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Prom date changed ...

The date for the 2014 Meeker High School prom was reset Monday from April 19 to April 12, causing a stir among students and parents, but meetings were set for Wednesday afternoon by students and parents who want to keep the April 19 date and Thursday evening by MHS Principal Kim Ibach to discuss with school officials, parents and students what everyone feels would be the best date. Several students and parents at the Meeker School Board meeting Tuesday night either stated or said others who did speak spoke on their behalf in favor of a return to April 19 for the prom. Conflicts with other dates prevented moving the prom into May, Ibach said, adding that the move was spurred by "10 to 12" complaints from "a priest, a pastor and parents" because prom on the 19th would be a problem with the clergy because Easter is April 20 and because the parents said they had plans already for the weekend involving family.

CodeRED to warn of local air, smoke and ozone problems

By JEREMY SIMMONS
Environmental Health Officer
RBC Public Health and Environment
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Rio Blanco County usually has good air quality. Air monitors installed in 2011 near Meeker and Rangely have confirmed this. However, long-time residents can tell you that there historically have been long periods when wildfire smoke fills the air and an almost yearly dust storm season.

This is a part of the West. It will likely always be so. In the last few years, we have also become aware of short periods of high ozone on the western side of the county, near Rangely.

We might all suspect that these poor air quality events are a problem for people with respiratory issues. However, what many people may not realize is that these issues can be just as bad, if not worse, for people with heart conditions. This is because when very fine particulates in dust and smoke are inhaled they can enter the blood stream and wreak havoc on the heart and circulatory system from within. Perhaps even more surprising is that completely healthy people can cause themselves serious and permanent harm, including lung infection and lung tissue scarring, if they exert themselves in these conditions.

Thankfully, the pollutants in the air during these events are usually not a long-term issue when the exposure is short and under moderate conditions. However, the worse the conditions and the harder we breathe while in these conditions, the worse the effects.

This means that healthy adults and children can cause real damage to their lungs if they exercise, work or play hard in bad air. When these conditions are bad enough, outdoor exertion should be limited, even by the healthy. While dusty and smoky conditions are fairly obvious, unfortunately high ozone levels are not noticeable to most people.

To help Rio Blanco's citizens protect themselves, the County Public Health Department is teaming up with the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office to begin using the CodeRED emergency alert system to send out notifications when poor air quality conditions are known or predicted in the area.

There are two tiers to this program: emergency and non-emergency. If an air quality event is determined to be an emergency, a notification will be sent to everyone registered for CodeRED. If you are already registered for CodeRED, you don't need to do anything else to receive emergency alerts.

Hopefully, the air quality in Rio Blanco County never reaches emergency levels. However, because even moderately bad conditions can be harmful, we are building a non-emergency level into CodeRed. Through this program we will send alerts only to those who want them when air quality conditions are bad, but not bad enough to be considered an emergency. This free service is separate from the emergency alert system and must be signed up for separately.

If you have not registered your phone (cell phone) number with CodeRED for emergency alerts please go to the Rio Blanco Sheriff's website and click on CodeRed. Once you're registered you will receive alerts for emergencies only. Emergency calls will always show "CodeRed" as the caller on your caller ID.

To sign up for text alerts for non-emergency air quality issues please contact the Public Health Department at 970-878-9526 or via email (at jsimmons@co.rio-blanco.co.us). We will need your name, address, phone number and the name of your (cell phone) service provider. If you use a TracPhone, we will need a bit more, please contact us. These non-emergency alerts will show "ECN Network" as the caller on your caller ID.

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Rangely voters set town board; parks to WRBM

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Tuesday's municipal election in Rangely selected the mayor and two town board members and decided whether or not to convey several town parks and properties to the control of the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (WRBM).

Voters determined that incumbent town board member Lisa Hatch will return to the Rangely Town Board for a second four-year term with candidates Andy Shaffer and Ann Brady filling seats soon to be vacated by termed-out trustees Clayton Gohr and Elaine Urie.

Of the 277 regular and absentee ballots cast, Shaffer was the top vote getter with 213 votes. Hatch received 201 and Brady garnered 153 while candidate Dave Way, who lost by two votes in 2012, received 143 votes to come up 10 votes short this time.

Two hundred and thirty residents voted to retain Rangely Mayor Frank Huitt, who ran unchallenged, for a second two-year term.

A ballot question asked if residents wanted the Town of Rangely to convey its interest in several town parks and properties — among them the Rangely Camper Park and Hefley Park — to the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District.

Voters approved the measure by a 174-100 vote. The approval validates an agreement made to transfer lands owned by the town to the WRBM Recreation and Park District, with plans to complete survey and easement requirements in the next 120 days.

The 277 votes cast this year were down by more than half compared with 2012's municipal election, when 661 votes were cast for mayor and trustee candidates.

SEAN MCMAHON

(Above) Cary Baird, left, the community engagement specialist for Chevron, presents a check for $25,000 to Peggy Rector, president of the Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation, center, and CNCC President Russell George, right, during the 10th Annual CNCC Foundation Dinner on Saturday night at CNCC. The check, dinner tickets and prolific bidders in the silent and spoken auctions raised $55,000 prior to expenses. (Below) CNCC Foundation President Peggy Rector and CNCC President Russell George, presented Fred Slagle, center, the CNCC Supporter of the Year Award. "Fred is the Encana front man around here, and they help the college a lot," George said. "But more than that, he and his family — wife Carla and daughter Tessa — are always there when anything needs to be done. Fred and his family were so honored because they are all involved, and we are most grateful for all the help they offer."

Kevin Orlowitz back in Meeker as postmaster

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER I After several months with a temporary postmaster, Meeker now has a new full-time postmaster, although he is no stranger to the post office in town.

Kevin Orlowitz began work as Meeker's new postmaster on Feb. 28, but he was a postal clerk in Meeker for 18 months beginning in November 2008. His first job with the U.S. Postal Service was in Meeker.

Orlowitz returns to Meeker via Craig, where he has served as a supervisor and a clerk.

"I grew up in Bailey and have hunted in this area since I was 12," he said. "Before settling in Bailey, where I graduated from high school, I was all over the place as an Army brat."

His parents and three siblings live in Cañon City.

Orlowitz said he loves the hunting and fishing in the area and in his spare time he either heads outdoors or plays hockey or video games.

"I have a lot of friends in Craig who play hockey, and it could be really tough to leave them behind in Craig," he said. "Right now I am commuting daily, and it really isn't too bad. That still allows me to play hockey on the weekends."

Why the U.S. Postal Service?

"It is a good job and I spent a lot of time trying to get in," Orlowitz said. "The good thing about working in small towns is you get to know everyone, as I have in Craig.

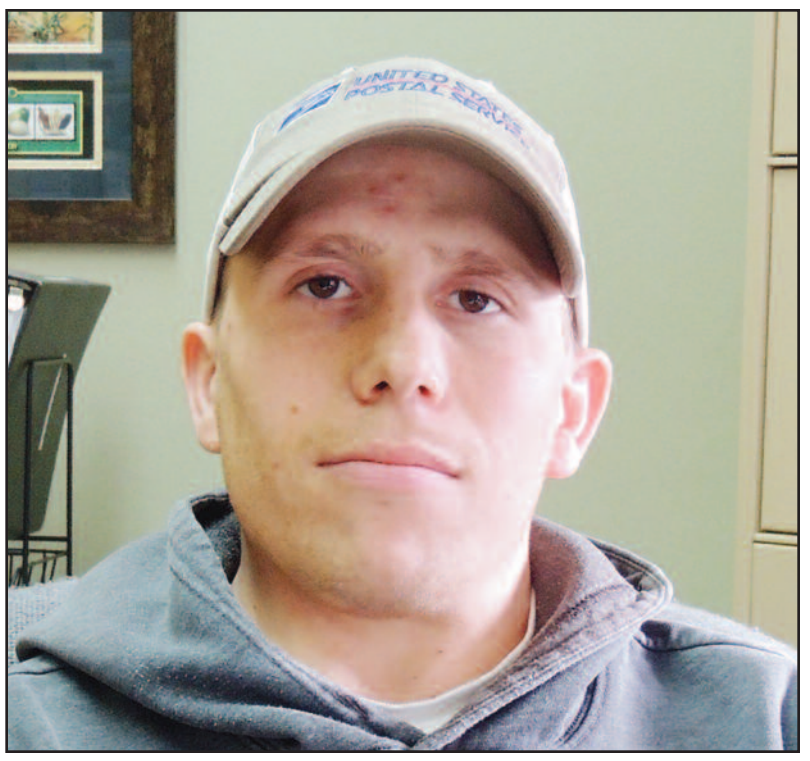
"There are still a lot of people I know and recognize from when I was in Meeker before, and that makes it easier and more enjoyable," he said. "It will just be a matter of time until I get to know everyone here."

As for the negatives of his job, Orlowitz said, "I really don't see any real problems here other than the lack of social interaction. And that is particularly true of someone who isn't living here full time."

Orlowitz said he isn't sure when or if a full-time move will take place.

"I really like the Meeker people and the surrounding area," he said. "But I also play quite a bit of hockey in Craig, so I'm really not sure when that move will come, but I really don't mind the daily commute.

"Meeker has some really great and friendly people," he said. "So I am going to have to do a little bit of thinking."



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Kevin Orlowitz is the new postmaster for Meeker. He most recently was a supervisor and clerk at the Craig Post Office but has returned to Meeker, where he began his U.S. Postal Service career as a clerk for 18 months, beginning in November 2008.

MES hosts Night at MES Museum

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Next week will be busy at Meeker Elementary School as the fifth-grade class offers its annual "Night at the MES Museum" on Thursday evening and its Scholastic book fair on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The fifth-grade class invites the entire Meeker community to its annual "Night at the MES Museum" on Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This special "blast from the past" offers the students the opportunity to bring famous people to life in their museum.

This unforgettable night becomes even more magical because the fifth graders will be accepting coin donations at each of their exhibits to go toward a charity of their choice to help make a difference in the world.

The annual Buy One, Get One Free Scholastic book fair will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. The fair will run from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the elementary school library, 201 Ute Rd.

Books will be available for all ages, and all members of the community are welcome to peruse the books in the fair.

For more information, contact Kay Bivens at 1-970-878-9050, Ext. 110.

WEATHER **Saturday: 40s/20s** Cloudy **Sunday: 50s/20s** Partly cloudy

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Consultants will move ahead with expanded trails master plan

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Great Outdoors Consultants (GOC), the company hired in November to create a trails master plan for motorized — and non-motorized use in Rio Blanco County, presented several trail concepts at the second of three public workshops during March in Rangely and Meeker.

GOC Executive Director Drew Stoll presented four trail master plan concepts and drafts of a vision statement, goals and principles to the attendees, who were asked to offer opinions and commentary on the tentative layouts and purposes of the trail system.

The feedback will be used to further hone a trails plan GOC will unveil in May after the consultants host a final public workshop next month.

Of the four plans, participants favored a trail system that looped around the county rather than one main trail bisecting it. Attendees also liked loop options with special recreation areas built along the main route and scenic routes designed to curve along ridge lines.

Some thought a third option, named the "Northwest Colorado Regional Trail System" in the initial concept draft, could bring what Colorado State University (CSU) economist John Loomis dubbed "new money" into the county as non-residents would travel to Rio Blanco County trails via interconnected systems in neighboring counties.

Stoll said that when he met with Garfield County officials recently about the potential for connecting a Rio Blanco trails system to a broader regional network, he emphasized the need for the other counties to collaborate should plans move that direction.

"I told them frankly, 'You guys have an advantage over Rio Blanco County,'" Stoll said. "You're on the I-70 corridor; you have more hotels and more services. If you want to be part of a regional trail system, you have to figure out how to help Rio Blanco County as much as you have to think about how to help yourselves. Otherwise, it's not going to be a partnership and it's not going to be successful."

Assuming the scope of the trails master plan remains focused on Rio Blanco County, Loomis discussed the potential growth to the county from Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation alone, based on three future-use scenarios.

Loomis estimated that current spending on OHV "trips" by county and non-county residents is approximately $1.8 million, based on between 10,140 and 13,960 group trips annually (defined as any outing or excursion away from a residence). That figure, he said, breaks down to an estimated 31 full and part-time jobs, $1.2 million in labor income, almost $500,000 in property income and close to $87,000 in local sales tax.

To estimate potential income generated after implementing a master trails system, Loomis' first scenario matched Rio Blanco County's potential OHV trail use to a comparable number of acres currently used for OHVs in Moffat County.

The second scenario considered OHV use per mile of trail similar to south-central Utah's Paiute Trail System, while the third scenario calculated future use by adding 10 special events similar to the White River OHV Rendezvous annually.

The gain in resident and non-resident trips jumped from as few as 1,000, using the special-event calculation, to as many as almost 14,000, using the Paiute Trail scenario, by year five of the trail's implementation.

In terms of the "new" or non-residential money flowing into the county, non-resident use is estimated at between 36 and 42 percent of all visits. That could mean as little as $66,800 or as much as $921,200 in estimated gross income by the trail's fifth year in operation.

Loomis also discussed the potential return on investment once one-time and recurring costs factor in, adding that the county could capture more income and cover some costs via merchandizing, special-event fees or increased bed taxes.

A main purpose of the scenarios, Loomis said, is to help keep expectations in line with reality.

"(The scenarios are) saying, 'Here's the potential so that you've got some order of magnitude. "You know it's not going to be larger than (the Paiute or Moffat County outcomes)…you want to keep expectations realistic given the location, where you are in relation to population centers and the Interstate."

Stoll added that bringing the trails master plan to fruition would happen in phases, at the same time emphasizing the need to make progress and begin marketing efforts relatively quickly following the plan's completion, all while considering ways to work with and around issues of industry, seasons of use, private land and topography.

"While we're going to break implementation into phases, we want some success in the first phase," Stoll said. "It doesn't do us any good if it takes us 20 years to open up a trail system. We need elements that we can have some success with sooner than later."

GOC consultant Jim Keeler reiterated the need to stay focused on elements that have worked for other successful trail systems. Among these are qualities that make the location a "destination" for visitors using trails in varying ways, establishing a consistent funding mechanism, varying the purpose, width and difficulty of trails, and marketing a common vision in unified consistent ways while maintaining diverse partnerships.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Social and Physical Sciences Supervisor Chad Schneckenburger confirmed that the BLM will continue to let the trails master plan shape the focus areas for its evolving travel management plan.

"We're estimating that there's roughly 8,000 miles of route out there; that's kind of a guess," he said. "We can't have all that open, but … we want to make good choices about what should stay open, what should be closed and why. What are the experiences we want to provide to users? And that's why this process has been really, really helpful."

To view the Power Point presentation shown at GOC's second public workshop, a summary of trail concepts and participant feedback, or to provide comments of your own, go to www.wagonwheeltrails.org/master_plan/workshop-2.

Tipton blasts latest attempt by EPA to control nation's water

Special to the Herald Times

WASHINGTON I On Friday, U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO) raised concerns that a draft Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule would drastically broaden the agency's regulatory authority over all wetlands and waterways.

"This draft EPA rule could amount to a massive water grab by the federal government, the scope of which has never been seen; the stakes are incredibly high for Colorado, and for all water users," Tipton said. "Much like we saw with the federal Blueways Order, this new rule has the potential to further the administration's erosion of state water law, jeopardize municipalities, communities and economies that rely on long-held individual water rights for their livelihood and derail a century of local conservation efforts to responsibly protect and manage our precious water supply. This federal overreach has to stop."

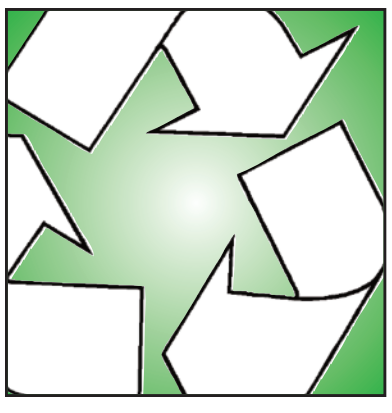
The EPA's draft rule redefines "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act to include bodies of all sizes and flows—virtually every form of surface water.

In March, the U.S. House of Representatives passed with bipartisan support Tipton's legislation to uphold state water law and protect private water rights from uncompensated federal takings.

"Similarly, the Water Rights Protection Act speaks to this very problem of the federal government drastically overreaching and infringing on private property rights in an attempt to take control of our water," Tipton said. "After this new EPA rule, if anybody still doubts that this administration is dead set on taking control of Western water — Colorado water — then they're simply not paying attention.

"I urge the Senate to quickly pass my Water Rights Protection Act to provide some level of defense for private water rights holders from federal abuses," he said. "Additionally, I will work with my colleagues at every opportunity to further prevent Washington bureaucrats from jeopardizing the health of our waterways, infringing on the private property rights of citizens and risking the economic certainty of Western communities."

The Tipton-sponsored Water Rights Protection Act: Prohibits federal land management agencies from implementing a permit condition that requires the transfer of privately-held water rights to the federal government in order to receive or renew a permit for the use of land; prohibits the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from imposing other conditions that require the transfer of water rights without just compensation; upholds longstanding federal deference to state water law; and has no cost to taxpayers.



DEATH NOTICE

Nina Mintz

April 4, 2014

Funeral services for Nina Mintz, 99, will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2014, at the United Methodist Church in Meeker.

Tanner Bowen awarded medical internship in Okla.

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Tanner Bowen, a Biomedical Science Academy student at Wes Watkins Technology Center, has been awarded the prestigious Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF) internship. This summer, he will work as a Fleming Scholar intern, a program developed to identify and stimulate the scientists of tomorrow. Bowen is a senior at Weleetka (Okla.) High School and is the son of Kelly and Diana Bowen. He is the grandson of the late William E. Cline and Peggy Cline of Okemah, and late Roy McMahan and June McMahan and the late Harvey Bowen of Meeker.

Tanner Bowen

CNCC AUCTION...

SEAN MCMAHON

There was a good dinner crowd on hand Saturday on the Colorado Northwestern Community College campus for the 10th annual CNCC Foundation Dinner and Dance event in Rangely. Roughly 120 people were in attendance for the event, which featured dinner, entertainment, awards and a silent auction, followed by a standard auction. Before expenses are figured in, CNCC officials said Tuesday, more than $55,000 was raised by the event.

Tim Webber, director of the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation District in Rangely, shows off this gun donated by Rio Blanco County Commissioner Shawn Bolton for the Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation's 10th annual fundraising dinner and auction on Saturday night. The rifle, with a unique stock, was one of the top money makers in the auction, bringing in a bid of $2,000.

Youth Baseball and Youth Softball

Registration Deadline: April 14

Cost: $30 non-member / $27 member

Age Groups: 8-10, 11-12 and 13-15

Baseball Dates:

Skills Evaluations at Paintbrush Park:

- 8-10 year olds: May 5 at 6pm, Parent meeting at 6:45pm
- 11-12 year olds: May 6 at 6pm, Parent meeting at 6:45pm
- 13-15 year olds: May 7 at 6pm, Parent meeting at 6:45pm

Practices begin May 12 • Tournament June 26-28

Softball Dates:

Skills Evaluations at Paintbrush Park:

- 8-10 year olds: May 19 at 6pm, Parent meeting at 6:45pm
- 11-12 year olds: May 20 at 6pm, Parent meeting at 6:45pm
- 13-15 year olds: May 21 at 6pm, Parent meeting at 6:45pm

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ERBM RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT Meeker, Colorado

22 donate hair to aid cancer victims

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | Twenty-two donors ages 6 to 43 donated a combined 247 inches of hair at the Pantene Beautiful Lengths ponytail cutting event on March 20 on the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) campus in Rangely.

CNCC LeaderTrek students and 2013-2014's Miss Colorado Teen and The Pageant U.S. National Teen Alyssa Magalong, a CNCC sophomore, hosted the drive, with CNCC-Craig cosmetology students cutting six blond, one gray/black, and 15 brunette ponytails. Among the participants was one male donor.

"For those donating their hair for the first time, they were nervous in the beginning," Magalong said. "Those who had done it before weren't so much. Afterward, you could see everyone really light up because they knew it was going for a great cause."

Magalong said that most cosmetology students had never cut anyone's hair as a donation.

"They said they want to do the (Pantene ponytail cutting) or something similar in Craig next year," she said. "I thought that was really awesome that this spans beyond Rangely."

Since its inception in 2006, the Beautiful Lengths program, a partnership between Pantene and the American Cancer Society, has contributed 24,000 real-hair wigs to women who have lost their hair to cancer treatments.

PONYTAIL ...

2013-2014 Miss Colorado Teen and The Pageant U.S. National Teen Alyssa Magalong, a sophomore at Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely stands behind locks of hair cut during the Pantene Beautiful Lengths ponytail cutting event March 20. Twenty-two donors gave a combined 247 inches of hair to the organization, which makes real-hair wigs for women with cancer. The event ties into Magalong's pageant platform, Support for Cancer Patients.

COURTESY PHOTO

MHS Drama Club and ITST to perform FAME

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Meeker High School Drama Club and International Thespian Society Troupe 1284 proudly presents the Broadway Musical "FAME" at the Meeker High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. on April 10 and 12 (subject to change).

"FAME" is based on the popular Seventies television and motion picture series about a New York City High School for the performing arts. It follows the lives and career aspirations of the teen-aged students who follow various career tracks in music, dance and acting and similar pursuits with future aspirations of Broadway careers, prestigious music conservatories and lifelong ambitions.

The challenges of a performing arts career include strong competitions for leading roles and key positions in those career pursuits, the heartbreak of losing a coveted role or starring position and the joy and exultation of landing a key role.

"FAME" tells the story of several students who attend New York City's High School of Performing Arts, among them fame-obsessed Carmen, ambitious actress Serena, wisecracking comedian Joe, quiet saintly violinist Schlomo and "talented but dyslexic" dancer Tyrone.

The performance is also hilarious in highlighting the humor of the faculty members and students and the colorful personalities and emotions that accompany the gifted and talented students who aspire to very competitive performing arts positions.

Veteran MHS Drama Club members will portray the various roles with their usual humorous aplomb and creativity.

After Birth Ball tickets available

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The annual After Birth Ball, celebrating the end of the stock birthing season, will be held April 26 at the Fairfield Center, 200 Main St., in Meeker.

The event, which includes a social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the free dance at 9 p.m., is being sponsored by the Meeker Chapter of the FFA (Future Farmers of America) Alumni.

The band Already Gone will play at the dance.

Dinner tickets are available now from the Meeker Chamber of Commerce. They are priced at $35 per person, $15 for kids aged 10 and under or $350 for a table reserved for 10.

A silent auction will be held throughout the event and there will also be live auction items as well as an FFA Hired Hands Auction.

All proceeds will support the Meeker FFA and agricultural education.

A cash bar will be available.

For more information, contact Quentin Smith at 970-757-1662 or Dannon Bolton at 970-274-6811.

MACC will meet Monday

MEEKER | The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council will meet on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Meeker United Methodist Church Elbert Hall. A major project for 2014 includes follow-up on the application for designation of Meeker as a Creative District from Colorado Creative Industries, a division of the Colorado State Office of Economic Development. Creative districts are eligible for grants and substantial promotion and publicity for local areas through heritage and agri-tourism, which are top economic development engines in Colorado. Other topics will be the Meekerpalooza on June 7 and summer performing arts events. Youth, adults and seniors are welcome and invited to participate and help plan exciting performing and fine arts activities such as dinner theaters, performing arts outreach seminars, support of school and ERBM Recreation and Parks District drama programs, community events, program planning and much more. Possible grant funding from philanthropic foundations will be discussed along with performing and fine arts venue discussions.

AIR: Monitoring set

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If you have a respiratory or heart condition or if you care for someone who does, please consider signing up for this service. You should also consider signing up if you (or someone you care for) regularly exercise, work or play hard outside, particularly in the Rangely area. All county residents are welcome to sign up.

If you have questions regarding air quality or suggestions for how we can make this program better, please contact us. If you would like to check air quality conditions across the state anytime go to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's website and click on the Current Air Quality Index box. For now, Grand Junction and the Colorado River Valley are the closest areas shown in this box, but clicking on it will take you to a page with all active air quality advisories.

Looking to get involved and give back to the community? Join us at the Meeker Classic — we have a 28 year tradition. Looking for some one who would like to help with our ticket sales and gate. We won't burden you with too much work — *its lots of fun* and a great way to volunteer. Interested? — just call or email Maym at **trials@meekersheepdog.com or 970-878-0111.**
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FROM MY WINDOW...

It's time for county to end outdated party assemblies

By SEAN McMAHON
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Once again, my window looks a little clouded.

Colorado is one of the few states that still has political party general assemblies and Rio Blanco County is one of the few counties left in Colorado to use them.

The Republicans and the Democrats in Rio Blanco County held their general assemblies this past weekend, and, in reflection, there is no better time than now to work toward getting rid of these dinosaurs and banish them to the annals of Colorado history. We are in a new century, you know!

Rio Blanco Republicans demonstrated well this past weekend why these archaic rites should become part of the state's glorious past.

The best race to look at here (and really the only race) is the election for Rio Blanco County sheriff. There are two candidates, both Republicans, both long-timers in the area and both from Meeker: Michael Joos and Anthony Mazzola.

Both men have long been a part of the law enforcement/courts system in this county and either one would likely make a great sheriff.

Well, it turns out that at the GOP assembly there are 51 delegates and for a candidate to actually make the public ballot, they must receive at least one-third, or 17, of the votes cast by the delegates. Otherwise, their petitions and name gathering have been for naught.

That means that a group of 51 Republicans determine who the Rio Blanco County sheriff will be. No vote by the rest of the citizens would really make a difference except that the candidate left off the ballot has a slim chance through a write-in campaign.

As it worked out, there was a lot of talking, it seems, between the delegates and it was decided to see if the vote could be worked out to where both men were on the ballot.

When it was all said and done, Joos, currently the county undersheriff, led the two candidates with 34 votes and Mazzola received the other 17 — one more than was needed to eliminate him from the ballot.

No individual or small group should have the power to eliminate a viable candidate from appearing on the ballot.

Thankfully, most counties and states have done away with this ridiculous ritual.

They let the voters decide who will appear on the ballot.

There is a primary election, which decides the party candidate, but at least more than 51 members of the county electorate get to vote on who will advance.

In Rio Blanco's case, the primary will decide who is the next sheriff in the county since there is no Democratic candidate. It is unfortunate anytime there isn't a candidate from each party, but in cases like here, where Republicans are in the strong majority, it often happens.

But to allow 17 persons to decide who will be on the ballot is just crazy politics, reminiscent of the party fixings in Chicago through much of the early days of the 20th century.

The voters sign petitions for the candidates; the candidates qualify for the election and the voters vote in the primaries and then general elections in most cases.

That is the way it should be. Yes, that is the way it should be.

If most of the counties in Colorado have done away with this practice, then it is obvious that there is a way to do away with it here.

Just remember. The Rio Blanco County sheriff's race came within one vote by a group of 51 people of being a one-horse race.

That should never be the case again. That truly is a travesty of voting justice.

And it certainly is not reflective of the wishes of the voters, the persons who are affected by such a situation.

Get rid of it. Now is the best time I know of.

It does not benefit the Democrats. It does not benefit the Republicans. It does not benefit the public nor the voters.

Get rid of it. Now!

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The supporters of Colorado Northwestern Community College were not necessarily out in strong numbers on Saturday night for the 10th annual CNCC Foundation Dinner and Dance, but they certainly came with their wallets in hand.

Due to a number of events taking place in Northwestern Colorado on Saturday and the absence of W.C. "Bud" Striegel, who was reportedly not feeling well on Saturday, the fewer people assembled this year initially looked like it was not going to be one of the more stellar fundraisers the foundation had ever seen.

What a foolish assumption.

Those who were there made up for the smaller numbers with their wide-open wallets — both as far as the donors and the patrons were concerned.

There were plenty of nice silent and public auction items available, and it didn't take long for the audience to make it clear this just might be a good year.

It didn't hurt that a $25,000 check was presented to the CNCC Foundation on behalf of Chevron by Cary Baird, the Rocky Mountain Area community engagement specialist for the company.

While much of the Rector Sciences Building has been remodeled in the past year with money from last year's foundation dinner, it was decided by the foundation board to use the money from this year's fundraiser to finish work on the Rector Building, which is the last of the original buildings on the campus to be remodeled and updated, but it is also the busiest building on the campus.

If the $25,000 check didn't set the mood for the evening, something silent and mighty strong surely did.

Usually, the dinner organizer, college board member and overall CNCC cheerleader Peggy Rector is bustling around the Weiss Colorado Room making certain all goes well. She was pretty much bound to a wheelchair for her broken hip and occasionally stole her way around with a walker. But she was heard in all corners of the room screaming her thanks to the bidders in the auction and spurring on those who were continuing the bidding.

Overall, more than $50,000 was raised through the dinner, auctions and Chevron check this year compared to roughly $35,000 last year, and everyone was more than happy with that figure.

A few folks from Meeker were in attendance, and a couple of those folks joined in the fun and fundraising, but it truly was amazing to see the Rangely folks open their hearts and their wallets to the CNCC Foundation.

Many people in that community made it more than obvious that they are proud of the college and what is being accomplished there.

Rector and the CNCC president couldn't have been happier with the results of the event, and the residents of Rangely and the surrounding area should be proud of their part in the event. It made for a great evening of good food, good entertainment, serious fundraising and serious community involvement.

It was a great success.

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Congratulations to Tom Allen for being named to fill Dan Chinn's seat on the Meeker School Board.

It either takes someone crazy or someone truly dedicated to voluntarily join the board at a time of trouble like this, when the board is having funding problems unseen before.

Anyone who knows Tom knows he is active in any number of things as well as serving as president of the ever-busy Meeker Lions Club.

Congratulations and thanks also go to George Henderson and Carol Rowles for turning their own names in as well to fill Chinn's vacancy.

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The **Chamber of Commerce Public Board** meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00am at Kilowatt Korner. Our Membership Focus Group and Tourism Focus Groups meet each month and if you would like to attend these meetings please call the Chamber, as dates and locations vary. We welcome your involvement!

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting and supporting several public meetings and events this month related to economic development and improving business in Meeker.

"INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY" Public presentation
April 16, 2014 6pm, Fairfield Center

There are many great activities and investments happening around our community. Please attend this informative meeting where our Special Districts will provide a presentation to include board member introductions, budget, and current and future plans/projects. There will be opportunity for discussion, questions, answers and input.

CLUB 20 COMMUNITY MEETING
April 22, 2014 9am, Kilowatt Korner

CLUB 20 will be in Meeker to hold a one hour informational meeting for businesses, residents and municipalities to discuss current CLUB 20 efforts. This will be a good opportunity for people to learn how they can lend their voice to discussions regarding issues that impact Western Colorado communities. *"Voice of the Western Slope"*

CLUB 20 will discuss the policies that affect our ability to live, work, and prosper in Western Colorado, including - **Agriculture, Healthcare, Transportation, Business Affairs, Education, Water, Telecommunications, Energy , Public Lands & Natural Resources, and Tourism.** CLUB 20 is a non-partisan coalition with individual, business and local government members from 22 counties on the Western Slope working together to develop policies that positively promote Western Colorado.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

More details about these March events can be found on our Community Calendar on our website www.meekerchamber.com
Please visit our website to add your own public event!
Items in bold are sponsored by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.
Events sponsored by others are indicated

April 6: "Remembering our Rural Schools" - 1-3pm, Rio Blanco Historical Society
April 8: Chamber Tourism Focus Group
April 16: "Investing in Our Community" public meeting, 6pm
April 19: 9 News Health Fair, 7-11 am
April 19: Easter Egg Hunt- 10am at Barone Middle School, Lions Club
April 20: Easter
April 23: Club 20 Community Meeting
April 26: Ag & Business Summitt
April 26: After Birth Ball

UPCOMING EVENTS

"REMEMBERING OUR RURAL SCHOOLS"
April 6, 2014, 1-3pm, Kilowatt Korner

An historical presentation by the Rio Blanco County Historical Society includes interactive historical program and skits by the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council. Everyone is welcome and lunch is provided, please bring a dessert or salad to share.

9NEWS HEALTH FAIR
April 19, 2014, 7-11:00am, Meeker Elementary School

Stay on top of your health and attend the health fair for free or low cost screenings, including vision, hearing, blood pressure and more.

AFTER BIRTH BALL
Saturday, April 26, 2014,
6:30pm dinner, 9:00 dance
Fairfield Center

Kick yer heels up at the Annual After Birth Ball. There will be a live and silent auction, where proceeds will support the Meeker FFA and Agricultural Education. Tickets for the dinner are available for purchase at the Chamber of Commerce, located at 710 Market Street. The dance is free, featuring live music by "Already Gone."

AG & BUSINESS SUMMIT

2014 AG & BUSINESS SUMMIT
April 26, 2014 10am - 5:00pm, Meeker High School

The second Annual Ag & Business Summitt is organized by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce and the Meeker Friends of FFA Alumni. This all-day event will provide 16 classes to choose from covering a variety of topics related to **agriculture, media and business.** A mid-day break will feature a "State of the Community" presentation and and lunch provided by the FFA. The Summit will culminate with guest speaker **Temple Grandin at 4pm.**

All classes are free; tickets for the guest speaker are available for purchase at the Chamber of Commerce (710 Market Street) and are $10 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under.

TEMPLE GRANDIN IS THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE AG & BUSINESS SUMMIT

Temple Grandin is a doctor of animal science, a professor at Colorado State University, a best-selling author, an autistic activist, a consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior, and an engineer. She created the "hug box", a device to calm those with autism. The subject of an award-wining 2010 biographical film "Temple Grandin", she was also listed in the TIME 100 list of 100 most influential people in the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let Meeker folks decide on spending

Dear Editor:

Can Meeker resist the temptation of creating bigger government?

We are in very a unique position in this community. Compared to most of the folks in America, we are rich in tax wealth yet very low in population growth (about 10 percent in 30 years), and like much of the rest of the country, the increase in family incomes around here during those same years has increased very little.

During those years, our local, state and federal governments have increased in size, and tax-funded spending has increased at a much faster rate. Our tax-funded spending has increased far, far, faster then the population and their incomes.

In Meeker, thanks to oil and gas companies and a sprawl of very nice homes that are not adding kids to our school system, we have become tax rich! We have taxpayer-funded county services other counties in our state and other communities in our country only dream about.

Because of our huge tax-funded resources, we are becoming a very, very, top-heavy tax payer, job-funded community (a 90 percent Republican community?). Remember, average incomes in our country haven't changed much since 1999 (except for the wealthiest). Where does the money come from to operate our ever-expanding government-funded services when taxpayers don't make any more money? Who is paying? Where does the money really come from?

But here in Meeker, we are tax rich!

We have a very well-funded recreation district (as in "recreation"), wealthier then our school district! We have a super-duper highly funded Meeker Police Department and our Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office has a budget of about $3.5 million a year.

Taxpayer-funded jobs are popping up around here faster then a noxious weed. Some folks even support more taxpayer-funded jobs in our community and want to build a justice center and $40 million hospital. Will that result in more tax burdens to the local taxpayers? Who pays for these things? Our broke federal government? You?

More then 40 cents of every federal tax dollar spent today is borrowed money. For us to spend huge amounts of money for something like a new hospital that, I believe, most of the people in Meeker view as an example of irresponsible taxpayer-funded spending, the same kind of spending that has put our federal government in a 18-plus trillion dollar debt.

Spending money doesn't make people healthier. Some it even makes sick.

We have a broke school district! How can that be? It's like the rich "right arm" doesn't know the poor "left arm" even though they are connected to the same body.

Is Meeker going to be like Washington, D.C., where folks believe that expanding government best serves the greater population by they, the tax-spenders, choosing how to spend our tax money... rather then us?

Folks in places like Alaska and Wyoming believe that the money tax spenders want to spend is better off in the hands of the taxpayer for them to choose how to best spend their money.

Want to create economic development in Meeker? Give the tax money back to the people. Let's try that!

Rather then building bigger government, let the taxpayers in this community decide how to spend that money. Meeker is already rich. Let's just keep it a secret!

What do you think?

Shawn Welder
Meeker

Thanks for helping, joining blood drive

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to Colorado Northwestern Community College and the Rangely community.

I want to say thank you for your support with our fourth annual blood drive. It was a great success, and I wanted to share the numbers with all of you.

We had such a wonderful turnout that we are going to try to obtain two buses for next year to accommodate the list and to help alleviate the wait.

So many people signed up that the St. Mary's Blood Mobile wasn't able to fit everyone into their allotted time here.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this endeavor and a special thanks for making this difficult time a bit easier for our family. Again, our most sincere thanks to everyone who came out to support us. We could not have done this without you.

The total number of people who signed up was 75. There were 5.5 gallons of blood collected, and the blood mobile was on site for four hours.

A special thanks to CNCC student Courtney Hibbs for her assistance with our marketing as well as to Heather Zadra and the Herald Times staff for their incredible write up. We feel this was key to our success this year and we can't thank everyone enough.

Ian and Kathy Kottenstette
and family
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Minimum wage a living wage?

By LUZ VEGA-MARQUIS
Living Voice News

RBC I *EDITOR'S NOTE: The* Herald Times *neither renounces nor endorses this opinion piece. It is offered to our readers as a thought-provoking article.*

Take a look at your bills: What do you pay for food, housing, clothing, health care, utilities and transportation? How much would it take for your family to just get by? Could you make it on $15,000 a year? $21,000? What would your family have to do without to make ends meet?

What exactly does it take to make it in America?

The working poor are not fundamentally different, nor do they practice some kind of magical math that allows them to support their families on wages that would sink your own.

This year, President Obama called for a raise in the federal minimum wage from $7.25 to $9 an hour. The controversy that followed was as predictable as it was irrelevant to those with the most at stake: the low-wage working poor.

As usual, voices of those most affected have been glaringly absent. Also missing is any discussion of the bread-and-butter question: What is it actually like to live on $7.25 or $9 an hour? Does either of these numbers constitute what working families need and deserve?

Although the terms "minimum wage" and "living wage" are sometimes used interchangeably, their meanings are quite different. A minimum wage is the lowest a business can legally pay. A living wage is what its workers need to meet their families' basic needs—to stave off the choice between a gallon of gas and a gallon of milk.

A full-time worker at the federal minimum wage makes $14,500 a year, placing him or her below the federal poverty line if that worker is supporting a family of two or more. A $9-an-hour minimum wage would push that annual income up to $21,000. But if you look at that "raise" in inflation-adjusted dollars, it leaves today's minimum-wage worker making significantly less than he did in 1968.

Low-wage workers, despite the "fuzzy math" of the minimum-wage debate, cannot spin paychecks of straw into middle-class gold. The working poor do what they must, whether that means living in substandard housing or making do with low-cost, low-nutrition food.

But their bottom-line needs are no different from anyone else's.

President Obama's savviest move may have been his call for communities to act on their own, passing living-wage ordinances at local and state levels. In Washington State, for example, legislators have introduced a measure to raise the state's minimum wage from $9.32 an hour to $12 an hour by 2017.

This livable-wage issue is a priority for the Marguerite Casey Foundation. So when we found out that the general manager of the hotel we had booked months in advance for a staff retreat helped lead the campaign against a minimum-wage increase, we were taken aback. It was too late to cancel our reservation, so we opted to do what we had each day since the foundation's inception: We would wear our values on our sleeves — literally.

The morning of the retreat, 25 staff members arrived at the hotel, all wearing T-shirts stating, "We support a living wage." The hotel's general manager soon sought us out.

But he had not approached us to debate a living wage. His concern was narrower. "Are there more of you?" he said.

In the short term, it was easy enough to reassure him that, no, there were no busloads of protesters heading for the hotel.

But the truer answer is, yes, there are more of us — families across America who believe in the promise of the American Dream.

How could we explain that all we wanted was for those who slept in beds and ate food made by minimum-wage workers to question policies and priorities that leave those workers struggling to feed and house their own families? And for businesses like his to recognize that it takes a work force to grow a profit line.

No matter how good the product, a business is only as good as the people it employs. Don't they deserve more than minimum wage?

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Our Holy God (3)

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■ **Dr. J.D. Watson**

HOLY, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts (Is. 6:3). While God's "natural attributes" describe His basic essence (what He *is*), His "moral attributes" delineate His character and actions (what He *does*). So prominent is this first aspect of God's character, in fact, that all His other moral attributes flow from and are guided by it. All that God does in His dealings with man operate according to His holy character.

Many people, for example, are fond of saying, "A God who is love would never send anyone to hell." This is saying, therefore, that love is God's *primary* attribute and that His dealings with man flow exclusively from love. But Scripture is not ambiguous on this point. First and foremost, God is holy and therefore cannot violate His holiness by allowing sin to come into His presence. Such false notions also ignore strong statements such as God "hatest all workers of iniquity" (Ps. 5:5) and "the wicked and him that loveth violence [God's] soul hateth" (11:5).

Another example is that God's righteousness and justice (which we shall explore in other studies) are both an outworking of His holiness. Both have to do with God imposing His laws and executing penalties for breaking them. What is the foundation of such laws?—His holiness. So, based upon the *prominence* of God's holiness, there is something else.

Second, we observe the *particulars* of God's holiness. Scripture reveals several ways in which God's holiness is manifested.

(1) In His *detesting* of sin. Oh, how God hates sin! It is a vile and detestable thing. Proverbs 15:9 and 26 tell us that not only is "the way [acts] of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD," but even their "thoughts" are an abomination. "Abomination" translates a strong Hebrew word (*tôʿēbah*) that refers to something loathsome, detestable, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, vile, villainous, and vain. Do we get the picture? That is why Habakkuk declared, "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look upon evil" (Hab. 1:13).

Those who place God's love over His holiness, therefore, rip away the very attribute that forms the foundation of His moral character. Moreover, this is not only a wrong view of God's holiness and love, but it is also a wrong view of *sin*. Sin is the breaking of God's law, law that is based upon His holiness. A wrong view of holiness, then, produces a wrong view of sin, and vice-versa. While love is certainly one aspect of God's nature (1 John 4:8, 16), so are holiness and justice. He abhors and judges evil.

What is the practical application of all this? This principle challenges us that to love God we must, like Him, hate evil (Ps. 97:10).

Scriptures for Study: Read the following passages, noting in each what God abhors: Leviticus 18:22–30; 20:13; Deuteronomy 7:25–26; 18:9–14; 23:18; 25:13–16; Proverbs 6:16–19.

You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is the expository preaching of God's Word. Please visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

WAGE: Is it enough?

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Research Center poll found that nearly two-thirds of Republicans (64 percent) and more than nine out of 10 Democrats believe government should take action to reduce poverty.

If 25 of us wearing T-shirts stating our support for a living wage rattled the administration of a hotel, what might the 46 million people living in poverty in this country achieve working together?

Perhaps they could move the country in the direction where most Americans stand.

Luz Vega-Marquis is president and CEO of Marguerite Casey Foundation, which publishes Equal Voice News. Her blog posts are featured on the Marguerite Casey Foundation website and in The Huffington Post.

Chamber to sponsor circus

MEEKER I Again this year, the Meeker Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Carson and Barnes Big Top Circus.

The circus is scheduled for May 21 with two shows, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Ticket sales for the circus will begin in the coming weeks. The chamber will be phoning all local businesses, offering blocks of tickets. The tickets may be used as a promotional tool, an employee bonus or as a donation.

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OBITUARY

Meldrin Martin 'Maynard' Olsen

May 15, 1948 ~ March 15, 2014

Meldrin Olsen

Meldrin Martin "Maynard" Olsen, 65, of Neola, Utah, passed away March 15, 2014, of complications from a brain tumor.

Olson was born May 15, 1948, in Roosevelt, Utah, to Carlos Clifford and DeeAtha Anna South Olsen. He lived his entire life on the same property he was practically born on.

He served six years in the U.S. Navy. His time during the Vietnam War was spent sailing on ships that brought supplies to the troops on mainland Vietnam. He was very proud of his service.

After returning home, he joined American Legion Post 64 and was the post bugler who played taps for many of the funeral military honors they provided.

He married Louise Taylor on Aug. 28, 1971, in Roosevelt, and their marriage was solemnized on Feb. 15, 1973, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Louise died Dec. 12, 2007. He married Linda Sharon Milliken on May 30, 2008, in Bernalillo, N.M. Their marriage was solemnized in the Vernal LDS Temple on May 30, 2009.

Maynard loved working on and restoring old cars, and he was very good at upholstery. He was a hard worker, having a farm and being a dump truck and snowplow driver for Duchesne County.

His home, where he raised his children, was a log cabin he built himself, and most of the logs were cut by his own hand.

He always thought of others first and cared about his family, no matter what.

He had a great sense of humor and really enjoyed a good practical joke. He was very talented musically and could play just about any instrument and play it well. He was in a local band for many years in his younger days.

He was an avid listener of oldies music and liked riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle in his free time. He was also very strong in his LDS faith.

Maynard also had a deep love for animals, and he treasured his horses, cattle, peacocks, goats and dogs.

In his earlier days, he ran a dairy farm that provided much of the milk for Neola.

He taught his children the importance of a working farm and he also ran range cows.

Maynard also had his own team of sled dogs and sled.

Maynoard is survived by his wife, Linda, of Neola; children Scott Martin Olsen of Roosevelt, Tamera Lynn (Brandon) Cook of Vernal, Christopher John Olsen of St. George, Utah, Sean Carlos (Brandy) Olsen of Neola, Tiffany Lyn (Douglas Matthew "Matt") Rosendahl of Meeker, Colo., Harlan Shelby Olsen of Roosevelt, Joshua Kaleb (Heather) Olsen of Vernal, Jaramiah Colby Olson of Roosevelt, Krysten Leigh Olsen of Roosevelt; stepdaughter Jennifer Chavez of Albuquerque, N.M., 20 grandchildren; brothers and sisters Warden Olsen, Ardell Olsen and Jolene Miller; and his beloved dogs, Boog, Sadie and Bo.

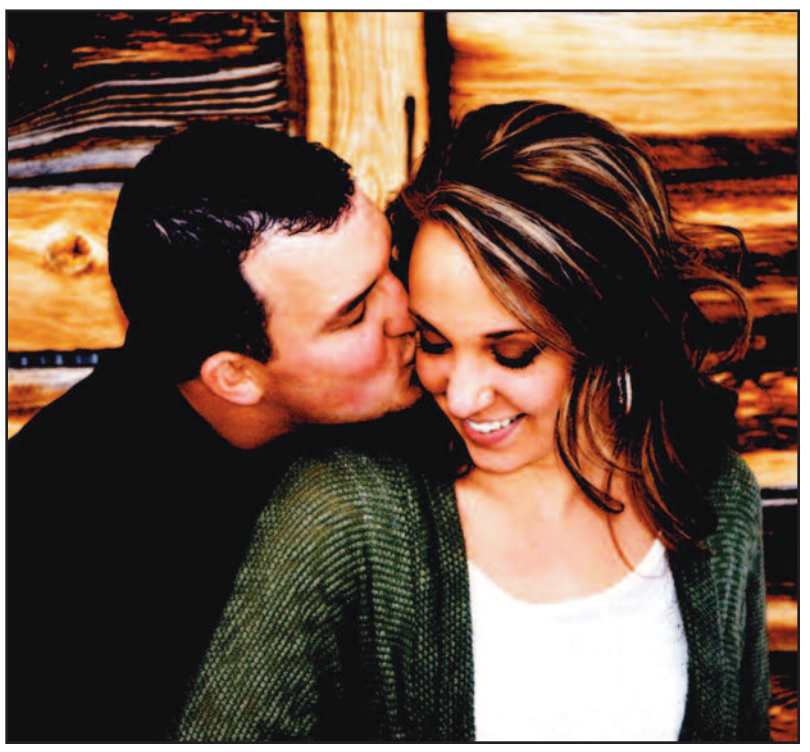
He was preceded in death by his first wife, Louise; parents DeeAtha and Clifford; and a sister, JuLee Wymer.

Funeral services were held Wednesday March 19, 2014, at 11 a.m. at the Neola LDS Chapel. Viewings were held on March 18 at Hullinger Mortuary and March 19 at the church.

Burial was in the Neola Cemetery with military honors provided by American Legion Post 64.

ENGAGEMENT

Tony and Denise McDonald and Steve and Jean Gianinetti are very pleased to announce the engagement and marriage of their children, Stephen Anthony Gianinetti and Ashleigh Rae McDonald. Gianinetti is employed by the Craig Police Department; McDonald is a counselor with the Craig Public School District. An August 2014 wedding is planned.



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Meeker Golf Course opens under new management

— Chris Arnold new Director of Facilities and Operations —

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
bobby@theheraldtimes.com

MEEKER | The Meeker Golf Course will be under new management this season as long-time golf pro Jim Cook retired at the end of last season.

Chris Arnold's official title is director of facilities and operations and he is excited about the opportunity.

"When I heard Jim Cook was retiring and the club was looking for an new manager, I saw an opportunity," Arnold said, who moved to Meeker four years ago with his wife Natalia, sons Tyler and Austin and family Newfoundland dog. "We quickly fell in love with the community and all it has to offer."

Arnold is not a golf professional but it has become a goal of his and he does have lots of groundskeeping experience.

"I worked as a greens keeper for the Snowmass Golf Course for four years, I was a foreman for West Canyon Tree Farm and Nursery, followed by Eagle Crest Nursery and then I ran my own landscape business for three years installing sprinklers, planting full sized trees, sod, shrubs, flower beds, created water features and ponds," Arnold said.

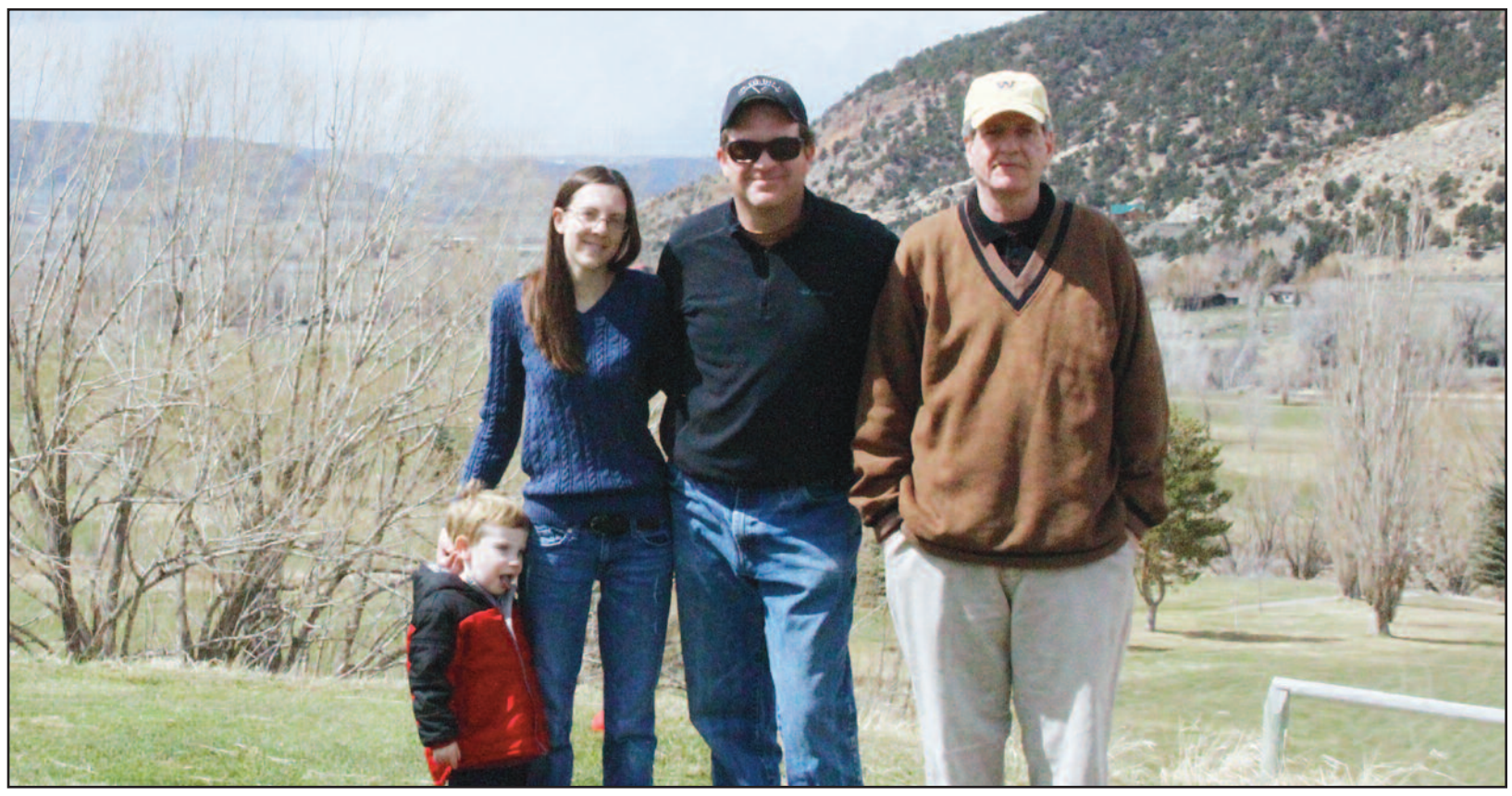
Arnold said he has been coming to Meeker, fly fishing in the White River since his early 20s and his wife's family has a cabin in the White River National Forest, which has brought Natalia to Meeker on an annual basis.

"Our oldest boy Tyler took to Meeker like a duck to water and our youngest, Austin, loves the outdoors and playing with his big buddy, Moose, our family Newfoundland," Arnold said. "My family and I hope to settle here permanently and raise our family and we could not wish for a better place to do so."

The Meeker Golf Course officially opened April 1, 2014, under cloudy skies but it did not dampen Arnold's outlook for the future.

"Jim Cook's shoes will be beyond difficult to fill but I will not be satisfied until I meet or exceed the community's expectations for the Meeker Golf Course," Arnold said, inviting everyone to come see the changes in the pro shop, or to have a burger and drink at Chippers, hit a bucket of balls or play a round of golf.

"I feel, we as a family have found a home in Meeker," Arnold said.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker Golf Course opened for the 2014 season on Tuesday, and Chris Arnold (second from right) is the new director of facilities and operations. He is pictured with his youngest son, Austin, and his wife, Natalia. Arnold's brother, Dave (right), will run the pro shop, which has undergone changes and features new inventory. Chippers will again operate the bar and grill located in the clubhouse.

Meeker youth grapplers travel to Rangely to compete

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER | The Meeker Community Wrestling Club has 67 kids out for youth wrestling this season, and 42 members wrestled in the first tournament of the season in Rangely on the first day of spring break.

"The kids had a great day Saturday," youth coach Carl Padilla said. "We have a really young team, but I was surprised by the turnout since it was spring break for us. Forty-two of our kids wrestled in Rangely and 23 placed in the top four."

Meeker finished with six champs, seven runners-up, four consolation champs and six fourth-place finishers.

Brothers Cade and Connor Blunt won their brackets, Connor double bracketed (also wrestled in older age group) and won both brackets. Ridge Williams, Ty and Reed Goedert also won gold medals.

Domonic Wyatt, Elijah and Noah LeBlanc, Dillon Pretti, Levi Caufield, Kesston Hobbs and Clay Randall all won silver medals. Connor Padilla, Snowdon Williams, Kelton Turner, Dillon Hobbs and Dublin Price, Dathan Dade, Liam Deming, Wil Schwartz, Austin Lopex and Finley Deming all placed fourth.

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"I was really pleased with how our kids wrestled on Saturday and I'm looking forward to our next tournament in Hayden," Coach Padilla said. "I would also like to thank all of our parents for getting their kids to practice over spring break and getting them to the tournament in Rangely."

Meeker youth wrestler Coy Richardson was one of 42 members of the Meeker Community Wrestling Club to compete in the youth wrestling tournament in Rangely on Saturday. More than 20 Meeker wrestlers placed in the top four in their divisions, and many will compete in Hayden on Saturday.

COURTESY PHOTO

BATTER UP ...

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Because of windy weather, Meeker senior Dylan Mobley and his teammates practiced inside Monday in preparation for Saturday's doubleheader in Paonia against the Eagles. Meeker lost a pair of games to the Bulldogs in Hotchkiss on Saturday.

Panthers developing track talent

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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RANGELY | The Rangely High School track team has 24 athletes out this season, including four dual sport athletes sharing time between soccer and baseball, and four with state track experience.

"Though we have a decent bank of upperclassmen, we are pretty young this year and look strong in developing a lot of freshman and sophomore talent," track coach Cody Brunton said.

The Panthers will be led by seniors Connor Phelan, Andrew Morton, Aimee Hogan and Tessa Slagle. Phelan, Morton, juniors Mitchell Webber and Colt Allred all return with state meet experience.

Rangely has attended three meets so far, including a JV meet in Rifle, which Brunton called a "great low stress, warm-up meet," the Mickey Dunn Invitational in Grand Junction and Cedaredge on Saturday.

"As a whole, we are steadily progressing each week, with a majority of our team getting personal bests in each event," Brunton said.

The Panthers will compete in the Palisade Bulldog Invitational this weekend in Grand Junction and coach Brunton is looking forward to "good weather, lots of fast times and big distances," from the Panthers.

CODY BRUNTON

Rangely senior Connor Phelan is pictured running the 400-meter dash in Cedaredge on Saturday. Phelan, a returning state qualifier, finished fifth in the race and will help lead the Panthers this season along with classmates Andrew Morton, Aimee Hogan and Tessa Slagle.

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Rangely High School

Morton, a multi-time state track qualifier won the triple jump in Cedaredge on Saturday and will compete in Grand Junction this weekend.

CONNOR BLUNT
Meeker Community Wrestling Club

In his first youth tournament of the 2014 season, Blunt entered two different age divisions in Rangely on Saturday and won both brackets.

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION...

RENE HARDEN

The Beta Epsilon Tau chapter of two-year college international honor society Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) inducted 19 Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) students into its ranks on March 26. Front row from left are: Megan Raymond (officer), Sydnie Swenson, Alyssa Reeves, Courtney Hibbs and Chelsea Ficken (RJSHS); second row, from left: Tessa Slagle (RJSHS), Sophie Messaros, Jasmine Thomas (officer), Amanda Cook, Megan Bales and James Zorn; third row, from left: Garth Butcher (adviser), Heather Manley (officer), Clay Crozier (officer), Taylor Duzik and Bradley Antista; Back Row, from left: Wade Grimshaw, Leana (co-adviser), Clint Chew, Jesse Anderson and Jaisha Webb; not pictured: not pictured: Heather Turner, Malena Cauley, Melanie Preston and Valerie Hoffman. PTK members are expected to adhere to the organization's four hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. In his welcome, CNCC President Russell George encouraged students to continue their efforts in higher education and recognize their induction into PTK as a reward of those efforts.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce's new executive director, Kristin Steele, visits with Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius and Elizabeth Robinson at a recent Meet and Greet, sponsored by the chamber. "I believe it was extremely successful, allowing not only myself and board members to meet and interact with our members, but also for our members to network with each other," Steele said of the gathering, which featured a cake and cupcakes prepared by Kristi Boydstun of Dream Day Celebrations. "I would like to see more of these in the future, as it is an excellent networking opportunity."

RANGELY JUNIOR HIGH HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade

Straight "A" Honor Roll: Susie Gillard, Tiffany Holmes and Dylan LeBleu.

"A-B" honor Roll: Morrigan Anderson, Venencia Buxton, Ethan Byers, Orianah Chappell, Tytus Coombs, Dalton Dembowski, Jordan Fiscus, Del Garner, Hunter Hanvey, Jayleen Kenney, Marcos Mercado, Audrye Patch, Zoey Peck, Justin Rusher, Zoe Sheppard, Moriah Vaughn and Dillya Wagner.

Perfect Attendance: Morrigan Anderson, Ethan Byers, Jorge Carrasco, Olivia Jarvis, Zoey Peck and Bayleigh Stephens.

Seventh Grade

Straight "A" Honor Roll: Kassidee Brown, Samantha Lapp, Kayla Packer, Aspen Rhea, Alanna Wiley and Alexis Wiley.

"A-B" Honor Roll: Calvin Bishop, Riley Boydstun, Breanna Davis, Nathaniel Freman, Lane Gillard, Brittny Godfrey, Timber Godfrey, Twila Jackson, Tommy Jarvis, Paityn Myers, Grady Nielsen, Phalon Osborn, Robert Osteen, Cory Parker, Skylar Thacker, Jayde Trumbley, Marshall Webber and KK Wyman.

Perfect Attendance: Tyson Bailey, Kassidee Brown, CJ Lucero and Jayde Trumbley.

Eighth Grade

Straight "A" Honor Roll: Katelyn Brown, Sarah Connor, Elsie Flores, Vanessa Hamilton, Grace Kenney, Kaylee Mecham, Josh Polley, Patrick Scoggins and Tasha Teal.

"A-B" Honor Roll: Kassidi Brannan, Klaire Denny, Eric Legere, Linsley Morrill and Miekka Peck.

Perfect Attendance: Lane Carlson, Austin Ficken and Miekka Peck.

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WEEK OF APRIL 7-11, 2014

Mon. **April 7 -** Chicken Pattie, Applesauce, Veggie Medley

Tues. **April 8 -** Lasagna, Salad, Breadstick, Seasonal Fruit

Wed. **April 9 -** Turkey & Swiss Wrap, Sweet Potato Bars, Pears & Peaches

Thurs. **April 10 -** Sloppy Joes, Vegetable Soup, Seasonal Fruit

Fri. **April 11 -** Tuna Casserole, Mixed Veggies, Cinnamon Roll, Pears

RANGELY School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF APRIL 7-10, 2014

Mon. **April 7 -** BBQ Chicken, Roll, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

Tues. **April 8 -** Tuna Noodle Casserole, Roll, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

Wed. **April 9 -** Pizza, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

Thurs. **April 10 -** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Tater Tots, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water

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4/11 @ Coal Ridge Meet - 12pm
4/25 @ HOME - Panther Invitational
5/3 @ West Grand - TBA
5/9 @ League Meet - TBD

RHS Baseball
4/5 @ Hotchkiss, 11am, 1pm V/V
4/10 @ Meeker - 3pm, 5pm V/V
4/15 @ Grand Valley - 3pm, 5pm V/JV
Districts, Regionals and State are the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Weekends of May

RMS Track & Field
4/12 @ Rifle Invitational

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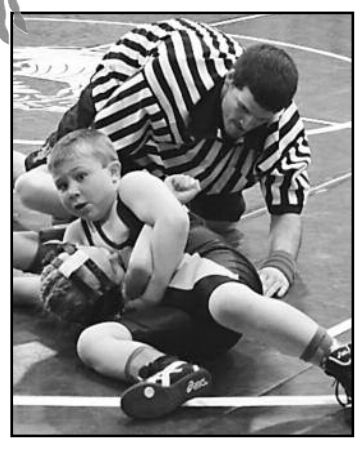
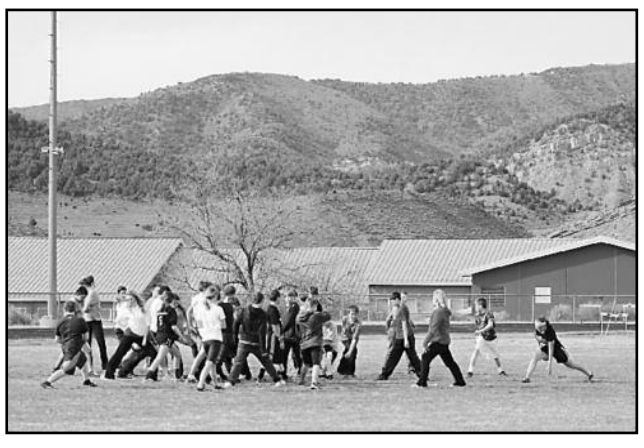
MHS TRACK & FIELD
4/5 @ Palisade Meet
4/11 @ Coal Ridge Meet
4/12 @ Glenwood Invitational
4/19 @ Rangely Invitational
4/25 @ Moffat County Meet
5/3 @ West Grand Meet

MHS BASEBALL
4/5 @ Paonia DH
4/10 @ HOME vs. Rangely DH
4/15 @ Basalt DH - 2pm, 4pm
4/17 @ HOME vs. Grand Valley - 11, 1pm
4/19 @ HOME vs. Hotchkiss - 4pm, 6pm

BMS TRACK & FIELD
4/26 @ Eagle Valley Invitational
5/3 @ Steamboat Invitational





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Dinosaur National Monument expanding services for summer

Special to the Herald Times

DINOSAUR I "With the arrival of spring, Dinosaur National Monument will offer expanded services for visitors. We are seeing more people enjoying the monument everyday with the warmer weather and we are looking forward to a busy season ahead," acting monument superintendent Mark Foust announced Friday.

On the Utah side of the monument, the Quarry Visitor Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The visitor center features exhibits, a film, sales outlet for the Intermountain Natural History Association and also serves as the departure point for car caravans to the Quarry Exhibit Hall with the wall of dinosaur fossils and exhibits about dinosaurs.

Caravans leave from the visitor center at scheduled times throughout the day. Starting May 3, a shuttle will transport visitors between the visitor center and exhibit hall on Saturdays and Sundays. Beginning May 17, the shuttle will run daily through Sept. 7. For more information on seeing the dinosaur fossils, please visit the monument website or call 435-781-7700.

The Split Mountain Group and Green River campgrounds will begin offering water starting Friday, and camping fees will be charged.

For the Green River Campground, the fee is $12 per night, per site. The Split Mountain Group Campground has four group sites that can each accommodate up to 25 people and six vehicles. The fee for Split Mountain is $25 per site, per night. Reservations are accepted for sites at Split Mountain and Green River Campgrounds through the online system managed by Recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777 (8 a.m. to 10 p.m. MST).

Split Mountain and Green River campgrounds are located approximately four miles east of the Quarry Visitor Center on the Cub Creek road. More information on camping in the monument can be found at www.nps.gov/dino/planyourvisit/camping.htm

On the Colorado side of the monument, the Harpers Corner Road will open Friday for the season. The Harpers Corner Road is a scenic 32-mile one-way drive that leaves U.S. Highway 40 two miles east of Dinosaur. The Canyon Visitor Center, located at the start of the Harpers Corner Road, will open on weekends starting April 12 and daily beginning on May 10.

The Gates of Lodore Campground, located 106 miles north of the Canyon Visitor Center on the Green River, and the Deerlodge Park Campground, located 53 miles east of the Canyon Visitor Center on the Yampa River, will have water available starting May 3. On May 16, water will be available at the Echo Park Campground, located 38 miles north of the Canyon Visitor Center. Once the water is turned on, camping fees at all three campgrounds will be $8 per site, per night.

Scheduled opening dates are subject to change dependent on weather.

Entrance fees for Dinosaur National Monument are as follows: $10 per vehicle, valid for up to seven days; $5 per person for someone on a motorcycle or bicycle. Frequent visitors to the monument may want to purchase a Dinosaur Annual Pass for $20, a great value for those who come often or bring family and friends when visiting the area. For more information, visit the fees and reservation section of the park website (www.nps.gov/dino/planyourvisit/feesandreservations.htm), which also includes rates for commercial and non-commercial groups and how school groups can request an academic fee waiver.

Remember that Dinosaur's weather is unpredictable and can change rapidly. Visitors should always be prepared for a range of conditions. Wildlife like deer, elk and bighorn sheep may be seen along the rivers. Please be alert for animals crossing the roads, particularly at dawn and dusk.

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Special to the Herald Times

RBC I 4-H action is just about in full swing in Rio Blanco County, and the butterbraids are taking over.

It was great to see so many Rio Blanco County community members support the 4-Hers with this awesome fundraiser! Our 4-H members have sold more than $10,000 in butterbraids and cookie dough and will keep $4,325 in individual profits for their 4-H credit accounts to pay for enrollment, events, trips and conferences.

This year, we have a tie for top sellers: Kastyn Demboski and Phalon Osborn each sold $1,176 in braids and dough!

Last weekend was the annual Northwestern Colorado 4-H District Retreat.

4-H has so much to offer and it's not even summer yet.

Many clubs have already started and some are even full for the year, but there are several clubs that are still taking enrollment!

The following clubs are open for enrollment in and will start soon.

In Meeker: Cloverbuds, art, photography, fishing, cooking, rockets, LEGO engineering, sewing and scrapbooking.

In Rangely: horse, scrapbooking, fishing, cake decorating, leathercraft, fishing and LEGO engineering.

We are looking for some amazing folks to help our 4-H members by becoming a 4-H club leader. Becoming a club leader is an awesome experience and can be tailored to fit your busy schedule. Please call the Extension Office if you are interested.

We have kids enrolled and waiting for 4-H leaders for the following clubs:

In Meeker: art, photography, rockets, fishing and LEGO engineering.

In Rangely: cake decorating, leathercraft, fishing and LEGO engineering.

RENE HARDEN

Audience members join in a dance number with the Harlem Ambassadors March 24 in the Rangely Junior-Senior High School gym. Rangely residents packed the stands for the Harlem Ambassadors vs. Rangely All-Stars basketball game. The event was sponsored by the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce.

Harlem Ambassadors thrill Rangely children and adults with fun basketball

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I A Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored community event drew more than 250 people to the Rangely Junior-Senior High School gymnasium on March 24.

The Harlem Ambassadors, a professional show basketball team headquartered in Fort Collins, Colo., combined basketball with comedy to challenge the "Rangely All-Stars," a team of community members and chamber business owners. The show featured four quarters of play interjected with gags, games and an all-inclusive dance party.

"We have been to the Harlem Globetrotters, and I didn't realize the (Ambassadors) weren't part of that until we got there," said Joann Adams, who attended with her husband, Buford, and their 14-year-old grandson. "I thought it was wonderful that they were promoting education, staying drug-free and standing up for yourself."

Adams said that grandson Jim Adams, who wasn't initially enthusiastic about attending, enjoyed the experience.

"I liked that they involved the kids in the audience; it was a lot of fun for the kids," Joann Adams said. "The Ambassadors also didn't humiliate the adults playing against them. They just had fun with them."

The organization's website bills the two Harlem Ambassadors teams, which travel the U.S. and overseas to perform more than 200 events between September and May, as "not your grandfather's basketball show."

"Everyone seemed to love it," said Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce Director Kristen Steele. "I think the main thing was that a Monday night wasn't ideal, but we didn't really have a choice on that. People said they would go again if we brought them back."

Monday morning, the Harlem Ambassadors hosted a program at Parkview Elementary School, promoting its primary messages of anti-bullying, staying off of drugs and pursuing a complete education. All Harlem Ambassadors have earned college degrees and committed to drug-free lifestyles.

"You can tell kids every day to not be a bully and not do drugs, but to hear it from someone else in an entertainment format helps kids really believe it," Steele said.

Though the chamber initially planned the Harlem Ambassadors event as a fundraiser, its expenses and revenue were almost equal, Steele said.

In the future, the chamber will look to host the Ambassadors every other or every third year, Steele said.

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Elk Foundation dinner set for Saturday

MEEKER I The local chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elks Foundation will hold its annual banquet on Saturday at the Fairfield Center in Meeker.

The doors will open for social hour at 5 p.m. with dinner being served at approximately 6 p.m. The event has been sold out, member Greg Glasgow reported Wednesday.

This is the 20th year of the local banquet for the RMEF, which raises money for national and local elk-related projects as well as national and local projects that benefit big game and water fowl — all types of wildlife, he said.

PMC offers foot clinic

MEEKER I Pioneers Medical Center Home Health will be offering its monthly Foot Clinic at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Pines Apartments, 875 Water St.

A certified nurse assistant will trim toenails, provide skin care and check blood pressures.

Persons found to have circulatory or foot problems will be referred to a physician.

Please call 878-9265 to schedule an appointment.

4-H GROUP ATTENDS DISTRICT RETREAT...

COURTESY PHOTO

Rio Blanco County 4-H leathercraft leader Bob Klenda is seen here working with a group of kids at the 4-H district retreat held recently in Glenwood Springs. Klenda's workshop is a hands-down favorite with the youth who attend. The local attendees included Cori Mohr, Tatumn Kennedy, Catrina Reeves, Jillian and Chayton Bumguardner.

Rio Blanco County gets $374,000 from state

By SEAN McMAHON
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RBC I The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado is pleased to announce that Gov. John Hickenlooper on Friday signed into law legislation providing the immediate distribution of more than $4.2 million to local governments from the Local Government Permanent Fund (LGPF).

Rio Blanco County will receive $374,806 from that fund.

The LGPF is a slush fund established in 2009 from Federal Mineral Lease monies and is designed for distribution to local governments impacted by federal mineral development.

While the fund had been raided by the General Assembly in years past, City of Grand Junction revenue supervisor Elizabeth Tice-Janda discovered that last year the fund contained an undistributed $3.8 million, even though conditions had been met for distributing the money.

Tice-Janda approached AGNC with the information, and the association immediately took steps to get the funds released, along with amounts that had accumulated since that time.

These efforts culminated in Friday's signing of Senate Bill 14-106 by the governor.

"We are pleased that the Joint Budget Committee, both Houses of the General Assembly, and the governor saw the value and urgency in this issue and worked to correct the situation," said AGNC Executive Director Scott McInnis. "This money will go a long way toward helping our local governments provide for the services they need to, in this time of reduced revenues."

Among the top recipients of the funds, which were provided by lease sale bonus payments and royalties from energy development on federally owned lands, are Garfield County, which will receive approximately $411,391 and Mesa County, which will receive about $190,175. The City of Grand Junction is slated to receive about $89,200.

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Rangely Community Health Fair
PLEASE JOIN US!
APRIL 12, 2014
7 a.m. to 11 a.m. • Rangely District Hospital
■ Fill out a ticket to win prizes!
■ FREE SCREENINGS!
Committed to your health!
Rangely District Hospital is hosting the Rangely Community Health Fair! Please join us!
Blood Screenings Available:
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• Hemoglobin A1C (Blood Draw) -$25.00
• Colon Cancer Screening - $20.00
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LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CLOSING BID DATE- APRIL 10, 2014
TOWN OF MEEKER
345 Market Street
MEEKER, CO 81641

Sealed BIDS to furnish and install approximately 30,000 pounds of hot-pour, DeeryAmerican Super stretch 974, in the Town of Meeker (Please refer to Specifications). Please bid as follows: Clean cracks, furnish and install crack sealant all performed by bidder. The closing bid date is Thursday, April 10, 2014at 2:30 p.m. at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. The Town Board of Trustees will award the bid on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 7pm at Town Hall (basement) 345 Main Street, Meeker. The successful bidder must maintain workers compensation, general liability insurance in the amount of no less than $1,000,000.00 during the project.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any and all informalities, and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Contract award and preference will be based upon The Town of Meeker Personnel Policy and Procedures manual, entitled "Contracts-Award-Preference". More Information is Available from Russell Overton (970)878-5530 or 878-5344.

Bids shall be mailed or delivered to Town of Meeker, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO81641 or faxed to (970)878-4513. Mailed bids shall be sealed and ‚Äú Meeker 2014 Hot Pour Crack Filling Project Bid‚Äù shall be written upon the front of the envelope. Emailed and Faxed bids will be accepted as well. Specifications below, oravailable at Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 or requested by telephone at (970)878-5344.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER
Scott Meszaros, Town Administrator
FAX #(970)878-4513
scott@town.meeker.co.us

CRACK SEALING SPECIFICATIONS
Cracksealing Specifications:
DESCRIPTION
The work of this section shall consist of furnishing and installing a pre-approved rubberized crack sealer in properly prepared cracks in bituminous paved surfaces.
MATERIAL
The material shall be hot poured rubberized crack sealer (Deery American 974
The material shall conform to the requirements of ASTM D-3407 for hot poured elastic type sealant.
The sealant shall be delivered in the manufacturers sealed containers. Each container shall be legibly marked with the manufacturer, name and trade name of the material.
Materials from different manufacturers other than stated above shall notbe allowed. The supplier shall issue a certificate of compliance stating that the material meets the requirements of this project.
Construction Requirements
Equipment: Heating pots for hot poured sealant shall be an indirect double boiler type using oil heat transfer medium. The heating pot shall be capable of controlling the temperature of the sealant within the manufacturers recommended application range. A thermometer calibrated within +/-5 degrees Fahrenheit for range of 200 to 500 degrees Fahrenheit shall be provided. The heating pot shall be capable of constantly agitating the material.
All cracks larger than 1/8 inch and less than one inch in width are to be sealed.
Weather Limitations
Sealant shall not be placed when the weather is foggy, raining, or when the surface to be sealed is damp or wet.
Preparation
Immediately prior to the placement of the sealant, the cracks shall be blown clean of dirt, debris, or foreign matter to a depth of at least twice the width of the crack but to a depth of no greater than the pavement thickness.
Application
The sealant shall be heated according to the manufacturer, recommendations, applied at the manufacturer, temperature and installed flush with the pavement surface. Immediately after the crack is filled, excess material shall be leveled off of the surface by a squeegee, a shoe attached to the applicator wand, or other suitable means. The squeegeed material shall be centered in the crack and shall not exceed 3 inches in width nor 1/16 inch above the surface of asphalt. Any crack sealer showing settling, shrinkage, or a depression in excess of an inch below the pavement surface shall be refilled.
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PUBLIC NOTICE: Notification that Rangely District Hospital continues the record destruction process initiated in 1994. Certain portions of the medical records of patients not seen in our facility for a minimum of 10 years will be destroyed. If you wish records to be retained, please contact the Health Information Management Department at (970) 675-4233. Records of minors will not be destroyed until the patient reaches legal age plus 10 years.
Published: March 20, 27 & April 3 2014.
Rio Blanco Herald Times

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION BY RIO MESA RESOURCES INC, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
CAUSE NO. 1V
DOCKET NO. 1404-OV-41
NOTICE OF HEARING
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Rule 522.c., the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (Commission, or COGCC) Staff will apply to the Commission at its April 28-29, 2014, hearing for an Order Finding Violation (OFV) against Rio Mesa Resources Inc. (Rio Mesa) (Operator No. 74740).
Rio Mesa is the operator of record of the wells in Table 1 below, which are located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
Table 1

Well -	Amoco Larson 4, API # 05-103-09102, NOAV # 200398606, Rule 309 Violation
Well -	Gov D-032682-A #7, API # 05-103-40041, NOAV # 200398609, Rule 326 Violation
Well -	Getty-Amoco 29, API #. 05-103-08252, NOAV # 200396065, Rule 326 Violation

On March 12, 2014, Commission Staff issued three Notices of Alleged Violation (NOAV) listed in Table 1 above to Rio Mesa citing violations of the following COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1 (Rule or Rules).
a.Rule 309 (Form 7, Operator Monthly Report of Operations); and
b.Rule 326.b.1 (Mechanical Integrity Test, Shut-in Wells).
COGCC staff requests that Rio Mesa be found in violation of rules cited above and assessed a penalty pursuant to Rule 523, and other relief as authorized by law.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (Commission) under § 34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to §34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission Series 500 Rules at 2CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:
Date:
Monday, April 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 29, 2014
Time:
9:00 a.m.
Place:
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.
Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.
In accordance with Rule 509., any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than April 14, 2014, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. One electronic, one original and two copies shall be filed with the Commission. Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of April 14, 2014. Pursuant to Rule 503.g., if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules.
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
By Robert J. Frick, Secretary
Dated: March 25, 2014
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203
Website: http://cogcc.state.co.us
Phone: (303) 894-2100
Fax: (303) 894-2109
Publish: April 3, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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 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.
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Board of County Commissioners
Monday, April 14, 2014
County Administration Bldg, 200 Main
Meeker, Colorado

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placedon 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 whichare within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requestedto make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.*
11:00 Call to order:
* Pledge of Allegiance
* Changes or additions to the April 14 Board Agenda
* Approval of the April 14, 2014 Agenda
Consent agenda for April 14, 2014
* Consideration of the Board Minutes of March 24, 2014
* Motor Vehicle Publication List for March 2014
* Treasury Publication List for March 2014
Financial Management Report for March 2014
* Financial Transactions for DHS for March 2014
* Enter into the record the signed Geo-Technical Investigation Agreement
* Amendment to the Master Contract 13 FAA 000444 with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; addition of paragraph 31.
* Annual Ambulance Licenses for the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District
* Annual Ambulance Licenses for the Rangely District Hospital Ambulance Service
Rio Blanco County Weed Management Plan
General Business:
* Bids: Piceance Weed and Pest Control District
* Hand Spraying
* Aerial Spraying
* Bids Awards and Contracts
* 2014 Rio Blanco County Crackfill Project
Rio Blanco County Quinn Draw Pit Crushing Project
* 2014 Rio Blanco County Road Chip Seal Project
* Lower White River Weed and Pest Control District
* Noxious Weed and Pest Applicator Agreement
* Noxious Weed and Pest Aerial Spray Agreement
Resolutions:
Other Business:
* County Commissioners Updates
* Public Comment
ADJOURN
CONVENE AS THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
1:15 p.m. Variance Hearing continued from March 24, 2014
Variance 14-01 , Shay Wangnild Set back requirements at 75 CR 43, S4, TlS, R93W
ADJOURN:
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considerein 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 April 21 2014 in Rangelyat the County Annex Building.
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 TO CREDITORS
Estate of Doris L. Weller also known as Doris Louise Weller, Doris Weller, Doris Louise Zink, Doris L. Zink and Doris Zink,
Deceased,
Case Number 2014 PR 30009
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to: District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado at PO Box 1150, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641, on or before July 24, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.
F J Fennessy
Linda Hinmon, Personal Representative
Attorney 2210 Dubois Circle
PO Box 1518

Marshalltown, IA 50158
Meeker CO 81641 (641) 751-2951
970 878 4783
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
WESTERN ANNEX, 17497 HIGHWAY 64,
RANGELY, COLORADO 81641
April 10, 2014 , 7:00 P.M.
The tentative agenda as follows:
1. Roll Call
2. Additions/Changes to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2014
4. New Business:
a.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 6th P.M. (PIN # 138335300123).
5. Discussion of Work in Development (Plan, Processes, Standards, etc.) and/or Administrative Matters
6. Old Business
7. Adjourn
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Public Notice
Plaintiff:
TRANS-VAIL, INC.
Defendants:
PUBLIC TRUSTEE OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO; ROBERT TAYLOR; LAURA TAYLOR; U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION N.D.; TEXTRON FINANCIAL CORPORATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Case No. 14CV030004
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court a written answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 30 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons by publication shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 30 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet title to plaintiff for the real property situate in Rio Blanco County, Colorado and described as LOT 3; LITTLE RANCHO ESTATES; ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FEBRUARY 10, 2000; AS RECEPTION NO. 266593; COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO; TOGETHER WITH ALL PRIVATE ACCESS ROADS AND UTILITY EASEMENTS AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT OF LITTLE RANCHO ESTATES FILED FEBRUARY 10, 2000 AS RECEPTION NO. 266593.
Dated: March 24, 2014
Melody D. Massih, Reg. #24683
P.O. Box 916
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
Tel: 970-928-9100
Fax: 970-928-9600
Published: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION
PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
Estate of Davie D. Robertson, also known as Dave Robertson,
Deceased
Case No. 2014 PR 30011
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or before July 21, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.
Cheryl D. Robertson, Personal Representative
c/o David J. Turner
Turner & Perry, P.C.
300 Main Street, Suite 202
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
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Notification of Public Hearing before the Rangely Planning and Zoning Commission on April 11, 2014 at 7:30A.M. at the Rangely Town Hall
The Rangely Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider The Belmont Minor Subdivision being a Replat of Lots 37 and 38 of Replat No. 1 of the Replat of La Mesa P.U.D. IN Section 1, T1N, R102W of the 6th P.M. , Town of Rangely, Rio Blanco County, CO. The Belmont Minor Subdivision Plat can be viewed at the Main Office of the Town of Rangely at 209 E. Main Street in Rangely, Colorado.
The Public is invited to attend the Public Hearing and provide written or verbal comment on the proposed Belmont Minor Subdivision.
By: Lisa Piering
Lisa Piering Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: April 3, 2014
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PROJECT: PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT FACILITY
LOCATION: MEEKER, CO
Public Notice is hereby given that Kitchen Equipment Contractors are invited to bid the foodservice equipment for Pioneers Medical Center, Meeker, Colorado, replacement hospital.
REQUIREMENTS: Candidates requesting a bid package must do so by April 10, 2014. The bid documents will include instructions to bidders, qualification requirements, foodservice drawings and foodservice specifications. Documents will be available in an electronic format at no cost to the bidders.
Request for Bid Documents should be directed to Foodservice Consultant:
Al Moller, LEED-AP
Principal
Ricca Newmark Design
5325 South Valentia Way
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
Phone: 303-928-1333
Email: amoller@riccanewmark.com
PROCESS: Information required by bidders will be included in the instructions to bidders. Bids may be submitted in a PDF electronic format. Bidders will be subject to a reference check and interview. Bids will be due April 15, 2014 at 5 PM MDST.
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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
April 9, 2014
REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office,
265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado
1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. New Business
6. Old Business
Disinfection Upgrade Progress
Sewer Back Up Procedures, Review and Update
Plant Manager Report
Office Manager Report
7. Attorney
8. Board
Delinquent Accounts
Approve Current Bills

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 SERVIES, 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
Last Publication	4/10/2014
Name of Publication	Rio Blanco Herald Times

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
(c)Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 9/2012

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LEGAL NOTICES

9. Recess
This agenda is subject to change without further notice.
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.
265 8th Street.
Publish: April 3,2014
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY
2014 Weed & Pest - Helicopter
REQUEST FOR BID

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK
Rio Blanco County is soliciting bids to aerially treat approximately 500 acres of noxious weeds utilizing a helicopter on BLM lands and for the Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District.
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
Contract Documents are available on-line at the County's website at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us on the Public Announcements page, or at the Rio Blanco County Weed & Pest Dept. 779 Sulphur Creek Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641.
BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS
All persons spraying herbicides must be appropriately licensed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture for aerial application in the Rangeland Pest Control cat-egory. Appropriate proof of licensure must be submitted to the Agreement Administrator concurrently with execution of this Agreement.
PROJECT COORDINATOR AND QUESTIONS
Matt Scott, Weed Control Supervisor, (970) 878-9670. All Bidders are advised to review the specifications found on Exhibit A. Any questions regarding this Request are to be directed in writing to Matt Scott at P.O. Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641 or via email at mscott@co.rio-blanco.co.us.
WORK SCHEDULE
Estimated start date is June 2, 2014 and end date is August 2, 2014
BID SUBMITTALS
Bidder shall submit sealed bids for this request which shall include all information required. Bids shall have Bidder's name and address and , Sealed Bid-2014 Rio Blanco County Weed & Pest - Helicopter. Mailed bids must be received by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, at P.O. Box i, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 before 4 P.M. on Thursday April 17, 2014. No bids shall be received Friday April 18 through Sunday April 20, 2014. Hand delivered bids shall be received at 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 and will be accepted until 11: A.M. on the date of bid opening April 21, 2014.
BID OPENING
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners meeting will commence at 11 A.M. Bids shall be opened and read in public soon thereafter as listed on the agenda on April 21, 2014 at the Commissioners, Meeting Room at 17494 Highway 64 Rangely, CO. Bids received after 11:00 A.M. on the date of bid opening shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.
BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reservesthe right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY

Dated: March 31, 2014
By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman
Publish: April 3, 10 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

LEGAL NOTICES

AGENDA
RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (TOWN COUNCIL)
Regular Meeting of April 8, 2014
******* 7:00 P.M. *******
Council Chambers - Municipal Building

Call to Order
Roll Call
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes of Meeting
Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2014. (Submitted)
Petitions and Public Input
Changes to Agenda
Public Hearings
Committee/Board Meetings
Supervisor Reports - See Attached
Vince Wilzcek - Police Department and Dispatch Update
Mike Englert - Public Works and Building and Grounds Update
11. Report from Officers -Town Manager Update
12. New Business
Discussion and Approval of March 2014 Check Register
Discussion and Approval of February 2014 Financial Recap
Discussion and Approval of Resolution 2014-04 Appointing Municipal Officers; Lisa Piering Town Clerk, Lisa Piering Town Treasurer, Sherman Romney Town Attorney and Karen Wilczek Town Municipal Court Judge.
Discussion and Approval of Donation of $750.00 to Rowdy Worm 2014.
Informational Items
April 10, 2014, 7:00 PM County Annex - Review of The Tank Renovation Plans
April 21, 2014, 11:00AM County Annex - RBC Commissioners Meeting
April 22, 2014, 12:00PM Weiss Conference Room - Community Networking
April 11, 2014, 7:30AM Planning and Zoning Meeting - Town Hall
April 30, 2014, CNCC - Water Conservancy - Potential White Water Storage Sites (Details to Follow)
Scheduled Announcement - Local Meetings - April 2014
Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.
Rangely District Library regular meeting April 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Rural Fire Protection Dist board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Rio Blanco Water Conservancy Dist board meeting is April 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2014 at 12:00
15. Adjournment
Publish: April, 3, 2014
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Storage Unit Sale- 247 Market Street. Fri-Sat 9am-2pm weather permitting.

ESTATE SALE- Friday April 4 & Saturday April 5. 910 W Bell in Rangely 8am -4pm.

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Rio Blanco Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)
Rio Blanco County, Colorado

NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rio Blanco BOCES, whose legal address is 402 West Main Street, Room 219, Rangely, CO 81648, will destroy all educational records in its possession if more than five (5) years have elapsed since such records were used in providing educational services, and if the BOCES has determined that these records are no longer needed for any educational purpose. The records to be destroyed relate to and concern students who were enrolled in Meeker School District RE-1 and Rangely School District RE-4 prior to 2000. We intend to destroy the records on April 30, 2014.

The records to be destroyed will include any and all documents on file, including but not limited to any Individual Educational Program (IEP), evaluation reports, notifications, conference notes, and any parts of the cumulative file from the respective school districts that may be held in BOCES storage. The BOCES may keep a permanent record of the student's name, address, and phone number, his or her grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Inquiries may be directed to Rio Blanco BOCES at 402 West Main, Rangely Colorado, 970-675-2064.

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MEEKER CAT Coalition accepting cat food or monetary donations for spay/neuter and health care. Donations may be left at The Vet Clinic in Meeker or call 878-3560 or 878-4429 for more information.

IF CONTENTS of #3 & #33 at Rangely's Self Storage is not paid in full by April 4, 2014 the contents will be sold. (970) 675-2608.

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

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

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.

MOMS GROUP meeting, open to anyone with a child 0-5 years, Grace Baptist Church, Rangely, first Thursday of every month, 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Info. call Heather Zadra (970)629-9937

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

BRESNAN CABLE television customers - If you are not receiving a television channel station you normally get, 3 people must report it before it's considered an outage. Call the service number on your bill to report.

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.

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

For XC Skiing & Snowshoeing See:
White River Nordic Council at Facebook
For Grooming Reports, Events & Info

FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community member. Scheduled Dates for 2014: April 24, May 27, June 26. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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.

Rio Blanco Fire Protection District
Proposal Request for metal, heat trace and concrete seal work at 696 Main Street and 236 7th Street, Meeker, CO.
Please stop by for an itemized list and to visit with Steve Allen or Matt Lyons for details. *All sealed proposals are due by 5:00pm, April 9, 2014.*

Saturday, April 12th 1:00 PM
Routt County Fairgrounds, Hayden Colorado. 29 Yearling Bulls from 11 Regional Consignors. Contact Community Agriculture Alliance 970-879-4370 for information

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RANGELY ROCKCRAWLING & 4 Wheel Drive group in Rangely meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Rio Blanco Water Users Building on Hwy. 64 at 7 p.m.

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NEW EDEN Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and 402 W. Main Street Room 171 Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 620-7096. All services are confidential.

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

MEEKER STREAKER
MONTHLY SCHEDULE
APRIL 2014
NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.
April 1, Bus in town
April 2, Bus in town
April 3, Bus in town, Grand Junction
April 4, Bus in town
April 5, No Bus
April 6, AM Bus
April 7, Bus in town
April 8, Bus in town, Foot Clinic
April 9, Bus in town
April10, Bus in town, Rifle
April 11, Bus in town
April 12, No Bus
April 13, AM Bus
April 14, Bus in town
April 15, Bus in town
April 16, Bus in town
April 17, Bus in town, Grand Jct Medical
April 18, Bus in town
April 19, No Bus
April 20, AM Bus
April 21, Bus in town
April 22, Bus in town, Rangely Dental
April 23, Bus in town
April 24, Bus in town, Craig
April 25, Bus in town
April 26, No Bus
April 27, AM Bus
April 28, Bus in town
April 29, Bus in town
April 30, Bus in town
Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627.

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AUCTIONS

Auction- Business Liquidation & Retirement of D&G Auto Care Saturday April 12th, 10:00am. 610 Foresight Circle, Grand Junction, Colorado. 5 upright & 1 drive-on vehicle lifts, heavy duty air compressor, car dolly, carousel parts washer, tire machines, many modern electronic and hand vehicle machines of all kinds. Jacks of all kinds, cherry picker, 6 air hose reels, battery charger, tester, many specialty tools and machine manuels, benches, shelves, cabinets, hand tools, office cabinets & supplies, refrigerator, Open sign, clocks, phone system, 2 time clocks, desks, chairs, computers and more. Owners Don & Gretchen Haynes. Clean tools, 8 Bay Building Listed with Realtor. For more information call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service. (970) 260-5577. Must see web www.cpauction.com. "Call me about a sale for you."

FARM AND Ranch Liquidation Auction Saturday April 5th 10:00am 6234 226 Road, New Castle Colorado (go north on 7th Street 6 miles follow signs). swather, round baler, 6 pickups, baler, grain mixer, grinder, auger, plants, disk, running Gear, PU water tank, grain drill, 2 4wheelers, motor home, disk, post hole auger, bale spears, compactor, brush hog, blades, ditcher, 8 trailers of all kinds, running gear, horse trailer. 10 panels, Horns, 3 tractors, back hoe, hand & power tools, 2 full size buses, saddles & tack, fencing, appliances, Sebastian upright piano, Antiques, books, household items, collectibles, lots of scrap iron. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service (970)260-5577. See web www.cpauction.com "Call me about a sale for you."

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YARD SALES

Rangely Garage Sale at 1485 LaMesa Circle April 5 at 9:00am. Girls clothes, house hold items, ladies clothes, camo…..

Meeker Moving Sale- selling household items too many to list. Where: 981 8th Street. When: April 5th 7:00am until all gone.

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

GIANT STEP Preschool in Rangely has a parttime opening for an aide. No experience needed. 675-2671.

Wanted For Upcoming Work
Licensed Journeyman Plumbers and Plumbing Apprentices. Must be from the Meeker area. For more information call (970) 245-2012

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Recreation Coordinator- The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking two Recreation Coordinators. Part-time without benefits; hiring range $10.80-$13.20/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: assist in select phases of implementing and coordinating recreational programs and special events such as gym supervision, officiating, coaching, scorekeeping, etc. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 15 years of age or older, be available to work early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts. 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. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and online, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 18, 2014. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

Seasonal Park Laborer positions. The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking three Seasonal Park Laborers. Full-time seasonal; hiring range is $9.90-$12.10/hr. Duties include; perform manual labor, maintenance and repair of parks, trails, recreational facilities, landscaping, buildings and other ERBM Recreation and Park District assets. Requirements include, but are not limited to: be at least 16 years of age; willing to work a schedule that may include early mornings, evenings, weekends, split shifts and holidays; must establish and maintain positive working relationships with subordinates, coworkers and supervisors; must work well in a progressive, team-oriented environment as well as independently depending on circumstances; ability to safely and effectively operate tools, equipment and vehicles. 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. Applicants are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request. Applications will be accepted through Monday, May 19, 2014. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

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

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SPORTS OFFICIALS The ERBM Recreation and Park District is seeking Sports Officials. The season runs from January through March. There are ongoing openings for Youth Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball, Youth Flag Football, Youth Soccer, and Youth Basketball. Part time without benefits; hiring range is $11.81-$25.00/hr. Requirements include, but are not limited to: knowledge of sport and rules, ability to multitask and communicate effectively with adults and children. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply. 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. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. The ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

HELP WANTED: PART TIME

Temporary Summer Help Wanted
The Town of Meeker is accepting applications for a part-time (5 days a week, 8 hours a day position) from approximately May through August to work weed eating, asphalt patching, general cleanup, painting and other duties as assigned. Must hold valid driver's license and be 18 years or older. Applications and further information is available at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 or requested by telephone (970)878-5344. Application forms will be faxed upon request. Applications must be received at Town Hall no later than Friday, April 11, 2014 at 2:30 PM. Pay $13.00 per hour. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

HOMES: MEEKER

FSBO: 1452 Mountain View Rd., Sage Hills. 3,600 sq. ft. 4BDR, 3BA, great room, lower level entertainment room, shop/bonus room. 3 car garage. $370,000. (970) 243-7083.

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LAND/LOTS

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HOUSE FOR rent: 2 BDR, 1 BA, $600/month plus utilities. Pets considered. (970)328-6850.

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2 BDR/1 BA apartment. $400/month.Tenant pays electricity. Deposit required. (970) 878-3363 or (970) 878-3656.

CLEAN 1BR, 1BA apartment. All utilities included. $375 per month. Security deposit and references required. Please call 970-220-2150.

2BR 1 1/2 BA townhouse. New paint, new carpet. $500 Month. Call 970-396-1924

1BDR, 1BA apartment fully furnished, $400/month. Include all utilities. Security deposit and references required. Call (970) 220-2150.

FOR RENT: Newly renovated- 4BDR, 1BA house. All appliances included. Water and sewer paid. NS, NP. $850.00 a month. Call (970) 878-3257.

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1 BDR furnished apartment utilities included, quiet setting, no smoking, no pets. 878-4141 or 878-4198 leave message.

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LARGE HOUSE with river frontage for rent. Close to town. Available January 2014. $1,900/month. References, deposit and minimum 1 year contract required. Call (970) 878-4138.

Clean 2BD/2BA Apartments. Furnished/Unfurnished-in unit WD, utilities included. Year lease $700, $1,500 damage deposit. Shorter term options available. Western Exposures Realty (970) 878-5877.

RENTALS: MEEKER

3 BDR, 1.5 BA, nicely furnished townhouse. Washer & dryer included, NS, water, trash & sewer included. $800/mo. with 1 yr lease plus security deposit. 878-5858.

12TH STREET APARTMENTS
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Commercial office space available in Hugus Building, downtown Meeker. 878-4138.

RENTALS: RANGELY

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FOR RENT: 2 BR 1 3/4 bath house, includes all appliances. Available immediately, $1050 rent and $800 deposit. Tenant responsible for all utilities.
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910 Water St,** Space 6- Very nice 3 BR, 2 BA, double-wide trailer. **$59,000** ***SOLD
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***NEW 1337 Meath Dr**.- 35 Acres, 9 miles east with a nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, pastures, views. ***Reduced* $230,000**
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***950 CR 14-** Mountain cabin 26 miles up river. 2 BR, 1 BA with great views, in the woods. **$289,000.**
***13245 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**
***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!
24530 County Rd. 8**- A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! **$169,000** ***SOLD

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

***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, ¾ acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, café, 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 ½, amazing 29 acre parcel, building site, water rights & more, borders BLM & National Forest **$349,000**
***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. **$80,000**
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***River Property**-19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. **$150,000.**
***20 Acres,** Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, **$63,000**
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Little Beaver Estates**- Two 35 acre lots bordering DOW 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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511 E. Rangely Ave. Updated kitchen, 3 Bd/1 Bath with two living areas. **$130,000**
232 Dakota Great 2 BD/2 Bath, 1-car Garage, 1,248 sq. ft. Built in 1947 **$139,000**
1101 Tanglewood Ln. Well kept 3Bd/2 Bath Built in 1982 1,512 sq ft **$167,900**
413 Darius Remodeled 3BD/2 Bath, 2-Car Garage, 1256 sq. ft. Built in 1983 **$168,000**
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208 Hillcrest Cir Spectacular views 3Bd/1.75 Bath w/sauna Built in 1983 1,960 sq ft **$185,000**
226 South Grand Newer 3 BD/2 Bath, 1-car garage, 1,296 sq. ft. Built in 2013 **$187,000**
1234 Solar Circle Great 3BD/2 Bath, 2-Car Garage in La Mesa. Built in 2007, 1,533 sq. ft. **$195,000**

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LOTS/LAND

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Redwood Estates Approx 1/2 acre building lot **$28,000**
2 Fantastic Lots La Mesa Sub **$50,000 each**
2 Lots in the Chase Subdivision **$9,000**
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Featured Property of the Week
1394 Ridge Road — MOTIVATED SELLER
Beautiful Ranch on corner lot, 1548 SF, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings and more
NEW REDUCED PRICE: $249,500

- **NEW! 1032 Lance Circle** – Beautiful, Ranch style home, 1780 SF, Vaulted ceilings, oversized garage. **$243,900**
- **NEW! 1062 Main Street** – cute home on corner lot ... ***Sale Pending!*** **$115,000**
- **NEW! 642 12th Street** Cute and Clean Bi-level, VERY motivated seller .. **$165,000**
- **1394 Ridge Road,** move in ready, 3 bdrm,2ba ..... ***PRICE REDUCED!*** **$255,000**
- **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**
- **Vacant Lot** – 1280 Garfield, includes water tap. Make Offer **$25,000**

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RANGELY

- **Rangely ~ 33553 HWY 64,** 214 acre ranch with good White River frontage, irrigated pasture & hay production. 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style home with large kitchen & dining area, big family room. Pole barn for hay, outbuildings and corrals. **$700,000**
- **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 &317 N. Grand Ave.** Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF. 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hookup, 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**

MEEKER

- **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**
- **RIMROCK CAMPGROUND- 73179 HWY 64/Meeker**- Great Income property, 14.5 acres offering 1,435 SF home w/ 238 SF att. front office. numerous cabins & outbuildings, single wide mobile home rental. Good producing water well. 30 full RV hook-ups w/2 primitive sites, tent sites and fully laundry area W/ coin–op machines. Large established shade trees.Have to see this one — Priced to move **$438,000**

1153 & 1163 Market Street ~ SOLD | 208 E. Rio Blanco ~ SOLD | 1025 Jill Drive ~ SOLD
6320 County Rd. 7 ~ SOLD

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Disney College Program

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By Megan Raymond

"Keep Calm because Dreams Come True." For some, working for Disney is a dream come true. One way that college students can live that dream is to participate in the Disney College Program. I am one of these lucky students.

The Disney College Program is a program through Disney that allows students to earn college credit while working for Disney. The classes are not taken directly from a university but through Disney itself. There are a variety of classes that students can take that range from marketing yourself to engineering courses, depending on the personal interests of the student. The College Program recommends only taking one course at a time because of the time commitment required outside class and also due to the job of the participant. The classes meet once a week for four hours and there are homework assignments or group projects every night. However, if a student participates in the fall term (Aug.-Jan.), then classes end before the start of the "busy season" which is at the start of November. This is especially good because during those weeks, the participants could work up to 60 hours.

Most participants work 30-45 hours per week except during the holidays. The pay is traditionally between 7-12 dollars per hour, depending on the job.

While taking these classes, students must also work for Disney in whatever position they are assigned. There are a variety of cast member jobs for College Prgram studnets, or CPs, from working as a janitor to a photographer to a lifeguard and many more. The positions that they offer College Program students are full-time, however the student only participates in the program for six months at a time. This does not mean that students are limited to one term only. They can participate as many times as they would like as long as they are enrolled in a college or university.

If the CP wants to be a character, such as Mickey or a princess, they need to audition for the role seperately from the application to the College Program. These auditions are held at outside locations.

In order to apply for the program, the participant must be at least 18 and be enrolled in a college or university when they apply and interview. If eligible, the participant may then get an opportunity to take an online interview, which is a survey of the person's personality. The next step would be to have a phone interview which is when a representative from the college program calls the participant and asks them a series of scenario-based questions, such as if they were having problems with a roommate what would they do? After the phone interview, the next step is a waiting game. The participant can wait up to 3 weeks to hear if they got the position and what position they got. They will get the details of that position when they get to Disneyland in California or Disney World in Florida, depending on which they were accepted to.

Disney housing is also provided for participants and a car is not needed in Florida but is in California. In Florida, they have cast shuttles to take participants to work and to the store and the mall.

There are opportunities that follow this program, such as going into a Disney internship and even a full-time job.

This program is a good way for people to explore the opportunities available to them within the Disney Company and also set them up to get an internship with them following participation in the College Program.

"I only hope that we don't lose sight of one thing- that it was all started by a mouse "

-Walt Disney

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Revenge

By Zach Glasgow

The captain's quarters were not as they should have been as Marcus opened the door. Documents were strewn across the room, the chair in front of the desk lay on the floor, and as a whole the room was a mess. The last person in this room must have been in a hurry, and more than likely fleeing from some danger, Marcus thought, rummaging through the sheaves of paper.

As he leafed through the documents, one of the papers jumped out at him, as it was different than the rest. It was partially colored, crinkled...

... and speckled in dried blood. The paper was an address, one Marcus did not know. The first clue in his investigation hadn't taken him longer than an hour to find. Assuming the blood on the paper belonged to the old captain, he was running short on time, if he wasn't too late already.

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Alexander, king of all the land, sat on his golden throne, with a frown on his face.

He was in a sour mood, as he always was. Most people thought he was friendly and easygoing, but in truth that was a facade. He hated being king, despite having everything he could ever want. But being king was hard, boring, and frustrating, and that left him constantly boiling in his own anger and drowning in his sadness.

He was enormously jealous of his younger brother, Marcus, the legendary warrior and happy citizen. Hehad the one thing Alexander did not - happiness. He had a loving, beautiful wife, a splendid daughter, and another child on the way. He had love. Alexander had gems and food and riches; material things that only satisfied a person for so long. And they no longer satisfied him.

"Sire," a woman said quietly from the large door of the throne room. She had walked in undetected, and this only enhanced the king's anger. "there are some merchants seeking your audience in the-"

"I do not care about merchants! Tell them to leave me alone, and begone from my sight, you filthy servant wench!", the king yelled at her, cutting her off mid-sentence. The girl jumped, and ran from the throne room in her haste to escape his wrath.

As she fled, the king came to a conclusion. He was tired of not being satisfied with his life. If he couldn't be happy as king, then neither could his brother Marcus.

Read the next episode on the last page!!!

The Bucket List

By Nicole Durfey

All the things I want to accomplish

Some may seem a little too childish

But you never know when it's going to be your last day

So before my time comes I just thought I'd say

I want to ride a dolphin under the morning sunrise

Meeting my Jamaican husband would be a nice surprise

Walk down the red carpet in a beautiful dress

For just a day become a princess

I don't want to leave any regrets behind

Before my day comes I must remind

One day I want to compete on a reality show

Be a guest on Ellen DeGeneres and take our photo

Snorkeling through a shipwreck under seas

Ride a hot air balloon during the nice summer breeze

But these are just a few of the many things on my list

I must end here or I couldn't resist

To tell you all my hopes and dreams

How I don't want to live a safe life I want to experience the extremes

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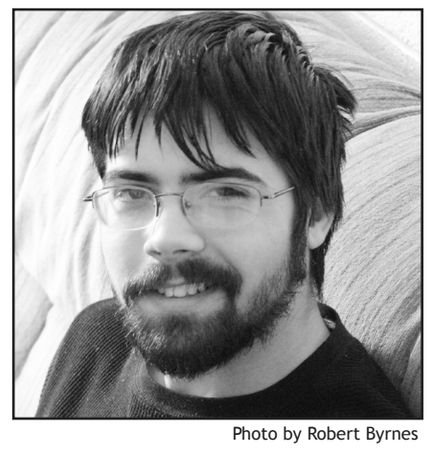
Where's Wiley?

Joe Wiley has gone missing! Somewhere on one of these four pages, Joe is hiding. Can you help us find him so we can get him back to teaching his students?

Found him? Tell us on Facebook! Be the first to submit where he is and you will recieve a prize!

Kreig's Kicks

"Rants and raves by me, Kreig."



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Kreig Kohl

So I figured it's time we discussed something I've noticed on and around campus. Most people here do not realize how to handle things like mature adults. Now I'm not saying I'm perfect in this regard, I too have moments when I don't handle things as I should.

First off talk to people about your issues with them. Just going around and randomly making semi-sarcastic comments to people only makes more problems. If you don't confront the issues with people you end up making them angry and then letting issues run rampant.

Face to face makes things more difficult to handle but it's the best route. If you can see the other person's face you can easily see their emotions and know how to adjust the conversation to help with everything. It also means that emotions have to be kept in check at least a little bit. Completely freaking out in person will just expand issues further.

Also if anyone makes a suggestion about anything and you have an issue with it instead of sitting by quietly and giving the wrong idea. Voicing opinions is how things get done. If people sit by quietly then only one person's voice is heard and only one path is followed.

To be honest I'm tired of things happening and then no one stepping forward to help guide paths.

There are two things that can happen. Either a person can step forward and offer their opinion at the time when it is pertinent or when things look like they are going wrong they do not get to voice their opinion. If as a person you choose not to vocalize your opinion you do not get the right to vocalize it later. Either speak when asked or keep your mouth shut.

Honestly I'm just tired of seeing things only get handled when the situation has degraded to a point where either everything falls apart or someone gets hurt. Letting the events grow that far means that neither party wants to handle it but talking about it behind everyone's' back only furthers tension and makes it harder to handle things when they explode.

All I'm saying is the best way to handle things is to vocalize your opinion at the time it's supposed to be given, and not wait till it's about to explode. Let's all try a bit harder and get things done a bit better.

Spring Athletic Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 15	Vs. South Park	2:30, 4:30 (V/JV)
Mar. 22	Vs. Meeker	11, 1 (V/V)
Mar. 25	Vs. Craig	4:30 (V)
Mar. 28	@ Paonia	2:30, 4:30 (V/V)
Apr. 1	@ Grand Junction HS Vs. Nucla	3, 5 (V/V)
Apr. 5	@ Hotchkiss	11, 1 (V/V)
Apr. 10	@ Meeker	3, 5 (V/V)
Apr. 15	@ Grand Valley	3, 5 (V/JV)
Apr. 19	Vs. Paonia	11,1 (V/V)
Apr. 25	Vs. Hotchkiss	2,4 (V/V)
May 10	Districts	TBA
May 17	Regionals	TBA
May 24	State	TBA

Baseball

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 20	@ Roaring Fork	4 pm
Mar. 21	@ Basalt	4 pm
Mar. 22	Vs. Grand Valley	1 pm
Mar. 28	@ Craig	4 pm
Apr. 4	Vs. Vail Christian	4 pm
Apr. 8	@ Aspen	4 pm
Apr. 10	Vs. Coal Ridge	4 pm
Apr. 17	Vs. Roaring Fork	4 pm
Apr. 22	@ CRMS	4 pm
Apr. 25	@ Grand Valley	4 pm
Apr. 29	Vs. Craig	4 pm
May 1	Vs. Vail Christian	4:30 pm

Soccer

Track

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 21	Rifle JV	1 pm
Mar. 22	G.J./ Stoker	9 am
Mar. 29	Cedaredge	9 am
Apr. 5	Palisade	9 am
Apr. 11	Coal Ridge	12 pm
Apr. 19	Rangely	9 am
Apr. 25	Craig	TBA
May 3	West Grand	TBA
May 9-10	League	9 & 8 am
May 15-17	State	TBA

Rangely Panthers

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MONKEYS AT TYPEWRITERS

Brass Floors

By Kane Usami

Episode 2: Safe Zones: Part 4

"Pain, suffering, death, disease, sickness. These are all of the things that we here at SZI are trying to minimize. With the technology that we posses, we can cure cancer, reverse the effects of AIDs, and reduce the rate at which these types of things spread."
The woman was in a greyish blue suit wearing a cheap, circle pin with an image of an intricate machine and the letters; SZI silkscreened onto it. She was on T.V. speaking at a press conference.
"So this lady… She's a crock?"
"Yeah."
"And can you explain to me one more time why we need to... umm... you know."
The television blaired something to the effect of this being, "The twenty second century!" followed by cheering. Momentarily interrupting the two.
"Alex, I think you know very well why we have to do this. We are the chosen ones. We are the only ones, beside that woman who know about the other side and if we don't stop her- Well we've both read the journals, we know what happens."
The teenager that had been addressed as Alex slumped in his chair staring blankly at the television screen. Staring, thinking. Finally Alex pushed up his plastic framed glasses with a scrawny, pale hand and looked away from the T.V.
"Alright. This is what needs to be done I get that, although I am still having trouble understanding just how the multiple universes can intermesh like the journals explain they do. I have many questions James."
James looked at him with calm yet cruel brown eyes, his face was hard and expressionless, -Characteristics of this hero were definitely passed from another.- he answered Alex with two words.
"Safe Zones."

Double Crossed

By Anonymous

Sitting in the dark
Waiting for the light
Everything I know
Is gonna end tonight

I'm so busy searching
For what cannot be found
And those who offer help
Always Throw me to the ground

My friends left me here
To whither in misery
I'm hoping the come back
To find whats left of me

Everyone forgets
The heroes that rise and fall
But everyone remembers
The villains that destroy us all

No one will ever know
The crimes i've committed
And no one will ever help with
The addictions i've admitted

These people won't know
The price i had to pay
But they will
All go through it anyway

Life Flashes before my eyes
And guess what is brought to my surprise
Every person i ever did harm
As the evil spectors grab me by the arm
No one can help me survive this place
Except for those who share my same fate

Dan: A Brass Floors companion series

By Dale Nielsen

"I love blackjack. But I'm not addicted to gambling. I'm addicted to sitting in a semicircle". Mitch Hedberg

I'll admit it, I'm a social animal. Going through a period as long as I have (37 days), seeing no one but people who want to hurt me has made me crave human interaction more than ever. The city that loomed in the distance before is almost upon me, I can see the neon's of the casinos and bars. I approach the gate cautiously.

"Who the hell is it? What do you want?" A gruff voice pierces the stillness of the night.

"Mr Underhill, my business is my own" I reply. (The Lord of the Rings is one of my favorite pre-nuclear fallout books.)

"Funny reference my man, you don't have to pay." The gate swings open emitting a squeak that could raise the dead. I walk through the gate and stop. Before me lay the biggest strip of man's greatest vices I have ever seen. Casino after casino, interlain with bars and strip clubs. I check my pockets and remove 2 bright green quartz rocks. Only green quartz is accepted as currency. 2 rocks should be enough for 2 hands of Texas Hold Em'. I walk up and down the strip until I make the decision that the "Donald Duck's Debauchery" will be the best place to blow my rocks. I walk through the doors taking in the scene. The smell of dead dreams mixed with sweat, booze, and cigarettes overpower my senses. It's a beautiful scene to behold, I can barely contain myself. I hustle my way over to the nearest Hold Em table, but not before snatching up someone's unattended drink and exchanging my stones for chips. I pound "my" drink and take a seat.

"Texas Hold Em' no limit gentlemen," the dealer barks. My cards are dealt, I can feel luck running through my veins. Gambling is my greatest vice. I win hand after hand, I can't help but notice the man sitting next to me, his clothes are filthy and he claims his name is Reno. What kind of name is that? That name is more suitable for a town or a dog, not a man. Pretty soon Reno and I are the only two sitting at the table. My head is singing from the booze, my winnings form a very formidable stack.

"All in," Reno says; pushing his chips forward. I follow suit. I look at my cards and the cards on the table, I have 4 kings. Reno lays his cards onto the table, I do the same. Reno has a full house ace high, but my 4 kings beats his hand and he knows it. He looks down, up, side-to-side, then takes off. I take all my chips and follow him out the back door of the casino. I walk outside, the light blinds me momentarily, I've been gambling all night. Reno is no where to be seen, I turn around, I've found Reno along with his revolver, pointed directly at my head.

My Paradise

By Nicole Durfey

Weeds growing up to my knees

Nature surrounding us with enormous trees

No pollution in the air

The soft breeze lightly blowing my hair

Wouldn't want to be anywhere else

People normally don't enjoy it up here

This is my paradise

But to me, it's my paradise

There isn't anything like it

Nothing in sight for miles

Spending all your time with the people you love

No shopping mall or movie theater, just each other's smiles

In a secluded place

Wearing shorts and tennis shoes

With nothing but their company and laughter

Racing up the mountain, who is going to lose?

Our Story

By Devon Vondette

We met without fanfare or recognition and our paths kept on going, individually. As life took us different directions, fate was bound to cross them eventually.

On a night full of mischief and drink, fate stepped in playing its predetermined role. As we exchange a friendly greeting, I feel a connection unlike anything I had ever felt before. After our short and memorable meeting, we quickly become close.

In that encounter I gained a friendship, one that I had never experienced before and never wanted to let go of. I couldn't fathom how it was so that our journeys had never crossed. All of the opportunity was with us, but fate knew when the time was right.

Through time my heart grew fonder and I could no longer live without your connection. Taking a chance with my heart, I reached for you. I let you in and held on tightly. Roads unsure of the next turn, we sent ourselves on the same path. Some stops and bumps along the way, made our bond so strong and right. It takes all kinds to have a love like ours.

After long years of love and care, we have what can only be described between each other. We know of every flaw and everything that makes our clocks tick. In order for our paths to become paved, we needed each other. We needed one another to create a life of solid ground. Before, my path was incomplete; it was a dirt road that was washed away with every storm. With you I have solid ground. I am able to take what the world has to throw. Our paths are no longer lonely, our hearts are no longer incomplete, and our hearts are joined as one. Together anything is possible and without our beginning journey, our lives would not be as so.

I will always wonder as to why our paths did not intersect earlier? I will think of how my life would be if there were no you in it. I too will dream of the life we will have together. My sweet dear, I tell you now, I long for your presence and the long years ahead. I wait for the days where our paths will end at a crossing and we will descent together where we will spend eternity together.

The Way It's Supposed to Be

By Anonymous

The blackness held deep within
Untortured slumber gone so thin
Every moment lost in you
Thus blinding all others view

Ending all with utter finallity
Trying to regain my lost sanity
This world which we once held dear
Now has become our greatest fear

Unanswered cries deep in the night
Causing most mortals fright
But you and I see through to this day
Holding those mortal fears at bay

Destroying that which blocks our path
It is nothing which thou dost hath
Never known to let things go
We never follow the flow

In the end nothing is what is has been
Leaving wonderment within
I can only hope to see within you
That which I myself do not rue

This is what has closed shut
That door to my rut
For I lay in you and you within me
This is the way its supposed to be

Revenge

By Zach Glasgow
Episode 6

Aelia stood in the kitchen, preparing a meal for her beloved Valentine. Sausages and bread dipped in honey were her favorite, and Aelia liked them too.

The sky outside was gloomy; the clouds dark and threatening to bring rain. Aelia never liked this weather. Raised to be a bit superstitious, she believed a day like this was surely a sign of misfortune to come. But so far nothing out of the ordinary had happened, and her meal would surely taste just as good.

Valentine had wanted to play in the garden, her fingers aching to act out love stories with her favorite dolls. The oncoming storm looked grim, and she had thought against the idea of playing in the garden. The sitting room was the next best location to play, so there she sat.

"Time for lunch, little one!", Aelia called from the kitchen. She could smell the sizzling sausages her mother had prepared, and was eager to eat them all up. Before she could make it to the dining room though, there was a knock at the door. The rain was starting to fall now, a moderate downpour that could soak you in just a few minutes. Perhaps it was a stray wanderer seeking shelter?

She opened the door, and on the other side stood two men, wearing the armor of the royal guard. They were tall and muscular, and wore dark expressions on their faces.

They scared her.

"Is your daddy home?", one of the men asked, leaning down to get a closer look at her. Despite his smile, Valentine still thought he looked... sinister.

"N-no", she stammered. She began to back away from the open door. Where was her daddy? These men were scaring her, where was he to make them leave?

"Hm, well that's too bad. Guess he won't be around to hear you scream." Before she realized what was happening, one of the guardsmen reached for her.

She didn't have time to scream for help before her neck snapped, and the light in her eyes left her for good.

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The clouds were dark, and the rain that fell from them was cold. Marcus could see his house in the distance, and hoped his family was safe. He had a feeling of dread in his stomach, and he feared the worst. Surely he would make it in time to protect his family? That was his job, wasn't it?

As he neared, he noticed the door hung open, with no one at the door. No, there was a body in the doorway. The body was small, and wore the same clothes as his sweet Valentine did. "No!", Marcus screamed, and rushed to his daughter's lifeless body.

He knelt next to her, and stroked her hair. Her eyes did not open, and her pulse could not be found. Marcus began to weep, his tears merging with the rain that fell from his head. Would his brother truly be so cold and ruthless to kill a four year old girl?

His train of thought was cut off, as a piercing scream came from the direction of the garden.

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April

By Megan Raymond

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