build any fence.

Secondly, and more importantly, the proposal lacks credibility and common sense because it ignores the current and long-term condition of the subject Herd Management Area, which is an overpopulation of feral horses.

Wild horse populations increase at the finite rate of 20 percent a year. In other words, over a four-year-plus period, a horse population of 100 would increase to 200, absent any intervention.

Since according to White River's BLM Land Use Planning (as prescribed by the Federal Land Policy and Management act of 1976), the horse population is supposed to be managed at or below roughly 200 horses in the HMA and, after this year's colts are born, will be in excess of 500, is it any wonder that the horses are seeking new range outside the HMA?

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# LETTERS: Local leaders speak for support of oil, gas production

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Removing horses to manage the population is the most effective management option available. Why then, does the BLM consistently fail to do this and, thus, violate the law?

New fences are an ill-conceived Band-Aid approach to a symptom of the very real disease stated above. No matter how many fences are built, horses will naturally seek a new range through open gates or cut fences. Further, it is an historical fact that the BLM will not maintain these fences.

More importantly, has anyone else noticed that our federal government is broke and is now spending the inheritance of your children and grandchildren?

If the BLM spends any money, it should be to remove the horses, not to build unnecessary and costly new fences that the BLM will not maintain.

Mark Hafkenschiel  
Meeker

## Legislature asked to clear oil, gas issue

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to Colorado's elected leaders:

As current and former locally elected officials in the Republican and Democratic parties, we want to thank those leaders in the state of Colorado who are using their influence to seek a sensible balance between energy development and conservation — one that ensures rigorous regulation and enforcement, but in a way that is applied consistently and efficiently so Colorado remains an attractive place to do business.

As those who follow this debate closely are aware, the State of Colorado does not take lightly its responsibility to manage, regulate and oversee oil and gas development. In fact, our state has the most comprehensive and stringent regulations in the nation.

Our fair state has seen significant energy development activity in the last few years, and our regulations have ensured that the development has not occurred at the expense of our environment.

As we approach another election season, there may be attempts at the ballot box to change the way Colorado currently regulates the oil and gas industry. Rumors abound as to whether an initiative will attempt to ban development processes, like fracking, or turn our state into a confusing patchwork of inconsis-

teny by transferring regulation of the industry to hundreds of local governments.

Neither outcome is acceptable or responsible.

Cities and counties across Colorado do not have adequate budgets in place, nor have we developed the in-house expertise to take over state regulation of oil and gas activities within our jurisdictions.

Attempts to end Colorado's statewide approach to energy regulation would invite more politics into our energy policy at a time when there is too much already, inevitably triggering regulatory chaos that chases energy investment to the many states that have embraced a balanced approach to energy development.

It doesn't make sense to throw our current regulatory framework into chaos, when the system in place is working well. We applaud leaders who are opposing these measures and stand behind you in maintaining our existing regulatory system for energy development.

Sincerely,

*This letter is signed by more than 150 current or past elected officials around Colorado as well as those from Rio Blanco County who listed below:*

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## Thanks for help with light pole damage

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend a special thanks to the Meeker Urban Fund, Above All Electrical Solutions and the citizens of Meeker for payment on the repairs to our light poles lining the entrance to the Green Ridge Place Apartments driveway.

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Secretary/Treasurer Connie Theos, left, and President Angelo Theos, right, ran the annual meeting on Friday of the Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association at Kilowatt Korner in Meeker. Roughly 50 people attended the meeting, where the members heard from representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Farm Services Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service among others regarding new rule and regulations, the status of snowpack in the surrounding area (which stands, for the most part, above normal), water rights and transfer of grazing leases.



Mary Gillespie, the range program director for the U.S. Forest Service, spoke to members of the Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association at their annual meeting Friday in Meeker. Gillespie said her budget for this year is down 15 percent but that it will be an active year with the 50th anniversary of The Wilderness Act, a large variety of small projects and uranium mine restoration setting the foundation for full reclamation, which will come later.

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Brandon Sanders of the Natural Resources Conservation Service was one of speakers at the annual Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association annual meeting and luncheon Friday at Kilowatt Korner in Meeker. Sanders discussed the projects the NRCS will working on this year, including improved water access for wildlife, vegetation and fencing issues and the ability to help technically and financially with such things as moving private water sources to leased land. The lamb shank luncheon was catered by Hollidays of Meeker.



James Roberts, the assistant field manager for the BLM's White River Field Office in Meeker, was another of the speakers at the annual Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association meeting on Friday in Meeker. Roberts' most important message was that transfers of land leases must be reported to the BLM and that failing to do so will likely affect one's grazing permits.

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Good Luck to both MHS Cowboy teams!

## MEEKER BOYS AND GIRLS WIN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

— Both teams advance to 'Elite Eight' in Pueblo —



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTOS

The Meeker boys' basketball team was determined to win the regional tournament in Palisade and become one of the "Elite Eight" to play in the 2014 Colorado State Basketball Championships in Pueblo, tipping off today against Akron. Pictured with the championship plaque in front are: manager Madison Kindler, Raul Lopez, Jeremy Musgrave, Dylan Mobley, Cade Rowlett and Matt Frantz. In back: head coach Klark Kindler, Clay Anderson, Tommy Chitwood, Jake Smith, Kash Atwood, Ty Dunham, Joe Newman, Tony Collins and assistant coach Matt Dupire.

By HALLIE BLUNT  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** In a game filled with excitement, suspense and incredible individual and team performances, the Meeker High School boys' basketball team won the 2A Regional Championship in a double overtime thriller against the Paonia Eagles.

The Cowboys earned their spot in the "Sweet Sixteen," by winning Friday night in the regional semi-finals against a very competitive Resurrection Christian team with an 18-4 record coming into the tournament.

The Meeker boys knew they had to play well and "The kids executed Friday's game plan perfectly," coach Klark Kindler said.

The Cowboys came out with a huge first quarter, taking the lead 25-17 behind eight points from sophomore Ty Dunham. Dunham continued his offensive storm, finishing the game with 24 points. Jeremy Musgrave simply found ways to score in the game with 29 points on Friday night.

The Cowboys took a three-point lead into halftime and they controlled the game from that point. They finished the contest with an impressive 79-73 win.

The championship game matched up Meeker against Paonia for the fourth time this season. The previous game was in the district championships, where Paonia prevailed. With a trip to the 2014 Colorado State Basketball Championships on the line, both teams came out playing like they had nothing to lose.

The Eagles took a first quarter lead 12-7, but Meeker fought back and the teams were tied at half time. As the second half began, it was a defensive battle, neither giving up an easy basket. Meeker trailed by one after three periods, but headed into the fourth quarter, Raul Lopez picked up the intensity and the team followed. Lopez played aggressive on both ends of the floor and had 25 points in the game.

It was a lay-up with a foul by Lopez that gave the Cowboys their momentum, and Meeker tied the game at the end of regulation play. Meeker came out in the first overtime and took control and a five point lead behind a three-point shot by Dylan Mobley.

With less than one minute to go, Paonia was fouling Meeker to stop the clock and the Cowboys struggled from the line. With 3.9 seconds left to play, the Cowboys were up three and Paonia had the ball, but they were 94 feet from the

basket.

A Paonia guard got the ball, took about four dribbles and launched a long three-point shot. The ball banked into the basket, forcing a second overtime.

As the Paonia team celebrated, the Meeker boys looked very composed and gathered around their coach for the final game plan.

Coach Kindler said, "I really liked how our players handled themselves after the buzzer-beating three to force the second overtime."

The Cowboys came out and once again took control going up five points. This time, however, they did not let the Eagles back in, with outstanding plays by several team members.

Kindler said, "We had every one of our players step up in one way or another."

From the turn-around jumper in the lane by Joe Newman to Kash Atwood's huge rebound with less than four seconds to play, to the tremendous hustle by Lopez, the entire team put together a performance unmatched in recent years."

The Cowboys secured a spot in the Elite Eight and the 2014 Colorado State Championships in Pueblo.

The Cowboys play Akron today at 1:15 p.m.



The Meeker girls' basketball team dominated the Nucla Mustangs in the semifinals and then beat league foe Soroco in the regional championship game to advance to the "Big Dance" in Pueblo. Representing Meeker in the girls' 2A bracket of the 2014 Colorado State Basketball Championships are in front: Taylor Morris, Sydney Hughes, Taylor Neilson, Deena Norell, Aly Ridings, Piper Haney and Megan Parker. In back: assistant coaches Julie Bowman and Karen Dinwiddie, Jamie McLaughlin, Anna Walsh, Reece Petile, Alex Duell and Shelby Burke, with head coach Greg Chintala behind Duell.

By HALLIE BLUNT  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker High School girls' basketball team has earned a trip to the 2014 2A Colorado State Basketball Championships by winning the 2A regional tournament in Grand Junction last weekend.

If last weekend was a preview of what's to come this final weekend, the team may very well be playing in the Saturday night game.

Meeker began the regional tournament as the No. 1 seed with the semi-final game against Nucla on Friday night. The lady Cowboys came out with their trademark defense, holding their opponents to just five points in the entire first half.

The lady Cowboys combined defensive pressure with offensive patience and were up nearly 30 points at intermission.

"We started quickly and jumped out to a comfortable lead. We were able to save our legs for the next day," said head coach Greg Chintala.

Meeker never looked back, winning the game 46-24 and securing a place as one of the top 16 teams in the state and a chance to play Saturday against South Routt County (Soroco).

This would be the fourth meeting against Oak Creek, and the Rams set the tone early, letting it be known they would not go down easy.

"Soroco played as well as I have seen them play for several years," coach Chintala said.

Meeker matched the intensity in the first period but did not get shots to fall, finding themselves

behind as the quarter came to an end.

In the second period, the Rams got up by as many as seven points, but the lady Cowboys never lost their composure.

Meeker increased their defensive intensity behind the incredible hustle of Sydney Hughes, who turned two steals into four points for the team. Hughes changed the tempo and the team changed the momentum, making a run and going into the locker room up 24-22.

The lady Cowboys proved why they are a team that can truly compete for a title as they took over in the second half, opening up a 10 point lead.

Taylor Neilson finally found some room to score as the "box-and-one" defense had somebody with her for 94 feet and 32 minutes. Neilson and fellow seniors Aly Ridings, Piper Haney, and Deena Norell came up with huge rebounds, important points and a total team effort that resulted in an impressive 49-37 win.

Chintala said, "All weekend long, different players stepped up at the right time. Our effort was fantastic."

The team will play Akron on Thursday at 11:45 a.m. in Pueblo,

"This is a good match-up for us. I like our chances," Chintala said.

The Meeker girls are playing the type of basketball that makes any match look good for them.

They are getting great team play and balanced scoring, and their defensive pressure is unmatched. The combination has proven to be among the top eight in the state, and still climbing.

## RHS boys' basketball season comes to end in Durango

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**RANGELY I** The final game for the Rangely boys' basketball team was played in Durango against Sangre de Cristo in the semifinal round of a state-qualifying regional tournament. The Panthers were eliminated in a 40-34 loss.

However, head coach Eric Hejl said it was the "best" season in his four years and that saying goodbye to some players was "emotional."

"In our last game against Sangre de Cristo, we had a lot of nerves going, and I think it really affected us in the first quarter," Hejl said. "Our defense was pretty good all night, and once we got some shooting in the second half we were able to close the gap and actually take a lead late in the third quarter."

But the Panthers were unable to hold the lead. Sangre de Cristo took time off the clock with their offense

and, down by four with 1:30 left to play, the Panthers had to foul.

"Unfortunately for us, they made their free throws late and we couldn't climb back in," Hejl said. "In the end, we had just dug too big a hole against a good 'grind it out' team like ourselves and, in a lot of ways, they just kind of beat us at our own game Friday night."

Coach Hejl later reflected on the season.

"It was a rough way for the season to end and surely it ended sooner than it should have, but I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys to take this journey with," Hejl said.

"In virtually every way — work ethic, academics, off-court behavior — this season has been the best we've had since I took over for Mark (Skelton) four seasons ago. That includes five more wins than these seniors had in a season so far and a preseason tournament championship at the Cowboy Shootout in Meeker."



TRACY ENTERLINE

Rangely basketball coach Eric Hejl said Panther seniors Connor Phelan (10) and Cameron Enterline (13) have been with him since they were his managers as sixth graders, and they, along with Andrew Morton, would be missed. Hejl is also excited about players returning, like Mitchell Webber (15) and others to "reload" the varsity.

Adding to thoughts of the season ending too soon, Hejl explained.

"It still stings and makes you go through all of the 'what ifs' when you know a team we beat two out of three times (Meeker) is at the big dance and we are sitting at home on spring break."

The Panthers will miss seniors Cameron Enterline, Andrew Morton and Connor Phelan, but coach Hejl is excited about the future of the Panthers basketball program.

"We are losing some senior firepower for sure and it was a little emotional for me to say goodbye, especially since Cameron and Connor have been with me since they were my managers as sixth graders. But looking forward, I think with what we have coming back (Colt Allred, Mitchell Webber, Kaulan Brady, Lanye Mecham and Kelton Elam) and with a couple of eighth graders coming in who could possibly contribute on varsity right away, we

should be able to reload and give it a great run again starting this summer.

"I'd like to think these last four years of Panthers basketball has been spent re-instilling a 'winner's mentality' and a sense of what it really takes to be champions," Hejl said. "For now, our only choice is to move on, control what we can and approach this summer with a winning, get-better attitude and do something I tell our guys all the time, and that is to do the next right thing right."

Most of all, Coach Hejl wanted to thank his players.

"Thanks for all the work you guys put in on what will always be a special season to me," Hejl said. "You've all made me a better person and I hope your basketball experience will somehow help shape the amazing people you'll become and the great things I know you will accomplish as you move on to the 'next play' in life. I love you guys, thanks again!"



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**MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM**  
Meeker High School

The Meeker boys' basketball team endeavored to persevere and would not be denied a trip to the "Big Dance" as they avenged a district championship loss to the Paonia Eagles with a double-overtime win in the state-qualifying regional championship game to become one of the "Elite Eight."



### Doll honored at Fort Hays State University

**MEEKER I** Former Meeker High School graduate and multiple-time Colorado state track champion Kathryn Doll was recently honored by Fort Hays State University for her academic accomplishment of a 3.55 grade point average, pursuing a degree in nursing in Hays, Kan.

Doll is a member of the FHSU track team and competed Feb. 28, 2014, in an indoor track meet in Joplin, Mo., in the pentathlon, featuring five events (Doll's time and distance); the 60-meter hurdles (9.35), high jump (5'2.25"), shot put (34'11"), long jump (17'2") and 800-meter run (2:39.7), which placed Doll ninth in a field of 24 women.

### HOOP SHOOT WINNERS...



COURTESY PHOTO

More than 120 Rangely youngsters participated in the local Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge, sponsored by the WRBM Recreation and Parks District, with division winners qualifying for the sectional competition in Grand Junction. Rangely sisters Kaitlyn and Cassidy Brown both won their divisions in Grand Junction and will now compete at a Denver Nuggets game during halftime. Rangely's Adelynn Halcomb and Kevin Wren also competed in Grand Junction but did not advance.

## Cowboys finish fourth in Steamboat

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** "It was a pretty tough tournament up there," Barone Middle School wrestling coach Lee Overton said of the competition at the annual Carl Ramunno Memorial Tournament in Steamboat Springs.

The young Cowboys entered 19 wrestlers in the tournament, including five sixth-graders on the team for the first time in Barone Middle School history.

"I think they had a good time, learning the difference between pee-wee wrestling and middle school wrestling," head coach Lee Overton said. "I think it was a good experience for them."

Barone Middle School had three wrestlers advance to the championship match, but none were able to win.

Eighth-grade wrestlers Jacob Pelloni (90) and Logan Hughes (155), along with seventh grader Tannen Kennedy (105) each finished as runners-up. Eighth grader Garrett Frantz was the consolation champion in the 100-pound bracket.

Tucker Slauch was the only sixth grader to place in the top four for Meeker. Slauch was fourth in the 75-pound bracket.

Eighth graders Daylon Nielsen (120) and Eli Hanks (145), also finished



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

The large crowd of middle school wrestling fans erupted with cheers after Barone Middle School seventh grader Jared Henderson pinned his opponent from Soroco in the first period. Henderson and his teammates defeated the Rams as well as the Rangely Panthers in a triangular meet on Tuesday. All three teams will be in Oak Creek on Saturday for a tournament, and Meeker will host the final tournament of the season March 22.



ished fourth in their respective weights.

Cody Follman (85), James Amick (115) and Miquel Lopez (285) all won two matches but did not place.

Trapper McGruder (80), Tevin Pelloni (95), Luis Villalpando (110), Christopher Strate (120), Kesston Hobbs (120) and Jake Shelton (125)

all won one match in the tournament in their respective weights. Kale Burke (85), Pake Burke (110) and Jared Henderson also wrestled in the Carl Ramunno Memorial.

Rangely and South Routt County (Soroco) wrestled in Meeker on Tuesday in a triangular meet, and the Cowboys will wrestle in Oak Creek on Saturday.

## Coombs wins Steamboat tournament

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY I** The Rangely Middle School wrestling team competed in Steamboat Springs on Saturday and returned with several placers, including champion Tytus Coombs.

"Tytus wrestled very well," head coach Derek Stolworthy said. "He is dominant on his feet and can get out from the bottom at will."

The young Panthers are few in numbers but solid in the lineup from 85 pounds to 110, as three of them

returned as consolation champs, including Calvin Bishop (80), C.J. Lucero (90) and Devin Ramirez (110).

"Calvin had a tough semifinal match and C.J. did an outstanding job after losing in the semis," Stolworthy said. "When the going got tough, C.J., got going."

Devin Ramirez was consolation champ at 110.

"Devon looked awesome. He's finding his rhythm and is looking like the wrestler the coaches know he is," Stolworthy said.

Justin Rusher (85), Lane Gillard (95) and Mark Marcano (105) all

wrestled but did not place in the Carl Ramunno Memorial.

"(Assistant coach) Claude Rose and I would like to thank all of the support from the parents who show up and support not only their own kids, but the whole team," Stolworthy said. "I would also like to thank Lynn Rusher specifically for the excellent food she made for the wrestlers after weigh-ins."

The Panthers got more mat time wrestling in a triangular in Meeker on Tuesday. The teams included Oak Creek and they will wrestle in a tournament in Oak Creek on Saturday.



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# 3 free turkey hunts set DOGS: Incidents of pets harrassing wildlife reported

Special to the Herald Times

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

The hunt is possible due to support of local landowners in partnership with state wildlife managers. Part of the CPW Hunter Outreach Program, the hunt is an effort to instill interest and respect for wildlife, the outdoors and the traditions of hunting.

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

private land hunt."

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

The letter should indicate an interest in the hunt and include the youth's name, address and hunter education card number and a phone number for the applicant's parent or guardian.

Each letter must include an essay of 500 words or less about hunting and why the applicant should be selected. The essay must be written by the applicant and in their own words. The applicant's interest in hunting, limited experience and desire to learn are suggested topics for the essay.

Those who have little or no experience will be given priority over experienced hunters. CPW will provide shotguns, ammunition, blinds and calls.

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

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

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investigate numerous incidents in which a person is injured by a wild animal. A common factor in many of these situations is that the victim's dog first approached and harassed the animal."

Velarde adds that because moose see dogs as a serious predatory threat, the large ungulates will aggressively try to stomp any dog that approaches it, often chasing it back to its owner, who also becomes the target of the angry moose.

In 2013, wildlife officials in Colorado's northwest region investigated three incidents in which a moose injured a person. In two of the incidents, barking dogs running off-leash first approached the moose before it charged the dogs and their owners.

In the other case, a cow moose with a days-old calf charged and seriously injured a woman who walked her leashed dog near the animals.

Earlier this year, officials in Steamboat Springs investigated an incident where a moose charged a woman snowshoeing with her unleashed dogs. The woman escaped with minor injuries.

Three of the moose in these encounters were put down by

Colorado Parks and Wildlife out of an abundance of caution for human health and safety. Wildlife officials often make the difficult decision to destroy an animal that has injured a person to protect the public from future conflicts with the same animal, regardless of the circumstances.

"That can be the unfortunate result when people are irresponsible around wildlife," said area wildlife manager Jim Haskins of Steamboat Springs. "We understand that people enjoy letting their dogs run loose, but we ask that they think twice about the possible consequences. It can be a terrible feeling to have caused the death of an animal that was instinctively defending itself, or its young, from your dog."

In addition, Haskins warns that mountain lions, bears or a pack of coyotes can easily make a meal of a dog.

Predators do not differentiate between their natural prey and a dog," Haskins said. "You don't want to be in a situation where you watch your pet being eaten. The best way to keep this from occurring is to either keep the pet close to you on a short leash, or leave it at home if you are heading to an area where you might encounter wildlife."

Miller adds that in Steamboat Springs this year, officers have received numerous calls from the pub-

lic reporting dogs harassing wildlife.

We want people to get outdoors and have fun with their dogs, just keep them away from wild animals," said Miller. "We will be out actively enforcing our laws and doing what we need to do to protect our natural resource."

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has other suggestions for viewing and enjoying wildlife in a safe and ethical manner.

"Watch wild animals from a distance with binoculars, a camera lens or a spotting scope," said Watchable Wildlife Coordinator Trina Romero. "Remember, if the animal reacts to you or your dog, you are definitely too close." To report any instance of dogs chasing wildlife, the public can call their local Colorado Parks and Wildlife

office or Colorado State Patrol.

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## BLM seeks interns for summer work

**RBC I** The Bureau of Land Management is now seeking area summer interns.

The BLM White River Field Office looks to place up to six summer interns in the Meeker office through the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps. Ideal candidates are 18 to 25 years old with some off-road vehicle experience.

Interested applicants should apply for positions at Rocky Mountain Youth Corps at [www.cyca.org/wp-content/cycauploads/14-Intern\\_WRFO\\_TravelRoutelventory\\_InternWeb.pdf](http://www.cyca.org/wp-content/cycauploads/14-Intern_WRFO_TravelRoutelventory_InternWeb.pdf).

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**WEEK OF MARCH 17-21, 2014**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>March 17</b> - Chicken Pot Pie, Corn, Peaches & Pears
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>March 18</b> - Meatballs/Gravy, Mashers, Green Beans, Seasonal Fruit
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>March 19</b> - Chicken Penne, Salad, Banana Muffin
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>March 20</b> - Ham & Cheese Pocket, Mixed Veggies, Seasonal Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>March 21</b> - Sack Lunch

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**WEEK OF MARCH 17-20, 2014**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>March 17</b> - Sausage Patty, Pancakes, Potato Triangle, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>March 18</b> - Little Smokies Mac, Roll, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>March 19</b> - Pizza, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>March 20</b> - Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water



**RMS Wrestling**  
March 15 @ Soroco Tourney



**BMS Wrestling**  
March 15 @ Soroco Tourney



## Rangely Community Health Fair Committed to your health!

**Rangely District Hospital is hosting the Rangely Community Health Fair!**

**Please join us!**  
Mark your calendar:

<b>Pre Draws</b>	<b>Health Fair</b>
<b>March 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 6:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.	<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b> 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Both Pre Draws and Health Fair will be held at Rangely District Hospital**

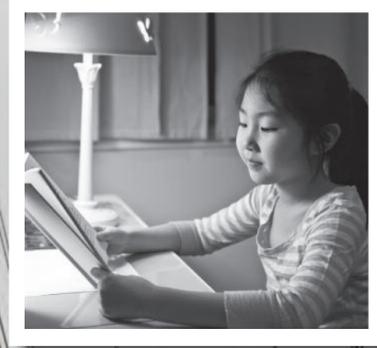
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Kyle Wren 970-675-4226, [kwren@rdhosp.org](mailto:kwren@rdhosp.org)

### Blood Screenings Available:

- Blood Chemistry Screening (Blood Draw) - \$30.00
  - Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) (Men Only Blood Draw) - \$25.00
  - Blood Count Screening (Blood Draw) - \$15.00
  - Vitamin D Screening (Blood Draw) - \$40.00
  - Hemoglobin A1C (Blood Draw) - \$25.00
  - Colon Cancer Screening - \$20.00
- Payment for these services may be made by credit card, check, cash, or with a check written to: Rangely District Hospital Health Fair

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### Energy Gateway South Transmission Project Open Houses

**Rangely, Colorado**  
Monday, March 31, 2014  
4 - 7 p.m.  
Colorado Northwestern Community College  
Weiss Conference Room  
500 Kennedy Drive

**Craig, Colorado**  
Tuesday, April 1, 2014  
4 - 7 p.m.  
Colorado Northwestern Community College  
Academic Building  
Commons Area  
2801 West 9th Street

**Baggs, Wyoming**  
Wednesday, April 2, 2014  
4 - 7 p.m.  
Valley Community Center  
255 West Osborne

Rocky Mountain Power encourages you to attend the Bureau of Land Management public open house meetings to discuss the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project.

Come to learn about the project, ask questions about the draft EIS and provide public comments.

The project is an overhead, 500-kilovolt alternating current transmission line originating near Medicine Bow in south-central Wyoming and terminating near Mona in central Utah.

To submit a question or comments on the draft EIS or have your name added to the project mailing list, please email [GatewaySouth\\_WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov).

For a complete list of all public open house meetings and more information, visit [www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hdd/gateway\\_south.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hdd/gateway_south.html).



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LEGAL NOTICES

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Gary Clyde Coulter a/k/a Gary C. Coulter, Deceased, Case Number 14 PR 30000  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the undersigned or to the District Court of Rio Blanco, Colorado, on or before July 8, 2014, or said claims "may forever be barred."  
Relda M. Coulter, Personal Representative  
c/o J. Richard Livingston, Esq.  
Livingston & Mumby, LLC  
2764 Compass Dr., Ste 200A  
Grand Junction, CO 81506  
Publish: March 6, 13, 20, 2014  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Meeker Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, March 17th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, to consider a request by Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners, for the Town to Vacate Fifth Street between Main Street and Park Avenue for use of the property in the Justice Center Expansion Project. The Vacation would encompass all that portion of 5th Street as shown on the Official Revised Map of the Town of Meeker Map adopted 1919 lying between the North Right-of-Way Line of Main Street and the South Right-of-Way Line of Park Avenue.  
The Meeker Board of Trustees will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 18th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, to consider the above request.  
A copy of the application is available for public review at Town Hall 345 Market Street during regular business hours or questions can be directed to 970-878-5344.  
Published: March 6, 2014; March 13, 2014  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Title 34, Article 33, Paragraph 118, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology hereby issues notice that an application to renew the Deserado Mine Permit No. C-1981-018 for a five-year term, submitted by Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., 3607 CR 65, Rangely, CO 81648, was deemed complete for the purpose of filing. All review and comment periods

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-01

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 8, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records. Original Grantor(s) KENNETH R SHELEY and SHERYL K SHELEY Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ADVANCED FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt EMBRACE HOME LOANS, INC.  
Date of Deed of Trust June 01, 2009  
County of Recording Rio Blanco  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 12, 2009  
Recording Information (Reception Number) 296024  
Original Principal Amount \$99,715.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$94,259.71  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO IN DEED BOOK 524, AT PAGE 318, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN H.E. 177 (HOMESTEAD ENTRY 177 (LYING IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 102 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., TOWN OF RANGELY, STATE OF COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 1360.4 FEET WEST OF AND 469 FEET SOUTH OF CORNER NO. 1 OF SAID H.E. 177; THENCE SOUTH, 100 FEET; THENCE WEST, 38 FEET; THENCE SOUTH, 10 FEET; THENCE WEST, 124 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 10 FEET; THENCE EAST, 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 100 FEET; THENCE EAST, 62 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
The property to be foreclosed is:  
Also known by street and number as: 244 S BIRCH AVE, RANGELY, CO 81648.  
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/07/2014, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
First Publication 3/13/2014  
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

-A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;  
-IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;  
-A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE; DATE: 01/09/2014  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
David R. Doughty #40042  
Lynn M. Janeway #15592  
Matthew B. Peters #41905  
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
Attorney File # 13-000132  
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LEGAL NOTICES

as provided in the Act and Regulations promulgated thereunder initiate from this day of filing. The permit area contains some 12,770.76 acres of federal coal lease and 13,645.01 acres of surface area. These areas are situated in T2N, R101W and T3N, R101W, 6th P.M. in Rio Blanco County about 8 miles northeast of the Town of Rangely. It includes lands containing all of RBC Road 65, eastern part of RBC Road 96, and western portions of RBC Road 78, and southern end of MC Road 61. The Deserado Mine Permit area lies within USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle maps entitled "Rangely NE" and "Cactus Reservoir". A copy of the permit revision application is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall in Rangely. Written comments, objections, requests for informal conference, or requests for a public hearing held in the locality of the proposed mining operation for the purpose of determining whether the interests of the public and affected landowners will be protected concerning this application must be submitted to Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303)866-3567 within thirty (30) days of the last publication. Published: February 20, 27, 2014 and March 6 and 13, 2014

School Board Vacancy Notice  
Board of Education

Meeker RE-1 School District  
Persons interested in serving on the Meeker Re-1 School District Board of Education to fill the vacant seat on the Board until the November 2015 Election should contact the Meeker School District Administration Office, 555 Garfield for more information and to pick up an application. Completed applications should be returned to Bill deVergie, Board President at the District Administration Office, or mailed to P.O. Box 1089 no later than 12:00 noon on March 14, 2014  
To be eligible, persons must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the Meeker Re-1 School District and must be a registered elector in the District.  
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NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION  
INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY  
INHERITANCE

In the matter of the Determination of Heirs or Devises or Both and of Interests in Property of S. Alan Francis a/k/a Stanley Alan Francis, Deceased, Case No. 2014 PR 030007, District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado.  
To all interested Persons and Owners by Inheritance:

Rita Jeanne Francis,  
Steven Alan Francis  
Michael Alan Francis

A Petition has been filed alleging that the above Decedent died leaving the following property: W1/2W1/4 of Section 25. Township 3 North, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M., Rio Blanco Colorado  
The hearing on the Petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued  
Date: May 2, 2014  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Address: 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641  
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Board of County Commissioners  
Monday, March 17th  
Rangely, Colorado  
Tentative Board Agenda

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.  
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.  
6:00 p.m.  
Call to order:  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Changes to the March 17, 2014 Tentative Agenda  
Approval of the March 17, 2014 Agenda  
CONSENT AGENDA FOR March 17, 2014  
Minutes of the March 10th Board meeting  
BUSINESS AGENDA:  
General:  
Decision on the Justice Center Conceptual Design Bids:  
Lower White River Pest Control District Commercial Equipped Applicator and Aerial Spraying Bid Awards and Contracts/Agreements/Grants:  
Recommendation on the RBC Justice Center Technical Investigation  
OTHER BUSINESS:  
County Commissioners Updates  
Public Comments

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 24, in Meeker at the County Administration Building in Meeker. Please check the County, website for information at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/commissioners If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Rangely Rural Fire Protection 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 6, 20 14 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-5-208(1.5), C.R.S.  
The following candidates are hereby declared elected:  
Peter Brixius 4 year term until May, 2018  
Clayton Gohr 4 year term until May, 2018

Paul Tucker 4 year term until May, 2018  
Timothy J. Webber 2 year term until May, 2016  
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF REGULAR ELECTION, BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR THE, RIO BLANCO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third (63rd) 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 6, 2014, is hereby cancelled. The following candidates are declared elected:  
David Wade Bradford 4 Year Term,  
Joe Michel Sullivan 4 Year Term,  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday April 21, 2014, the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:15 a.m. at the Western Annex Building, 17497 Highway 64, Rangely, Colorado to consider the following:  
Conditional Use Permit 14-2 - Friends of The Tank request for a CUP to allow an entertainment facility that will accommodate groups for research and recording, and hold events in the Moderate Industrial zone at 233 CR 46, Rangely, CO in Section 35, T2N, R102W 6thP.M. (PIN # 138335300123).  
Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9580 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
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TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday March 18, 2014  
7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting  
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO  
Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Approval of the Agenda  
Approval of the Previous Minutes  
Approval of Monthly Disbursements  
Public Participation  
Staff Updates  
New Business  
Public Hearings- 7:00 p.m.  
Ordinance #5-2014, an Ordinance to approve a request from Rio Blanco County for the Town to Vacate 5th Street between Main Street and Park Avenue for use of the property in the Justice Center Expansion Project  
Mayor's remarks  
Town Manager's Report  
Town Attorney's Report  
Other Board Business  
Adjournment  
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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education BOE Candidate Interviews  
Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
Central Office - 555 Garfield Street 5:45 p.m.  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
Central Office - 555 Garfield Street 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll Call  
Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. deVergie will lead the Pledge of Allegiance  
Approval of Agenda

LEGAL NOTICES

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting March 4, 2014

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS  
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT  
Celebrations/Recognitions  
Technology in the Meeker School District  
Blake Mobley  
BOE Committee Liaisons  
Supplement Assistance Funding Report  
Last Day of School  
Capital Reserves  
Safety/Security Review  
Certified/Classified Report  
ACTION ITEMS  
Consideration of Action Items for a Blanket Motion  
Approval of Change in Calendar  
Approval of Use of Capital Reserve Monies for Infinite Campus  
Approval of Certified/Classified Report  
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT CONTINUED  
BOE Candidate Discussion  
ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED  
Appointment of BOE Vacancy  
OTHER BOE INFORMATION  
ADJOURNMENT  
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
APPLICATION FOR LOGICAL MINING UNIT MODIFICATION APPROVAL AND PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVAL.

The Colorado State Office of the Bureau of Land Management received an application from Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., 3607 County Road #65, Rangely, CO 81648, for a modification of an approved Logical Mining Unit (LMU) COC-57190 in accordance with 43 CFR 3487. The application for the proposed LMU modification is available for public inspection at the BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday.  
The proposed LMU modification would add all lands from Federal Coal Lease COC 74813 to the existing LMU. The descriptions of the lands contained within the LMU including the proposed modification are as follows:

Sixth Principal Meridian  
COC 08424-01:  
T.3N., R.101W.,

Acres  
sec. 19, E2SE,SWSE; 200  
sec. 20, S2,S2NW,S2N2NW; 440  
sec. 28, N2,N2SE; 400  
sec. 29, all; 640  
sec. 30, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E2, E2W2; 635.36  
sec. 31, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E2, E2W2; 636.96  
sec. 32, N2, N2S2, S2SW; 560  
sec. 33, SWNW, NWSW. 80  
Containing 3,512.32 acres, more or less. 3512.32

COC 08425-01:  
T.3N., R.101W.,

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Acres  
sec. 21, SW,S2SE; 240  
sec. 22, SWSW; 40  
sec. 27, W2NW,NWSW; 120  
sec. 28, SW,S2SE; 240  
sec. 33, N2N2,S2NE,SENW,NESW,N2SE; 400  
sec. 34, N2SW; 80  
Containing 1120 acres, more or less.  
1120  
COC 44693:  
T.2N., R.101W.,

Acres  
sec. 1, lots 1,2,5,6,SWNE,N2SE,W2SENE; 284.31  
sec. 36, SWSE,W2SESE; 60  
Containing 344.31 acres, more or less.  
344.31 COC 51551:  
T.3N., R.101W.,

Acres  
sec. 25, S2; 320  
sec. 26, SESE; 40  
sec. 34, S2NE,N2SE; 160  
sec. 35, NENE,S2N2,N2SW,N2N2SE; 320  
sec. 36, N2,N2S2; 480  
Containing 1320 acres, more or less.  
1320  
COC 23703-01:  
T.2N., R.101W.,

Acres  
sec. 1, lots 3,4, S2NW,SW; 319.82  
sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive,S2N2,SE; 479.36  
sec. 3, lots 1 to 4, inclusive,S2N2,SW; 479.12  
sec. 4, lots 1 to 4, inclusive,S2N2,S2; 638.92  
T.3N., R.101W.,  
sec. 32, S2SE; 80  
sec. 33, S2S2; 160  
sec. 34, S2S2; 160  
sec. 35, S2N2SE,S2S2; 200  
sec. 36, S2SW; 80  
Containing 2,597.22 acres, more or less.  
2597.22  
COC 126669-01:  
T.2N., R.101W.,

Acres  
sec. 11, lots 1,2,4,5, and 6; 175.07  
sec. 12, lots 2 to 5, inclusive; 83.99  
Containing 259.06 acres, more or less.  
259.06  
COC 47201:  
T.2N., R.101W.,

Acres  
sec. 2, SW; 160  
sec. 3, SE; 160  
sec. 10, NENE; 40  
sec. 11, lot 3,NENW,W2NW; 153  
Containing 513 acres, more or less. 513  
COC 74813:  
T.3N., R.101W.,

Acres

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sec. 17, SWSW,S2SESW; 60  
sec. 18, lots 3,4,S2NESE,S2NWSE,  
SES,S2NESW,S2SE; 256.41  
256.41  
sec.19, lot  
1, NE, N2NWSE, NENW, N2SENW;  
278.35  
sec. 20, NE,N2NW,N2NENW; 200  
sec. 21, NW,W2NE,SENE,N2SE; 360  
sec. 22, SE,SESW,N2SW,S2NW;  
sec. 23, S2SW,S2SE; 160  
sec. 26, N2,SW,N2SE,SWSE; 600  
sec. 27, E2,E2NW,E2SW,SWSW;  
sec. 34, NW,N2NE; 240  
sec. 35, N2NW,NWNE; 120  
Containing 3,154.76 acres, more or less.  
3,154.76  
**Total LMU Acreage:**  
**12,820.67, more or less**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION**  
The Colorado State Office of the Bureau of Land Management received the application from Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., 3607 County Road #65, Rangely, CO 81648, for a modification of an approved Logical Mining Unit (LMU) in accordance with 43 CFR 3487. The approval of this modification application is proposed to be effective August 27, 2013. Any comments concerning the approval of this LMU modification should be sent, within 30 days of this notice to Kyle Free by fax at 303-239-3799, e-mail kfree@blm.gov, or at the above address. Publish: March 13, & 20, 2014  
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**TOWN OF RANGELY  
Check Register  
February-14**

**VENDOR AMOUNT DESCRIPTION**  
A WORLD OF TILE GRAND JUNCTION, \$132.92, Expenses  
ACCUTEST MOUNTAIN STATES, \$171.00, Chemicals  
AFLAC, \$379.16, Payroll deduction  
AHRENS, BRENDA, \$4,500.00, Benefit Reimbursement  
AIR LIQUIDE, \$24.18, Cylinder Rental  
ANIMAL HEALTH & SANITARY SUPPLY, \$128.00, Expenses  
ARAMARK, \$1,261.78, Uniforms  
ARROWHEAD VETERINARY HOSPITAL, \$64.00, Animal Shelter Expenses  
ASHLEY VALLEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL, \$129.40, Animal Shelter Expenses  
BALBOA CAPITAL CORP., \$306.00, Expenses  
BASIN NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER, \$870.00, Expenses  
BOBCAT OF THE ROCKIES, \$1,556.00, Expenses  
"BRASFIELD, JOE", \$1,074.40, Benefit Reimbursement  
BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP LLC, \$132.50, Expenses  
CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLY, \$123.50, Expenses  
CALL MAX, INC., \$6,065.38, Chemicals  
CASELLE, INC., \$799.33, Services  
CASTO, BRAD, \$100.00, Council Stipend  
CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, \$398.45, Expenses  
CENTURYLINK, \$2,605.13, Telephone/Services  
CHARTER COMMUNICATION, \$199.69, WRV Cable  
CHEMATOX LABORATORY, ICN., \$310.00, Services  
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC., \$295.00, Expenses  
DETROIT INDUSTRIAL TOOL, \$126.30, Expenses

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DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, \$13,588.65, Expenses  
EDDY, DAN, \$100.00, Council Stipend  
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, \$62.31, Elections  
EMC PLUMBING, \$605.52, Expenses  
EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES LLC, \$131.04, Chemicals  
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, \$737.96, Payroll deduction  
FARNEY, LINDA, \$29.12, Expenses  
FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, \$22,088.27, Payroll deduction  
FPPA, \$516.75, PD Insurance  
GLACIER CONSTRUCTION CO, INC, \$92,625.00, WTP Expense  
GOBLE SAMPSON ASSOCIATES, \$887.79, Expenses  
GOHR, CLAYTON, \$100.00, Council Stipend  
GOULD CONSTRUCTION, INC., \$35,072.45, Expenses  
GRAINGER, \$573.08, Expenses  
GREAT AMERICAN LEASING COMPANY, \$330.00, Lease  
HACH, \$862.60, Chemicals  
HATCH, LISA, \$100.00, Council Stipend  
HERITAGE BUILDING & LUMBER, \$686.02, Expenses  
HUITT, FRANK, \$150.00, Council Stipend  
INDIGO WATER GROUP, \$450.00, Training  
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC MOTOR SVCS, \$2,302.56, Services  
ITRON, INC., \$983.26, Services  
J'S TIRE AND AUTOMOTIVE, \$1,693.00, Expenses  
KANSAS CITY LIFE, \$1,908.46, Life & STD Insurance  
KRAI-AM AND KRAI-FM, \$145.00, Expenses  
KYLE, COLLEEN, \$41.36, Utility Clearing  
LEAVENWORTH CONSULTING, LLC, \$100.00, Services  
LUCAS EQUIPMENT LUB & REPAIR, \$899.00, Expenses  
MAIL SERVICES, \$823.69, Services  
MANFIELD PRINTING, INC, \$91.00, Expenses  
MASTER PETROLEUM, \$1,802.24, Fuel  
MASTERCARD, \$5,296.82, Expenses  
MCALLISTER, MERCY, \$95.00, Benefit Reimbursement  
MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL, \$1,024.91, Expenses  
MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT, \$40.00, Services  
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC, \$12,660.36, Electricity  
MUNRO SUPPLY, INC., \$507.00, Expenses  
MW VETERINARY SUPPLY, \$152.40, Animal Shelter Expenses  
MYERS, AARON, \$369.00, Benefit Reimbursement  
NETWORKS UNLIMITED, \$1,857.76, Support  
NEVE'S UNIFORM, \$3991.00, Expenses  
NICHOLS STORE, \$18.00, Expenses  
NIELSEN, JOSEPH, \$100.00, Council Stipend  
NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, \$350.00, Training  
ORKIN PEST CONTROL, \$608.26, Services  
PIERING, LISA, \$40.00, Expenses  
PINNACOL ASSURANCE, \$6,909.63, Expenses  
PIPELINE TESTING CONSORTIUM, \$85.00, Services  
PITNEY BOWES INC, \$104.83, Services  
POST MASTER, \$489.49, Expenses  
PRATER'S PLUMBING & HEATING, \$1,705.75, Services  
PRESTIGE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, \$300.00, Payroll deduction  
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER, INC., \$508.00, Expenses  
QUILL, \$246.00, Expenses  
RANGELY AREA CHAMBER, \$100.00, Expenses  
RANGELY AUTO PARTS, \$1,495.18, Expenses  
RANGELY COLLISION CENTER LLC, \$1,558.35, Expenses  
RANGELY HARDWARE, \$2,760.42, Expenses  
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION, \$15,857.94, Sales Tax Funding  
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, \$878.00, Services  
RANGELY, TOWN OF, \$11,105.63, Utilities  
REED, DONALD, \$568.00, Benefit Reimbursement  
RESPOND FIRST AID, \$70.55, Expenses  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, \$1,863.78, Expenses  
RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES, \$639.08, Expenses  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH PLANS, \$24,942.61, Health Ins  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY CO, \$391.59, Expenses  
ROMNEY, SHERMAN, \$2,288.00, Services  
SCHMEUSER GORDON MEYER, INC, \$6,208.75, Services  
SENERGY BUILDERS, \$5,144.50, Housing Rental Fee  
SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, \$185.00, Services  
STEWART WELDING, \$246.55, Expenses  
STRATA NETWORKS, \$500.00, Services  
SUMMIT ENERGY, \$131,615.15, Gas Transmission/Transport  
TEMPLETON, JON, \$150.00, Benefit Reimbursement  
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST, \$136.86, Expenses  
TIMBER LINE ELECTRIC & CONTROL, \$2368.50, Expenses  
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, \$26.00, Services  
UNCC, \$22.95, Services  
URIE, ELAINE, \$100.00, Council Stipend  
USA BLUEBOOK, \$1,694.89, Expenses

**LEGAL NOTICES**

VERIZON WIRELESS, \$1,012.92, Cell Service  
VERNAL WINNELSON, \$1,278.95, Expenses  
VET CLINIC, THE, \$129.50, Expenses  
WAGNER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, \$174.69, Expenses  
WALTER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP LLC, \$1,125.00, Services  
WEX BANK, \$6,743.36, Fuel  
WHITE RIVER MARKET, \$100.23, Supplies  
WILCZEK, KAREN, \$300.00, Judge Fee  
WILCZEK, VINCENT, \$32.28, Benefit Reimbursement  
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, \$67.50, Fee's  
TOTAL, \$779,220.17,  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

showing Frozen, fundraiser for MHS FCCLA. March 21st, starts at 6:30pm at MHS Auditorium. Donations appreciated.

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

**Rio Blanco Fire Protection District EMT-Basic class** will begin April 1, 2014 at the Rio Blanco Fire Protection Station. Call 970-878-3443 for more details and sign up.

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

DUI? MEEKER Collision now offers Smart Start which is an interlock device service center. Installation, Removal and Monitoring. If you are currently with another provider, no cost to switch to Smart Start. Call (970) 878-0000.

**Baseball and Softball Field Meeting**

Interested in utilizing ERM Recreation and Park District's ballfields for private activities this summer? Attend a field use policies and procedures meeting on March 20 at 7:00pm at the Meeker Recreation Center in the Multi Purpose Room.

**RADINO & CHUCKWAGON**

Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal  
878-5627 or 675-8112  
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program  
Meals served at noon.  
Reservations appreciated.  
Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.  
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)  
\*\*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*  
FRIDAY, March 14: Minestrone soup, grilled cheese, tossed salad, strawberry & banana fruit cup, sugar cookie.  
MONDAY, March 17: Roast Beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, CA blend vegetables, waldorf salad.  
TUESDAY, March 18: Smoked Ham, sweet potatoes, green bean almandine, cranberry mold, pie  
WEDNESDAY, March 19: Salmon loaf/white sauce, parsley buttered potatoes, five way vegetables, fruit cup.  
FRIDAY, March 21: Fruit salad, Beef stew, biscuit, vanilla pudding.

**PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER,**

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

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

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

**Pioneers Medical Center**  
Phone: (970) 878-9047 Fax: (970) 878-3385  
345 Cleveland St., Meeker, CO 81641  
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PISTOL RIVER LEATHER**  
I am working through a major medical problem. I will be out of commission for a couple of weeks. Sorry for the inconvenience.  
"Your never too old to learn something stupid."  
785 Park Avenue 878-4346  
www.pistolriverleather.com

**AUCTIONS**

ANNUAL SPRING Consignment Auction, Saturday April 12th at 9:00a.m. 2368 S 1500 E. in Vernal, Utah. Equipment of all kinds. Many Vehicles, Trucks, Trailers, Campers, Boats, ATV's, Motorcycles, Pipe, new and Used Tools, Lumber, Tack, Camping & Fishing items, Guns, Antiques & Collectibles, Coins, Household Items and much more! If you would like to consign please call now so we can advertise your items. For more information or Consign, call ZJ Auction Service, Inc. 435-789-7424 or go to www.zjauction.com

**ESTATE COUNTRY AUCTION-** Saturday March 22, 10:00 a.m. 53554 LE 2/10 Road Molina, Colorado (between Mesa & Collbran Colorado, 2 miles south of Post Office). Small Tractorhoe, 2 Tractors, 1 with loader. 2 flatbed trailers, land leveler, 7 3pt attachments, lots of good lumber, fencing, hand & power tools, 2 4-wheelers, guns, ammo, reloading items, antiques & collectables, bedroom & living room furniture, 61"TV, yard art, shelving for home & shop, 6x4 Gator with splitter, 2 John Deere riding mowers, yard tools, 4" aluminum & 8" Plastic gated pipe, other pipe and more. This is a very clean Auction Estate of Steve Robertson. For more info call Steve Claypool, CP Auction Service. (970) 260-5577. See web www.cpauction.com. "Call me about a sale for you."

**AUCTION SATURDAY** March 15th 10:00 a.m. 2119 H Road, Grand Junction, CO. Moped, Brush hog, sandblaster, hand & power tools, hunting & camping items, guns ammo, nice antique furniture & collectables, saddles, & tack, coins, bear traps, modern household items and more. For more info call Steve Claypool, CP Auction Service (970) 260-5577. See web www.cpauctions.com. "Call me about a sale for you."

**Rangely Victim Services**

An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. **Non-emergency call 629-5729 or 629-0709.** Emergencies call 911. Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

**CLEANING**

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

**FARM & RANCH**

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

**FOR SALE**

Family Movie Night showing Frozen, fundraiser for MHS FCCLA. March 21st, starts at 6:30pm at MHS Auditorium. Donations appreciated.

**FURNITURE**

LARGE OAK table and six chairs. Has extra leaf. \$50. See at 606 School St., Rangely, Colo. (970)675-8971.

**GUNS**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

FOR LEASE OR SALE- 71 1/2 acres of pasture. Small pond. 50 ft off county road. Will take 2-4 horses, sheep on the move etc. 12 minutes from Meeker. Secret amenities. Call for more information. 878-4546 or (303)881-9408

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

**HELP WANTED: FULL TIME**

**Farm Foreman Position-** Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center (UCEPC), is seeking a full-time Farm Foreman. UCEPC, located in Meeker, CO, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit research and development facility for plant materials used in revegetation and reclamation of surface disturbances in CO, UT, WY, and the Central Rocky Mountain region. Salary is commensurate with experience, education, and housing needs; housing is available on site. Full benefit package includes employee health insurance, PERA retirement, paid leave and holidays. Farming experience and basic computer skills required. CDL and Pesticide Applicators License required or must be obtained if hired. Bachelor's degree and bi-lingual preferred. Job applications are available via e-mail at: ucepc@wreawildblue.org, or 5538 County Road 4 in Meeker. Applications close March 14, 2014.

**HELP WANTED: FULL TIME**

WANTED- HOUSE Cleaner 2 times a month- call 878-5714 or see at 663 12th St, Meeker, CO.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

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

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

**Recreation supervisor-** The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking a Recreation Supervisor. This is a full-time or part-time benefited position; hiring range \$16.88 - 20.62/hour. Duties include, but are not limited to: develop, manage and supervise recreation programs and events, supervise recreation coordinators, assist recreation manager. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or GED, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts, four or more years experience in recreation or related field, two or more years supervisory experience. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. 970-878-3403. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request. Applications will be accepted through Friday, March 28, 2014. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

**RIOBLANCOHERALDTIMES**  
**BUSINESS DIRECTORY**  
**MEEKER**

**STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES**  
**HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**KEVIN AMACK INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**  
KEVIN AMACK Agent  
628 Main P.O. Box 347 Meeker, CO 81641 (970) 878-4036  
402 W. Main St., Suite 139 Rangely, CO 81648 (970) 675-5455 (800) 440-3418

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262 6th & Market Streets  
Meeker, CO 81641  
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Phil Mass Mike Mohr

**MEEKER collision CENTER**  
BODY & FRAME  
43904 highway 13  
(located behind Samuelsen Hardware)  
970-878-0000  
Auto Glass Auto Body  
Chip Repair Spray-In Bedliners

**Farm Bureau Insurance**  
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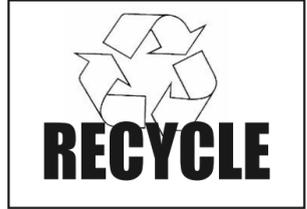
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855 5th St. 5 BD, 2BA home with good location, new roof, windows, carpet, wood flooring, siding etc. ... large lot. \$200,000

1045 Lance Cr. - 5 BD, 2 BA home with custom garage and large yard on a quiet cul-de-sac, \$198,500

769.5 Pine Street - Private 3BD/2BA remodeled home with stainless steel appliances, wonderful shaded porch, chain link fence, garage and storage shed. \$179,000

780 11th Street - Remodeled 3 BD, 2 BA bi-level home with fenced yard. \$167,900

1170 Cleveland Street, large home with full basement, family room, rec room, carport, nice trees. \$149,900

1007 Wall St., 3BD, 2BA home with large back yard, deck and garage. \$145,000

1160 Main Street - 3BD/1 BA home with new siding and roof. Walk out basement, wood burning stove and fenced backyard. Lots of space for the price! \$119,000

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

439 Agency Drive - Magnificent 4 BD, 3 BA log home on 6+ acres. New barn, high end appliances and panoramic views, just minutes from Meeker. \$525,000

3778 RBC Rd. 13 - 35 acres with water rights, hay field, pastures and beautifully remodeled 4BD, 2BA home. \$369,000

281 RBC Rd. 57 - Beautiful log home with 3 BD, 2 BA on 1.4 acres. 10 miles east of Meeker on the Flat Tops Scenic By-way. \$324,000

264 Love Lane, 3BD, 2BA stucco home with metal shop and 5 stall horse barn on 4.39 acres. Great Location. \$275,000

2638 County Rd. 6 - 4 BD, 3BA, home on 38.2 acres with garage, irrigation water, improved grasses and panoramic views, good location. \$275,000

20285 RBC Rd. 8 Spacious home on 1.7 acres, located 20 miles up the White River. \$249,900

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317 East Market St. - 4.25 acres including a Commercial Building, large workshop and 3 acre vacant lot with highway frontage. \$975,000. **Open to Offers!**

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624 Market St. - Large restaurant building, currently being leased and recently remodeled with outstanding location. \$562,500

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1107 Market Street - Large office building/boarding house along with a cozy single family home. Fantastic Highway 13 frontage, large lot and off street parking. \$250,000

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41 vacant lots in Sanderson Hills Subdivision. These are nice lots located on the northwest side of the Subdivision. \$250,000 for all or 7 lots at \$6,200 per lot. **OWNER FINANCING**

48 Acres - 5 miles south of Meeker, joins BLM, open to trades or offers \$235,000

5 Acres on the White River - Located 13 miles up County Road 8, owner financing available. \$149,900.

99 acres - vacant land that joins the BLM. \$139,000.

15,000 SQFT, 6th & Water Street - Mixed Zoning. \$120,000

4.5 lots on 8th St. \$100,000

182 Main St. Commercial lot behind the new Dollar Store. Busy location! \$85,000

688 Meath Drive - 35 acres with cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! \$85,000

Vacant Lot containing 2.25 acres, next to Hwy. 13, north of Meeker, CO. Easy access within a short distance to town. The slope of this lot allows for a nice building area. \$45,000

**REDUCED!** 23105 Highway 13 - 5.09 Acres with water well and electricity. \$50,000

4 Lots in Cross L Estates - Possible owner finance. \$70,000 - \$75,000. \$250,000 for all

6.79 acres Cross L Estates - Irrigated hay meadow, domestic water, electricity & views. Time to build a new house! **Reduced to \$35,000**

1095 Pinyon Street - Fantastic views of the valley. \$60,000 for all 3 lots!

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- ◆ 1343 Sage Ridge Rd - New 3bdrm home, full basement ..... \$219,000
- ◆ 242 Park Ave. - large site, 2+ bdrm home, large shop ..... \$145,000
- ◆ Garfield St. Townhouses - 5 units, back on the market, buy 1 or all... \$29,900-\$49,900
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**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**

- \*NEW 1393 Ridge Rd.-5 BR, 3 BA home, fenced yard, attached garage, hot tub, fireplace, great views! \$229,000
- \*NEW 825 2nd St.-4+ BR, 2 BA home, fenced yard, 3 car garage & heated shop. \$235,000 **SALE PENDING!**
- \*NEW 1425 Mountain View Rd.-4 BR, 3 BA home on a private lot with amazing views. Well maintained. \$189,900
- \*NEW 146 Garfield- Unique commercial property or ? Loading dock, workshop, small apartment, storage. \$100,000
- \*560 5th St.- Great Rental Property -Lg family home or can be a 2, 3, or 4 plex, big shop. \$175,000.
- \*910 Water St, Space 6- Very nice 3 BR, 2 BA, double-wide trailer. \$59,000 **Sale Pending**
- \*1369 Juniper Rd.-Beautiful home on 2 large lots, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, attached garage, landscaped w/ sprinkler system, covered patio. \$275,000 **Also a 3rd adjacent lot available @ \$35,000.**
- \*917 4th St.- Beautiful 5 BR, 3 BA home on 2 quiet, private lots. Basement, garage, trees. **Reduced to \$260,000.**
- \*830 Water St.-3 BR, 2BA one level home, fenced corner lot. Garage. Move in ready. \$175,900.
- \*585 Cleveland St.- 3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every areal Private fenced back yard, shop, big carport, trees. **SCHEDULE A SHOWING. \$449,000**
- \*970 9th St.- 4 BR 3-1/2BA two story log home, large lot, carport. \$169,000 **REDUCED!**
- \*11 East Main St- 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. **REDUCED \$193,500!**
- \*562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000 **MAKE AN OFFER!**
- \*643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$129,000. **REDUCED!**
- \*939 Park Ave.-4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jetted bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. \$234,900 **SOLD**

**RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...**

- \*NEW 1190 CR 63 - 376 Acre Hunting & Grazing Property-12 mi. E. of Meeker, 3 BR, 2 BA home, borders Oak Ridge state hunting land. Cattle grazing land. Creeks, ponds. \$1,100,000.
- \*1161 CR 8 - 5 acres, river view, remodeled 2+BR 2 BA, carport, great view, A/C, new heating system. \$349,000
- \*950 CR 14- Mountain cabin 26 miles up river. 2 BR, 1 BA with deck views, in the woods. \$289,000
- \*12345 CR 8 - 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$360,000
- \*4637 CR 8- 77 irrigated acres, 2 story home, barns, shop, sheds, hay pastures, good water. \$690,000.
- \*River Property- CR 12- 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
- \*2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, Beautiful setting! \$65,000 **REDUCED**
- \*710 Shaman Tr.- 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
- \*24530 County Rd. 8- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000
- \*40 Acres up South Fork- Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access, **HUNTING, \$585,000.**
- \*13051 CR 8- 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. \$435,000. **SALE PENDING!**

**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

- \*NEW 145 Garfield- commercial building w/ apartment, loading dock, over 3,000 sq. ft. \$100,000
- \*109 Market St.-3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location Next to new Family Dollar Store \$299,000
- \*Rio Blanco Store- Great potential, 1/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, cafe, living quarters. **Reduced \$130,000.**
- \*304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- \*County Rd. 8- mile marker 29 1/2, amazing 29 acre parcel, building site, water rights & more, borders BLM & National Forest \$349,000
- \*NEW Juniper Rd.- large lot in Sage Hills. \$35,000
- \*860 Shaman Trail- 5.5 acre lot just east of Meeker, Ute Terrace Sub., town water, awesome views. \$60,000
- \*Ridge Estates- 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. **Prices starting from \$75,600.** 1 mile south of town.
- \*359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000
- \*River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- \*Several nice building lots on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000. 1144-1146 Michael **SALE PENDING!**
- \*20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$63,000
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4: 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great site. **REDUCED TO \$79,000.**
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 5: 35 acres, good pond, pasture. Partially fenced. \$93,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Two 35 acre lots bordering DOWD hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000, Lot 12 **SOLD!**
- \*Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. Lot 14. \$100,000
- \*1187 Park Ave- 2 corner lots, zoned for multi-family, lots of trees. Town Ditch. \$65,000.
- \*879 Pine St.- 11,250 Sq. Ft. lot, great neighborhood, nice building site. \$28,000
- \*100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.

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- ◆ 300 4th St. East, 3 BR 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur, 1744 Sq Ft built in 1981. Large garden space with water tap. Two large outbuildings. Lots of room to park toys. \$130,000
- ◆ 3103 Moffat County Rd 104, Skull Creek Flats, Dinosaur, 1,792 sf single family home w/ 360 sf addition, all on a total of 30 acres. numerous out buildings, include 1200 SF pole barn and finished 1008 SF frame built garage. \$219,000
- ◆ 315 8317 N. Grand Ave. Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF. 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. **Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.**
- ◆ 5 acres vacant land on CR 104, Dinosaur. Skull Creek Flats, Area 10 w/ Great views \$7,500

- ◆ NEW LISTING: 980 9th Street. Top of 9th Street. 3 bed, 2 1/2 bathroom home. With lg. laundry/hobby room, upgraded kitchen, 2 car garage, lots of storage and great views!( 24 hour notice to show) Priced to sell. \$177,000
- ◆ 1376 Juniper Rd. Extensive remodeling on the 1st level, beautiful chef's kitchen w/ pantry and lots of working room, granite countertops, all new appliances new flooring through-out entire main level Large walk-in master bedroom closet, new paint & bannisters. Total 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 3 car garage with asphalt driveway. 20,000 + sf lot. \$280,000
- ◆ 757 3rd Street, Awesome 3 BD, 1 3/4 Bath home meticulously remodeled. Italian marble floor in bathrooms w/ Jacuzzi tub in master bath , nice open Kitchen & dining area, beautiful hardwood floors on the main level and a fully finished basement with built-in entertainment center. Covered patio and to complete this property a wonderful 780 SF detached garage wired for sound system. \$245,000
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