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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Coal Creek School Project

5-7 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the VFW

Meeker URA has first meeting

By NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER Meeker's new Urban Renewal Authority board officially met for the first time Tuesday. County commissioner Shawn Bolton was named chair and town trustee Scott Creecy was named vice chair. Town manager Scott Meszaros will serve as the board's executive director, as per the recommendation of legal counsel.

The board will review and establish their bylaws and the initial request for quotation (RFQ) from operators interested in participating in the Meeker Adventure Center at the next meeting. The RFQ will be

open to the public and will be seeking applicants for the general operator, service operators and co-located businesses for the center.

Public questions regarding specific sites that will be analyzed to determine if they fit the criteria for a URA project area have not been answered yet. Kelby Bosshardt of Better City said they feel the operators "should be the ones making the final decisions" about the site and architectural design. "We need to start those negotiations and move past the what-ifs."

Meeker resident and business owner Henry Arcolesse asked if the property owners of the potential sites for the center have been con-

tacted. Bosshardt said most of the landowners they've contacted have indicated a willingness to sell, but reiterated the need for the operators to be involved in those discussions.

The URA board will meet again on April 18.

Following the URA meeting, Arcolesse urged the town board of trustees to put out public notices "via whatever means possible" so the general public has a chance to attend and participate and give public input. "The URA meeting today I didn't know anything about," Arcolesse said. "I found out about it today."

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STDs in cattle can cause calf loss

By JEN HILL
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RBC Springtime means many things for local ranchers; calving, branding and a renewed focus on herd health. For many, ranchers an important piece of the herd health puzzle. They regularly test bulls for a variety of diseases, including the dreaded trichomoniasis.

"If you look at the average cost of a calf right now, the loss of just one calf in a cow crop is significant," said former Utah State Veterinarian Dr. Warren Hess. Hess believes that mandatory disease testing for bulls can prevent this loss.

The sexually transmitted trichomoniasis, commonly referred to as trich, is a disease feared by pro-

ducers everywhere due to its highly contagious nature and lack of treatment. In cows the disease takes hold in the uterus causing abortions and infertility. Bulls carry the disease in the folds and crevices of their sheath. As a bull ages the number of folds increase, making older bulls more likely carry the disease. Because bulls show no outward signs of infection detection can be difficult.

Testing bulls for trich requires the assistance of a veterinarian and a small amount of preparation. Bulls should be sexually inactive for two weeks prior to testing to allow for the infected organisms to build up, making detection easier. On the day of testing bulls are typically loaded into a squeeze chute where the veterinarian then inserts a pipette into the

sheath and collects a scraping. The sample is sent to a lab where the status of infection is determined. Nationally the cost of trich testing including vet fees averages between \$24-\$50 per bull depending on location.

Because of the potential rapid spread of trich many states have set strict testing guidelines for the disease. Currently 28 states have instituted some level of regulation to try and control the disease. Colorado currently requires that bulls imported from the majority of other states be tested before entering the state. However, if bringing in a bull from Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas or New Mexico that is less than 18 months

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Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet draws a sellout crowd

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

RBC The Flat Tops Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation hosted their 23rd annual banquet and auction Saturday at the Fairfield Center for a sellout crowd. The officers of the Flat Tops Chapter Committee are Paul Kindall (and Lori), co-chair and

tickets; Travis Flaharty, co-chair; Kim Brown, treasurer; Sparky Pappas, program; and Greg Glasgow, merchandise chair. Other committee members are J.H. Sheridan, Carol and Rich Parr, Allen Gardiner, Jennifer Bouzek, Patty and Stan Wyatt, Jeri Gilchrist, Ted Tedford, Bill deVergie, Tom Allen, Jay Purkey, Jason Purkey, Rocky Pappas, Dan Dewitt, Gala

Ivie and Loretta McCoy.

The Cowboy and The Rose out of Grand Junction were the caterers, and the roasted chicken and brisket dinner was almost befitting an elk camp meal. The Meeker Lions Club handled the bar while Bryce Purkey did a masterful job as the auctioneer. More than 50 items were sold through the live auction and nearly 40 items were in the silent auction.



REED KELLEY PHOTO

Locals Alvin and Linda Jones along with Kitty Caulfield, seated at the front table, await the reporting of the big winners from the bonus raffle ticket draws. Alvin Jones turned out to be one of those big winners.



COURTESY PHOTO

An "algae bloom" visible in the White River last summer 17 miles east of Meeker along County Road 8. The algae species responsible for the bloom is one of particular concern because it's difficult to eradicate. Colorado Parks and Wildlife held an open meeting Tuesday to discuss the problem, which can be exacerbated by the use of fertilizer, fish feed, erosion, soil disruption, septic tanks and other causes. The overgrowth of algae can harm fish, affect water quality and more.

'No single cause' to blame for White River algae bloom

By NIKI TURNER
Special to the Herald Times

RBC Concerns over recent algae blooms in the White River prompted an informational meeting Tuesday in Meeker.

"We've had an issue in the river (algae blooms) we've all seen evolving over the last couple of years that's affecting some of the fishing and having impacts on water quality," said CPW District Wildlife Manager Director Bill deVergie. "We are not saying there is one source of the problem, and this is not catastrophic at this point. We are not blaming any one person or industry. I think we're all striving for the same goal: the health of the river."

deVergie introduced Mindi May, CPW water quality specialist, who shared research done last year

in 15 different locations in the White River watershed in and east of Meeker.

From March through October 2016, May's team examined water samples in the White River, Coal Creek and Little Beaver for nutrients, major ions, suspended solids, macroinvertebrates (insects) and chlorophyll A. They performed algae identification at the Wakara Ranch testing site, where the worst of the algae blooms occurred.

While algae are a normal part of a stream system, the species of algae identified last year is of particular concern: *cladophora glomerata*, aka green algae, forms long filaments and is "difficult to get rid of," May said. "It's one of the problem children out here," in terms of algae. "It's a species that's really good at taking up nutrients and storing nutrients for later use."

Clark Fork near Missoula, Mont., has also experienced an infestation of green algae, prompting landowners, recreationalists and industry to form a coalition to reduce mitigating factors that cause the algae to grow.

Algae feeds on nitrogen and phosphorus, found naturally in soil, commercial fertilizer, manure, septic tanks and water treatment plants. The main byproducts of feeding fish are nitrogen and phosphorus, which has led to international concerns about fish farming causing water pollution and algae blooms.

"There's lots of little sources spread all around. If everybody can do a little bit maybe we can get it under control. It's going to be tough. This (kind of) algae is difficult to control," May said.

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REED KELLEY PHOTO

Becky and Gary Dunham, owners of Meeker General Mercantile, seated in the middle of the Elk Foundation banquet crowd, were recognized and lauded by auctioneer Bryce Purkey for their many years of supporting the community through donations to events such as the banquet.

WEATHER



Saturday: 62/34 Showers



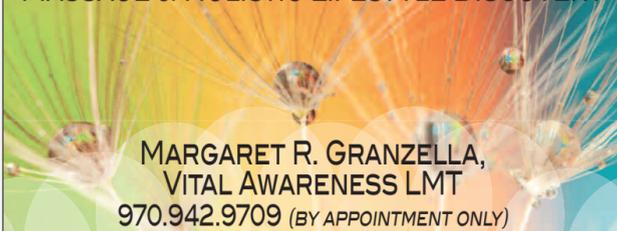
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■ **Mountain Valley Bank** will be doing a "Lobby Blitz" every Wednesday to provide customers with a one on one online banking and mobile banking mini course. Our staff are eager to assist our community and banking family with the information available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

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be April 10. We will be discussing "The Seventh Plague" by James Rollins. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

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

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

project. Making quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Adult Open Gym Pickleball** Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. in the admin gym. Adults 18-plus. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

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

■ **Free legal clinic** at the Meeker Public Library April 12 from 2-3 p.m. by computer link. Please contact the Meeker Public Library at (970) 878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet

■ **Father/Daughter Ball** Friday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Fairfield Center. Fathers and daughters of all ages are invited. Prices and more information at meekerrecdistrict.com or call 878-3403.

Send calendar items to calendar@theheraldtimes.com

COUNTRY RAISED IN NEW LOCATION ...



If you're looking for a unique addition to your home décor, or a special gift for a friend or loved one, check out Country Raised's new location on Main Street in Meeker. Offering farmhouse-style home décor and gifts, the store has taken up residence in the former Colorado CPA office, which owner Makayla Barton says provides a "more permanent" location. The store will hold a "re-opening" event on Friday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with refreshments and door prizes to celebrate the new location.

NIKI TURNER PHOTO

Annual rec center shutdown scheduled for August 2017

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Meeker Recreation Center (MRC) pools are open 80 hours a week throughout the year to accommodate our community and visitors with open swimming, swim instruction, exercise classes or just a soak in the hot tub. If you have not been to the MRC pool in a while, you should definitely come check out all the upgrades that have been going on. In the last two years, the MRC natatorium has received noticeable amenity improvements and operational enhancements including: all new tile, diving board re-installation, spa area mural, lighting, windows, furniture, storage, as well as a variety of advancements in filtration, chemical feeding and circulation systems to improve water clarity and balance. Also be sure to say hello to one of our

friendly, responsible and hard working lifeguards during your visit.

Each year MRC must close for critical maintenance that cannot be performed around normal operations. For a variety of reasons, this year's building and pool closure times have been moved to August (Aug. 7-20 for the pool; Aug. 17-20 for the full facility). The extended closure for the pools this year (and likely in 2018 as well), is to resurface the plaster surfaces of the pools which must be completed about every 10 years. MRC opened in 2008 and is seeing normal wear and tear that must be preventatively addressed in order to avoid more costly repairs in the future.

The ERBM board and management determined a late summertime closure to be preferable based on usage trends (heaviest indoor usage is during cold weather months); formal pro-

gramming (swim team, lessons) which must take place in spring and early summer; scheduling subcontractors and lead times necessary to accomplish work within calendar budget year that starts in January; and ERBM being at full staff in late summer with seasonal and part-time labor to accommodate all of the maintenance work that must occur. This year's pool resurfacing project is being completed in as tight a time period as possible to minimize the impact on operations, and we thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete these and many other much needed refurbishments. We look forward to seeing you, your family and out of town visitors here at the Meeker Recreation Center soon. Please contact our ERBM District offices at 970-878-3403 if we can answer any further questions you have about the closure.



COURTESY PHOTO

Much of the restoration to the outside of the Coal Creek School house has been completed and there is much more to do on the inside but more funds are needed. The Rural Schools Committee of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society will host a Spaghetti dinner and Dessert Auction this Saturday, April 8 from 5-7 p.m. at the V.F.W. Building on the corner of Fourth and Main streets. The committee would like to request and they would appreciate desserts for the auction to be dropped off at the White River Museum (April 8) or bring them to the dinner, all proceeds from the dinner and dessert auction will help complete the restoration and raise the belfry.

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ERBM Recreation & Park District cordially invites you to these events.

Spring Social

Thursday, April 13
11:30am at the Fairfield Center
50 & Older
Cost: \$5 Early Bird | \$7 Full Cost
Early Bird Cost Deadline: March 30
Final Deadline: April 6

Celebrate the arrival of spring with friends, food, entertainment, and fun with this Masquerade themed Spring Social! RSVP to the Meeker Recreation Center. Participants must RSVP no later than April 6 so an accurate count can be given to the caterer.

Father Daughter Ball

Friday, April 14
7:00pm-9:00pm at the Fairfield Center
All Ages
Cost: \$10 Early Bird | \$12 Full Cost | \$15 At the Door
Early Bird Cost Deadline: April 7
Full Cost Deadline: April 13

Fathers and daughters of all ages, join us for our annual ball. This year the theme is Masquerade! Bring your own mask or pick one up at the door of the event. Enjoy snacks and dancing. This is a great occasion to dress up and enjoy the evening! A photographer will be there to take pictures (photograph purchase is responsibility of participant).

Register at the Meeker Recreation Center or by calling 970-878-3403.



ERBM Recreation & Park District
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NEWS BRIEFS

Spaghetti dinner/dessert auction April 8

MEEKER | The Rio Blanco Rural Schools Team of RBCHS will be holding a Spaghetti dinner and dessert auction fundraiser Saturday, April 8, 5-7 p.m. at the VFW Community Center, 290 Fourth St. \$10/adult, \$8/senior, \$5/child. Proceeds will go toward finishing restoration of the historic Coal Creek School. Come join us for some old fashioned fun and see our progress exhibits.

Rangely Jr./Sr. high band concert May 11

RANGELY | Calling all former band members and music lovers! The Rangely Jr./Sr. High bands will be playing "Into the Clouds", an exciting piece by Richard Saucedo, at our May 11 spring concert. We would like to invite community members who play a band instrument to join us. If you are interested, please contact Carol Morton at Rangely Jr./Sr. High School, 970-675-2253, or at cmorton@rangelyk12.org.

CNCC spring classes

MEEKER | Microsoft PowerPoint is available for anyone needing ideas for presentations. There are two sessions, April 11 and 18. Chef Karla will be teaching several culinary classes this spring and they are one or two session classes on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. Spaces are limited so register early. April 6: breakfast surprises for the most important meal of the day; April 27, May 4: Mexican cooking; May 11: summer main dish salads (entertaining ideas); May 18: lunch specials (exciting new choices and ideas). For further information, call 878-5227 to get on a class list, stop by CNCC Meeker Center at 345 Sixth St. on Tuesdays or Wednesdays to register. Registrations may be mailed to CNCC, P.O. Box 1542, faxed to 878-4145, or emailed to iris.franklin@cncc.edu.



FRESH EXPRESS REFRESHED ...

Rangely's Fresh Express debuted their new coin laundromat last week with a ribbon cutting. The business, which formerly offered a wash and fold service, now boasts numerous coin service washer and dryer machines, including an oversized unit for large items and machines designed to handle grease and other exceptionally dirty items. The laundromat is now open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Left to right) Konnie Billgren, Laura Osborne, Becky Dubbert and Lissa Freeman.

COURTESY PHOTO

A special **THANK YOU** to everyone for prayers, visits, donations to and support for the auction, as well as donations to the Go Fund Me or Rodney Dunham Relief Fund! We are so fortunate to live in a community indescribably supportive in a time of need. Rodney continues to progress daily in regaining mobility in his arms and legs and we all remain optimistic that he will ride again!

Rodney, Kay Lynn, Ty Bill and Diane Julie and Family



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- 32 oz. Western Family **CHEESE LOAF** **\$5⁹⁹**
- 8 oz. Western Family **SHREDDED CHEESE** **\$1⁹⁹**

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- Beef Top **SIRLOIN STEAK** **\$4⁹⁹/lb.**
- Shoulder Blade **BOSTON BUTT ROAST** **\$1⁹⁹/lb.**
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- 16 oz. Farmland Sliced **HONEY HAM** **\$2⁹⁹**

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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

World Civility Day, the health of the river, and why we leave town

By NIKI TURNER
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You never know where your words will go. Recent columns about "being civil" made their way to Indiana, where the daily *Times* of Northwest Indiana has initiated a Community Civility Counts campaign in partnership with the Gary, Ind., Chamber of Commerce.

I received an email from the *Times* editor about World Civility Day, set for April 13 this year.

If you want to learn more, or to get involved, you might visit their Facebook page, @civilitycounts.com.

In addition, last week's story about Otis the courthouse ghost was retweeted by the Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries.

You never know where your words will go, which should give us all cause to stop and think before we speak. Or tweet.

Water is, quite possibly, our most precious and valuable resource. Look at any disaster preparation site and you'll be instructed to squirrel away gallons upon gallons of potable water. Besides breathable air, drinkable water is the second most important substance for maintaining human life. That's why the subject of water pollution, in whatever form, should give us all cause for concern.

The White River is experiencing an algae infection that affects the health of the river we all rely on in one way or another. We all need to work together to eradicate that infection. When our water is at stake it's not a matter of pointing fingers or casting blame, it's a matter of choosing life and the greater good. What's your relationship with the health of our river? Is there something you can do (or stop

doing) that might mitigate the problem? It might be something as simple as choosing to buy environmentally-friendly cleaning products. For others it may

involve setting aside personal preference and recreational advantage. Unlike most of our political divisions, this situation doesn't discriminate about economic status or privilege. The health of the river affects everyone, for better or worse.

We're conducting another non-scientific online poll. We're leaving the poll up for another week before we reveal the results. If you haven't taken the poll, it's just two questions. Question 1 asks you to rank the reasons you go out of town from 1 to 7, and question 2 just gives your ZIP code.

Why do we care? Because economic "leakage" is damaging to our local economy, and perhaps, if we can identify the "why" we can start to pinpoint possible solutions.

I had to chuckle at a comment made at a meeting this week about the improbability of an agency operating without raising their fees since 2005. What business doesn't raise their rates for a decade? Well, the *Herald Times*. Our newspaper advertising rates and subscription fees have been the same for more than 10 years. Not that we're planning on raising rates, but just so y'all are aware.

April is anniversary month here in the office. Happy anniversary to Doc and Debbie Watson this week, Bobby and Wendy Gutierrez last week and happy 27th to my husband Pat this Saturday.

GUEST EDITORIALS

Largest military airdrop in history took place in 2003

By WES EUBANKS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I In March 2003 in northern Iraq, the 173rd Airborne Brigade Commander Col. William Mayville spoke to the troops before the drop: "Americans are asking you to make the world a better place by jumping into the unknown for the benefit of others. Paratroopers, our cause is just and victory is certain. I want you to join me tonight on an airborne assault." Seventeen Air Mobility Command C-17s flew 1,800 miles, descended to 600 feet, and 1,000 highly motivated personnel jumped into total darkness. It was the largest combat airdrop since Panama, 1989. The 173rd's area of operation was in a region of northeastern Iraq bordering Turkey, Iran and controlled by Kurdish and U.S. Special Forces. The primary mission was to secure oil fields around Mosul and Kirkuk. Army Major Mike Hastings said in early April, "Kirkuk is key, the Iraqis want it, the Turks want it and various other ethnic groups want it. What this drop means is that we can secure it until we are relieved by other forces."

This mission was very important and the force

consisted of two battalions. The 1st Battalion (Bn.) 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) and the 2nd Bn. 503rd PIR.

Together they made up approximately 80 percent of the airborne troopers, the remaining 20 percent was a select combination of engineers, sniper and long-range surveillance teams, army rangers, air force special ops troops, a combat support company, also 19 airmen of the 86th Expeditionary Contingency Response Group, and a six-man medical/surgical detachment. Heavy equipment was dropped first, then the paratroopers to secure Harir Airfield near Bashur. The airfield was later used to deliver tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles via C-17s airdrop operations.

It was the 173rd's first wartime drop since February 1967, when 845 paratroopers of the 2nd Bn. 503rd PIR and A Battery 3rd Bn. 319th Field Artillery jumped near Katum, South Vietnam during Operation Junction City.

After Turkey (a NATO ally) denied the U.S. permission to base ground troops on its soil and denied the use of land routes to drive into northern Iraq from Turkey, U.S. commanders considered flying the brigade into Harir Airfield. But that sce-

nario would have taken too long. Commanders figured a full-blown airborne assault would get the job done and also would have a deep psychological impact on the Turks, Iraqis and Kurds. The troops landed about 75 miles east-northeast of Mosul. An additional task for the brigade was to assist and help provide a semblance of order following the war.

One problem was the al Qaeda linked Ansar al-Islam, a group of about 700 Islamist extremists which included members from various Arab countries. These terrorists were a very dangerous group dedicated to the destruction of the Kurdish people. The Kurds said Ansar al-Islam had been fighting against the secular Kurdish government of northern Iraq for two years backed and funded by Tehran and was holed up in villages on the mountainous border with Iran. In late March 2003, 100 U.S. Special Forces and 10,000 Kurdish pesh marga troops struck Ansar al-Islam guerrillas and killed between 150-200. Islamist extremists are comparable to rattlesnakes, given the opportunity they will kill you. The solution is to kill them.

Se Vis Pacum Parabellum. If You Want Peace Prepare For War.

The necessity of protecting our economic drivers

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

RBC I It is easier to criticize than it is to create. It is easier to destroy than it is to build. It is almost always easier to say no than it is to say yes when you need to get involved.

Forbes magazine points out that 90 percent of all startups fail. Thinking you will fail at the outset is a destructive force that squashes initiative. In short, you won't go if you don't turn on the ignition. Do you hear that rumble in the background? It's my truck starting on a cold winter day. The engine warms and hot oil reduces drag as the momentum of progress smooths out our journey as we go where we need to go. We are inevitably driven by what we need more than what we want.

When I reflect on the Adventure Center concept I've been bothered by the idea that we could be building an inherently destructive force.

Bows and guns kill. There is a certain irony that the future of Meeker, the site of the Meeker Massacre, could be tied to shooting sports. Perhaps it should be located at the old Agency site? OK, I admit that this idea could be a little much.

But what if we looked at this from the other side? Think about Meeker as the center for the conservation of the wilderness. With the proposed classrooms we can host classes on "Leave No Trace." How about some orienteering, wilderness search and rescue, first aid on the trail, survival and other human/wild education experiences?

Then there are opportunities to be had with wild life encounters with cameras and paint brushes. A little plaster of paris and you have a

course on animal tracks. What about the fact that birding is the second most popular hobby behind gardening? We have sandhill cranes, white pelicans and hundreds of other feathered migrants flying through. There are even a few endangered species to find here.

Let's get really radical and suggest that climate change is real. Our environment is about as close as one can come to a place free from the pollution of progress. Yet we are suggesting that outsiders come here to trample our garden of Eden. How will we ensure that our guests don't take the one resource we have remaining? We must educate. To educate effectively we must promote the experience of the scientific discovery of what we value most.

Everyone who comes here is not a passive observer but rather an active participant in defining what is real about our earth. Yes, we are in danger. We may have to become tree huggers and environmentalists to do what is needed for the long-term survival of our economic driver. But wait, we already are environmentalists. If you really want to learn about what matters talk to farmers and ranchers. They are the true stewards of the land.

So what if it is easier to criticize than it is to create? To protect our economic drivers we have to look at all possibilities. We must build on the foundation of our hopes with the possibilities of what can be, not just what is.

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SHELBY LINDSAY, F.N.P.

Shelby received his BSN and MSN through the University of Alabama at Birmingham. While in Rangely on a temporary nursing assignment he felt a resonating tone with the wide open spaces, clean dry air, beautiful facility and the friendly people. Shelby is board certified in Family Practice through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Shelby is passionate about medical mission work and is a strong believer in the importance of giving something back. He travels to South America every year to provide healthcare services to underprivileged children in the impoverished barrios of Quito, Ecuador.

He believes that the best form of health care is one in which the provider and the patient collaborate to identify the best option for achieving healthy outcomes.

Shelby enjoys several outdoor activities including hiking, biking, camping and exploring trails on his ATV. He also enjoys playing guitar, singing with friends and has become a Colorado elk meat enthusiast going so far as to say he would eat it everyday if he could.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

More concerns about the cemetery

Dear Editor:

I have had the opportunity to work for the local mortuaries in Meeker for the past 10 years. This puts me in the position to have a close relationship with the cemetery here in Meeker. I have recently retired but I am not willing to remain quiet about things going on at our cemetery. I have had the honor of working with Art and Lila Cox during most of the time I have worked in funeral services. They have both devoted their time, love and passion to making our community cemetery one of the best kept in the country. This is something that the town should be very proud of. Losing them is a grave disservice to our community.

In the past few months, there have been some startling changes within the Cemetery District Board, resulting in some very sad and disturbing changes at the cemetery. I do not understand how the decisions are being made in operation of the cemetery and I am very concerned about the integrity and decision-making ability of the current board. I thought that the board was made up of a broad base of members of the community that represented the best interest of the entire community. The changes and decisions being made in the past few months have not been made in the best interest of the community, many have not even been voted on by the board, and I am unable to determine how the three remaining members could be making decisions from the broad spectrum of our community, when two of the three should not be voting at all due to conflict of interest.

There is a large amount of our tax dollars at work to keep the cemetery maintained and beautiful. Up to this point, you only had to visit there to see that those resources have not been wasted.

The equipment is expensive and occasionally has to be repaired or replaced. The cemetery has been enlarged and the upkeep of the grounds is a constant need. It is not an easy job. It requires a certain level of expertise, dedication and hard work from the people who are entrusted to the care of the grounds.

Mike Jones has been working under Art Cox to learn how to take care of the cemetery when Mr. Cox was ready to retire. However, there was no reason to get rid of Mr. Cox until he was ready to retire. In my experience, Mike Jones is very capable. This is not a criticism of him.

Mrs. Cox spent an inordinate amount of time clearing up and correcting the records of the cemetery that had been in error for decades. She also maintained the records, processes, procedures and bylaws. We have heard thru the *Herald* and the attorney "retained" by the remaining board members that apparently there are no bylaws. Where did they go?

Mrs. Cox spent several weeks training someone to take her place in order to assure a continuity of service to our community. That person has now been let go. In fact, I believe that the board made it so difficult for her; it nearly became a hostile work environment situation. Having people who know what to do, how to operate the equipment and how to help care for the deceased during a funeral is very important. One small slip up can create a horrible long-lasting trauma for family and friends. Although I am sure the person who now has that job is very capable, she has no previous experience and no training. She is being set up by the board for a very difficult path. I wish her luck.

Not only did the current board get rid of Mr. Cox, they also got rid of the one board member who held the historical knowledge of working

on the board and the cemetery, Bill Jordan. I am very upset with the performance of this board, I contest their ability to serve our community and make decisions regarding the use of our tax dollars. The decisions they are making do not appear to be in the best interest of our community. Does the board have the right to do things without a quorum, without a board discussion and without a vote? Where are the minutes of the meetings? When and by whom were all of these decisions made?

I believe that because this board manages tax revenues, they fall under the Sunshine Law. When were the open meetings to make decisions about the rocks around the flagpole? Do the county commissioners know what is going on? It appears that there are two board members making a majority of the decisions, without following any rules of order, policies, procedures or bylaws. It has been suggested that there is a need for budget cuts etc. What has changed in our funding that justifies the fairly dramatic loss of our beloved keeper? Who is responsible for the actions of this "board"? How are the hiring and supervision decisions being made? What are the qualifications of the new hires? As this group serves the community, where is the information stored and posted for public review? Do they have any experience in running a cemetery? As a community, I urge each of you to seek out information. This is our community, we need to speak out, stay involved and hold those people spending our tax dollars accountable.

Sue Kirkham
Meeker

GUEST EDITORIAL

Meeker schools developing master plan

By CHRIS SELLE
Special to the Herald Times



Chris Selle

RBC | For several months, the Meeker School District has investigated the possibility of developing a facilities master plan. In doing so, a request for qualifications (RFQ) document was developed in cooperation with the Capital Construction Assistance Division at the Colorado Department of Education. The RFQ can be found at meeker.k12.co.us. While viewing this document, you will notice the school district is currently in the process of reviewing responses and interviewing some of the companies that submitted these responses. A committee consisting of a community member, school district staff members, and two school district board members has reviewed submitted proposals. This committee will conduct interviews to select the firm that will provide consulting services needed to develop the final master plan. Per the RFQ, the school district intends to approve the consultant at the regular April board meeting.

Many uses exist for a facilities master plan. However, the most basic explanation of such plan is to identify both short and long term facility needs that can serve as a "road map" leading to excellent school facilities. Additionally, facilities master planning can be a valuable tool to secure grant funding for capital needs. The Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program is a predominant grant program utilized by Colorado school districts. Though the specific capital needs for the Meeker School District have yet to be determined and quantified, school districts in Colorado often see a return of 10, 20, or even 100 times the cost of a facilities master plan when they apply for and receive BEST grants. Funds for

our master plan will come from unused monies in the 2015-2016 budget.

The adopted vision statement for the Meeker School District is "Excellence in All We Do." This vision is not reserved to specific

aspects of our organization. In order to provide the best educational opportunities for our students, we must have and maintain excellent facilities. We know numerous facility deficiencies exist in the school district, and many of these deficiencies can be found at Meeker High School. However, we have not quantified all the deficiencies nor the remedies necessary to address those deficiencies. The facilities master

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The Law Concerning Contentment

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Thou shalt not covet . . . (Ex. 20:17)



Dr. J.D. Watson

THE final "word" of the Decalogue is unique. While the other laws concerning our dealings with men address the externals of *conduct*, this one speaks to the internals of *character*. Instead of overt *acts*, it deals with covert *attitude*. One or more of the preceding sins, in fact, will often spring from this seed.

First, the OT *commandment*. When used in the negative sense, the Hebrew (*hāmad*) speaks of passionate desire and lust. What does it mean to *covet*? It's not only wanting something, but rather wanting something someone else has, as the rest of our text clarifies: "your neighbor's . . . wife . . . manservant or maidservant . . . ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Second, the NT *counterpart*. Once again, the Apostle Paul enlarges on this sin in his letter to the Ephesian believers, challenging them not to allow sins such as fornication, uncleanness, or covetousness to overtake them (Eph. 5:3). "Covetousness" translates the Greek *pleonexia*, "a greedy desire to have more," which is a good (and broader) definition of covetousness. As Puritan Thomas Watson submitted about this sin, it is "an insatiable desire of getting the world," and Augustine defined it as "to desire more than enough."

In case we are tempted to think that covetousness is a "minor sin," Paul goes on to add a staggering addendum in verse 5: the "covetous man . . . is an idolater [and] hath [no] inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God" (he likewise wrote to the Colossians that "covetousness . . . is idolatry," Col. 3:5). Ephesus was an important city in the ancient world, not only because of its

being the capital of the Roman province of Asia Minor, as well as being its greatest commercial city—the "Gateway to Asia"—but also because it had become the religious center of pagan worship in all Asia. Ephesus was not only famous for the great temple of Diana (Artemis in Greek), one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, but was also known as the center of occult arts and practices. The Ephesian believers would have, therefore, been very much aware of what Paul was saying about no idolater being in God's kingdom. Just as idolatry was mentioned earlier in the Moral Law, we see it again here in all its severity and consequence. God simply will not tolerate any other gods!

Third, the combined *confrontation*. What then is the cure for *covetousness*? There is only one: *contentment*. Covetousness is actually a theological issue, for it attacks God's sovereignty by saying that what He has provided is not enough. Contentment, however, says, "I am submitted to what *God* wants for me, not what *I* want for me." As Puritan Jeremiah Burroughs wrote, "I have a sufficient portion between Christ and my soul abundantly to satisfy me in every condition."

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses declare about our theme: Philippians 4:11–12; Hebrews 13:5; James 4:1–3?

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Reed is originally from Grand Junction. For the past 15 years her has lived and worked in the Fort Myers, Fla., area for Vault Structures Inc. as the special projects manager. He created, constructed and tested vault, safe and security product designs and the methods to manufacture them and achieve U.L. Listing.

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Scott Reed will continue his father-in-law's work at Ruckman's Shop.

OBITUARIES

Penny Melissa Scott

Nov. 26, 1949~March 19, 2017



Penny Melissa Scott

Meeker resident Penny Melissa Scott died Sunday, March 19, 2017, at Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker. She was 70. A graveside funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 25, 2017, at Highland Cemetery in Meeker.

Penny Melissa (Fisher) Scott was born on Nov. 26, 1946, in Danbury, Conn. She spent her childhood and attended public schools in Danbury. Penny furthered her education at Danbury Hospital where she earned her training as an X-ray technician.

Penny moved to Meeker in 1991. She began her career at Pioneers Medical Center in 1994 in the radiology department. She loved taking care of patients and made many friends during her career. In January 2011, Penny retired to spend more time with her family.

Penny enjoyed crafting, scrapbooking, singing and traveling. She was a member of the Church at Meeker and sang in the Meeker Community Choir for many years. Above all, Penny loved and cherished her family.

Penny is survived by her mother,

Clara Silkman of Cummings, Ga.; her five children and their spouses: Brad (Eufmia) Dillon of Grand Junction, Christine (Wade) Allred of Rangely, Kelly (Nate) Reuss of Grand Junction, Billie (Bob) Rogers of Craig and Thomas (Chelsea) O'Conor of Grand Junction; five siblings: Thomas "Skip" Fisher, Neil Silkman, Glenn Silkman, Claude Silkman and Holly Brunner; and a sister-in-law, Terry Fisher. Penny is further survived by 13 grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Penny was preceded in death by two husbands: Larry Ray O'Conor and Wallace Scott.

Karen Garcia

April 2, 2017

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend peacefully passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017, at her home in Meeker, Colo.

Please join us for a celebration of life Monday, April 10 at the Meeker Golf Course, 11 a.m. Remembrance social will follow to share stories and memories of her life lived to its fullest.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Karen's name to Pioneers Medical Center Home Health or Meeker HopeWest.

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4-H beef feeder show held Feb. 26



The 4-H beef feeder show was held Feb. 26 in Meeker. The sheep, goat and swine feeder show will be May 13.

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RBC I The 2017 Rio Blanco County beef feeder show was held Feb. 26. The morning began with the tagging and weighing of prospect steers and heifers for the RBC Fair beef show in August. Prospects for the Colorado State Fair were also retinal scanned for identification purposes. Thirty-seven steers and market heifers were tagged and weighed.

After the business side was finished, participants had lunch in the old Exhibit Hall and were treated to a Power Point presentation by our newest fair board member, Alex Plumb. Alex was a member of a collegiate Reserve National Champion meat judging team as well as the National Champion Meat Judging Team for Colorado State University. His presentation was an educational overview of meat quality and the tools by which it is measured, ultrasound and carcass contests. He explained both options for evaluating the product presented to our buyers at the RBC livestock sale and explained why product quality is important to buyers.

Everyone headed back to the barn for a prospect steer and heifer show and competed for a set of clippers and a clipper box donated by Danny Lapp. Kaden Franklin won the clippers for grand champion, while Samantha Lapp won the clipper box for reserve.

Plumb then did a showmanship clinic with all kids and their animals. He worked one-on-one with each 4-H member to improve their skills. We then had a showmanship class for each age division. The kids were competing for hooded sweatshirts

for the champions and long sleeve warm up shirts for the reserves with the RBC feeder show logo on the front, designed by past RBC 4-H member Maclaine Shults. The senior division grand champion was Kolbi Franklin, while the reserve was Samantha Lapp. The intermediate division grand champion was Marrayn Shults and reserve went to Corbin Lucero. The junior division champion was Hayden Shults with reserve going to Zoey LeBlanc.

We would like to thank Kim Ekstrom for cutting all of the bucket logos and Tera Shults, Jamie Turner, Deana Wood and Ekstrom for helping put all the logos on the buckets.

The sheep, goat and swine feeder show will be May 13.

ARROW OF LIGHT ...



Jackson Aguirre of Rangely earned the Arrow of Light badge—the highest rank in Cub Scouting—on March 29. He is the son of Casey and Ashley Aguirre and is pictured here with his mother.

COURTESY PHOTO

Meszaros to graduate from Louisiana university

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Alexis “Lexie” Meszaros, a 2014 Meeker High School alumnae, will be graduated May 13 from the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) with a Bachelor of Science degree in risk management and insurance. Meszaros was the National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices (NAPSLO) Outstanding Intern in 2016. In college, she was a Division 1 competitive cheerleader, repeatedly on the dean’s list, member of Phi Mu Sorority, Gamma Iota Sigma (insurance fraternity), National Society of Leadership and Success and Phi Beta Lambda (business fraternity).

Meszaros has accepted an associate position with Markel (Fortune 500 Company) in Chicago, Ill., for the product line leadership division

where she will be working in the brokerage wholesale development field.



COURTESY PHOTO

Alexis “Lexie” Meszaros

EDITORIAL: Facilities master plan increases grant eligibility

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plan will help us do this, and that is why the primary focus of the plan will be on Meeker High School. The plan will also help us be intentional about the appropriate remedies.

Community members should be aware that multi-ple opportunities to provide input on the facilities

master plan will occur in the coming months. It is also vitally important that the Meeker community understand the school district has no predetermined outcome for this process.

Though we know Meeker High School must be the primary focus of the plan, the resulting actions could range from relatively simple procedures on our current buildings to the possibility of an entirely new

school. The school district greatly anticipates engagement from our community in the coming months.

What comes from our facilities master plan will attempt be reflective of the diverse opinions in our community. Furthermore, it will help provide a pathway to excellent facilities in which our students learn, giving me one more reason to proclaim I am proud to be a Meeker Cowboy!

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Rio Blanco County Administrative Services are moving into the Rio Blanco County Courthouse located at 555 Main Street. Below are the dates that each department will be moving.

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Meeker senior Austin Russell led the Cowboys with a first place finish in the 800-meter run and a second place finish in the 1,600 meter run.

Meeker girls' track team places third in Cedaredge

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
bobby@theheraldtimes.com

MEEKER I The Meeker High School girls' track team finished third last Saturday in Cedaredge, four points behind Paonia and Coal Ridge. Meeker's girls and boys had success in Cedaredge.

"Things went well again for us in Cedaredge," head track coach John Strate said. "Some of the best performances on the girls' side were again led by our throwers."

Megan Shelton set another personal best in the shot put with a throw of 36 feet 1/4 inch earning her second place and she finished fifth in the shot put, the same event teammate Sydney Main finished second, while finishing fifth in the shot.

"Sydney had a big day in the throws and she also made her debut in the high jump, clearing 4-5 to earn seventh place," coach Strate said.

Strate said the girls' relay teams also had "strong performances,"

including a first place finish in the 4x400 relay, a second place finish in the 4x100 and fifth place finishes in the 4x800 and the 800 medley relays.

In the final event of the day, during a driving rain, the 4x400 team consisting of Gracie Bradfield, Sierra Williams, Maggie Phelan and Julia Eskelson won the relay by more than 10 seconds. Bradfield, Madi Russell, Peyton Burke and Loran Casias were on the second place 4x100 team, while Phelan, Casias, Russell and Burke ran on the 800 medley team. Eskelson, Williams, freshman Karlee Nielsen and Briar Meszaros finished fifth in the 4x800.

Bradfield finished second in the 100-meter dash and Eskelson had a "strong start in the mile," according to coach Strate, where she finished second with a time of 6:11.

Coach Strate said freshman jumper Kirsten Brown placed fifth in the triple jump and eighth in the long jump, while teammate Tori Lasker, competing in her first track meet,

placed eighth in the long jump and Julia Dinwiddie finished eighth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Meeker senior Austin Russell led the Cowboys with a first place finish in the 800-meter run and a second place finish in the 1,600-meter.

Coach Strate said senior Cole Brown also "had a big day," earning a personal best and third place finish in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, two inches. Brown also placed sixth in the 200-meter dash and eighth in the 100.

The Cowboys had several young sprinters win their heats, including Jorgen Stagg in the 100 and 200, while freshman classmates Andy Kracht and Jake Shelton both won their heats in the 100. Stagg, Kracht, Shelton and Brown all teamed up to finish seventh in the 4x100 relay.

"This Saturday, we will be hoping for some nice weather and fast times competing at Stocker Stadium in Grand Junction," coach Strate said.

Weather a factor in Panthers' performance at two track meets



Troy Allred scored second place in the triple jump and fifth place in the long jump, setting seasonal records.

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers track and field team headed to Glenwood Springs on Tuesday, March 28 for a JV meet, then traveled to Cedaredge on Saturday, April 1. The weather was not in the athletes' favor for either meet.

The girls' team had two placers for the varsity meet: sophomores Makenzie Cochrane and Raelynn Norman. Cochrane placed seventh in the discus with a throw of 89-1 and 29-4.5 in the shot at the Cedaredge meet. Norman competed in both meets running the 3,200-meter for both of them. At the JV meet her time was 14:23.00, placing fifth, and at the varsity meet 14:26.57, placing eighth. She also ran the 400-meter at the varsity meet with a time of 1:15.49.

Sophomore Breanna Davis placed first in the JV meet with a shot throw of 29 feet 3 inches and then had a throw of 72-1 in the discus. At the varsity meet she threw 28-8.25 for shot and 70-1 in discus. Senior Mikayla Filfred threw the shot for 24-4. Elena Forbes, sophomore, competed in both the JV meet

and Cedaredge meet. For the JV meet she threw 60-2 in discus and 20-8 in the shot. At Cedaredge she threw a 22-5 in the shot. Freshman Jayleen Kenny threw the shot for a distance of 23-8.5 at the JV meet then 24-3.5 at the varsity meet. Kaylee Mecham threw the shot 22-6.5 in Cedaredge. Phalon Osborn competed in the JV meet placing fourth in both the 100 hurdles with a time of 19.50 and the 100-meter dash with 14.60. She also ran the 200-meter in a time of 31.70. At Cedaredge she ran the hurdles in 19.65 and the 200 in 31.32. Miekka Peck was able to get a PR in the shot with a throw of 26-11.5 and had a good throw in the discus of 72-1. Freshman Zoey Peck is always trying new events and doing well in them. At the JV meet she placed fourth in the 100 with a time of 14.60, ran the 400 in a time of 1:14.90 and the 200 in 31.15. At Cedaredge she improved her 200 time with a new personal record of 30.90 and she long and triple jumped. Chloe Filfred ran the 400 at the JV meet with a time of 1:31.90 and the 1,600 meter in 8:36.

The boys' team placed seventh at the Cedaredge meet. Austin

Ficken scored third and fourth place finishes in both throwing events. In the shot put he threw a 41-6.5, placing third, and in discus a 122-4 for fourth place. Troy Allred scored second place in the triple jump and fifth place in the long jump. In his jumps he didn't hit personal records but did hit a seasonal record; for triple jump he jumped 39-5 and in long 18-7. He also ran the 200 with a time of 25.73. Patrick Scoggins placed first in the 400 with a time of 51.84. Marshall Webber is coming along strong in the hurdles and placed sixth in both the 110 high and 300 hurdles. For the 110 highs he ran a 19.83 and in the 300 a 44.32 which was a new personal record. He also ran at the JV meet, placing third in the 110, second in the 300 and ran a 25.90 for a 200-meter dash. Riley Boydston turned in two new personal records in the throws. He threw at 112-5 in discus and 33-9.5 for shot at Cedaredge. At the JV meet he was able to take seventh place in the discus with a throw of 96-3 and threw the shot for 32-5, he also ran the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.60. Cameron Filfred got a personal record in the discus of 93-9 and then threw the shot for 33-8. For the JV meet he placed fifth in the shot with a throw of 33-11.5 and then threw 90-9 for discus and also ran the 100 dash in 14.80. The boys put together a 4x100 in Cedaredge made up of Webber, Boydston, Filfred and Ficken. They ran it in 53.96. Brady Bertoch threw at the JV meet, getting a new personal record in the shot put of 23.9.5; he also threw the discus for 58-7. He threw at Cedaredge but wasn't able to get a mark. Iytus Coombs wasn't able to run in the Cedaredge meet but had several new personal records at the JV meet. He ran a 13.00 in the 100 and 26.80 in the 200 dash. He jumped a foot further in the long jump with a jump of 16-1 and cleared 5-0 in the high jump. David Fox tried out the sprints at the JV meet running the 100 dash in 13.40 and the 200 in 26.10. He also long jumped for a distance of 17-0 and cleared 5-4 in the high jump.

The Panthers will be at the Frank Woodburn meet next weekend in Grand Junction.

LITTLE LEAGUE UNDERWAY...



The Colorado River Valley Beavers traveled to Rifle April 1 for the Little League season opener against the Huskers. They lost the game 3-8. This year's team is coached by David Petty and Josh Halstead and is managed by Brian Holmes.

Panther girls start soccer season with a win in Craig

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I "We are very excited for this year's soccer season, we have a young team with 25 girls total and we are looking forward to a good season," said Rangely High School girls' soccer team coach Kristine Denny. "This year we are able to have a partial JV schedule which will improve the girls' knowledge of the game."

The team started the season with a loss to Vail Mountain Tuesday. In their second game they traveled to Craig and varsity won with a 4-3 victory. Goals were scored by seniors Corinne Combs, Adriana Lopez and two by Taylor Heil, with two assists for junior Klaire Denny. Defense played very competitive keeping the ball into the offense.

"This year the Panthers picked up JV games and the JV lost its first game 2-3 and played outstanding for girls that have never played the game of soccer before," coach Denny said. Goals were scored by junior Elizabeth McCann and sophomore Aspen Rhea. Saturday the team traveled again to Vail Christian and struggled with a 1-2 loss.



RHS girls' soccer program has 25 girls out for the team this year.



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Good results at 4th annual Spartan Showdown

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY CNCC held its fourth annual Spartan Showdown rodeo March 31 and April 4.

"It was an outstanding show," said head rodeo coach Jed Moore. "Despite the cool nights and rain prior to the event to Friday, both of the performances were ran in under two hours and 20 minutes which is outstanding for our arena size and chute set up. We absolutely couldn't have done it without all of our sponsors, volunteers and the expertise of past assistant coach Paige Yore who traveled to Rangely this weekend just to help with this production."

CNCC Equine and NPS Academy students worked hard on Thursday helping set up stalls. "We owe them a huge thank you for their assistance with that huge project."

Community volunteers and parents of CNCC rodeo athletes helped make the show roll smoothly. Justin Steele and the Peters family were indispensable for the jobs they did. CNCC PTK helped run the gates, NPS handled security, and Rangely 4-H Horse Club ran concessions.

Moore thanked the sponsors who dig deep every year to provide the funding necessary to produce this event: EMC Plumbing & Heating,

WC Striegel, Rangely Hometown (Duco), Budget Host Inn, Blue Mountain Inn, Urie Rock & Urie Trucking, Ducey's Electric, Big D's Oil field service, Wildlife Expressions, The Nichols Store, Praters, True Value, Hayes Petroleum, Rangely Conoco, Giovanni's, Rocky Mountain Well Service, Eastwood Family, Todd and Kama Farrington, MWI Animal Health, Covered P Cattle Co.

For the CNCC Spartans, the ladies outshone the men this weekend, led by Ashley Farrington who has placed well two weeks in a row finishing fourth in the breakaway, Taylor Duzik placed seventh. Taylor Hunt and Haylie Wright both finished in the top 10 in the goat tying.

Top Spartan cowgirl Teague Crane still sits atop the regional standings in the ultra-competitive breakaway roping. Any cowgirl in the top seven could win the region this coming weekend at CMU's rodeo.

All-around cowboy Johnny Pavkov placed well in the tie down roping, placing sixth overall. Despite not placing this weekend in the steer wrestling, Pavkov has secured his qualification to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper in June. Pavkov and partner J.D. Slagowski have an opportunity to qualify for the

CNFR again with a solid performance at the final rodeo this weekend in Grand Junction at the Maverick Stampede.

The bull riding champion this weekend was CNCC alumnus Rhett Nielson. With that win, he has also clinched the bull riding title for the

Rocky Mountain Region. Another CNCC alumnus, Brody Adams, has also clinched a regional title in the team roping.

The Spartans will wrap up this weekend in Grand Junction, Colo., for the CMU Maverick Stampede, Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m.

Rangely baseball splits games

Special to the Herald Times

RBC The Rangely High School baseball team traveled to Hotchkiss, Colo., to take on Dove Creek High School and Nucla High School on Friday, March 30. The Panthers came away victorious against the Bulldogs from Dove Creek by a score of 8-6.

Freshman Dylan LeBleu threw six full innings and earned his first high school career win by allowing four earned runs, striking out seven and only walking three batters. LeBleu continues to lead the Panthers on the mound in ERA, strikeouts and walks allowed.

Offensively the Panthers were led by sophomore Stetson Cudo as he went 3-4 on the day with three runs batted in. Along with Cudo, Tristan Moore has led the Panthers in batting

average on the season as he continues to stay hot at the plate driving in runs and reaching base consistently.

In the second game the Panthers threw Cudo at Nucla and Cudo did an outstanding job though the Panthers were not able to come away with the win. Going into the top of the fourth inning the score was 3-2 in favor of Nucla as Cudo had the Mustangs off balance for the first three innings. A pair of fielding errors by the Panthers opened up the door for the Mustangs to go on an offensive attack and opened the game to a score of 11-2 by the end of the fourth inning. The Panthers ended up falling to the Mustangs by a score of 18-2 and the game ended in the fifth inning as a result of the 10-run rule.

The Panthers will travel to Paonia on Friday, April 7.

KARATE WINNER ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Gage Richardson, a member of the ERBM Recreation & Park District Shinpu-Ren Karate club, attended the 2017 United States Karate Alliance national championships in Albuquerque, N.M., March 23-25. Richardson placed first in Chanbarra (foam sword fighting) and second in Kumite (sparring).

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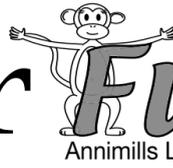
We're learning about the first war...

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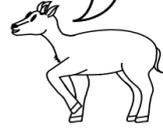


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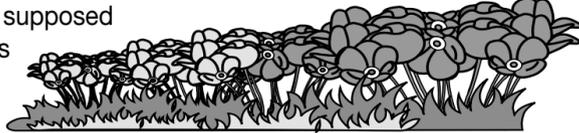


World War I

When World War I began in 1914, it was a war that mainly involved European countries and Russia. The U.S. was not involved, but did agree more with one side, called the *Allies*. Germany, part of the other side, the *Central Powers*, became angry with bank loans and ships bringing cargo to Britain (its enemy). Germany threatened to use its submarines to sink any ships going to Britain – even American ships. So the U.S., on April 6, 1917, declared war on Germany.

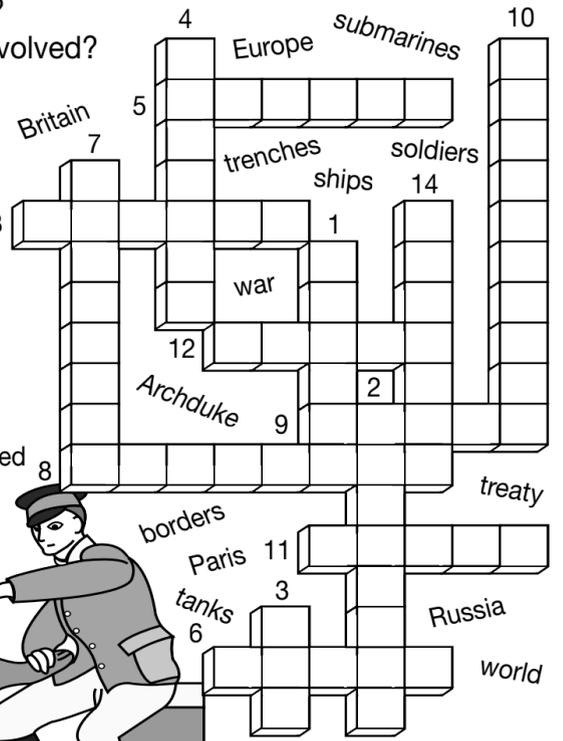
Read my clues about WWI to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- in 1914, people in the small country of Serbia (in _____) did not want the Emperor of the large nation of Austria-Hungary to their north to rule their country
- when the Austrian-Hungarian _____ Franz Ferdinand and his wife visited Serbia, they were killed while riding in their carriage
- this was seen as an act of _____ and the countries of Bulgaria, Italy, Germany and the Ottoman Empire sided with Austria-Hungary (Italy later switched sides)
- France, Great _____ and Russia lined up with Serbia
- at the beginning of the war, _____ had the largest army in the world and sent the most soldiers
- _____ were used for the first time during this war; at first called 'land ships'; the British shipped them in crates that were supposed to be holding water tanks
- soldiers dug _____; lived and fought in them



How Did the War Begin?
Why Did the U.S. Get Involved?

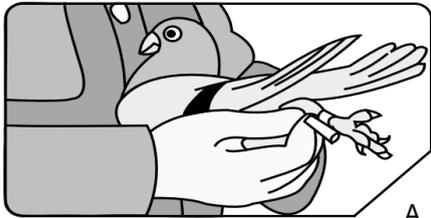
- during the first Christmas of the war (1914) some _____ on both sides agreed to stop fighting; they sang songs, gave some small gifts of food – and some even took part in a football game
- France built a fake city of _____ hoping to confuse enemy fighter pilots
- the U.S. joined in WWI (1917) after Germany's _____ sank American ships and Germany tried to get Mexico to side with them by promising land that Mexico had earlier lost to the U.S.
- German U-boats sank over 5,000 _____
- was the first war fought by countries all over the _____ and was so terrible, people felt that it must be the "War to End All Wars"
- at the end of WWI (1919), Germany, Austria and Turkey had to sign a _____ giving up their colonies (lands they had taken over)
- new _____ were drawn, some countries added land, some new countries were created too – the map of Europe changed largely to the one we see today



In Flanders Fields
By John McCrae
(First Stanza)

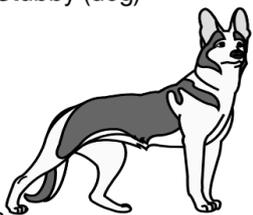
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

How Did Animals Help the Soldiers?

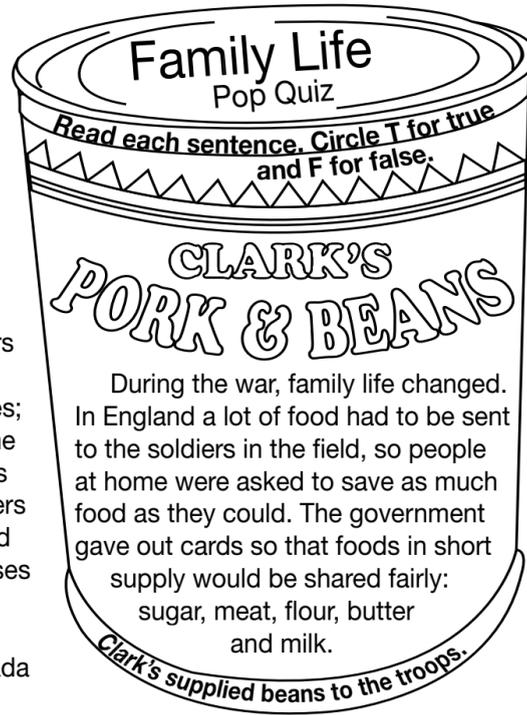


During the course of World War I, animals helped the soldiers in many ways. Some were mascots and cheered up the troops. Some animals saved soldiers' lives. **Can you match each to how it was known to help the soldiers?**

- Jimmy the donkey
- Winnipeg the bear
- Sergeant Stubby (dog)
- horses
- terriers
- pigeons
- German shepherds



- carried soldiers; pulled wagons
- born on French battlefield (1916); lifted hoof in salute; carried supplies and injured soldiers
- brought overseas by American soldier; smelled gas and alerted soldiers, saving lives; thought to be the greatest war dog of all time
- worked for Red Cross; went onto battlefields to reach wounded men; used to guard soldiers
- trained to kill rats in the trenches; were called "ratters"; saved troops from bites and diseases
- flew with messages; very dependable, and information they carried saved lives
- black bear cub brought overseas from Canada as a mascot, donated to the London Zoo



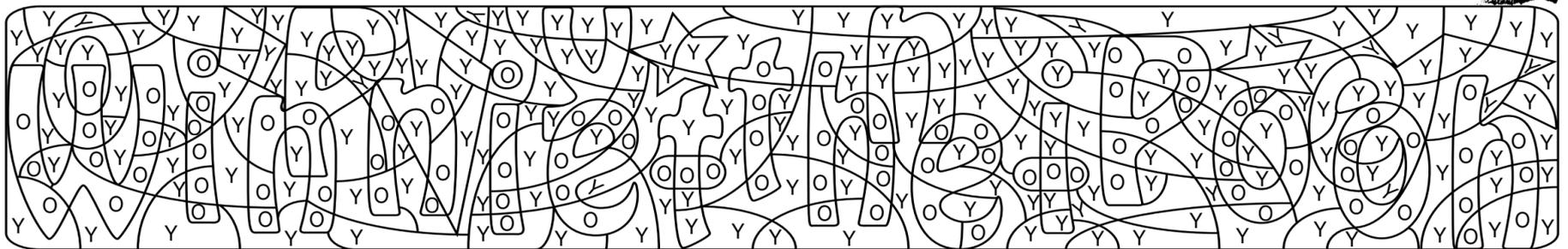
- A lot of men went to war so women filled their jobs.
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- With moms working in factories, many children grew up without a parent home all day.
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- Boy and Girl Scouts of America handed out pamphlets on how to buy candy to support the soldiers.
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- Dried foods kept a long time so demand for them rose.
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- When people went to see a movie, a film 'news' reel would be shown first.
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A "Beary" Special Story

Winnipeg the bear was bought by veterinarian Lt. Harry Colebourn on his way to England during World War I. When his regiment moved out from England, he loaned the black bear cub to the London Zoo. There the bear became so beloved that Harry donated it to the zoo. A few years later, writer A. A. Milne visited the zoo with his son, who named his own stuffed bear after the cub. Milne wrote books about this bear, which became famous:

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4-H SEWING CLUB...



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The Meeker 4-H Sewing Club had their annual sewing camp on Saturday. We would like to say thank you for the many volunteers that gave their time to help these members on their sewing projects that they will display in August at the County Fair. The club has 17 members this year. (Left to right) Shirley Harp (volunteer), Rita Proctor (volunteer), (back row) Neveah LeBlanc, Hailey Scott, Hadley Franklin, Kolbi Franklin, Zach Newman, Iris Franklin (volunteer), Peggy Shults (volunteer), Violet Frazier (volunteer), Cortney Aldridge (leader), (front row) Reese Clatterbaugh, Allison Kobald, Birdie McCaffrey, Aimee Shults, Kayla Scott, Lissbeth Sanchez, Emma Buckler. Not pictured: Michelle Buckler (volunteer) and D.C. Collins (volunteer).

RBC DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
— 100 years ago

WAR DECLARED:

Telegraphic services came in yesterday morning announcing that Congress had empowered the President to declare a state of war as existing between this nation and Germany.

Roy Tucker departed early part of this week took after his "movie picture" interests on a big circuit.

"An editor, as you have no doubt found out, sometimes gets criticized for what he doesn't say as well as for what he does say. He is a general mark for criticism, good or bad, the same as the minister. He may be right, he may be wrong. We cannot please all. I do not try."—D.P. Saunders, editor of the Brush, Colo., Republican.

President Reuben Oldland of the Commercial Club received the following telegram last Saturday: "President, Chamber of Commerce, Meeker: Navy Department states that 800 men are required from states of Colorado and Wyoming immediately, to fill Navy emergency compliment; must be enlisted by April 20. You are requested to take up this matter at mass meetings, appealing to all loyal American citizens to stimulate recruiting for Navy, and urge every young man to enlist in order to furnish required number of men, between ages of 17 and 30."

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago
Burglars broke into the Meeker Drug Store sometime last Thursday night, taking with them approximately \$20 in cash from two cash registers.

The April 1 snow reading at the Rio Blanco Ranch was 41.5 inches of snow with a water content of 10.4 inches. Harry Tucker and Robert Buckles took the snow reading and reported on the following conditions found.

The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago

Following 30 hours of formal hearings and many, many more hours of reflection which has been stretched out over the past six weeks, the Rio Blanco County Commissioners released the results of their fact-finding investigation into the problems at Pioneers Hospital, the commissioners recommended that a hospital management firm be hired to come in and run Pioneers.

Obviously there were no surprises during Tuesday's Town Council election, with congratulations in order for the new mayor, Jon Hertzke and the three incumbent trustees, Bill Dunham, Steve Loshbaugh and Jim Vinson who all won seats on the board along with newcomer Gary Ordway. The Herald would be remiss, however, if we didn't bring the public's focus on outgoing mayor Jan Hughley. Anyone who gives eight years of their life, four as a trustee and another four as mayor

and spokesperson for the town, deserves special recognition.

Rangely Times — 50 years ago

The champion spellers of Rangely were chosen March 22 and will compete at the county contest Friday at Meeker. Winner of the first place medal in the junior high division was eighth grader Mike Hefley. Winner of the elementary division was Markel Massey.

Activity increased in the skies over Rangely Airport last week when Rangely College added two new craft to the fleet usually based there. The airplanes are Cessna 150's, both bearing the red and white college colors.

Winners in the poster contest sponsored by the Rangely Public Library were Kathy Yeager, John Jansons and Brenda Halcomb.

Rangely Times — 25 years ago

Just the other day a local individual was riding around in the wilds and came across "a piece of lard with black pepper on it." Thinking very quickly, this person reported this find to the proper authorities. That is how a carcass laced with what appears to be Timeck was found on public property northwest of Rangely. Timeck is an extremely lethal pesticide that looks like corns of unground black pepper. It is also the poison that killed five bears near Meeker last year.

Incumbents Russell Foxley and David Dixon and elected newcomers Carlton Williams and Charles Bissell were elected to the Rangely Board of Trustees.

Sandy Murry of Rangely was one number away on the \$27 million lotto drawing two weeks ago.

TOWN: URA established

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In the regular town board meeting, trustees agreed to issue a letter of support for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) bill to go before the legislature that will give CPW the right to set their own fees for local licenses. CPW is seeking to increase local licensing fees for the first time since 2005.

In other business, the board: Approved the use of Ute Park for the Meekerpalooza event in June, which will coincide with sev-

eral other events including the metal art competition and races sponsored by ERBM.

Approved a bid for crack fill to Rocky Mountain Asphalt.

Heard from Rio Blanco County Economic Development Coordinator Katelin Cook about the Colorado Rural Jump Start program, which will offer tax incentives for new businesses.

Heard a request from Berry Bros./Adams for a minor subdivision northeast of the Curtis Creek Industrial Park.

ALGAE: Species difficult to eradicate

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The Montana coalition lists soil erosion and/or disruption along the riverbank, removal of natural riparian vegetation, buildings and septic systems placed too close to streams and application of fertilizer too close to streams or at the wrong time of year, among other items, as potential sources of nitrogen/phosphorus contamination. (bit.ly/2nliu8M)

While May's research was limited to areas in and east of Meeker, Alden Vanden Brink of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District said the problems are occurring all along the river.

"Something happened overnight that wasn't there in 2013 that was there in 2014. It's affecting the water chemistry. That tells me that it's not necessarily a non-point source of pollution," he said.

Meeker science teacher Dr. Bob Dorsett, who has performed water sampling as part of his students' studies for years, said the problem has

become more obvious in the last two years.

"The water temperature is historically not different, but the algae blooms have been the most noticeable in the last two years. It's been so thick at our Fifth Street sampling site it's hard to get around in the river, and the macroinvertebrate counts are a lot lower. The best correlation we can see in our data is there are nutrient loads coming down from upstream."

May said it's possible the changes in the river have been taking place for several years and the algae has just reached a "breaking point."

deVergie reiterated that CPW is "not a regulatory agency." Its primary concern is protecting the fishery resources.

"From a big picture, this is something we need to work on. It's a multi-year problem," deVergie said, adding that CPW will continue to seek information to locate possible sources and solutions, and asking individuals to "speak up" if they are aware of potential causes of the problem.

CATTLE: Cases of 'trich' on the increase

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old, the test is optional.

Some neighboring states take the requirements further. Utah, for instance, requires that all bulls imported over 12 months of age be tested. Additionally, they require that every bull residing in the state be tested annually sometime between the months of October and April. Failure to meet the guidelines will cost the owner \$1,000 per incident.

Hess believes that the mandated trich tests are vital not only to herd health, but also to the local economy. "You get trich into a whole herd and you can potentially have 30-40 percent calf loss. Statewide that's millions of dollars in lost revenue." As for taking a regulatory approach instead of encouraging voluntary testing, Hess believes that the regulations are essential to disease containment. "Most producers are unwilling to permanently tag bulls, so it can be difficult to know the status of a bull at any given time."

Whether these regulations are effective is up for debate. During the 2011-2012 testing season Utah

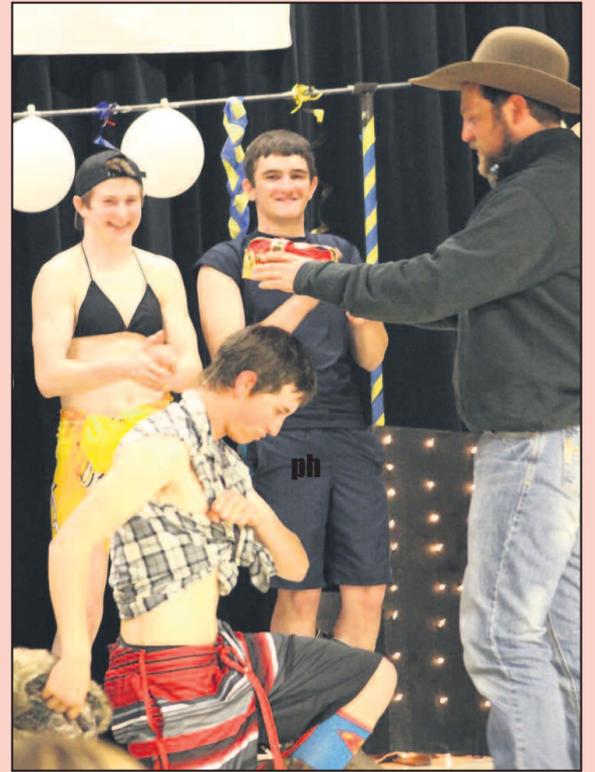
reported 10 cases of trich. Since then the number has steadily increased with 23 reported cases in the 2013-2014 season.

One group that is trying to bring these vast differences in required trich testing between the states into a more harmonious alignment is the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA). In 2014 the USAHA passed a resolution with the goal of uniting the states under a common trich testing policy. The concise resolution urges each state to consider adopting a policy requiring all imported bulls over 18 months in age to be tested. Six states are cur-

rently consistent with the policy and another 21 have agreed to implement the regulations within the next five years. Some states, including Utah, New Mexico, Nevada and Arizona, have responded that they do not plan to align with the standards.

As the livestock industry progresses there is potential for improved testing and detection for high impact diseases such as trich. Coupled with the possibility of more unified trich testing regulations, the future of herd health and disease prevention looks encouraging with fewer calves lost, a benefit to ranchers and consumers alike.

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Codee Woodward was crowned "Mr. Meeker" by a panel of judges including Klark Kindler, Becca Nielsen and former Mr. Meeker Brett Carroll, who is pictured crowning Woodward with contestants Tannen Kennedy and James Amick applauding in the background. Nine contestants entered the pageant, which included a swimsuit contest, and Woodward's brother Brayden was crowned the runner-up, while Jake Edinger was crowned the "People's Choice." A good time was had by all.

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Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Monday, April 10, 2017
Rio Blanco County Justice Center
455 Main Street
Meeker, Colorado 81641

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
11:00 Call to order:
Pledge of Allegiance
Changes or additions to the April 10, 2017, Board Agenda
Approval of the April 10, 2017 Agenda
Consent agenda for April 10, 2017
Consent-1. Consideration of the Board Minutes of March 27, 2017
Consent 2a. Financial Management Report March 2017
Consent 2c. Motor Vehicle Publication List March 2017
Consent 2d. Treasurer's Publication List March 2017
Consent 2f. Treasurer's Monthly Report March 2017
Consent 3. Approval of a Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse Submitted by FCI Constructors, Inc.
Consent 4. Approval of the Meeker Coulter Field Airport Stormwater Discharges 2016 Renewal Application COR900227.
Consent 5. Approval of the Rangely Airport Stormwater Discharges 2016 Renewal Application COR900228.
Consent 6. Approval of a correction to the Rangely Airport Master Plan Request for Reimbursement

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#5 CDOT Grant #16-4V0-01 Element A correcting the dollar amount from \$2,566.01 to \$2,588.01.
Consent 7. Approval of the Rio Blanco County Assessor's Quarterly Abatement Report \$10,000.00 or Less.
Consent 8. Approval of Budget Variance Request C055 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and FCI Constructors Inc., for 2H Mechanical and Ducey's Electric to add exhaust fans to the bathrooms on the 1st and 2nd floors, in an amount not to exceed \$2,316.00.
Consent 9. Approval of Budget Variance Request C056 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and FCI Constructors Inc., for additional site concrete around the South East corner as described in RFI-114 in an amount not to exceed \$10,420.00.
Consent 10. Approval of Budget Variance Request C057 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and FCI Constructors Inc., for TLC Carpet One to change the flooring in Room 323 from carpet to VCT, and add VCT flooring to the top of the concrete pop-out in Room 222, per request from Rio Blanco County as described in RFI-116 in an amount not to exceed \$1,919.00.
Consent 11. Approval of Budget Variance Request C058 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and FCI Constructors Inc., to furnish and install a gutter and heat tape along the East edge of the sloped metal roof above Mechanical Room 329, in an amount not to exceed \$3,222.00.
Consent 12. Approval of an Abatement or Refund of Taxes for tax year 2014 to XTO Energy, Inc. in the amount of \$86,925.65.
General Business:
Business 1. Move to approve appointments to the Rio Blanco County Fair Board.
Bids Opening:
Bid Opening 1. Bid Award:
Bid Award 1. Move to Award the Rio Blanco County 2017 Crack Fill Project to Preston McEachern DBA AM-PM Stripes and Sweepers Project, in an amount not to exceed \$37,476.00.
Bid Award 2. Move to Award the 2017 Rio Blanco

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County Fleet Management Small Vehicles.
Bid Award 3. Move to Award the 2017 Rio Blanco County Fleet Management 6X4 Tandem Truck.
Bid Award 4. Move to Award the Motor Grader Roller Compactor Attachment.
Bid Award 5. Move to Award the 2017 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District Aerial Pesticide Spraying Project to Coulter Aviation in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.
Bid Award 6. Move to Award the 2017 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District Herbicide Spraying Project to Noxious Weed Management in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.
Bid Award 7. Move to Award the 2017 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District Herbicide Spraying Project to Julius Ag, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.
MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:
MCA 1. Move to Approve of an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Preston McEachern d/b/a AM-PM Stripes And Sweepers for the Rio Blanco County 2017 Crackfill Project in an amount not to exceed \$37,476.00.
MCA 2. Move to Approve the 2017 Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan and Financial Plan between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department, and the USDA, Forest Service-White River National Forest.
MCA 3. Move to Approve an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Coulter Aviation for the 2017 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District Aerial Pesticide Spraying Project in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.
MCA 4. Move to Approve an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Noxious Weed Management for the 2017 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District Herbicide Hand Spraying Project in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.
MCA 5. Move to Approve an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Julius Ag, Inc., for the 2017 Piceance Creek Weed and Pest District Herbicide Hand Spraying Project in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.
Resolutions:
Resolution 1. Move to Approve Resolution 2017-12 of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Approving the Renewal of the 2017 Ambulance Service License for the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District Meeker Ambulance Service. (All Sign)
Resolution 2. Move to Approve Resolution 2017-13 of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Approving the Renewal of the 2017 Ambulance Service License for

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Rangely District Hospital Ambulance Service. (All Sign)
Other Business:
Road & Bridge Monthly Update – Dave Morlan
Public Comments
County Commissioner Updates
1:15 p.m. Public Hearing:
Public Hearing 1. Applicant Jerome A. Belland, is requesting approval of the Belland Subdivision (PSUB-0001-17) to subdivide the subject property into three lots. The property is located on State Highway 13, West of Ace Hardware, in Section 23, T1N, R94W, Meeker, Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
•MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2017-14. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING THE BELLAND SUBDIVISION PSUB 0001-17.
Adjourn
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2017, in Rangely at the County Annex Building. Please check the County's website for information at <http://www.rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9570 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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DISTRICT COURT, EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
Court Address: 270 S. Tejon, Colorado Springs, CO 80901; Court Phone: 719-452-5000
PLAINTIFF: JAMES H. PRICE, JR. v. DEFENDANT BRIAN C. FLIS AND WILLIAM FLIS AND THIRD-PARTY PLAINTIFF BRIAN C. FLIS v. THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANTS STAR RANCH, LLC AND LORSON SOUTH LAND CORP. Case No. 15CV32893, Div. 21; Attorney: Steven P. Bailey, Vaughan & DeMuro, Address: 111 S. Tejon, Suite 545, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, Phone Number: 719-578-5500 Fax Number: 719-578-5504 Email: sbailey@vaughandemuro.com Atty. Reg. No. 11115
STAR RANCH, LLC AND JAMES RITCHIE AS REGISTERED AGENT FOR STAR RANCH, LLC: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of Third-Party Plaintiff, as set forth in the Third-Party Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within twenty-one (21) days after service upon you if within the State of Colorado, or within thirty-five (35) days after service upon you if outside the State of Colorado or if served by publication pursuant to C.R.C.P. 4(g). If served by publication, service shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Third-Party Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Third-Party Complaint in writing within the time required, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Third-Party Complaint without further notice. This is an action affecting the real property described in the Third-Party Complaint and is a proceeding in rem as well as a proceeding in personam. Dated: March 20, 2017; Respectfully submitted, Vaughan & DeMuro, /s/ Steven P. Bailey Steven P. Bailey, Atty. Reg. No. 11115, ATTORNEYS FOR THIRD-PARTY PLAINTIFF BRIAN C. FLIS Address of Third-Party Plaintiff: 728 Silver Oak Grove, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 Publish: March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2017
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CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
Contract Documents are available 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 category. 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 matt.scott@rbc.us
WORK SCHEDULE
Estimated start date is June 1, 2017 and end date is August 30, 2017
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-2017 Rio Blanco County Weed & Pest - Helicopter". Deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, at P.O. Box i, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 by mail before Friday, April 21, 2017 at 4 P.M. OR hand delivery to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners 355 4th Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 (Rio Blanco County Courthouse) until 10:45 A.M. on April 24, 2017
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 24, 2017 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Bids received after 10:45 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 reserves the 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:
By: Shawn Bolton, Chairman
Publish: March 30, and April 6, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-01

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 19, 2017, 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.
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INC. AS NOMINEE FOR
INTERMOUNTAIN
INDUSTRIES, INC. D/B/A
MAJOR MORTGAGE USA,
ITS SUCCESSORS AND
ASSIGNS
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Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Date of Deed of Trust
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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.

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A parcel of land in H.E. 177, Township 1 North, Range 102 West of the 6th P.M., being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Commencing at Angle Point 1 of said H.E. 177; thence South 689.0 feet; thence West 1430.9 feet to the true point of beginning; thence South 80.0 feet; thence West 62.5 feet; thence North 80.0 feet; thence East 62.5 feet to the true point of beginning. Together with that parcel of land described in Quit Claim Deed recorded March 23, 2006 as Reception No. 284329 records of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
Also known by street and number as: 304 SOUTH BIRCH AVENUE, 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, 05/24/2017, 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.
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DATE: 01/20/2017
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531 David R. Doughty #40042 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092
Eve M. Grina #43658 Kelly Murdock #46915 Lynn M. Janeway #15592
Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Sheila J. Finn #36637
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303)706-9990
Attorney File #16-013081
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-02

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ADAM P. MAYNARD
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LOT 2, BLOCK A, LEECH SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JUNE 30, 1948 AS RECEPTION NO. 7533STOWN OF RANGELY, CONTY OF RIO BLANCO, COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 306 & 308 S. WHITE AVE, RANGELY, CO 81648.
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DATE: 01/24/2017
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:
Douglas W. Brown #10429 Neal K. Dunning #10181
Brown, Berardini & Dunning, P.C. Attorneys at Law, 2000 South Colorado Blvd, Tower Two, Suite 700, Denver CO 80222 (303)329-3363
Attorney File #1969-231
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DATE: 01/24/2017
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:
Douglas W. Brown #10429 Neal K. Dunning #10181
Brown, Berardini & Dunning, P.C. Attorneys at Law, 2000 South Colorado Blvd, Tower Two, Suite 700, Denver CO 80222 (303)329-3363
Attorney File #1969-231 B
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notice is hereby given that on March 24, 2017 a petition was filed (Case no. N17-0021) by Nick Adkinson in the Cascade District Court of Snohomish County, Washington, the object of which is to change a minor child's last name from Trevor Allen Geary to Trevor Allen Adkinson. A hearing will be held on said petition before the Honorable Judge Olbrechts at the Cascade Division Courthouse, 415 E. Burke Ave Arlington, WA 98223 on May 12th, 2017 at 8:30 am. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and file objections, but unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the minor child's name will be changed from that of Trevor Allen Geary to Trevor Allen Adkinson. Publish: April 6, and 13, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

Invitation to Bid

You are hereby invited to bid for the construction of the Town of Meeker Paving Project: 7th Street & 9th Street. This construction project includes the rotomil and overlay of approximately 6,200 linear feet of roadway. The Project Owner is the Town of Meeker. The Project Engineer is Chris Hale, P.F. of Mountain Cross Engineering, Inc. Glenwood Springs. A complete set of plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained after March 31, 2017 from the offices of Mountain Cross Engineering, Inc. (970-945-5544) or at the Meeker Town Hall (970-878-5344) for a deposit of \$35. The deposit will be refunded if the set is returned in good condition. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Meeker Town Hall 345 Market Street on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. Send or deliver the bid proposals to Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 by 3:00 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2017. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or a check in the amount of ten percent of the bid made payable to the Town of Meeker, as bid security, along with three references for similar work. The Bid Proposals and Bid Security should be placed in an envelope, securely sealed and labeled "Bid for Paving Project". Plans, specifications, and contract documents should be returned with the bid. Performance and Payment Bonds are required. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add, or amend the specifications, to waive any informalities and the right to disregard all non-conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, including but not limited to the Contract-Award-Preference section, which is incorporated herein by this reference and made a part of this "Invitation to Bid." Contact Russ Overton with the Town of Meeker, 970-878-5530 for additional information or with any questions regarding this project. Publish: March 30, & April 6, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Town of Rangely
April 11, 2017 - 7:00pm
Agenda**

- Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
 - Joseph Nielsen, Mayor
 - Andrew Shaffer, Mayor Pro Tem
 - Lisa Hatch, Trustee
 - Trey Robie, Trustee
 - Ann Brady, Trustee
 - Andrew Key, Trustee
 - Tyson Hacking, Trustee
 - 1.Call to Order
 - 2.Roll Call
 - 3.Invocation
 - 4.Pledge of Allegiance
 - 5.Minutes of Meeting
 - a.Approval of the minutes of the March 28, 2017 meeting.
 - 6.Petitions and Public Input
 - 7.Changes to the Agenda
 - 8.Public Hearings - 7:15pm
 - a.Oakley Hopkins - Discussion of the Councils Dinosaur Casino Position
 - 9.Committee/Board Meetings
 - 10.Supervisor Reports - See Attached
 - 11.Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update
 - 12.New Business
 - a.Discussion and Action to approve the March 2017 Check Register
 - b.Discussion and Action to approve Resolution 2017-05 authorizing participation in The Rural Jump-Start Program within Rio Blanco County and the State of Colorado
 - 13.Informational Items
 - a.Budget Recap submitted to AGNC membership from Orf and Orf.
 - 14.Board Vacancies
 - a.Planning and Zoning Commission (1) Board Vacancy
 - 15.Scheduled Announcements
 - a.Rangely District Library regular meeting April 10, 2017 at 5:00pm.
 - b.Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2017 at 12:00pm.
 - c.Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting April 10, 2017 at 6:00pm.
 - d.Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2017 at 7:00pm.
 - e.Rio Blanco County Commissioners meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2017 at 11:00am.
 - f.Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2017 at 6:30pm.
 - g.Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2017 at 12:00pm
 - h.Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2017 at 12:00pm.
 - i.Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District December is scheduled for April 26, 2017 at 7:00pm.
 - j.Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2017 at 6:00pm.
 - 16.Adjournment
- Publish: April 6, 2017
Rio Blanco Herald Times

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

SAFEHOUSE

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

Rangely Victim Services

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

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

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.

NEW EDEN PREGNANCY CARE SERVICES - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Thursdays, 12p-5p, 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and Thursdays, 1p-6p, 219 Sunset Avenue, Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

ASPEN LEAF DENTAL OFFICE

Dr. Cliff Chapin is still accepting patients at his office at 341 7th Street, Meeker, CO. By appointment only Please contact the office for available times. Please call (970)878-3696 or email us at aldoffice341@gmail.com. We will contact you as soon as possible. 3/23-4/20

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.

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-04**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 1, 2017, 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) LUCILLE S RUPLE AND ROBERT E RUPLE Mountain Valley Bank Ditech Financial, LLC October 03, 2008 Rio Blanco October 06, 2008 293841 \$174,000.00 \$150,727.43 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. THE WEST 40 FEET OF LOT 8 AND THE WEST 40 FEET OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 7 BLOCK 109 TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO Also known by street and number as: 746 PINE STREET, MEEKER, CO 81641. 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, 05/31/2017, 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 4/6/2017 Last Publication 5/4/2017 Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

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• 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;

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DATE: 02/02/2017
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:
Lisa Cancanon #42043 Monica Kadras #34904
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 6353742
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON

Please call before 9:00a.m. day of meal 878-5627 or 675-8112 Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated. Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7. (Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.) Friday, 4/7/17, Sausage & tater tot casserole, spinach salad, cottage cheese, pears Monday, 4/10/17, Hamburger black bean tortilla casserole, mexicali corn, tossed salad, oranges Tuesday, 4/11/17, Roast beef/gravy, baked potato, beets, white bread, peach crisp Wednesday, 4/12/17, Turkey tetrazzini, italian vegetables, tossed salad, pudding w/vanilla, wafers **MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE** Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change. 4/6

**MEEKER STREAKER
MONTHLY SCHEDULE
April 2017**

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:
4/7 - Bus in town
4/8 - No bus
4/9 - AM bus
4/10 - Bus in town
4/11 - Bus in town
4/12 - Bus in town, Foot Clinic
4/13 - Rifle, Bus in town
4/14 - Bus in town
4/15 - No bus
4/16 - No bus , Happy Easter
4/17 - Bus in town
4/18 - Bus in town
4/19 - Bus in town, BP Clinic
4/20 - Grand Junction medical, bus in town
Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments (970-878-9368). Please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM. 4/6

AUCTIONS

Estate Auction

April 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
10287 HWY 65, Mesa, CO

57 Joins 8" aluminum irrigation pipe, Cat 226B2 Skidsteer, 1988 Jeep Wrangler, flatbed & stock trailers, A-C 6060 Tractor, 2-4wheelers, enclosed 16' trailer, 1980 4x4 Chevy 1 ton w/flatbed, snowmachine, 1969 Airstream travel trailer, tires & rims, tent, auto shelter, lumber, tongue & groove, hand & power tools of all kinds, nice 23 drawer Snap-on tool chest, scooter, 35 pieces of antique furniture, tons of antiques & collectibles of all kinds, cast iron, 10+ cream cans, crocks, books, etc, etc. guns, ammo, large anvil, steer hides, wood planes, Indian items, 2 stage coaches! Charles Russell lots of antiques, nice clean equipment. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service (970)260-5577. Must see web www.cpauction.com "Call us about a sale for you" 3/30-4/6

AUCTIONS

Moving Auction, Saturday, April 15th, 10:00 AM, 508 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur, Colorado. 2004 Ford F-350 pickup, nice camper, 2 flatbed trailers, winch truck, 1 bedroom 40' mini home, 2006 750cc 4 wheeler, 8 guns, ammo, hand & power tools of all kinds, taxidermy items, household items, furniture, horns, 26 gun safe, and more. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service 970-260-5577. See web www.cpauction.com. "Call us about a sale for you" 4/6 & 4/13

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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

The W.R.B.M. Recreation & Park District is taking applications for part time Weekend Cashier for Rec Center, Custodial for Rec Center and Seasonal Park Groundskeepers . Pick up your application and job description at the Rec Center, 611 S. Stanolind Avenue, Rangely, CO. EOE 3/30-4/6

Colorado Northwestern Community College CNCC is looking for dynamic employees to join our team. For job opportunities, descriptions, minimum qualifications, and instructions for applying, please visit: <http://www.cncc.edu/employment> CNCC is an equal opportunity employer. 3/9-5/25

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

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Recreation Assistant

The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking applications for part time non-benefited, year round recreation assistants, who could work up to 30 hours per week, and seasonal non-benefited recreation assistants, who could work up to 40 hours per week from June to October. Salary range \$9.30-15.38/hr. Duties include, but are not limited to: assist in the development, coordination, and implementation of District programs and special events, directly working with youth and adults, collaborating with other recreation staff, administrative staff, and community partners to accomplish tasks. 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,

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

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 Monday, April 17, 2017. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer. 3/30-4/13



- Citizens Review Panel - Rangely volunteer desired
- Columbine Park Board, Rangely
- Fair Board - Rangely volunteer desired
- Lodging Tax Board, Meeker & Rangely *Must be from the tourism industry
- Planning Commission - Rangely volunteer desired
- Weed Management Board

If you are interested in serving on one or more of the following Boards, please send a letter of interest to: HR, PO Box i, Meeker CO 81641 or hr@rbc.us. 970-878-9570.

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Meeker High School
• Spanish Teacher
• Head and Assistant Volleyball Coach

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■ RN or LPN - LTC - NIGHTS
■ Staff RN - Acute/ED - NIGHTS
■ Physical Therapist
■ MLT or MLS - Laboratory

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[eligible for benefits:]
■ Patient Care Tech - Days
■ Environmental Services Tech
■ CNA - LTC - NIGHTS
■ Clerk - HIM

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Submit Resume and/or Application to:
Pioneers Medical Center, HR,
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr.,
Meeker, Colo., 81641
Visit our Website at:
www.pioneershospital.org

Pioneers Medical Center
Phone: (970) 878-9447 Fax: (970) 878-2885
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

HOUSEKEEPING
ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking a part-time non-benefitted Housekeeper, who can work up to 30 hours per week; hiring range \$13.06 to \$17.32 /hour. Duties include, but are not limited to: general cleaning and light maintenance duties of district facilities as assigned by the Park and Facilities Manager. Requirements include, but are not limited to: applicant must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or GED, read, write, speak and understand English, be available to work various shifts, primarily evenings and weekends. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. 970-878-3403. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request. Applications will be accepted through April 12, 2017. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.
3/30-4/6

HELP WANTED: SEASONAL

The Meeker Cemetery District is seeking seasonal non-benefitted Laborers who could work 32 hours per week from May 1st to Sept 30th. Duties include: perform manual labor, maintenance and repair of sprinkler hoses and systems, grounds maintenance and mowing. Must be able to lift, pull, and carry 50 lbs. Experience in small equipment like lawn mowers, weed eaters, and small landscaping equipment is a plus. Hiring range is \$16.00 to \$18.00 DOE. You can pick up an application at the Meeker Cemetery District at 265 County Road 4 between the hours of 9:00 and 2:00 Mondays through Thursdays.
4/6

HOMES: MEEKER

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3/16-4/13

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3/16-4/13

HOMES: RANGELY

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1110 County Road 43 near Plant Center (MEEKER) Friday 4/21, Saturday 4/22
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4/6-4/20

Town of Rangely Seasonal Summer Help Positions Opening

The Town of Rangely will be hiring seasonal workers for public works, gas, utilities, building and grounds and administration departments. Duties include but are not limited to the following: outside landscaping, maintenance, and a variety of other light duties depending on the department. The hourly rate is \$10.00 hour. Applications may be picked up at the Town of Rangely, 209 E Main, Rangely, CO 81648. Deadline for submitting an application is May 1, 2016. EOE.

Police Patrol Officer Rangely Police Department

The Rangely Police Department Police Patrol Officer position requires that candidate have a High School Diploma or GED, A VALID Colorado Driver's License and must be 21 years of age. Applicants must be Colorado Post-certified and able to perform all essential job functions and peripheral duties as well as meet specific knowledge and skill requirements. Salary would be evaluated and commensurate with the candidate's qualifications. Benefits Health, Dental, Life Insurance, Short Term Disability, Credit Union Membership, WRB Park & Recreation Admission, and Retirement with matched contribution by Town of Rangely. Vacation, Sick, and Personal Days start accruing immediately. Successful applicants for the position will be administered a psychological test, pre-employment drug screen, physical/function capacity test and full background check. Applicant must be able to work rotating shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. For more information or to schedule a tour please contact Mercy at 970-675-8467 or Lisa at 970-675-8476. Applications may be obtained from the personnel department or are available on our website at www.rangely.com. Position is Open until filled. EOE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MEEKER

- Bookkeeper or Accountant
- Caseworker
- Temporary Fairgrounds Laborer
- Relief Cook
- Relief Detention Control Specialist
- Temporary R & B Laborer
- Weed Control Supervisor
- Temporary Weed Control Assistant

RANGELY

- Relief Cook

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to www.rbc.us or Rio Blanco County HR at 200 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570.
ADA/EOE

Town of Rangely Maintenance Worker I

The Rangely Public Works Department is recruiting for a Maintenance Worker I. The successful applicant would perform a variety of skilled tasks at the apprentice level in all phases of construction, maintenance and operation of Bldg/Grounds and Public Works activities. Ability to operate Heavy equipment is a plus. Must have a current CDL B or have the ability to pass a CDL B within six months of hire. This position would offer a salary that would be evaluated and commensurate with the candidate's qualifications. Benefits Health, Dental, Life Insurance, Short Term Disability, Credit Union Membership, WRB Park & Recreation Admission, and Retirement with matched contribution by Town of Rangely. Vacation, Sick, and Personal Days start accruing immediately. This position is a 40 hour work week with a rotating on call schedule covering evenings, weekends, and holidays. Applicants must pass pre-employment testing including drug screen, background search, and physical/ function capacity test. For more information please contact Lisa Piering at 970-675-8476. Applications may be obtained from the personnel department or are available on our website at www.rangely.com. Position is Open until filled. EOE

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- ◆ NEW LISTING! 487 Agency Drive - Beautiful home on 5 acres, 3 bdr, 2.5 ba, new carpet & hardwood floors, 30'x60' barn, and more \$449,000
- ◆ 66577 Highway 64 - 14+ acres surrounded by BLM, custom home with good well .. \$350,000
- ◆ PRICE REDUCED! 1036 Park Ave. - Fixer-upper delight, 1 bdr, 1 ba, lots of potential \$69,500
- ◆ SOLD! 1361 Robert St. - quiet location with this 4 bdr, 2 ba, home, 1 car garage ... \$178,000

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- ◆ 815 Sulphur Creek Rd. — Great opportunity to own this impeccably kept home! \$208,000. **SOLD!**
- ◆ NEW! 1057 Sage Ct. — Fresh paint throughout, 3 BD/2 bath home with new granite kitchen countertops, SS gas range, nice and open living room and dining, with great floor plan, circle driveway on two lots, mature trees and landscaping. Large deck and wonderful views! Come take a look at this one. \$149,500.
- ◆ NEW! White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64, Two 35 Acre Parcels — Both parcels have river frontage. Lot 12 has 3 phase electrical. \$225,000. Lot 13 is on South side of river. \$200,000.
- ◆ 345 Cleveland St. — GREAT POTENTIAL! A full City block, over 99,000+ square feet, offering 12 individual lots all being sold as one parcel. \$225,000.
- ◆ 1247 Garfield St. — Cute 3 BD, 1 BA ranch-style home w/ one car garage. Great stater home, large fenced backyard, big apple tree & two storage outbuildings. \$130,000. **PRICE REDUCED!**



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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *NEW 1134 Park Ave.- 4 BR, 2 BA log home. Remodeled, with several upgrades. Fenced yard, shed. \$169,000.
- *NEW 1109 Park Ave.- 2 BR, 1 BA, 1,600 sq ft home on a corner lot, with a shed/work shop. Needs some work. \$59,000.
- *1266 Cleveland- 3BR, 2BA home on a quiet street. Detached garage, beautifully remodeled kitchen with S.S. appliances, updated bathrooms, A/C, fenced BACK yard. \$207,000.
- *125 Main St.- Lg corner lot with an impeccable 5 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 story home. Living room, dining room, family room, walk-in closets, large covered back patio, oversized 3 car garage, 2 kennels, beautiful yard. \$319,000.
- *990 Main St.- 3BR, 1.5 BA, log home w/attached 2 car garage. Updated and spotless. \$168,000 **REDUCED!**
- *1111 Wall St- 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Large master suite, storage shed. \$128,000 **SALE PENDING!**
- *1134 Michael- 3BR, 2- 1/2 BA home, attached garage. Built in 2006. \$210,000. **SOLD!**
- *660 3rd St.- Older home on two lots in good location. Needs work. \$64,900. **SOLD!**

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *NEW 439 Agency Dr.- 6 Acres, 1 mile S of Meeker, beautiful 2 story log home, 4 BR, 3 BA, finished walk-out basement, family room, storage, attached 2 car garage. Horse barn/shop. Awesome views. \$483,999.
- *NEW 1560 CR 15- 390 acre ranch, 5 miles NE of Meeker. Fenced and cross fenced, well and spring, 1,412 sq ft log home, storage shed, loafing shed. Great pasture. Secluded and private with great views. \$995,000.
- *210 CR 75- Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. \$55,000.
- *29100 CR 8- 12 acres with River. 1,252 sq ft updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$529,000 **REDUCED!**
- *6500 CR 7- 2 Acres NW of Meeker. 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, well. \$265,000. **REDUCED!**
- *CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 **REDUCED!**

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

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

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- *NEW 12924 CR 8- 5 Acres with River, great fishing. Vacant land, good building site, 13 miles upriver, awesome views. \$149,000.
- *NEW 8432 CR 15- 7.5 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through with great fishing, water well, pasture. \$175,000.
- *NEW 8432 CR 15- 18 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through, great fishing and hunting, good pasture. \$185,000.
- *5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! \$75,000.
- *CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 **REDUCED!**
- *359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000.
- *Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- \$95,000.
- *Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$93,000 **REDUCED!**
- *100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- *Little Beaver Estates Lot 13- 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. \$89,000 **SOLD!**

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

NEW 891 3rd St. - Extremely well kept 3BD/1BA home that has been recently remodeled. The home sits on a corner lot and features a beautiful yard. **\$172,000**

585 Cleveland St. - Picturesque 3,806 sq ft home in downtown Meeker. Beautifully landscaped private yard. **\$389,000**

959 Garfield St. - Wonderfully kept 4BD/2.5BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. Price Reduced: **\$259,900**

855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. **\$200,000**

767 12th St. - Two-story, 2B sd/1.5BA Townhouse, well-kept and tastefully remodeled. Great fenced area for children or pets. **\$70,000**

945 & 975 Cleveland St. - Two older homes, great lot space and potential. **\$69,000**

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

1972 RBC Rd. 36 - Well kept 16+ acres with over 6,500 sq ft in shop space. Hay sheds, spring water, 2,160 sq ft home and cabin. **\$589,000**

1400 Flag Creek Dr. - Stunning 4BD/2.5BA home moments from town. Pole barn, acreage and outstanding views. Price Reduced: **\$475,000**

1601 White River Rd. - Brand new 3BD/2BA home with attached garage. 3.22 acres just south of the golf course. Price Reduced: **\$299,900**

8505 RBC Rd. 8 - Lovely up river home on 1.76 acres. Nice views, fenced yard and year round access. Price Reduced: **\$258,000**

346 N. Cross L Dr. - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views. Price Reduced: **\$269,900**

519 Rim Rock Dr. - 4BD/2BA home on five acres, nice open floor plan with large family room, new carpet, and a new roof. Just a short distance from town, with outstanding views. **\$198,000**

RANCH PROPERTY

River Ranch on Yampa: 63322 W Hwy. 40 - 128.68 acres with over a mile of Yampa River frontage, senior water rights, partial mineral rights, and a beautiful 5BD/4BA home, plus a 2,160 sq ft metal barn. Perfect for a cattle ranch headquarters or an equestrian retreat. **Price Reduced from \$1,250,000 to \$1,050,000**

NEW Baker's Peak Vista Ranch: 2113 County Road 70, Craig - 506± acres with 10cfs water rights, gravity flow sprinkler system or flood irrigation. Currently hay. Future expansion for grain possible. Several outbuildings and a domestic well in place. BLM and State land on three sides.

Great hunting area with Baker's Peak and Black Mountain a short distance away. Elk, mule deer and pronghorn. **\$1,300,000**

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

VACANT LAND

3 Acres in Cross L Estates - Located west of Meeker in a quiet subdivision. Enjoy 360-degree views of the White River Valley. **\$69,500.**

37 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. **\$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.**

459 Cross L Dr. - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. **\$80,000**

NEW 49 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 for **\$55,000**

NEW 50 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 with great views for **\$55,000**

Ridge Estates Vacant Lots - Moments from town, great views, reasonable covenants! **SPRING SALE**, prices starting at **\$65,000**

2.25 Acres off Hwy. 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! **\$45,000**

2 Lots on Silver Sage Rd. - Sage Hills. **\$45,000** for both.

2 Beautiful Lots in Sage Hills - Gentle sloping and panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. **\$30,000** each.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

NEW Gravel Pit for Sale - WRC Wet Pit is located about 20 miles west of Meeker, containing approximately 110 acres, water rights, and an estimated 1,500,000 tons of gravel ready for extraction. **\$1,500,000**

680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! **\$950,000**

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