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Health fairs ...

It's health fair season starting this Friday in Meeker and Saturday in Rangely with the children's health fair for children birth to age 5. The Rangely Community Health Fair is this Saturday at Rangely District Hospital from 7-11 a.m., and the 9Health Fair will be in Meeker April 25.



MSD chooses Selle for superintendent

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I After extensive interviews last Friday, the Meeker Board of Education (BOE) announced Monday its selection of Christopher Robert Selle of Westcliffe, Colo., as the new Meeker School District superintendent to begin work July 1.

Selle, whose name is pronounced with two syllables, is completing his third year as superintendent of the Custer County Consolidated C-1 School District. Selle will turn 40 next month. He grew up in Wray.

Board President Bill deVergie said Monday that he's "very excited to have Chris Selle and his family coming to the Meeker School District, and he knows Selle is excited to be coming. We look forward to continuing to make progress in providing excellent education for our

kids." The Custer County District is in the Wet Mountain Valley 55 miles west of Pueblo and 50 miles southwest of Canon City. The school system is slightly smaller than Meeker's. Previously, Selle was superintendent of the Limon School District for two years where he had also been the secondary principal for three years.

Selle is a civil engineering graduate of the Colorado School of Mines and spent six years in the oil and gas business in Bakersfield, Calif., before getting into education. He holds a Master of Arts degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, with an emphasis in education leadership.

Selle and the other district finalist, Richard Walter, Sr., superintendent of the Miami-Yoder School District in Rush, Colo., 41 miles east of Colorado Springs, were subjected to 45 minutes and 20 questions each with the school board last Friday.

These public interviews took place after a full day of interviewing with six school-related committees composed of selected representatives



Chris Selle

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Casto explains his resignation

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I On March 10 Rangely Mayor Pro Tem Brad Casto resigned his position from the Rangely Town Council after seven years of service.

Casto, who felt himself growing increasingly anxious about the future direction of the town, is hopeful that his resignation, and honesty about the reasons behind the resignation, will inspire more citizens to get involved in local governance.

During the last few years Casto says he has felt a deepening concern about the future growth of Rangely and the role that the town plays in development and growth.

He believes that the town is not working hard enough to encourage private development and investment and that the lack of a business friendly environment will continue to hurt

Rangely. Casto says he tried to instill a more positive business environment but that he was often told, "We can't use public money to support private industry." Casto found himself dismayed at this approach saying, "The town would have reaped big returns."

The last straw for Casto was the handling of the West Rangely Subdivision, owned by Mike and Tracy Hayes.

The subdivision plans to bring both homes and businesses to the community. According to Casto the development ran into trouble with a road, which was not built to town standards and after numerous on-site discussions and inspections—all of which Casto claims the Hayes were billed by the town for—the town determined that they were unwilling to accept maintenance of.

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Easter entertainment...



KIM EKSTROM



RENÉ HARDEN

(Top) Meeker children launch toward Easter eggs scattered around the area during the annual hunt. (Above) Ready, set, go. Once the horn sounds in Rangely everyone scrambles. It actually goes smoothly—no fighting or pushing. The kids are just out to have a good time. (Right) Dixie Hall won an Easter basket for collecting 10 eggs, and she was very proud. More Easter egg hunt photos are on page 13.



RENÉ HARDEN

Local schools raise questions about standardized testing

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Lately it's become increasingly difficult to turn on the news or log onto the Internet without encountering an opinion about public school standardized testing.

Each school district has a unique testing program and the beliefs about those programs are just as varied as the tests. Rangely RE-4 schools are no

different and even district Superintendent Matt Scoggins is conflicted about the role testing plays in today's schools.

Rangely schools participate in a number of standardized tests throughout the year, some mandated by the federal government or state and some by choice.

Through the No Child Left Behind Act the federal government mandates the Partnership for Assessment for

Readiness for College and Career (or PARCC) testing, which occurs every spring. Students begin taking this test annually from third grade through 10th.

In addition to PARCC, the State of Colorado requires students in grades four, seven and 12 take a social studies exam and students in grades five and eight take a science exam. Both subjects are tested via the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (or

CMAS). This test is also given in the spring.

The state also mandates a formalized, standardized test be given to all students half way through the year, but they don't dictate which test is used. In Rangely this is accomplished through Measures of Academic Progress (or MAPS) testing. While the state only requires this test once a year in the winter the district chooses to require this test of all students in the

fall and spring. Colorado also requires all high school juniors take the ACT.

In 2012 the Colorado Legislature passed the READ Act, which requires additional reading assessments in the early years. Rangely fulfills this requirement through Dibbles testing grades K-3.

All of these tests provide different data and measures of students to teachers, districts and the state. However, both the PARCC and

CMAS test results are slow to come in. Usually teachers are able to view and digest the data from their classrooms sometime between August and October of the following school year, while MAPS and Dibbles data are available immediately after test completion.

So how much time do students spend taking all of these tests every

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year? According to Scoggins it's between 10-12 hours for each student annually. Because students can't take all of these tests at once they have to be broken up over a period of several weeks.

In total Scoggins estimates that the spring testing disrupts school scheduling for three to four weeks.

For Scoggins and many other superintendents across the nation this is simply too much testing.

"We need to assess students, but what we are doing right now is a little bit over the top," Scoggins said.

Despite this he believes that there are many benefits to both teachers and students in assessment. According to Scoggins both formative (pre test) and summative (post test) data can drive instruction for the future and help provide teachers with feedback about what areas students may be struggling in. It helps teachers individualize education for students, making sure they get support in needed subjects.

However, Scoggins acknowledges that this works best when the data collected from the testing is made available in a timely manner.

Of course another concern that many districts have about testing is the cost. As schools nationwide struggle with the issue of funding the cost of the testing becomes more important. In Rangely the costs include increasing technology, which is often expensive, because most of the testing is taken on computers. Additionally, the district has to pay test coordinators.

For teachers and districts these tests often come with high stakes. Colorado Senate Bill 191, passed in 2010, requires that 50 percent of a teacher's evaluation be based on assessment scores.

For each district the scores play a large role in their annual performance

frameworks, or grade, from the state. In a small district it doesn't take many students not performing well to heavily impact the scores.

Local parents also have some concerns about the testing. Lyndsey Wiley, a mother of three, believes that the schools are spending far too much time both testing and being prepared to take the tests. She worries about how much real education time is sacrificed for the sake of the tests, especially the tests that don't provide scores quickly. "One quick standardized test a year should be plenty. Not days and days of testing," Wiley said.

Wiley also worries about the impact that the testing has on her children. She says that in the days leading up to the test her kids begin to stress and feel anxious, even losing sleep.

Each year one of the Wiley kids make themselves sick with worry the night before the big test. She believes that there is too much stress to perform well, with teachers and administrators mentioning the tests all year and emphasizing their importance.

Some parents who are unhappy with the testing chose to "opt out" their children and keep them home on the days of testing. While there are no consequences for removing your child from testing, according to Scoggins it does hurt the district.

Scoggins says that because removal of some students doesn't provide a full picture it "undermines the value of that assessment."

At the end of the day the bulk of the testing is done in order to comply with federal and state law. However with so many parents and schools questioning the testing, many boards of education are beginning to ask what the future of standardized testing should look like.

For Scoggins it's a mixed bag. "Do I think assessments are bad, not necessarily. It's how it's used and the time impacted," he said.

NEW RANGERS...



CNCC PHOTOM J MELNECK

CNCC's National Park Ranger Academy held its spring 2015 graduation on the college's Rangely campus on April 3. The Academy at CNCC is one of only seven in the United States—all are law enforcement programs. The spring 2015 graduates are: (front row) David Elliott, Destiny Gardea, Richard Gonzales, Alexander Knaak, Daniel Dodd; (middle row) Jeff Castillo, Jeff Cummings, Robert Stetler, Katelyn Mahoney, Chais Saunders, Joe Kissner; (back row) David Grissom, Scott Simmerman, Tim Zimmerman, Gregory Agar, Nick Johnson-Moyneur and Richard Reagan.

CASTO: Remains hopeful for Rangely's future

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Casto says he encouraged the council and town to accept the road despite the discrepancy, believing that the benefit of the potential homes and businesses would more than make up for any additional cost of maintenance on the road.

Unfortunately for Casto, the rest of the council was concerned about estimates made by staff of the cost of road maintenance and repair. Casto calls the estimates "inflated."

However, Rangely Mayor Frank Huitt disagrees with Casto's take on the subdivision road saying that he "stands by what the town did 100 percent. They [the Hayes] deviated from the original agreement. The town shouldn't pay \$50,000-\$60,000 to correct the road." He also believes

that Rangely is in fact business-friendly, but says that his approach to encouraging business differs from Casto's.

"My idea of being business-friendly is being the least intrusive as we can be, but not donating money to business," Huitt said, "I'm a strong believer in free enterprise. The strong survive and the weak fail, but the government shouldn't be propping up weak businesses."

Casto also felt concern about the recent move of Crossfire LLC from Rangely to Vernal, a move that he believes "hurts every business on Main Street." In his opinion the town didn't do enough to keep the business local.

"They have to change the way they look at economics, we don't have any tax incentives for business,"

Casto says.

There were other decisions made by the town council that also left Casto disappointed. In February the council approved spending \$66,000 to improve the parking lot north of the new car museum. "I can't defend that decision," he said.

Mayor Huitt says he can defend the decision though.

Huitt says the council agreed that when visitors come into Rangely from the West they see an unattractive lot, which hurts the town. In addition he feels that Bud Striegel, owner of the car museum, has done much for the town, including donating the lot.

Huitt expects the town will spend \$20,000-\$30,000 on the lot improvement.

All of these issues weighed heav-

ily on Casto and in March he decided that he'd had enough. It wasn't an easy decision for him to come to.

"I feel like I let some people down," he said. "But if you aren't making a difference then the stress isn't worth it."

Despite his departure from the town council Casto is hopeful for the future of Rangely. "I love Rangely a lot," he said, "I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the great people of this town."

Casto is also hopeful that sharing his reasons for resigning will encourage the people of the community to educate themselves about what's happening within the town, participate in the process and hold government accountable. "You forget who you're working for when you sit on that board and no one is involved."

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Ages 8-10, 11-12, 13-15

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SELLE: New superintendent

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of district teachers, the district accountability committee, district leadership team, administrators, support staff and a tour group.

At the close of each interview, the board gave the candidates a chance to ask them any questions or further reflect on their interest in the position. Selle wondered how committed the community and board was to the district. One of the concerns Selle has about the community he's now serving is the transient nature of the population. The board pointed out that many of our teachers and five out of the seven board members are Meeker School District graduates.

Selle suggested that the best board a superintendent ever works for is the one that hires them, so he asked the board if they were going to be sticking around (on the board). Each board member had to respond. Tom Allen said the term to which he was appointed was coming to a close, but that he certainly intended to run. Kurt Blunt, whose term expires in December, said he intended to run again unless someone convinced him otherwise. Bill deVergie said he had two and a half years left in his term, as do Bud Ridings and Todd Shults, indicating it was too far off yet to know if he'd be running. Ridings also

said it was too soon to tell. Shults said he probably would run again. Mindy Burke stated that she'd been on the board for nine years now and would likely not be running again this year. Marnell Bradfield said she was just coming to the end of her first term, but had not yet decided if she would run again.

Selle also asked the board how they evaluated their governance and improved their performance. Allen replied that the most important task of the board was doing what they were doing at that very time—trying to find and hire the very best superintendent that they can. Burke followed up saying, "And letting [that superintendent] do their job." The board explained to Selle that they had been participating in board training with Randy Black of the Colorado Association of School Boards.

For his part, Selle told the *Herald Times*, "He and his family are very excited to be coming to such a wonderful community and to becoming a part of what appears to be an excellent school system." Outgoing superintendent, Mark Meyer, said he, too, "is excited for the district, now able to move forward so early in the process without the angst of not knowing who the superintendent will be."



NOT YOUR AVERAGE BUCK ...

Deer are a common sight on the Colorado Northwest Community College campus in Rangely, and sometimes some animals are a little more recognizable than others. This atypical mule deer buck has been hanging around the CNCC campus for at least four years, and recently he made his annual spring appearance.

RENÉ HARDEN

Foot clinic offered Tuesday in Meeker at Pines Apartments

MEEKER | Pioneers Medical Center Home Health will be offering the monthly Foot Clinic on Tuesday, April 14 at 10 a.m. at the Pines Apartments, 875 Water St. A certified nurse assistant will trim toenails, provide skin care and check blood pressures. Persons found to have circulatory or foot problems will be referred to a physician. Please call 878-9265 to schedule an appointment.



COURTESY PHOTO

On Sunday, April 12 Rio Blanco County Historical Society will present "Colorful Characters of RBC," a fun character sketch of six colorful personalities who touched Rio Blanco County in days gone by: Teddy Roosevelt, Calamity Jane, Zane Grey, Eleanor Roosevelt, Chief Colorow and movie star, Buddy Roosevelt (Kenneth Sanderson). The luncheon is at 1 p.m. You are welcome to bring salad or dessert to share. RBCHS Board will provide cold cuts and homemade rolls. At 1:45 p.m. will be a brief business meeting, and from 2-3 p.m. will be an historical presentation. The venue will be the Old West Heritage Culture Center at 517 Park Ave. next door to the museum complex. Everyone is welcome.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Coach Bill Turner: Mentor, friend and maker of men

By **JOE GUTIERREZ**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I People are brought into our lives all the time and it seems that after they die is when you find the true meaning of why.

On Sunday, Feb. 22 I was on my way downtown when I received word that my wrestling Coach Bill Turner had passed away.

I pulled over and cried uncontrollably as my whole world came crashing down, and I had nowhere to run. For those who didn't know him, he was just another man, but for those whose lives he touched he was truly a gift from God. As a teacher and a coach he helped create a path for so many of us to follow.

For me, I believe the first time Coach Turner entered my life was in the early '70s between my oldest brother Roman's freshman and sophomore year. He had convinced Roman that he was wasting his time trying to play basketball and that the wrestling room was where he belonged.

His ways of convincing young men to enter the world of wrestling and helping them achieve their goals

is what helped put him in the books as one of wrestling's all-time greatest coaches. His influence on Roman was incredible. He coached Roman to become a two-time state qualifier, then helped Roman make his next step in the college ranks and become a two-time RMAC champion and an All-American. Roman then moved 50 miles from Meeker and with the help and guidance of Coach Turner became one of Colorado's elite high school coaches.

His influence continued with my brother Bobby Gutierrez as he became a two time state champion, outstanding 2A wrestler and member of Meeker's first state championship team.

The last Gutierrez who Coach Turner had to mold was me, or as I once overheard him tell Pat Sullivan, "the scrawny kid that loved the woods."

When I was in high school the lowest weight was 98 pounds. It wasn't until my junior year that I finally tipped the scales at 98 pounds. From junior high through my first couple years of high school I took a lot of whippings on the mat, and Coach kept telling me that good things

would happen if I just stuck with it. He molded that scrawny kid into Meeker's only 98-pound state champion.

Once I was graduated he would encourage me to go in and help with the junior high and high school program where I was able to give back to not only the sport but to the man that I owed so much to.

In 1985 I decided to be all that I could be and become an Army infantryman. It was Coach Turner who I once again turned to for advice, knowing that he was a proud Army veteran. He told me that basic training was a way to weed out the weak and wimpish, and if I could make it through his wrestling practices, I could make it through basic. In his words, "Don't let them get to you!"

I remember after a 12-mile speed march with full rucks and weapons in the hot Fort Benning, Ga., sun we were standing in formation with rucks still on our backs. I was in the front rank, sweat was pouring off all of us and the drill sergeant waiting for more of us to drop from exhaustion. In his loud voice he asked if any of us were missing anything, I raised my hand. In no time that round brown hat brim

was in my face asking, "What the f%ck are you missing private Gutierrez?" I said in my loud voice, "My wife, drill sergeant!" The next thing I heard was, "Get the f%ck down!" With a full ruck on my back and a M-16 across my hands I counted out 25 push-ups. Later some of my buddies asked why I said that. My response was, "Just to let them know they aren't getting to me."

After three years in the Army I made my way back home, and in 1990 I started as a custodian at Meeker High School. I would try and make my rounds of emptying trash cans during Coach Turner's planning period. He always had words of wisdom, and I always had a joke or hunting story for him. He would grab his coffee cup and say, "Follow me to the lounge so I can get a refill."

In the fall of 1993 I lost my Dad and it was Coach Turner to whom I turned for guidance during what seemed at the time like the worst thing that could have happened to me. I had always thought of Coach Turner as a father figure, and I found myself turning to him more and more all the time.

On Oct. 8, 2005, I found myself in

the same shoes as Coach Turner. Just like him, I was given a parent's worst nightmare of having to bury a child. Until that day, that was one thing he never shared his thoughts on nor did I ever ask. He came to me that day and held me as though he was transferring his strength to help hold my weakened body from shattering into pieces.

He spoke of the loss of his son Casey, and how he not only put himself through hell but members of his family and friends as well. He said, "Don't let this take over your life. You still have a family to take care of as well as yourself."

I thank God each and every day that I had him as well as all the others that have and still help guide me down my path of life.

I always look for signs and meanings to help me try and make sense of things. The man that I knew as Coach Turner (never to his face can I recall calling him Bill) was now gone. And that is it—he is gone. The man who left me and all who knew him is a legend, and as long as there are those of us who speak of him he will always be here—legends never die.

How fitting was it that in the days prior to his passing that he was in

Denver watching two of his grandsons compete in the state high school wrestling tournament? One who bears the name of his son who passed before him, and one who bears the maiden name of the lovely lady who stood by his side for so many years.

Two signs I get from Natasha are the numbers 222 and pennies from heaven. It was the second month and 22nd day that Coach Turner left so many of us with a heavy heart. It was the next day that I was cleaning the school when I found a penny by the front door and one by the side door. My thoughts were that maybe it was Coach and Natasha telling me that no matter what door you come in or out of, it's what you do while you are in there is what you will be remembered by.

On the day of his services I was lucky enough to drive by as they were about to take him into the high school. We unloaded him and I walked down the hall one last time with the man that meant the world to me. Thank you, Coach, for never giving up on me and thank you for all the life lessons you put into this once scrawny kid who loved the woods.

Rest in peace my friend.

ONE PERSON'S OPINION

Wolf recovery signs in Yellowstone are mixed

By **WARREN CORNWALL**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Some come for the geysers and grizzlies, but I've traveled hundreds of miles to Yellowstone National Park simply to stand in the drainage of Elk Creek, stooped over a stunted willow bush. Tan branches, tinged with red, just reach my thighs, and narrow pale-green leaves blend into the wheat-like stalks of timothy grass and smooth brome filling this humdrum meadow.

Nearby, David Cooper, a Colorado State University ecologist, inspects one willow like

a doctor examining a patient. The diagnosis isn't good. "This plant has obviously got a lot of problems," Cooper says. "It's just stuck." This willow could be 30 years old and should be 12 feet tall, but it looks as if I could uproot it with one swift jerk. It's a clue to the mystery that drew me to the park: Have wolves saved Yellowstone?

National Geographic, Scientific American, countless newspaper articles, documentaries, even a TED talk, have all marveled at the transformation wrought by the re-introduction of wolves to Yellowstone in the mid-1990s. The story goes like this: After a

70-year absence, returning wolves put elk on the run, depleting their numbers and scattering the remainder. Freed from relentless browsing, the region bloomed with fresh vegetation, inviting songbirds, beaver and other animals. Wolves were bringing Eden back from the brink.

It's a lovely tale, but researchers like Cooper warn that the reality is more complicated. For him and fellow Colorado State professor Tom Hobbs, Elk Creek is key to understanding north Yellowstone's ecosystem, and to telling a truer story, one of an older, more vibrant landscape that may already be lost,

perhaps irrevocably.

Cooper, who is stocky and has a trim white beard, has spent his career as a plant ecologist, tracing water and its role in Western landscapes from the Sonoran Desert to the Rocky Mountains. Hobbs, lanky and loquacious, specializes in mathematically modeling how large mammals shape ecosystems. In 2000, the duo came to Elk Creek, drawn by talk of intriguing changes rippling through the ecosystem as wolf packs grew. They wondered what was happening in the smaller streams that lace the area, particularly to the willows that are the linchpin to their health.

"It's not like the wolves came in and everything has readjusted to normal," Cooper says. "Some sites may recover more quickly, others may never recover."

Much of north Yellowstone falls away from the park's high central plateau in a series of broad valleys, steep canyons and rolling sagebrush hillsides. Its lower elevation and drier climate make it a winter haven for elk. In the wolves' absence, plants like willow and aspen declined, as expanding elk herds

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WOLF: Elk, beaver affected by return

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browsed on them in winter.

On a hot summer day, there's little sign of elk in the creek named after them. Cooper lets go of his stubby willow branch, strides down to the stream and points to a wall of dirt carved away by the water, revealing layers of fine-grained gray and brown sediment, the traces of vanished ponds. Less than a century ago, we would have been underwater. "This was a pond environment for thousands of years," Cooper says. "This whole valley was just full of beaver dams."

In fact, in the early 1920s, a naturalist named Edward Warren spent two summers here, photographing and cataloguing beaver colonies near the Yellowstone River. On Elk Creek's North Fork, Warren counted 17 dams, the largest a 350-foot-long bulwark worthy of a medieval castle. In all, he guessed there were more than 200 beaver in the streams he surveyed. Back then, the concern was that too many beaver, with too few predators, were devouring too many plants. Today, in those same places, there are no beavers at all.

Populations of the flat-tailed rodents naturally ebb and flow in a creek. Nature's engineers, the beavers gnaw down aspen and willow, move on to other places when they're gone, then return when new plants grow in the soft, moist soil created by the abandoned dams. As we walk downstream, Cooper and Hobbs explain that the loss of wolves appears to have short-circuited this natural cycle in places like Elk Creek. Exploding elk numbers destroyed the willow and aspen, driving the beaver away. Over time, the creek eroded into a steep-banked gully, lowering the water table. A wet meadow became a dry valley, inhospitable to plants like willow, even after wolves returned and

elk numbers fell.

This became clear in experiments the two have run at Elk Creek and several other streams. They built dams in the creeks to simulate beaver and fenced off patches of willow to keep elk out. In most cases, the willows only rebounded when they were fenced off and grew near the dams, where the ground was moist. In other words, without the dams, it didn't matter about the elk—or the wolves that might have chased them.

Cooper thinks Elk Creek and similar streams have undergone such profound changes that recovery might require the return of both the wolf and the beaver. But it's not that simple, either. "Until there's enough willow that the beavers can come back, it's going to be stuck," he says. "So the question is, what's it going to take for the engineers to come back?"

For Doug Smith, the head of Yellowstone's wolf reintroduction program and the park's main beaver biologist, Elk Creek is a sobering reminder that some of the damage wrought in the wolves' absence might never be repaired—that Eden may never fully return. "This has changed to a site that can't go back," he says later, when I take him to the creek. "There's no water."

But there is another story unfolding elsewhere, he says: Go to the West Fork of Blacktail Deer Creek.

If Elk Creek is Exhibit A for the wolf skeptics, Blacktail Deer Creek, just nine miles to the west, is a shining example for wolf champions. Slightly bigger than Elk Creek, it's hidden in a forest of willows, which sway in the breeze like seaweed in the tide. Over the last 13 years, Robert Beschta, an Oregon State University hydrologist, and his colleague, ecologist William Ripple, have used this creek to document what they see as a wolf-driven revival of north Yellowstone.

Before the predator's return, Blacktail Deer's willows looked much like those in Elk Creek. But by 2003, a growth spurt had begun: The tallest willows were roughly six feet longer than in 1997. As these tallest plants grew, the number chomped by animals fell from 100 percent to 55 percent or less. In the last few years, beaver have begun making summer forays into the creek. "Come back in 15 years and ask the question, 'Where are the beaver?'" and I bet you they're going to be everywhere," Beschta tells me.

I drive Cooper to Blacktail Deer Creek. We walk a mile up its West Fork, through sagebrush punctuated by fledgling aspen groves. This section of stream has witnessed some of the most dramatic growth. "If you're wondering why the plants here look so different," Cooper says, "we're wondering that, too."

Were these willows simply more resilient when the elk reigned, and therefore poised to rebound? Or was the ground here simply wetter? What lessons do this creek and Elk Creek hold for the broader region?

For Smith, the conclusion seems to hinge partly on where scientists decide to look. After two decades at the park, he's convinced he sees real improvements in some larger streams and rivers. And he credits wolves for playing an important part. "Elk are key, but so are site characteristics," he says. "You need both."

Yet Yellowstone is a massive ecosystem, and we don't know everything about it. Some of its watersheds could be blossoming out of sight, even as others languish, never to return. Yellowstone is recovering. And Yellowstone is stuck. There is more than one Yellowstone, and more than one story it can tell us.

Warren Cornwall is a contributor to High Country News.

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Thanks to everyone who participated in Rangely blood drive

Dear Editor:

With sincere gratitude, my husband and I want to thank everyone who participated in the fifth annual Makayla Kottenstette Memorial Blood Drive. Words cannot express our gratitude to everyone in this community who was there to support us in body and spirit. Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and selfless acts. We are

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The Lamb of God (2)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

BEHOLD the Lamb of God . . . (Jn. 1:29, 36). Never was there a fuller testimony borne to Christ upon earth," writes J. C. Ryle, "than that which is here borne by John the Baptist." We have noted prefiguring, provision, and punishing of the Lamb.

Fourth, then, we see the *personage* of the Lamb in Isaiah 53. Up to this point, the lamb has been an animal, certainly one that pointed to more, but still an animal. But here we discover specifically the "He" to which it all has been pointing. "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter" (v. 7). Only one person in history matches the detailed description in this chapter. But who?

Fifth, we see the *presentation* of the Lamb in John 1. While Isaiah 53 tells us that the typified Lamb is a *person*, we now learn who this person is: Jesus Christ. The word **Behold** (*ide*) is an interjection that calls attention to its object, so we could translate the phrase, "Look, the Lamb of God." And what would the Lamb do? He would [take] away the sin of the world. The Greek behind **taketh away** (*airo*) means to lift up and carry away and indicates permanence. Every lamb that preceded could only temporarily *cover* sin; this Lamb would forever *carry* it away.

Sixth, we see the *promise* of the Lamb in Acts 8:26–39. As an Ethiopian dignitary was reading Isaiah 53, the Holy Spirit directed Philip to overtake the man's chariot so he could ask him, "Do you understand what you are reading?" "How can I," he answered, "except some man

should guide me?" Philip then preached the Gospel to Him, making it clear that Jesus Christ was indeed the promised Messiah Isaiah so graphically described. What was the result? The man testified, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Seventh, we see the *power* of the Lamb in 1 Peter 1:18–21. This passage not only declares that we were "redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish," but goes on to confirm the resurrection of the Lamb, a truth never disclosed in the OT. By first looking *back* and then looking *forward*, Peter ties together the OT and NT lamb. And it is the resurrection of the Lamb that demonstrates His true power to redeem us from sin and deliver us from hell.

Eighth and finally, we see the *praising* of the Lamb in two passages in Revelation. In 5:6–14, we see the Lamb *ruling* *formidably* over His worshipping people and in 21:1–22:5 we see Him *reigning forever* over the eternal state.

Behold the Lamb of God!
Scriptures for Study: Read and rejoice over the above Revelation passages.

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CNCC students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

By **RENÉ HARDEN**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I March 31 was a special day for 26 CNCC freshman students on the Rangely campus. The 26 students were inducted to Phi Theta Kappa, the Beta Epsilon Tau

Chapter, which is the Chapter for CNCC Rangely campus only.

PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education for two-year colleges. The four hallmarks for Phi Theta Kappa are fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service.

Each semester, invitations for membership are extended by the chapter to students without advanced degrees who have completed at least 12 hours of courses which are leading them to an associate's degree and who have at least a grade point average of a 3.5.



RENÉ HARDEN

(Top) The 2015 induction candidates and out-going officers are: (top row) Adrian Martinez, Kailyn Sanders, Katherine Stokes, Rosamaria Martinez, Annie Sadvar, Alex Mackay; (fourth row) Jeremiah Fat, Kirstle Lyman, Jacki Hardy, Robert Minatra, Kellie Percival, Bailey Walker, Katie O'Hern; (third row) Keerstin Linnebur, Cassee Ames, Stephen Claassen, Kendal Jacobsen, Kendra Costner, Sophie Messaros, Danielle Stonehouse, and Lillian Sandford; (second row) Amanda Meinders, Dawn Pozorski, Erika Meiningner, Leana Cox, Amy Griffin; (first row) Trisha Osborn, Johana Lara, Kim Gonzalea, Melanie Preston, Renee Gittings and Megan Bales. (Center) CNCC President Russell George congratulates Amy Griffin the new president of the incoming PTK.



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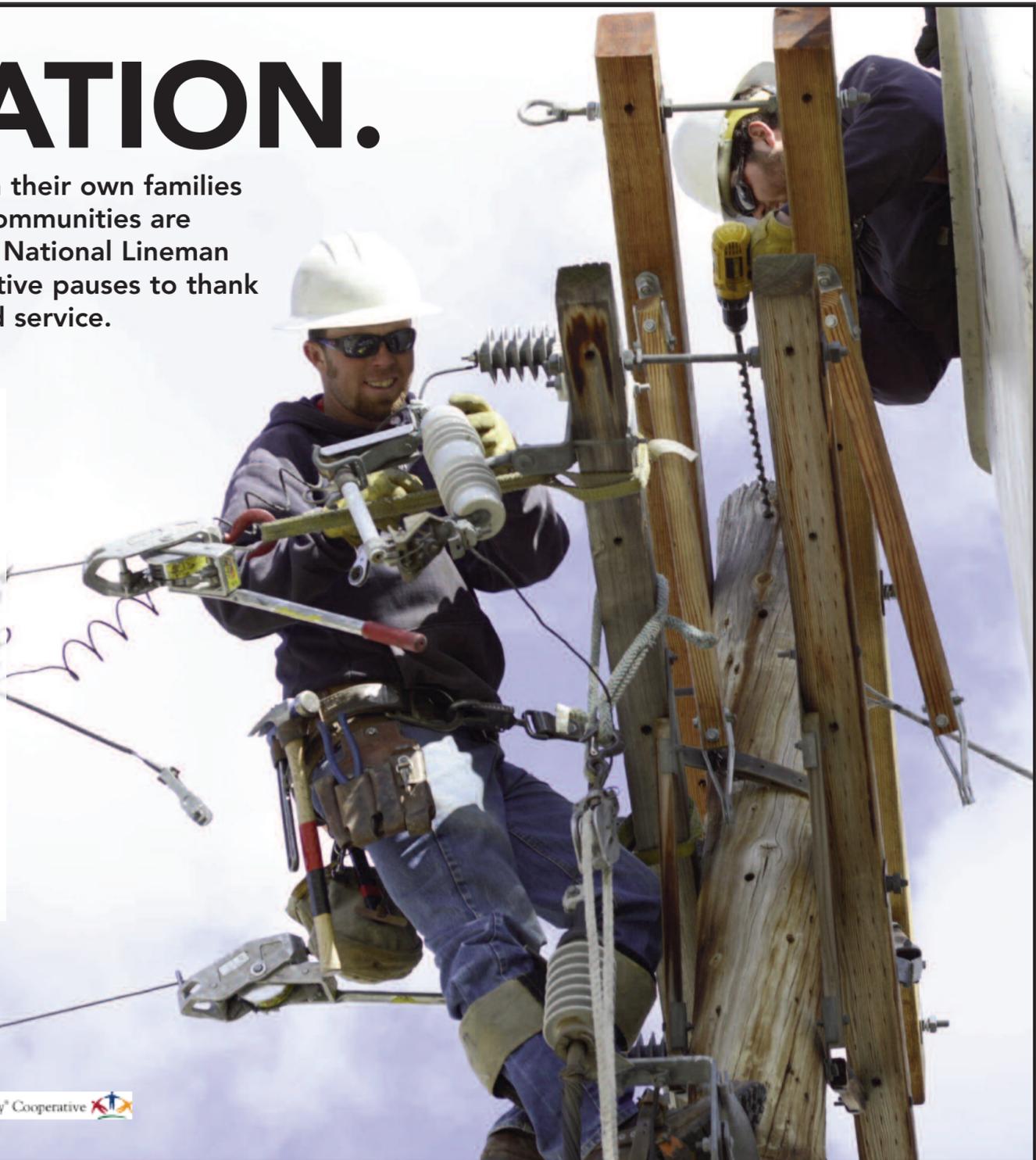
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White River Electric would like to recognize our linemen, John Ruder, Craig Thiessen, Jason Kracht, Brett Berthelson, Chris Stanworth, Nathan Pelloni, Tanner Russell, Trenton Schindler, Dusty Allen and John Purkey. Please take a moment to thank these men for the work they do.



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After Birth Ball set for April 18

RBC The annual After Birth Ball will be held in Meeker on April 18, and tickets are now available at the Meeker Chamber of Commerce.

Celebrating the end of the calving and lambing season, the annual event is sponsored by the Meeker Chapter of the Future Farmers of America and will be held at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center, 200 Main Street. Dinner tickets are \$35 per person for adults and \$25 for youths 12 and under.

Events will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour and live and silent auction preview, followed with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a free dance open to everyone at 9 p.m.

Part of the fun will be the live and silent auctions of donated goods as well as the auctioning off of FFA hired-hand workers. All auction proceeds will go to support the Meeker FFA and Agricultural Education.

Live music will be provided for the dance, and will feature the Harris and Lee Band. There will also be a cash bar provided throughout the event.

Know the signs of child abuse and neglect

By SHANNON SHERIDAN
Rio Blanco County
Department of Human Services
Special to the Herald Times

RBC Child abuse and neglect can have lifelong implications for its victims, including on their well-being. Children who are maltreated often are at risk of experiencing cognitive delays and emotional difficulties, among other issues.

Childhood trauma also negatively affects nervous system and immune system development, putting children who have been maltreated at a higher risk for health problems as adults.

The first step in helping abused or neglected children is learning to recognize the signs of child abuse and neglect.

Recognizing Signs of Abuse and Neglect

Signs in the child:

- Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance.

- Has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents' attention.

- Has learning problems (or difficulty concentrating) that cannot be attributed to specific physical or psychological causes.

- Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen.

- Lacks adult supervision.

- Is overly compliant, passive or withdrawn

- Comes to school or other activities early, stays late and does not want to go home.

- Is reluctant to be around a particular person or discloses maltreatment.

Signs in the parent:

- Denies the existence of—or blames the

child for—the child's problems in school or at home.

- Asks teachers or other caregivers to use harsh physical discipline if the child misbehaves.

- Sees the child as entirely bad, worthless or burdensome.

- Demands a level of physical or academic performance the child cannot achieve

- Looks primarily to the child for care, attention and satisfaction of the parent's emotional needs.

- Shows little concern for the child.

Signs in the parent and child:

- Rarely touch or look at each other

- Consider their relationship entirely negative.

- State that they do not like each other.

The above list may not be all the signs of abuse or neglect. It is important to pay attention to other behaviors that may seem unusual or concerning.

Consider the possibility of physical abuse when the parent or other adult caregiver:

- Offers conflicting, unconvincing or no explanation for the child's injury, or provides an explanation that is not consistent with the injury.

- Describes the child as "evil" or in some other very negative way.

- Uses harsh physical discipline with the child.

- Has a history of abuse as a child.

- Has a history of abusing animals or pets.

Consider the possibility of neglect when the child:

- Is frequently absent from school.

- Begs or steals food or money.

- Lacks needed medical or dental care, immunizations or glasses.

- Is consistently dirty and has severe body odor.

- Lacks sufficient clothing for the weather.

- Abuses alcohol or other drugs

- States that there is no one at home to provide care.

Consider the possibility of neglect when the parent or other adult caregiver:

- Appears to be indifferent to the child

- Seems apathetic or depressed

- Behaves irrationally or in a bizarre manner

- Is abusing alcohol or other drugs.

Consider the possibility of sexual abuse when the child:

- Has difficulty walking or sitting

- Suddenly refuses to change for gym or to participate in physical activities

- Reports nightmares or bedwetting

- Experiences a sudden change in appetite

- Demonstrates bizarre, sophisticated or unusual sexual knowledge or behavior

- Becomes pregnant or contracts a venereal disease, particularly if under age 14

- Runs away

- Reports sexual abuse by a parent or another adult caregiver

- Attaches very quickly to strangers or new adults in their environment.

Consider the possibility of sexual abuse when the parent or other adult caregiver:

- Is unduly protective of the child or severely limits the child's contact with other children, especially of the opposite sex.

- Is secretive and isolated.

- Is jealous or controlling with family members.

Consider the possibility of emotional maltreatment when the child:

- Shows extremes in behavior, such as overly compliant or demanding behavior, extreme passivity or aggression.

- Is either inappropriately adult (parenting other children, for example) or inappropriately infantile (frequently rocking or head-banging, for example).

- Is delayed in physical or emotional development.

- Has attempted suicide.

- Reports a lack of attachment to the parent.

Consider the possibility of emotional maltreatment when the parent or other adult caregiver:

- Constantly blames, belittles or berates the child.

- Is unconcerned about the child and refuses to consider offers of help for the child's problems.

- Overtly rejects the child.

Reporting your concerns is not making an accusation. Rather, it is a request for an investigation/assessment to determine if help is needed.

Some reporters hesitate to report for fear that the family may learn their identity. By law, the child welfare agency must keep the reporting party's identity confidential unless the court requires it to be revealed.

If you have concerns or questions about suspected child abuse and/or neglect, please contact the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services, 970-878-9640, and select option #5.

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New Craig campus CNCC VP treated to Meeker tour

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Janell Oberlander is the new vice-president of the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) Craig Campus.

She came to Craig from Rapid City, S.D., where she had served as the dean of student services, admissions coordinator and career services coordinator and veterans affairs representative for Western Dakota Technical Institute.

On March 30 she was treated to a day-long tour of Meeker. College president Russell George of the Rangely CNCC campus accompanied Oberlander on the tour.

Meeker CNCC Center coordinator Iris Franklin and CNCC Foundation Board members Dave Cole and Reed Kelley organized and led the tour for Oberlander and George.

The purpose of the tour was to familiarize Oberlander with Meeker as a community and to explore ways the mutually beneficial ties between the college and Meeker might be strengthened, how Meeker can better participate in CNCC programs and courses and how CNCC can better serve Meeker.

The tour started at the CNCC Meeker Center office and proceeded to the Meeker Fire District for a discussion hosted by new Meeker Fire Chief Richard Cook and administrative assistant Vicki Crawford.

The group then gathered for discussions with Wendy and Bobby Gutierrez over fresh-baked cinnamon rolls, muffins and hot coffee at Wendell's Wondrous Things and Cuppa Joe. Topics included the

importance of dual enrollment classes (high school and college) for Meeker students and the general business environment in Meeker currently.

The group journeyed to the new Pioneers Medical Center, still under construction, where hospital administrator Ken Harman, after properly outfitting everyone in bright yellow safety vests, safety glasses and hard hats, led an hour-long tour of the new facility.

Harman announced that the construction would be completed by June 5 and the grand opening dedication would be held the afternoon of June 13.

Lunch was provided through catering by Holliday's Bar and Grill at the current Pioneers Hospital. Discussion continued about how the hospital might participate further in CNCC Allied Health curricula, the importance of nurse training in the region and hospital personnel needs.

Following lunch, the tour group ventured into Meeker High School to be greeted by Principal Kim Ibach, counselor Amy Chinn and head secretary Mandi Etheridge, herself a former long-term Meeker mayor. Chinn escorted folks to the classrooms of dual enrollment teachers Kathleen Kelley, Cheri Robinson and Ben Quinn where some interaction with students was appreciated.

After driving by the Meeker Elementary School, the group was greeted by new Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan and Park District Director Sean von Roenn at the Recreation Center. Von Roenn, aided by assistant director Dondi Glasscock, oriented Oberlander and George on the Center's amenities.

It was a surprise to find out how much use the center is getting from Craig residents who do not have such a facility. George thought it was the first time he'd ever seen a moving river as part of a swimming pool complex.

Leaving the recreation center, the group traveled downtown where

Meeker Library District Director Mike Bartlett led a library visit, especially of the new addition on the facility which has tremendous potential for technological, meeting and entertainment venues for the community and college programming. Books, the library cat, enthralled the entourage as did the collection of historic photos Bartlett has lining the library walls.

At the Meeker Work Force Center in town hall, director Cathy Caldwell focused the group on a serious discussion of work force issues—discussions ranged from the need to find, help and hold students to the aid they can receive through work force programs that are tied to college coursework and degrees. A spontaneous visit to the old drive-through bank and residence at Third and Main streets, now the new home of the VFW, American Legion and Meeker Lions Club, was led by Dave Cole who regaled the group with veterans' stories, memorabilia, memoirs and plaques. Again, this remarkable accomplishment of the combined organizations holds great potential and promise for the community.

The tour group's day then resolved to a social hour and dinner at the Mexican House with owner, and Meeker Chamber of Commerce board member, Arturo Rodriguez.

Trina Zagar-Brown, representing the White River Electric Association, joined the discussions, as did Meeker school board president Bill deVergie, Meeker Mayor Regas Halandras and student parent Michele Morgan, also an owner of Meeker's Elk Mountain Inn.

The dinner was focused on Meeker High School's dual enrollment teachers: Cheri Robinson, Kathleen Kelley, Bob Dorsett, Ben Quinn, Don Cameron, Trina Kennedy Smith and high school dual enrollment coordinator, Amy Chinn.

Herald Times editor Sean McMahon participated as did the Craig CNCC Dean of Instruction Donna Theimer.

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WREA applauds passage of renewable energy bill

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I White River Electric Association applauds the Colorado House of Representatives' passage of Senate Bill 15-046.

On March 30, the House voted 65-0 in favor of the bill. The bill will now go to Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) for his signature.

SB 15-046 addresses the "retail distributed generation (DG)" requirement contained in SB 13-252, which increased renewable resource requirement for electric co-ops two years ago. SB 13-252 requires electric co-ops to derive at least 0.5 percent of their sales from renewable energy sources located on the customer side of the

electric meter by 2020.

The change in SB 15-046 allows electric cooperatives to exclude industrial sales from the total sales subject to the 0.5 percent retail DG requirement. In addition, SB 15-046 allows electric co-ops to count the output from community solar gardens as retail DG.

These provisions in the bill put rural electric cooperatives on equal footing with

investor-owned utilities.

White River Electric Association, along with CREA, the trade association for Colorado's 22 electric cooperatives, worked for months to promote these practical additions to SB 13-252.

WREA General Manager Alan Michalewicz said, "This is a big win for the reasonable and responsible inclusion of

integrated renewable energy resources into our system."

Michalewicz went on to state, "WREA supports renewable energy resources that do not create an undue burden on our rate base. It is great to see the Colorado General Assembly coming together to amend SB 13-252 for the benefit of renewable energy and our membership."

IN SEARCH OF FISH...



SEAN MCMAHON

Sunday presented fishermen and women around Rio Blanco County with beautiful warm and sunny weather. Several folks from Craig came down to fish at Rio Blanco Lake, about 18 miles west of Meeker, because they said the fish they were after—crappie and perch—aren't available in Moffat County. There were several groups fishing the lake and the anglers reported a few fish being landed and several hits that weren't.

'Night at MES Museum' tonight

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The fifth-grade class at Meeker Elementary School invites the Meeker community to the "Night at the MES Museum" today from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Parents, residents and local youths should drop in at Meeker

Elementary School on this special evening to get "a blast from the past" as the fifth graders bring famous people to life in their museum. This unforgettable night becomes even more magical because the students will be accepting coin donations at each of their exhibits to go toward a charity of

their choice to help make a difference in our world.

The Scholastic Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair will be in conjunction with the Night at the MES Museum.

The book fair began last night and continues today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Next meeting for Meeker business leaders Friday

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The next Meeker Chamber of Commerce Business Leaders Luncheon will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Old West Heritage Culture Center at 517 Park St. in Meeker, and the topic of the gathering will be "Heritage Tourism

in Meeker."

Ellene Meece, president of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society, will discuss the new Old West Heritage Culture Center and how to strengthen our economy through cultural and heritage tourism.

The catered lunch is open to any-

one interested in networking with other business leaders, owners and managers to discuss important issues that affect Meeker's business community, and it is a chance to enjoy lunch from a local restaurant. Cost is \$10 per person.

For more information, call the chamber at 878-5510.

Rangely students to pick up trash April 27

RANGELY I On April 27 National Junior Honor Society will be leading the Rangely Middle School students to participate in a town-wide trash pick-up. Students will be around town from 1:30-3:30 p.m. April 27 helping to beautify the community. If you have questions, please contact NJHS sponsor Kari Enke.

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Former coach honored at Rangely Youth Wrestling Tournament

April 4 named 'Bill Turner and Family Legacy Day'

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

RANGELY At first, the Rangely Youth Wrestling Tournament felt like another kickoff to the youth wrestling season.

As volunteers passed out brackets, boisterous kids practiced takedowns and goofed off with friends. Parents watched their children with barely-contained anxiety or assured calm. Coaches reminded nervous athletes that the Half-Nelson was

indeed within their range of ability.

Unlike previous years, however, Saturday's Rangely Youth Wrestling Tournament included a tribute to a man whose ability to understand, apply and coach wrestling helped make the sport what it is in Rio Blanco County.

Longtime Meeker wrestling coach Bill Turner, who passed away Feb. 22, had a passion for the sport and his community that had far-reaching effects on those who knew him.

The Rangely youth wrestling staff's

dedication of April 4, 2015, as the "Bill Turner and Family Legacy Day" was one way to acknowledge that.

"The definition of a legend is a story handed down for generations among family or people and believed to have a historical basis," Rangely Youth Wrestling Program head coach Jeff LeBleu said. "Today we are celebrating a true legend and his family's legacy."

As Rangely wrestlers, coaches and parent volunteers knelt or stood in tribute during a dedication ceremony before

the tournament, LeBleu outlined Turner's achievements, from earning Rangely High School's first state championship in 1958 to taking 109 Meeker qualifiers to State during his 20-year tenure as head coach. Of those qualifiers, 21 became State champions, nine were runner-ups and 70 others placed.

Turner was inducted into the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1996.

Turner passed his passion for wrestling in particular, and sports in gen-

eral, to his children and grandchildren. LeBleu described the strong sports legacy carried on by children Kai, Casey, Keenan, Coley, Hallie and Molly and their children as staff distributed flowers and cards to the Turner family and a plaque to widow Anne Turner.

"I'm grateful to the Rangely wrestling community and the Turner family for letting this happen," LeBleu said after the dedication. "Bill Turner was a great man. It was privilege for us to honor him and his family this way."



(Left) Rangely Youth Wrestling Program head coach Jeff LeBleu hands a commemorative plaque to Anne Turner, widow of Bill Turner, during Saturday's youth wrestling tournament in Rangely. Bill Turner, a 1958 Rangely High School state wrestling champion and longtime Meeker wrestling coach and Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame coach, passed away Feb. 22. (Right) Rangely youth wrestlers take a "champion's stance" during Saturday's dedication of the Rangely Youth Wrestling Tournament as the Bill Turner and Family Legacy Day.

Youth wrestlers from 10 area teams begin season in Rangely

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

RANGELY On April 4, 368 wrestlers from 10 teams, including 100 participants from Rangely and Meeker, joined in the Northwest Colorado Wrestling League's first tournament of the year at the Rangely Junior-Senior High School.

Of the 53 Meeker wrestlers who participated, 31 placed in the top four in their weight classes, including double-bracketers Ty Goedert (1st/2nd), Cade Blunt (1st/1st) and Connor Blunt (2nd/3rd). Full statistics of Rangely wrestlers' placing were unavailable, but at least 24 of the team's 47 wrestlers placed in the top four.

Rangely Youth Wrestling Program head coach Jeff LeBleu said he was pleased with the team's performance, even as he anticipates wrestlers improving throughout the season.

"You saw kids carrying out what they've learned," LeBleu said. "You can tell they've been listening. Now we need to work on takedowns and breakdowns—getting opponents down on the mat at the beginning and breaking kids down through the match."

Just how that will happen, he said, is simple.

"It's going to take work, work, and work," he said. "A lot of it is that they know it, but they're not comfortable yet doing it. The practice is the only thing that'll make it come."

Meeker head coach Carl Padilla, who has been involved with the town's youth wrestling program for 20-plus years, said this year's team seems focused and committed to learning.

"What I see with these guys is that they're really into wrestling, so I appreciate that," Padilla said. "The younger kids like to chatter and play around, but they stop the chatter when it's time to learn technique. So they're going in the right direction."

For Padilla, a highlight of the Meeker team's performance Saturday involved

wrestlers' attitudes. The sport's difficulty can elicit strong emotions, especially after a loss, and the sportsmanship the wrestlers exhibited, whether in accepting a win with grace or consoling a teammate after a loss, was noteworthy, he said.

In looking ahead, the Meeker coaching staff will focus on keeping the season enjoyable and reinforcing the basics so kids will keep coming back.

"Our priority is to keep kids involved with wrestling," Padilla said. "As kids get older, we can lose them in middle school and high school. We want to keep wrestling a fun sport and work on the basics. Hopefully, they'll continue to have fun and keep doing it."

LeBleu, now in his 26th year coaching Rangely wrestling programs ranging from youth through high school, said the process of watching children evolve in the sport—from struggling to stay focused to applying key concepts to understanding the use of more complex moves—is hugely rewarding.

"Following them from being little guys to kids really starting to get it, then on through middle and high school to being a champion like (Rangely High School state champion) Travis (Witherell), that's really cool," he said. "That's the fun part of it. The little kids are fun just because they're fun, but each year they understand more of it."

LeBleu gave credit to this year's group of older children for paying attention in practices and applying the lessons learned during the week in the tournament.

The event ran smoothly except for "a couple of hiccups" in coordination that LeBleu said will be resolved before next year's hosting. While Rangely was unable to integrate Track Wrestling management software, which assists in bracket creation and provides live scoring updates online, in time for this year's tournament, team leaders hope to use it next year.

Rangely and Meeker wrestlers will attend

the league's next tournament in Rifle Saturday, April 11.

Rangely Places/Participation:

1st: Kenny Henson, Taylor Gibson, Wyatt Petty, Zane Wiley

2nd: Braden Lucas, Deacon Jones, Braydin Karschner, Jaxon Torsell, Kobey Chism, Matthew Morgan, Reid Zadra

3rd: Brent Cantrell, Donte Pearce, Drew Zadra, Ella Fortunato, Jaden Heredia, Kasen LeBleu, Landon Carlson, Breckin McElhane

4th: Aiden Cook, Christian Fortunato, Gage Neilsen, Izaiah Moody, Rylan Booker

5th: Annika Cantrell
Participation/Unknown*: Auron Sheeley, Blaine Stevens, Brode Low, Caleb Wiley, Chance Allred, Clay Allred, Colin Zadra, Curtis Reeves*, Gage Prater, Joseph McKay*, Joseph Nickson, Timothy Scoggins*, Keighton Cushman, Kolton Lemus*, Logan Files*, Mariah Henson, Steven Raley*, Trey Lewis*, Tyson Barnes*, Wyatt Stevens, Zeek Gianinetti, Robert Smith

Meeker Places/Participation:

1st: Domonic Wyatt, Ty Goedert (one bracket), Noah LeBlanc, Levi Caufield, Cade Blunt (both brackets), Kelton Turner, Parker Pontine, and Dillon Hobbs.

2nd: Elijah LeBlanc, Cody Richardson, Ty Goedert (one bracket), Connor Blunt (one bracket), Tucker Chinn, Kyler Ridgeway, Liam Deming, Dax Sheridan, Finley Deming, Cooper Main, Chayton Bumgardner, Brendan Clatterbaugh, and Caleb Hall.

3rd: Connor Blunt (one bracket), Hoyt Garcia, Aiden Buckler, Jace Vroman, Justin George, Jacob Blazon, Jon Baker, and Kaden Ridgeway.

4th: Wyatt Ross, Adrianna Price, Kaden Franklin, and Colby Clatterbaugh.

Participation: Peter Houser, Sienna Rolan, Eli Rundberg, Levi Petrocco, Reed Goedert, Wil Schwartz, Alex Zellers, Dathan Dade, Dexter Chinn, Dillon Prett, Nathan Smith, Sydnie Ross, Jasmine Long, Ben Houser, Able Ketchens, Casey Zellers, Will Hall, Judd Harvey, Damin Dade, Dagon Dade, and Zagar Brown.



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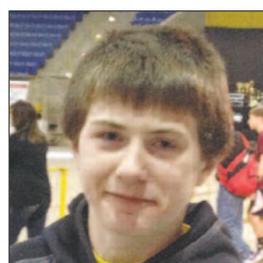
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TANNEN KENNEDY Meeker Wrestling

Tannen Smith placed fifth at the Colorado Middle School State Tournament Tuesday at 105. There were 45 wrestlers in his bracket, and he has been asked to represent Team Colorado at the National Middle School Duals in Council Bluffs Iowa next week at 117.

FLYING...



Rangely's Antoinette Dorris competes in the high jump.

NYCH DELEON

Cowboys drop two games to Paonia, 14-2 and 27-2

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I "Paonia is always tough," Meeker head baseball coach Jason Browning said. The Eagles were in Meeker on Saturday and won a doubleheader held after a JV game at Paintbrush Park. The Cowboys played in Hotchkiss on Tuesday and will host them at home Saturday.

The Cowboys have enough players for a JV team, which also saw action last Saturday and faced the same outcome as the varsity, as the game was called after five innings.

"It was great to have a JV game," Browning said. "It's nice to have the numbers."

Meeker's varsity is currently 2-4 and Browning said, "We are still OK in the league standings but we have a tough stretch coming with Hotchkiss twice, then Paonia again."

The Cowboys lost 14-2 after five innings in the first game against Paonia, then lost 27-2 in the second, after Paonia scored 17 runs in the third inning.

"We are focused on getting better and working towards the district tourney," Browning said.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker High School senior Kash Atwood made contact with this ball and hit a double in the second game of a doubleheader against the Paonia Eagles. The Cowboys traveled to Hotchkiss on Tuesday to play the Bulldogs in a doubleheader and will host them for another doubleheader on Saturday at Paintbrush Park.

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Dr. Rieves community involvement includes participation in health plans practice transformation, research publications and as an educator of anatomy and physiology of yoga.



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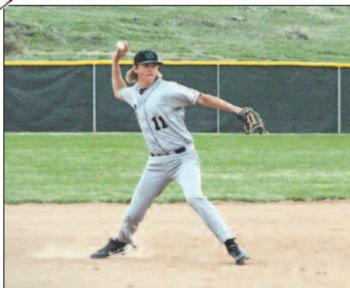
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YOUTH WRESTLING...



MATT SCOGGINS

At the April 4 wrestling tournament in Rangely, of the 53 Meeker wrestlers who participated, 31 placed in the top four in their weight classes. Full statistics of Rangely wrestlers' placing were unavailable as of press time, but at least 24 of the team's 47 wrestlers placed in the top four.



Sidewalk work on Meeker's Market Street to start soon

By SEAN McMAHON
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MEEKER Within the past week, the Town of Meeker, utilizing funding support from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), has started work on the long-planned sidewalk and crosswalk installation on the north side of Market Street in downtown Meeker.

The project includes replacing sidewalks and installing new sidewalks and enhancements from Fourth Street to Watts Ranch Market along the north side of Market Street, as well as the construction of crosswalks at Fifth and Eighth streets.

Duckels Construction of Steamboat Springs is the contractor for this project.

"Work is beginning somewhere already," Mayor Regas Halandras said late last week. "There will be some surveying and setting of stakes before the work is obvious," he said. "But within a short time, the construction equipment will be in place on the lot next to Family Dollar, and work

should be in full swing in no time."

Halandras said the Meeker project had a planned starting date of May 1 but that with the good weather, "CDOT gave us the go-ahead, and we may be done now by the end of June."

There will be intermittent closure of traffic lanes during the construction period, Town Administrator Scott Meszaros said, adding that business access will remain open at all times, and work hours are expected to be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Halandras and Meszaros said this project is hoped to be only the first phase of a project to place sidewalks on both sides of Market Street, but that at this time, with the economy and falling valuation, it is uncertain as to if and when the remainder of the project will be completed.

The project has been planned for almost two years, but having to complete all the engineering plans and having to meet CDOT standards because Market Street is also a state highway has led to a number of delays.

"I would love to continue the project this year all the way down to 11th or 12th streets on the north side," Halandras said. "But we may have to fund that completely on our own, which would cost us about \$750,000. This would all be paid for with money from severance taxes, but with the slowdowns in oil and gas exploration around here, we don't know how much money we will get."

"We also have plans for a major water line project next year on the south side of Market Street that could cost us about \$1 million, so there are just a lot of uncertainties at this time."

Halandras said the town is trying to seek grants to help with the next phase or phases of the entire town project, but that with money being what it is, it may be tough to obtain more help from CDOT.

He added that all the engineering has been done for the entire project on both sides of Market Street and that the longer the town waits the better the chance that CDOT will make more regulation changes, which could lead to more delays and more costs.

Meeker track team battles injuries

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ
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MEEKER One of Meeker's track stars returned from injury to compete in the annual Frank Woodburn Invitational, another was injured in the same meet and another is expected back this week, when the Cowboys run, jump and throw at Coal Ridge on Friday and in Glenwood Springs on Saturday.

"We had some good things happen, with Halle Ahrens competing for her first time this season," Meeker head coach John Strate said of the sophomore who qualified for the state meet in multiple events as a freshman. "Since she is working back from injury, we held

her back, just allowing her to run in the 4x100 relay."

Ahrens teamed up with Linda Olivas, Peyton Burke and Madi Russell to finish in fourth place at the meet held at Stocker Stadium in Grand Junction, with 20 teams representing all classifications.

Julia Eskelson, Jamie McLaughlin, Sierra Williams and Maggie Phelan finished third in the 4x800 relay and the 4x200 relay, featuring Williams, Olivas, Russell and Avery Watt placed fifth.

Coach Strate also mentioned Sarah Gerloff's personal best in the shot, with a put of 24-1.

Meeker's T.J. Shelton finished fourth in the 100-meter dash (11.5), ran a personal best 400 (52.45), good enough for third place in what Strate

described as "a very tight race."

"Unfortunately in the 200, T.J. pulled up with a hamstring injury," Strate said. "He showed a lot of heart hopping across the finish line on one leg but the rest of his season is in jeopardy."

Coach Strate said Jacob Henderson ran a personal best (17.43), in the 110-meter hurdles and Noah Overton also had a personal best in the discus throw, (115-7).

"Marshall Pool tied his personal best (5:04) in the 1600-meter run, then he ran the 3200 in 11:35 and placed ninth," Strate said.

"We are excited to have Halle in a few more events this weekend and we hope to be able to see Austin Russell return to action after a back injury," Strate said.

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COURTESY PHOTOS
Approximately 60 children participated in the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District's annual pool Easter egg hunt at Rangely's recreation center Thursday, April 2. Divers collected \$650 in eggs filled with cash and prize tickets donated by the district and EMC Plumbing and Heating.



RENÉ HARDEN/KIM EKSTROM
Kids of all ages were out in force during the Easter weekend hunting for eggs and celebrating the holiday. (Top) Goodies awaited many of the participants at the annual hunt in Rangely hosted by the Elks. (Right) Kids made a mad dash for the eggs. (Above) Meeker's Justin George found the Easter bunny.



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Mon. Apr. 13 - Burger Sliders, Broccoli-Cheese Rice, Baked Chips, Fruit Cup, Milk
Tues. Apr. 14 - Personal Pan Pizza, Fresh Garden Salad, Ranch, Seasonal Fruit, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk
Wed. Apr. 15 - Choice Day, Yogurt Special, Chicken A La King/Rice, Green Beans, Canned Peaches, Homemade Roll, Milk
Thurs. Apr. 16 - Frito Pie, Seasonal Fruit, Corn Bread, Butter Spread, Milk

RANGELY School Lunch Menu
WEEK OF APR. 13-16, 2015
Mon. Apr. 13 - Sausage Pancake, Potato Triangle, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water
Tues. Apr. 14 - Chili, Hot Roll, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water
Wed. Apr. 15 - Herb-Roasted Chicken, Hot Roll, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water
Thurs. Apr. 16 - BBQ Beef Sandwich, Tater Tots, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate James Robert Craig, a/k/a James R. Craig, a/k/a James Craig
Case Number: 15PR30003
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before July 27, 2015, or the claims may be forever barred.
Lorraine A. Craig,
Personal Representative
793 Sunset Drive South
Minnetonka, MN 55305
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**Board of County Commissioners
Monday, April 13, 2015
Meeker, Colorado
Tentative Board Agenda**

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
Public Comment:
Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested

ADVERTISEMENT OF LAND FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

Old Swimming Pool Property
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to §22-32-110(1)(e), The Meeker School District Re-1 (Seller) will sell the property described below through the acceptance of sealed bids. Sealed bids shall be received by Janelle Urista, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO 81641, no later than 4:00 p.m. MST Monday, May 4, 2015. The sealed bid envelopes shall be clearly marked SEALED BID on the outside of the sealed envelope. Bids will not be accepted after the above stated date and time. Sealed bids must contain the applicant address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address (if applicable), and the amount of the bid both written out and shown numerically.
Terms: (1) Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive bid irregularities in the best interests of the school district. (2) The parcel is being offered as is. It is the responsibility of the bidder to inspect land conditions of the parcel prior to submitting a bid. (3) The District will provide a quit claim deed to the successful bidder.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE SOLD

The property subject to this sale is described as follows:
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN PARCEL 6 OF GENTRY ESTATES SUBDIVISION FILED AS RECEPTION NO. 78328 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, IN TRACT 68 OF THE 1908 GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE RESURVEY IN SECTION 23, T1N, R94W OF THE 6TH P.M., IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT ANGLE POINT 3 (NO. 6 REBAR AND ALUMINUM CAP RLS 36574) OF SAID TRACT 68, WHENCE ANGLE POINT 2 (NO. 6 REBAR AND ALUMINUM CAP RLS 36574) OF SAID TRACT 68 BEARS N00°02'57" 2696.08 FEET;
THENCE N00°02'57" ALONG SAID TRACT LINE, 728.68 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE N00°02'57" ALONG SAID TRACT LINE, 60.00 FEET;
THENCE S89°57'14" 317.39 FEET;
THENCE N00°02'09" 135.00 FEET;
THENCE EAST 125.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF PARCEL 6, GENTRY ESTATES;
THENCE S00°02'09W, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 195.10 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN RECEPTION NO. 289699 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER;
THENCE N89°57'14W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL, 442.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
CONTAINING 1.00 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND/OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.
School Board staff will open the sealed bids at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015, at the administrative offices of the Seller, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, Colorado, to verify that the bids received meet the minimum requirements. The bid amounts will not be disclosed at the bid opening. This information will remain confidential until it is presented to the School Board in open session at a Board meeting scheduled to be held on May 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. **BIDDERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT.** If the School Board decides to proceed with the sale of property based on the bids received, the Board will select and approve a bid at the Board meeting. Participation in the bidding process does not create any rights for the highest bidder or anyone else participating in the bidding process.
If the Board determines that the sale will proceed, the Seller's intention is to transfer title and possession of the property to the bidder submitting the selected bid on or before June 30, 2015.
If you have any questions regarding the bidding process, contact Janelle Urista at 970.878.9040.
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**SEALED BID FORM
THE MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

BIDDING ITEM: Meeker School District Old Swimming Pool Property (below Meeker High School)
CONDITIONS OF BIDDING:
BIDS: Only one bid per envelope. Each bid shall be in sealed Envelope. Envelope shall be clearly marked with words, SEALED BID. Each bid envelope shall be received at the address listed on the advertisement by 4:00 p.m. MST Monday, May 4, 2015.
ITEM CONDITION: The Old Swimming Pool Property advertised by The Meeker School District Re-1 for sale by bid are to be sold As-Is. The Meeker School District Re-1 shall strive to make its best effort to assist interested parties in obtaining information about the property each item for sale, however the District makes no warranty of the condition of the property or of legal title. Each Bidder shall be responsible for verifying condition of the property and the accuracy of the legal description and any concerns about the property or title to the property item description prior to submitting a bid, and bring to the District attention any discrepancy found.
TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder shall be provided a Notice of Award by June 30, 2015.
DISTRICT RIGHTS: The District has not set a minimum bid amount. The District retains the right to remove the property for sale at any time up to the Notice of Award should the District determine the sale of the property is not in its best interests. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any irregularities or defects found therein.
BID:
BIDDERS NAME: _____
BIDDERS PHONE #: _____
BIDDERS MAIL ADDRESS _____
BID AMOUNT (U.S.D.) (both written out and numerals) _____

By signing below, I am indicating that I have read, understand and will comply with the terms and intentions of the conditions of this bid, and will provide payment in full for said item listed above, should I be awarded the Bid.

Bidder's Signature & Date
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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 a.m. Call to order:
Pledge of Allegiance
Changes to the April 13, 2015 Tentative Agenda
Approval of the April 13 2015 Agenda
Consent Agenda for April 13, 2015
Approval of the Board Minutes of March 16, 2015
Liquor License renewal for Seven Lakes Lodge LLC
AGNC Technical Assistance Grant letter
Emergency Fire Fund Agreement: Memorandum of Understanding with Colorado Department of Public Safety for the benefit of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control
DOLA Application Approval Energy and Mineral Impact Assessment Program Application for the Rio Blanco County Wireless Broadband Infrastructure Project in the amount of \$2 million dollars
Approval of Letter of Engagement with Rebecca Watson for preparation of an Amicus Brief in the NWCOGA v. BLM case in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 and authorize the County Attorney to sign on behalf of the Commissioners
Approval of Liquor License Transfer for Meeker Golf Course
Approval and execution of closing docu-

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ments for the purchase of the Abbott property including payment in the amount of \$282,632.48, plus closing costs
Business Agenda:
Resolutions:
A resolution authorizing the Clerk and Recorder Office, excluding Motor Vehicle and Elections, to be closed to the public on Election Day, November 3rd, 2015
A resolution canceling an outstanding check in the amount of \$94.40
Consideration of a Resolution approving the renewal of an Ambulance Service License for the Rangely District Hospital Ambulance Service.
Consideration of a Resolution approving the renewal of an Ambulance Service License for the Rio Blanco Fire Protection Service Meeker Ambulance Service
Bids:
2015 helicopter aerial spraying of herbicide for Rio Blanco County
Network Operator for Rio Blanco County Broadband Project
Proposals for the development of a Land & Resource Management Plan for Rio Blanco County
2015 small vehicle
MOU Contracts and Agreements:
Agreement for services with Asset Engineering for the design-build for Rangely projects (signed out of session), not to exceed the following:
Project A - \$320,000.00
Project B - \$62,900.00
Project C - \$92,500.00
TOTAL - \$475,400.00
WREA Agreement to reroute power lines as CR 5 and SH 64 in an amount not to exceed \$175,344.66
Approve and execute contract for the purchase of real property located at E. Main Street, Rangely, CO, known as the Kum & Go in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00
Approval of Task Order No.16 pursuant to Paragraph 3.0 of the County Transportation System Professional Services Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. providing for Final Design and Environmental Documentation for the CR-73 Bridge over the White River Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$299,442.01 for the period April 13, 2015 through May 31, 2016.
Other Business:
Motion to fill vacancy on the Meeker Lodging Tax Board
Road & Bridge Monthly Update Dave Moran
Public Comments
County Commissioners Updates
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 20, 2015, in Rangely at the County Annex Building.
Please check the County website for information at www.rbc.us If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9570 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the filing of Permit Revision 04 (PR-04) to the Coloway Coal Mine Permit No. C-1981-019, by Coloway Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO, 81641, with the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. PR-04 proposes updates to the Collom Mine expansion area to reflect changes to the mine plan, a reconfiguration of the temporary out of pit stockpile, proposed sedi-

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ment control measures including additional sediment pond locations, a new facilities layout, and revisions to the permit boundary.
Lands to be affected by this Permit Revision are owned by Coloway Coal Company L.P., the State of Colorado and the Bureau of Land Management and are located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado, west of Colorado State Highway 13 and west of Moffat County Road 51.
The affected area can be located on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Nos. N4015-W10745/7.5 (Axial, Colorado) and N4007.5-W10745/7.5 (Nine-mile Gap, Colorado), 40107 C8-TF-024 (Easton Gulch, Colorado) and N4007.5-W10752.5/7.5 (Devils Hole Gulch, Colorado) and is more particularly described as follows:
All or portions of Sections 2-6, 7-11, 14-22, and 28-30 of Township 3 North, Range 93 West, all or portions of Sections 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, and 31-34 of Township 4 North, Range 93, all or portions of Sections 1-3, 10-12, and 14-15 of Township 3 North, Range 94 West, and all or portions of Sections 12, 13, 18, 23-27, and 34-36 of Township 4 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County and Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
A precise description of the Permit Boundary can be found in Volume 2A, Exhibit 1, Item 12 of the permit document and is included herein by reference.
A copy of the application for this Permit Revision is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Moffat County Courthouse located at 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado, 81625 and the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Rio Blanco County Courthouse located at 555 Main Street #303, Meeker, CO, 81641. Questions concerning this Permit Revision should be directed to Tony Tennyson, Senior Environmental Engineer at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., at (970) 824-1232.
Any person having an interest concerning this Permit Revision has the right to provide written comments or objections to the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety at the address noted above. Comments to the Division must be made within 30 days after the final publication of this notice.
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**TOWN OF DINOSAUR
DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH 2015**

Gross Salaries,\$6,693.50
PERA, Monthly Contributions,\$1,449.24
FPPA & D & D, \$-
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IRS, FWT/Med, \$690.12
Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet, \$315.95
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,060.12
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$82.00
Rio Blanco Herald Times, Ordinances, \$325.44
Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$20.00
Caselle Inc, Support, \$251.00
LR Gateway Services LLC, Gas, oil, grease, \$472.54
Thomson Reuter - West, State & Federal court books, \$257.25
Wal-Mart, Bleach, cleaner, pellets, \$71.38
Zion's Bank, Circuit, \$56.21
Pinnacle, Insurance, \$586.00
Sands Law Office LLC, Professional Services, \$172.00
Office Depot, Checks, dep slips, stamp, highlighters, \$142.15
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$12,820.90
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**Worksession with Candidates for Council Interviews@ 6:00pm
Town of Rangely
April 14, 2015 - 7:00pm
Agenda**
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
FRANK HUITT, MAYOR
JOSEPH NIELSEN, MAYOR PRO TEM
LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE
ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE
DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE
ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE
•Call to Order
•Roll Call
•Invocation
•Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes of Meeting
•Approval of the minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting.
•Petitions and Public Input
•Changes to the Agenda
Public Hearings - 7:15pm
•Committee/Board Meetings
•Supervisor Reports
Mike Englert - Bldg & Grounds
Alden Vanden Brink - Utilities
•Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update
New Business
•Discussion and Action to Approve the March 2015 Check Register.
•Discussion and Action to approve the purchase of a Police Department Cruiser from Still-TerHar Motors Inc. in Broomfield, Colorado for \$26,872 and complete Police Package upgrades provided by L.A.W.S. in the amount of \$7,792.73.
•Discussion and Action to accept nominations, and by majority vote, appoint a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Rangely Board of Trustees created by resignation.
•Discussion and Action to fill vacancies on Council Committees for Finance and Human Resources.
•Discussion and Action to approve the materials cost of constructing a new en-closed breezeway connector at White River Village.
Informational Items
•CIRSA Audit
•Water Conservancy MOA Group
•WRBMD Letter
•Final Inspection on Royden Ditch Trail
Scheduled Announcements
•Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2015 at 6:15pm.
•Rangely District Library regular meeting April 13, 2015 at 5:00pm.
•Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2015 at 6:00pm.
•Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2015 at 7:00pm.
•Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting April 13, 2015 at 7:00pm.
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board meeting is April 29, 2015 at 7:00pm.
•Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2015 at 12:00pm.
Adjournment
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Notice of Sale to satisfy Lien of Self-Service Storage Facility

Re: Unit Number : 09 McGolrick
Notice is given, pursuant to Title 38, Article 21.5, that charges in the amount of \$2,720.00 are, and for the last 30 days have remained, due and owing to the undersigned Curtis Creek Storage LLC., A Colorado Corporation, whose principle place of business is 1080 Garfield St, Meeker CO 81641
Notice if further given that unless such charges are paid within 30 days after receipt of this notice, the above described personal property will be advertised for sale pursuant to 38-21.5-103, and will be sold at 386 Curtis Creek Drive on June 1, 2015 at 12:00 PM, to the highest bidder for cash.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, April 13, 2015, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will open proposals submitted for the development of a Land and Resource Use Plan for the Douglas Creek Conservation District, the White River Conservation District, and Rio Blanco County in a public meeting at 11:15 a.m. Published: April 9, 2015
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOOD SERVICE FOR CONCESSION STAND AT PAINTBRUCH PARK BALL FIELDS**

The EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is soliciting proposals from qualified food vendors to operate the concession stands during all scheduled ball games from mid-April through August at Paintbrush Park ball fields. Vendor must hold a food services license.
For more information contact Shelly Rogers, Recreation Manager, at shel-lyr@meekerrecdistrict.com or 970-878-3403 ext. 409. Proposals must be re-

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ceived by the District before 5p.m. on April 17, 2015 at the District Administrative Office, Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641. Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be considered.
EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
By: Sean VonRoenn, Executive Director
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SWIMMING POOL TILE REPLACEMENT &
ACID WASH
A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

The EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to perform the following construction services at Meeker Recreation Center aquatic facility:

Removal and replacement of approximately 1,500 square feet of tile in the lap pool, leisure pool and whirlpool. Tile cleanup and acid washing of entire lap pool, leisure pool, and whirlpool. Project must begin on May 11, 2015 and be completed no later than May 28, 2015. Proposal must include proof of similar work previously performed by contractor. This is a Guaranteed Maximum Price public works project.

For more information or to schedule a walkthrough of the aquatic facility, contact Rodney Gerloff, Parks and Facilities Manager at rodnevg@meekerrecdistrict.com or (970) 878-3403 ext 405. Proposals must be received by the District before 5 p.m. on April 17, 2015 at the District Administrative Office, Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641. Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be considered.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Rangely Victim Services

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

NEW EDEN Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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

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.

SAFEHOUSE

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

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 Grace Baptist Church (144 S. Stanolind Ave.). Join us! For more information, call Heather Zadra at (970) 629-9937.

FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile food pantry truck will be providing Food assistance to community members of Rio Blanco County. Scheduled Dates for 2015: April 30 & May 28. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your own boxes to transport food. Seniors and handicapped served first. No qualifications or eligibility forms. Product distributed to anyone seeking food assistance on first come, first served basis. 40# senior box pickup at 10:30. Applications available for over age 60. FBR contact: Jill Heidel 877-953-3937. Sponsor contact: Debra Bamey 970-878-9650.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CLOTHED FIGURE drawing sessions Thursday evenings upstairs in Hugas Building. 6-9PM. Models needed - for information see Pat at The Upstairs Gallery.

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON

Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal
878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program
Meals served at noon.
Reservations appreciated.
Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)

****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****
FRIDAY, April 10: Hamburger & Tater Tot casserole, Spinach salad, Cottage cheese, Pears.
MONDAY, April 13: Baked steak teriyaki, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Kiwi.
TUESDAY, April 14: Sloppy joes, Seasoned spinach, Frog eye salad, Mandarin oranges.
WEDNESDAY April 15: Chicken fajitas, Black beans 2/cilantro, Mexicali corn, Grapes.
FRIDAY, April 17: Pork roast, Brown gravy, Roasted sweet potatoes, Tarragon asparagus, Hot bean casserole, Orange.

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

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Saturday April 11th at 9:00 a.m. , 2368 S. 1500 E. in Vernal, Utah
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YARD SALES

MEEKER 1057 Hill St, Saturday, April 11, 8:00 AM to Noon. Lots of household items and miscellaneous.

MEEKER-200 MESADR. Furniture, vintage & antiques, misc. 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

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Submit Resume and/or Application to:

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345 Cleveland St., Meeker, Colo., 81641
Visit our Web site at:
www.pioneershospital.org

Pioneers Medical Center
Phone: (970)878-4444 Fax: (970)878-3885
345 Cleveland, Meeker, CO 81641
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

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Meeker.k12.co.us

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Colorado Northwestern Community College is seeking a full-time Residence Life Maintenance/Custodial Support for the Rangely campus. Position provides a host of custodial and maintenance support functions for the residence halls and Safe Campus Program. This position will work with a diverse group of staff and be a team player who can integrate with both residence life and facility groups on the campus. This is a full time, benefitted position.

Please visit the CNCC website at www.cncc.edu/employment-opportunities-2/ for a complete job description and instructions for submission of an application. Colorado Northwestern Community College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SEASONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM ACADEMY COORDINATOR RANGELY CAMPUS

Colorado Northwestern Community College is seeking a full-time Academy Coordinator for their Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program. Position provides general administrative and logistical support to the program. Duties include communicating with potential students and processing application materials, scheduling courses, processing adjunct contracts, maintaining student records, ensuring compliance with SLETP and FLETC accreditation standards, assisting instructors with class preparation, organizing Academy graduation ceremonies, and participating in recruiting activities. High school diploma and progress toward an Associate or Bachelor's degree required. Bachelor's or Master's degree in a related field and experience in law enforcement or with the National Park Service preferred. CNCC values high energy, creativity, and a strong commitment to student engagement. We are seeking employees who will have a dramatic impact on student success, and will enhance a culture of excellence in our Career and Technical Education programs. CNCC is a small, rural community college located in Northwest Colorado.

Please visit the CNCC website at www.cncc.edu/employment-opportunities-2/ for a complete job description and instructions for submission of an application. For further information please contact Academy Director, Rick Mossman, Rick.Mossman@cncc.edu or 970-675-3337. First review of applicants will begin April 1, 2015.

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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Seasonal Park Laborer positions. The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking three seasonal non-benefited Park Laborers, who could work up to 40 hours per week from May to October. Hiring range is \$10.45-\$13.85/hr. Duties include; perform manual labor, maintenance and repair of parks, trails, recreational facilities, landscaping, buildings and other ERBM Recreation & Park District assets. Requirements include, but are not limited to: be at least 16 years of age; willing to work a schedule that may include early mornings, evenings, weekends, split shifts and holidays; must establish and maintain positive working relationships with subordinates, coworkers and supervisors; must work well in a progressive, team-oriented environment as well as independently depending on circumstances; ability to safely and effectively operate tools, equipment and vehicles. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applicants are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request. Applications

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

will be accepted through April 17, 2015. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

Position: Family Helper
Job Site: Meeker, CO
Duties: Cooking, Cleaning, Laundry, Gardening, Yard Work, Field, Irrigation, Animal Care
Other Requirements: Driver's License w/ Clean Driving Record, Drug Testing, Background Check
Education: High School / GED
Training Requirements: N/A
Knowledge & Skills: Familiarity with irritating & hay production, ability to tend to small farm animals, able to lift 50 pounds, maintain a positive attitude, work amongst a busy family
Technical Skills: N/A
Job Experience: N/A
Wage: \$14.26
Hours: 20 Hours Per Week
Benefits: Room and Board
Start Date: 8/1/2015
Applications Due: 4/17/2015
Contact: Suzan Pelloni 970-623-2900

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RENTALS: MEEKER

CLEAN, QUIET 2 BDR, 1 BA apartment, \$425/ month + deposit. Call (970) 878-3736 or (970) 260-8844

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RENTALS: MEEKER

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RENTALS: MEEKER

2 BR/1 1/2 BA Duplex. Fenced yard, covered parking, pets negotiable. \$550 month + \$650 deposit. 970-878-5486 or 970-930-5646.

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- 73229 Hwy. 64 - 38.4 acres, 2128 SF home with 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, Quonset \$268,000
- 73209 Hwy 64 - 11 acres with 2032 SF, 4 bdrms, 2 baths, outbuildings, SALE PENDING
- 811 County Rd. 43 - Beautiful log home on 40 acres, barn, close to town yet private \$485,000

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- 1376 Juniper - 4 BD, 2 BA, with unfinished 5th BD or hobby room. New kitchen w/ pantry, master BR has huge walk-in closet. Fresh paint & new flooring on main level. Total of 2,460 SF w/ 3-car-garage! Fully fenced backyard, paved driveway. 2 lots = 22,000 SF. Large deck for BBQs. \$246,000
- 1886 RB County Rd. 8 - New windows throughout, 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA Home. 6.8 acres with 2,000 SF. White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views! \$350,000 One of a kind property!
- 6255 County Rd. 7 - 4 BD, 3 BA home on 10 acres with detached 3-car oversized garage. Has water well. Needs TLC. Priced to sell. \$220,000
- LOT 6 Ridges Estate, Meeker - Nice 3.26 acre lot, with an even better price tag! \$53,500
- 923 South White Ave. - Home on 6+ acres. \$325,000
- 201 Coal Rd. - 2200 sq. ft. home. 4 BR, 2 BA on 2 acres. Open floor plan includes 2 Living rooms. Large open kitchen with lots of cabinet space. New FA gas furnace & garbage disposal. Pellet stove in one of the living rooms. 24x24ft. detached garage and 24x36ft. Metal shop building. Excellent access to BLM. \$265,000
- 728 E. Rio Blanco Ave. - Nice Ranch style 4 BD, 1 1/2 BA, recently remodeled, new appliances. SOLD!
- 216 Ridge Rd. - This is a nice 2856 SF two level house built in 1977. It's a well maintained house with new flooring upstairs and tile down stairs, custom kitchen cabinets, screened-in back porch with spectacular view, central air, FA gas furnace and woodstove, attached garage. \$219,900
- 300 4th St. East - 3 BD 2 BA on 3 lots in Dinosaur, 1744 SF built in 1981. \$110,000 SALE PENDING!
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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *NEW 1111 Wall St- 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Laminate floors, lg master suite, storage shed. \$133,500.
- *NEW 540 Garfield- Downtown, 4 BR, 2 BA remodeled tri-level home, garage, trees, fenced yard. \$194,000.
- *NEW 789 9th St- Lg lot, great location, 4 BR, 2 BA, basement, decks, garage. \$198,000 SALE PENDING!
- *NEW 1105 Mark Cr- 3BR, 3BA home, garage, fenced yard, RV parking, hardwood floors, deck. \$169,000.
- *NEW 460 7th St- 3+ lots, beautiful 2 story log home, 2 shops, garage, privacy fenced, landscaped. \$625,000.
- *265 Cedar- 5 BR, 3 BA on a fenced corner lot. Large shop/garage. Custom features. \$299,900.
- *1134 Park - Log home, 4 BR, 2 BA Newly remodeled. Fenced yard. \$169,000.
- *295 Park Ave. - Nice lot, small log home. 1 BR, 1 BA. Great condition. Garage. \$139,900 REDUCED!
- *835 Sulphur Creek Rd- 3 BR, 2 BA home by fairgrounds. Fenced backyard, landscaped. \$165,000.
- *1440 Mountain View Rd.-5BR, 4 1/2 BA, one of a kind custom home, panoramic views, outdoor entertaining area, lawn w/sprinkler system, home security system, A/C and more! \$339,000 REDUCED! GREAT DEAL!
- *112 Main St-3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000.
- *562 Larry Lane-Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$145,000 REDUCED PRICE!
- *643 12th St- 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$115,000 REDUCED!
- *1369 Juniper Rd.-Beautiful home in Sage Hills, on 2 large lots. Single level home & attached garage. \$250,000 SOLD!
- *1109 Main St- 3 BR, 1 BA, new paint & flooring. Fenced yd, R.V. parking, 2 sheds. \$149,900. SOLD!
- *1287 Cleveland - Lg lot. Big beautiful 4 BR, log home, large metal shop. \$325,000. SOLD!

- RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...**
- *NEW 293 Agency Dr. - 5 acres, 1 mile S. of town, near golf course. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA home with basement, garage, decks. Awesome views. Irrigated hay & pasture. Lg shop with horse stalls. \$419,000.
 - *CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$450,000
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AND THEY CALL THE THING A RODEO

Rodeo team member Dax Koskie competes in the short-go event of bareback riding at the home rodeo Saturday, April 4.

Photo by Tyffani Hoff

By Tyffani Hoff
Co-editor-in-chief

The sun was setting behind the mountains as the country music blasted through the arena and dilapidated stadium seats. Horses pranced around the track with riders, their heels kicking up clouds of dust behind them.

The dirt in the air inched its way in between teeth crevices and left the attendees with a signature Columbine-Park taste. The faint smell of manure mingled with the cool evening air, and the calves in the pens let out soft moos. The announcer's voice through the speakers streamed details of the night's proceedings — beginning with the goat-tying event.

A horse and rider shot out of the gate toward a goat at the other end of the arena. The rider dismounted the horse mid-ride, ran full-speed toward the goat, flanked it to the ground and, taking the rope from her mouth, tied one of its front hooves to the two back ones, indicating a finish with the raise of both hands high in the air. Nine seconds was all it took. The crowd gave a cheer of approval and the next goat-tier saddled up to beat that time. Championship Saturday had begun.

Typically, a college rodeo consists of a long go, where athletes compete in their event, and a short go, where only the top 10 from the long go compete, for a faster, more action packed rodeo. Events include goat tying, tie-down roping, steer

wrestling, breakaway roping, team roping, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, and barrel racing.

Amidst the banter of the announcer and the rodeo clown to liven up the down time, the rodeo events continued — a women's event, followed by a men's event, alternating on through the night. Spartans competed with 10 colleges from three surrounding states, including Utah State University, University of Southern Utah, College of Southern Idaho, Colorado Mesa University, and others. Nearly 300 contestants vied to compete in the College National Finals Rodeo.

The Spartans' performance thus far in the season has earned them considerable standings in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. As of April 6, CNCC's men's team ranks third in the Rocky Mountain Region and the women's ranks seventh.

Students who have performed in the top of their events are as follows:

Brody Adams currently ranks eighth in Men's All-Around.

Nick Chew currently ranks eleventh in saddle bronc riding.

Colton Onyett holds third place in bareback riding, and Dax Koskie follows closely in fifth place.

Spartan bull rider Colby Demo ranks second in his event, tailed by Tyler Stueve in third place.

Brody Adams holds a fourth place ranking in tie-down roping, and Wade Grimshaw ranks thirteenth in steer wrestling.

In team roping, Brody Adams and

Wade Grimshaw rank third and eleventh, respectively, as heelers, and Taylor Duzik comes in fourteenth as a header.

In the event of barrel racing, Teasha Moody currently ranks fourteenth.

Karlee Worthen ranks ninth in breakaway roping, followed closely by Jaycee Schlegel in tenth.

And, finally, in the event of goat tying, Josie Moody holds a current seventh place ranking, followed closely by Teasha Moody in eighth place, and tailed by Ashley Farrington in the thirteenth ranking.

Rodeo for dummies: events explained

The all-around ranking: these are the standings given to any rodeo competitor who excels in two or more events.

Saddle bronc riding: a rodeo participant mounts a horse (referred to as a bronc) that is saddled-up and gated in a bucking chute. When the gate opens, that rider must attempt to not fall off amidst the kicks and bucks of the bronc for at least eight seconds. The rider also is not able to touch the horse with his free hand, and upon release from the gate, must have the heels of his boots in contact with the horse above the shoulders. The saddles also are not typical saddles, there is no horn and the stirrups swing freely. However, there is a reign for the rider to hold on to.

Bareback riding: an event similar

to saddle bronc riding, but the horse doesn't have a saddle. Instead of reigns, the rider holds on to a rigging fashioned of leather and rawhide.

Bull riding: similar to bronc riding, except this rider is on a bull and holds on to a rope.

Tie-down roping: also known as calf roping. A calf is released and a rider on a horse must chase it down, lasso it, dismount his horse, run to the calf, toss it to the ground on its side (called flanking) and tie the three hooves together, throwing his hands up to signal he's finished. Afterward, the calf must remain down for at least 6 seconds and not struggle free.

Steer wrestling: a rodeo participant chases a bull on a horse, gets up next to the bull, drops from the horse, and wrestles the bull to the ground by twisting its horns. Once all four feet of the bull are off the ground, the purpose is accomplished.

Team roping: two rodeo participants attempt to tie a steer. One of the participants aims to lasso the head of the bull (either one or both of the horns, or the neck), and afterward, the other must catch the back legs.

Barrel racing: a horse and rider ride around three barrels in a clover-leaf pattern as fast as possible.

Breakaway roping: a rider on a horse chases after a calf to throw the rope around its neck. Once the rope is thrown, the rider on the horse stops and the calf continues running away with the rope around its neck (if the roping was successful.)

The reality of danger

By Cristy Brinkley
Reporter

Being on the rodeo team poses its fair share of risks to one's personal health.

For example, during practice on March 10, Nick Chew, a first-year rodeo saddle bronc rider, was bucked off during his ride. The stirrup clung to his foot and caused him to go under the horse.

"I was attempting to get away and I felt the horse's hoof connect with my head," Chew reported. "It didn't feel like much of an impact actually, felt like he barely touched me."

Head Rodeo Coach Jed Moore jumped in to scare the horse away, and Chew escaped with a head wound requiring many stitches.

Despite the injury, however, Chew continues to rodeo and takes joy in it. He even ranks eleventh currently in his event of saddle bronc riding in for the Rocky Mountain Region.

"I was very tickled with my performance" said Chew, concerning his past rodeos.

He aims to improve by trying hard at every rodeo and keeping his mental game strong.

"It has been a lot of buck offs to the dirt and only a few hugs with the pick-up men," he said. "I need to spur horses stronger and become more constant with how I handle my rein."

Service/assistance animals also call CNCC home



Photo courtesy of Amber Parmley

Gonzo is an assistance animal to CNCC student Amber Parmley.

By Tyffani Hoff
Co-Editor-in-Chief

CNCC student Amber Parmley came to Rangely three years ago with her best friend, Gonzo.

“Our relationship is kind of hard to put into words,” Parmley said. “We just understand each other. He’s always so happy and that’s really infectious. We understand each other and love each other and trust each other.”

Gonzo, like few other critters around campus, is an assistance animal. He’s a dog — a lab mix — that has been with Parmley for nearly 10 years.

“We found him for sale on Craig’s list as an 8-week-old puppy. My dad actually wanted a puppy when he got back from deployment and Gonzo was originally his dog. But when I was in 4-H, I decided to join a dog 4-H Club, so Gonzo was my show dog. We really bonded at the shows and he kind of became my dog after that,” Parmley said.

In order for a student to have such an animal on campus, they “must have a diagnosed disability and prescription stating that the animal is needed for their condition,” said Robyn Wilson, CNCC’s academic/intervention specialist who’s filling in for Academic/Career Adviser, Caitlan Moore, who’s normally the person to go through to process animal requests.

“The American Disabilities Act

makes it so that we have to make reasonable accommodations for people,” Wilson said. “And because we have residential halls that includes the assistance and service animals.”

Service dogs are typically important to aiding — as the law implies — people with disabilities. Dogs, however, are not the only “assistance animals” that are allowed. In years past, there has even been a cat on campus, Parmley recalled.

According to Wilson, it’s also necessary to note that there’s a difference between a service dog and an assistance animal. Service dogs help with major disabilities (like blindness and deafness) by performing certain tasks, and an assistance animal help aid more of the emotional needs (such as depression and anxiety).

According to the National Service Animal Registry (NSAR) website, “the ADA defines disability very broadly and does not limit the type of disability for which a service animal can be used.” In reality, both serious and minor physical, emotional and mental problems can constitute a need for a service/assistance animal.

“The essence of the law states that if you have any condition that makes it difficult to perform or limits an important life activity (that other people can perform easily), you are qualified,” the NSAR website states. “You are not required to have a doctor’s excuse or formal diagnosis.”

Because the ADA is so broad and allowing every student on campus to have a dog would be problematic, CNCC has a different way of service dog/animal approval process. This process includes talking to Academic Adviser Caitlan Moore, filling out an evaluation on the service animal to verify that the animal has basic obedience training, and presenting a doctor’s approval note.

“I personally think it would be more stressful to have a pet, because that’s one more thing to worry about. Especially if you’re an athlete and on the road, you have to find someone to take care of them,” Wilson said.

But Parmley, like the few other student pet owners on campus, maintain that their animals are essential to their mental health.

“It really helps, having an animal up here,” Parmley said. “He helps with some medical issues. It kind of takes your mind off some things that you might linger on otherwise and it gives you something else to do and think about.”

Their dedication to their animals is important, too, because there are

many rules that students must abide by. They must keep their animals on a leash, clean up after them, and make sure that they are not interfering with other students (barking, biting, etc.). The animals furthermore are not allowed in any buildings other than the residence halls (unless they are service animals).

“Something that I think a lot of people on campus don’t know is that when you see a service dog, don’t touch. You can ask to touch, but don’t just assume to touch,” Parmley said. “I’m still working on training him to ignore people and pay attention to me and people make that very difficult to continue training him. The dog needs to be paying attention to the handler.”

Less than a dozen requests are made every school year for service/companion animals, and according to Wilson, for the most part, there are few problems.

“Where it seems to come as an issue is where, in a group or clique, all of a sudden one person gets one and we see this steady pace of multiple people from that same group wanting to get one,” Wilson said. “You still need a diagnosis, you still need this as a prescription, and you still have to follow all the rules. Just because somebody has a dog and has a reason to have it doesn’t mean everybody in your group can have a dog.”

Wilson admits CNCC has considered opening up the dog policy so that whoever wants a dog on campus can have one, but that would also become problematic.

“There becomes safety issues, cleanliness issues (if people aren’t taking care of cleaning up after their dogs) and it does cause some reason for concern,” Wilson said. “What if somebody gets bit on campus? Whose responsibility is that? Is that our liability as a campus because some dog bit someone? Then there’s the whole issue that they’re spread out through the residence halls so what if someone has a major allergy?”

These issues are the reason that not everybody can have a dog on campus, but the law makes it so that the ones who need the assistance of an animal can have it. For students like Parmley, it makes a world of a difference.

“I was in a sour mood the other day and he got spunky and rolled around in the grass like a goon until I started to laugh,” she said. “When I laughed, he got up and came over and pressed in my leg. I kind of think of that as his way to hug me.”

Rangers graduate from academy

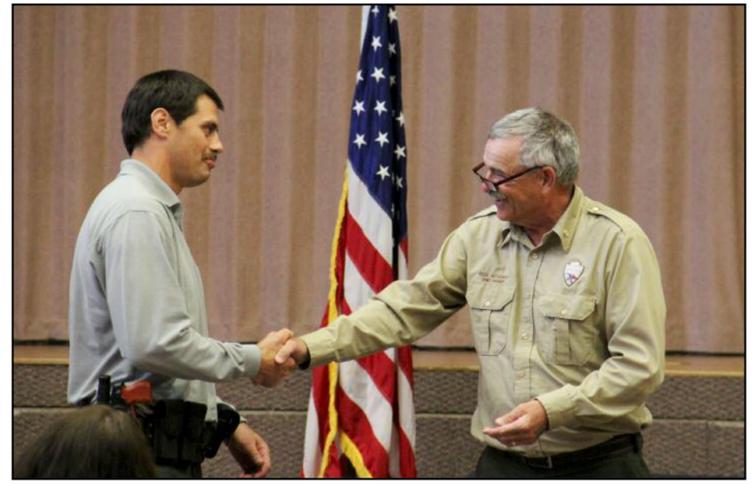


Photo by Tyffani Hoff

The National Park Service Academy had its graduation ceremony on Friday, April 3. Speakers were selected from faculty and students and awards were presented to rangers who have exhibited excellence in physical and intellectual performance. According to Rick Mossman, S.L.E.T.P. chief ranger/instructor, this graduating academy has the highest percentage of students graduating who have already secured summer jobs. These rangers will go on this summer to work at parks including Yellowstone National Park, Dinosaur National Monument and others.

26 CNCC students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa



Photo by Robert Mackey

Student Johana Lara shakes the hand of CNCC President Russel George while being inducted into Phi Theta Kappa.

March 31, 26 students of CNCC were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an international honor society of two-year colleges/academic programs. Students inducted into this society must demonstrate academic excellence, earning a 3.5 GPA or higher in their classes. Through this program, students find ways to reach out to help the community and its members. Students inducted include Cassee Ames, Stephen Claassen, Kendra Costner, Jeremiah Fat, Kimberly Gonzalez, Amy Griffin, Jacki Hardy, Kendal Jacobsen, Johana Lara, Keerstin Linnebur, Kirstie Lyman, Alex Mackey, Adrian Martinez, Rosamaria Martinez, Amanda Meinders, Erika Meininger, Robert Minatra, Katie O’Hern, Kellie Percival, Dawn Pozorski, Melanie Preston, Annie Sadvar, Kailyn Sanders, Lillian Sandford, Katherine Stokes, and Bailey Walker.

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Softball halfway through its season



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The softball team is now midway through its season with 13 games down and nine more to go. Last weekend, the team competed at home against the College of Southern Nevada, and it competes at home again this weekend against the College of Southern Idaho.

Baseball two games from tying its best record in six years

By Ron Shropshire
Reporter

CNCC's baseball team is two games from tying its best record in almost six years.

So far, it boasts a 12-18 record and is in fifth place in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

Compared to schools across the country, Colorado Northwestern's team is unique when it comes to baseball. The Rocky Mountain State is a cold weather state and baseball usually is played in warm climates.

"All the Arizona and Vegas schools that we play have an advantage over us because they can instantly get on the field, and participate in scrimmages, whereas we can also but you can't play baseball in the snow," explained Head Coach Lou McCollum.

As far as the weather goes, several players say that it doesn't play a huge role in their performance, even though they do think that if there

was cold weather, the outcomes would be different.

Even though they had a losing series to the College of Southern Idaho the first weekend of March (4-1), McCollum said there are parts to be excited about, such as pitcher Chris Ramirez throwing a complete game in their 9-3 win over Southern Idaho, and pitcher Trevor Bradley only giving up two hits in its loss.

"We came out on the bottom end but overall, it was a pretty good battle," said outfielder Larenz Stansfield.

Even though good things are on the horizon for CNCC baseball, with nine games left, McCollum said that defense has been a problem early this year, and has been the reason for the team's recent losses.

The team went to Henderson, Nev. last weekend to face College of Southern Nevada and return this weekend for a two week home stance against Western Nevada College, and College of Southern Idaho.

One coach runs class to help athletes reach full potential

By Tyler Stueve
Reporter

Knowledge and ability, with a little bit of luck, are the elements that make up the perfect athlete. Without these essentials, an athlete is useless.

This is why Rodeo Head Coach Jed Moore started a head-start class titled, "performance enhancing." He wanted to help CNCC's athletes sculpt their ability to new levels on techniques he's used and learned throughout his career.

"That's the goal of the class," Moore said.

He offers tips which he believes can further an athlete's methods to being one step closer to that pro status.

Moore began this class in January and it is on a brief hiatus until April 17. These classes aren't associated with CNCC's course line-up or the athletics department — just through Moore in the back corner of the Hill building. These classes are open to all regardless of sport and at no cost.

Becoming a pro athlete is one of the most difficult things to do. In baseball alone, according to Business Insider, in 2012 only 11.6 percent of college players play professionally

and only 0.6 percent of high school players do.

With assistance from adults that have tried before, athletes can raise those numbers and have better chances at reaching their full potential.

Justin White, CNCC rodeo team member, finds these classes useful and attends "to better myself and get a professional mindset needed to rodeo on my own," he said.

Sponsorships, marketing, branding oneself, and building an athletic resume are some of the things that Moore teaches in his athletic performance class. Moore also teaches techniques on how to keep calm through breathing techniques and mental preparedness.

Although classes have already started there are approximately four more classes slated for spring semester.

"Each class is not just based on rodeo athletes but all athletes or hobbyists that want to better their potential on and off the field," Moore said.

For more information, contact Moore at jed.moore@cncc.edu.



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Couples of CNCC

Here at Colorado Northwestern Community College there are multiple couples that work together. Here we've asked them six questions:

1. How long have you been married?
2. Where did you meet?
3. What is it like working for the same institution as your spouse?
4. What is something unique about your spouse that most people don't know?
5. What's your spouse's pet peeve?
6. What is your favorite thing to do as a couple?



Photo courtesy of Sarah and Todd Ward

Sarah Ward, Instructor of Sciences

1. 18 years, 19 in June
2. At Colorado State University; a mutual friend introduced us our freshman year
3. I love it. I never get tired of spending time with Todd, and it's a treat to see him on campus throughout the day. At home, having a common workplace gives me a sense of camaraderie with him, as we can each relate to the other's work experiences.
4. He was born in Duluth, Mich., and played lacrosse in high school.
5. Arriving late in the evening to a camping destination and not being able to find a good campsite.
6. Climb mountains.

Todd Ward, Director of Arts and Sciences Rangely Campus/Instructor of Biology

1. Since 1996, 19 years
2. CSU in Fort Collins, Colo., my brother and her roommate (who were friends) introduced us because we were both

- studying biology.
3. It's nice to be able to see each other during the day. We are both science geeks and get to talk about cool labs and activities we get to do or develop for our classes. I have to file an annual form with the state because I chair the department that she works in. This paperwork confirms that I don't directly supervise or evaluate her, but Judy Allred does. I think it is silly and call it our 'love contract,' but understand the concern the college and state has about these issues.
4. Despite being a mountain goat, she is afraid of heights and deals with that fear in funny ways.
5. Things that prevent the family from spending time together when they normally would be able to.
6. Hike and climb mountains. We have the same pace, which is weird, and great. Even when we solo climbs we go the same pace as each other. We have soloed the same route separately and after a 10-hour day completed the climb within 10 minutes of each other's times.



Photo courtesy of Merrie and Fred Byers

Merrie Byers, Financial Aid Adviser

1. 32 years
2. We actually met in downtown Rangely, a girlfriend who I lived with liked his best friend, which he happened to be with that night, so we met and he asked me out.
4. He is into woodworking, has remodeled their whole house, and has built a whole new garage.
5. Some unique things: "He's a procrastinator, and a hoarder."
6. We finish each other sentences. We like to watch movies, and go for walks at the park

Fred Byers, IT Desktop Support

1. 32 years
2. We tell everyone that she picked me up off the street. (Her version is more detailed) Merrie and her best friend were dragging main, yes here in Rangely. I was with my best friend in his brand new truck parked in front of an auto parts store. Merrie's best friend made her pull over so she could talk to my best friend and it went downhill from there!
4. She is half Native American, Choctaw and Chickasaw.
5. Practical jokes on her.
6. Our three mile walks, where we talk. She talks, I listen. And at the appropriate for me to speak I say "Yes, Dear."

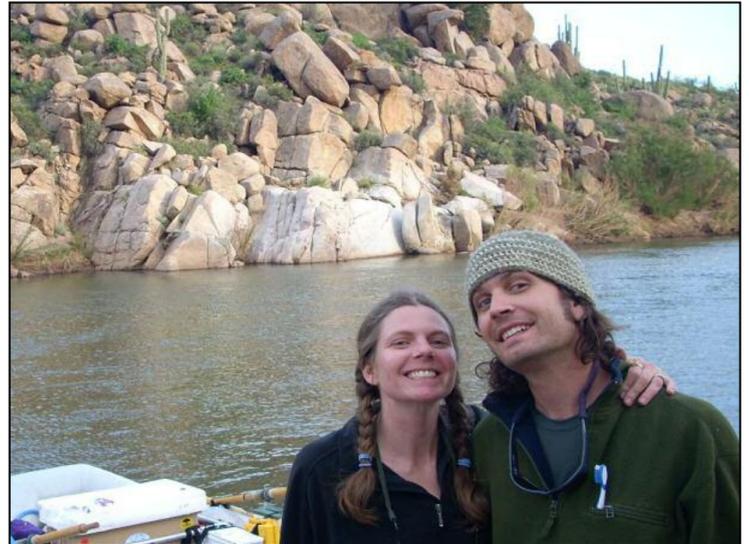


Photo courtesy of Ryan and Robyn Wilson

Robyn Wilson, Academic Advisor/Student Intervention

1. 13 years
2. River raft guide training in Winter Park, Colo.
3. Usually, convenient. We can ride to work together, occasionally eat lunch together, and we are familiar with each other's demands at work. We also can discuss things at home, but try to not talk about work often.
4. He loves Texas Longhorn sports.
5. Paper, especially my random notes on used envelopes.
6. Outdoor activities: disk golf, rafting, scuba diving, skiing, and international travel. We travel to a different region of the world every year.

Ryan Wilson, Instructor of History/Technology Support

1. We have been married for 13 years. Our anniversary is on October 5, and every year we take turns on how we celebrate. This

- year it is my turn.
2. We met in river raft guide training in Winter Park, Colo. during the summer of 1999.
3. It is a pleasure to work at the same institution as your spouse. Since we work in different departments it is always interesting to get another perspective on students.
4. Being from Wisconsin, Robyn has been known to wear a cheesehead on occasion.
5. Robyn takes pride in her morals and sense of social justice. For this reason, she values integrity in other people, and she is often bothered by others who do not hold those same values.
6. We enjoy being in the outdoors together and traveling to exotic places. This summer we will spend time on the Green River rafting through Gates of Lodore, scuba diving in Panama, going to the Wisconsin Dells (something I have wanted to do since I met her), and playing outside around Colorado as much as possible.

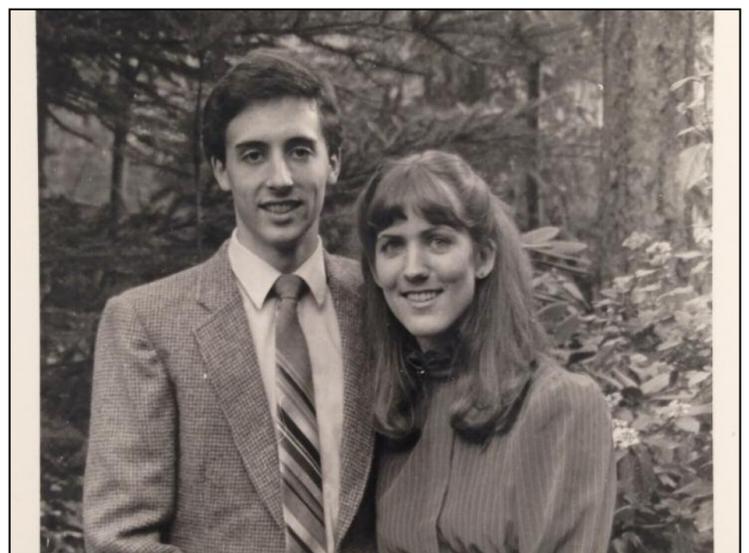


Photo courtesy of David and Carol Morton

David Morton, Adjunct Instructor of Communications

1. 30 years.
2. In college.
3. We're part-time, so we don't really see each other very much. We do like to claim students as exclusively "ours," though.
4. She's exceptionally patient with me. She's also the best pianist that I know.
5. Chewing with your mouth open.
6. Visiting the kids. My joke is that the house is always sadly clean.

Carol Morton, Adjunct Instructor of Developmental Math

1. This summer will make 31 years

2. We went to the same college together. In band, we had to play this stupid song from the 1960s. At one part in the song, people are supposed to say something. I was sitting in the front row, playing oboe, and he sat in the back with the trumpets. When we got to that part of the song, he said "boycott grapes," and that was the first time I ever noticed him. We then got to know each other while playing Frisbee. We never did perform that song.
3. It's good. When we see students outside of class, we like to claim students. "That one is mine!" or, "She's mine, not yours!"
4. He likes to go to Ukraine in the summer and teach college students. This summer will mark his fifth summer doing it.
5. He hates to listen to speeches about Kobe Bryant.
6. Visiting the kids.

The Spartan Times presents the sixth annual Wild Game Dinner



Above: attendees piled their plates with wild game dishes at the sixth annual Wild Game Dinner on March 14. Right: Fiscus & Gravy performed live music for the event.

By Zach Glasgow
Copy Editor/ Business Manager

As day turned to night, residents of Rangely straggled into the Weiss Center. They were driven by eclectic scents wild game dishes and the unpredictable yet satisfying gamble of the blind auctions.

The crowd quickly formed groups amongst the 19 tables and embraced each other in conversation. Music, played by Rangely's very own Fiscus & Gravy, accompanied the raucous

laughter and conversation, creating an atmosphere of enjoyment.

On March 14, The Spartan Times and Spartan Rock & Ice hosted the sixth annual Wild Game Dinner which included a cooking contest, free dinner, and blind auction. Dozens of local community members participated in the event and, as a result, the event was a smashing success.

"I really liked it," said Jessica Hearn, instructor of mathematics. "I just wish I hadn't eaten that pint of



Photos by Tyffani Hoff

ice cream earlier today."

The cooking contest consisted of two categories of champions: Judge's Choice and People's Choice. The judges, using a rating system of 1-10, graded each dish entered.

"We like each other," said CNCC President Russell George, who served as a judge. "So instead of being in our own little world, we talked with each other and compared scores."

In addition to George, the other judges were Ben Friar from Western Rio Blanco Parks & Rec, and Kristin Steele, director of the Rangely Chamber of Commerce.

"I filled in for someone," Friar said. "I'm glad they couldn't make it. This was far, far better than the last one I went to. Better food and better flavors."

There was a tie for first place between an elk dish and a buffalo stew. Rangely resident, Alden Vanden Brink, championed with his "Elk Porcupine Meatballs," a meatball dish made from elk. Some attendees believed that it also contained

porcupine meat, though they were mistaken. The "porcupine" part comes from the pointy porcupine-like rice grains that stuck to the sides of the meatball.

"My mom started the recipe," said Vanden Brink, who cooks with wild game almost every day. He decided to enter the competition "for fun and for bragging rights."

The other first place winner was Sue Forward from CNCC's campus kitchen with her Buffalo Roast Stew. Second place went to Outdoor Leadership Program Coordinator John Whipple's buffalo pepper steak. Hearn assisted Whipple in the cooking.

"It was really Whipple's brain child. I just have a knack for thinly slicing peppers," Hearn said. "I think I'll go solo next year."

Third place was awarded to Katrina Nielsen's chili dish, a family recipe.

The second category of winners, the "People's Choice," were voted on by attendees. Throughout the dinner, people had the option to write down their favorite dishes on notecards placed at every table. At the end of the night, votes were counted.

First place went to Kari Nielsen, a contestant from Vernal, Utah. Her barbeque elk meatballs were a hit with people in the room. Strangely, though, her dish was labeled simply as "BBQ Elk Balls".

"Only in Rangely can you leave out the 'meat' in meatballs and get away with it," she said.

"She got the best balls in town," added her brother, Cade Nielsen.

Thanks to the support of the community, The Spartan Times raised nearly \$1,200 through this annual event, which will help fund the newspaper's trip to the National Associated Collegiate Press Convention next year. Spartan Rock & Ice will use its cut of the proceeds to purchase new equipment for its club.

WINNERS:

Judge's Choice



Alden Vanden Brink,
with his Elk
Porcupine Meatballs.

People's Choice



Kari Nielsen, with her
BBQ Elk Balls

Rangely campus' student government budget started at \$18,550, now at \$0

By Zach Glasgow
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Rangely's CNCC student government started off the 2014-2015 school year with \$18,550 in its coffers. But as of March, the organization's budget totaled \$0.

Now, the group must go before the college's administration to ask for permission to tap into its reserve savings fund to finish out the school year.

The \$18,550 that was allocated for student government's yearly budget is a guideline to follow, though not set in stone. With luck, its yearly expenses would be below its budget resulting in a surplus, said Jeff Devere, CNCC's dean of student support services. However, due to "unforeseen costs," student government's budget was used up in March, nearly half a semester before the school year ends.

Where did all that money go? What unforeseen costs messed up the budget so badly? The primary reason is because of extravagant printing expenses – a result of the abused free printing given to students.

Ty Johnson, a second-year student, agrees that "free printing is an abused privilege."

Originally, the budget set \$1,000 towards overall printing expenses. As time passed and students printed more and more, the cost of printing materials – like paper and ink – had gone nearly \$5,000 over what was planned. On top of the \$6,000 cost for printing, another \$7,000 is being spent to set up a system to prevent overspending in the future. According to CNCC administration, details about this new system haven't been hashed out yet.

But not all students are onboard with the possibility of having to pay for printing in the future school year.

"I think it's ridiculous (paying for printing) because we already pay enough for school," said Colton Onyett, a first-year student.

Second-year student Jake Smith echoes Onyett's opinion. "(Free printing) should be a provided resource considering how much we pay for school."

Johnson said it would be a good thing for CNCC to hold students accountable for printing by charging them, "but it probably wouldn't be enforced," he said.

For many years now, printing expenses have been an issue on Rangely's CNCC campus, said Kayla Lighthizer, residence life

coordinator and an adviser to student government. Only recently has the school had the opportunity to fix the problem once and for all.

Papercut, a new program that tracks printing, was implemented this year. It lets people know who is printing, along with the quantity they're printing. Reports are sent to staff and faculty members. Last year, Papercut was not in use, which left everyone in the dark about printing. "We need to develop a plan that best serves students and everyone," Lighthizer said.

According to Devere, each student will be allocated a certain amount of money for prints per semester or per year, which has yet to be decided, that they can spend on personal printing. Unless a better solution presents itself, that system will be put into effect.

This was the planned budget for this school year:

- Executive Board - \$1,600
- Student body reps - \$1,200
- Printing - \$1,000
- DirecTV - \$1,000
- Maintenance - \$0
- Clubs & Organizations - \$2,000
- Campus activities - \$3,000
- Program travels - \$250

- Office supplies - \$500
- Campus improvements - \$3,000
- The Den - \$5,000

"It doesn't seem like a lot but once you start chunking away - \$350 here, a grand there – it all adds up," Lighthizer said. "Our biggest issue was the printing. We didn't know how the free printing was going to be done. We've got students that print 1,000 papers a week. If not for the printing, we'd be cake."

This budget results in planned expenses of \$18,550 for the entire year. Student government has an extra \$32,000 in their fund balance, which is its reserve savings account. Lighthizer said this balance is strict savings saved up throughout the years as a result of budget surplus.

Student government is funded through student fees. Students pay \$2.09 per credit taken.

"Student government fees are intended to provide students with funds needed to proactively participate in the college environment and interact with the college administration for the benefit of the student body," said Tresa England, dean of enrollment services.

"Some of the things they have regularly helped to pay are student

printing expenses, the graduation fee for students who are walking in the graduation ceremony, and seed money for student clubs and organizations," England said.

Due to the extravagant printing expenses, student government will have to pull from its fund balance to cover any extra expenses for the rest of the semester and to pay out matching funds requests submitted by CNCC's student clubs and organizations. This task will be no small feat, as it must appeal to the cabinet (the administration of CNCC) in order to draw from this account.

Matching funds requests are used by student clubs and organizations to help with fundraising. Student government matches half of what a student group raises, up to \$350.

For example, if a club raises \$1,000 in a fundraiser, it can then submit a request in order to get extra money equal to half of what they raised up to \$350. The club that raises \$1,000 would receive the full \$350. A club that raises only \$50, however, can only receive \$25. For more information, contact Kayla Lighthizer at kayla.lighthizer@cncc.edu or by calling her at 970-675-3308.

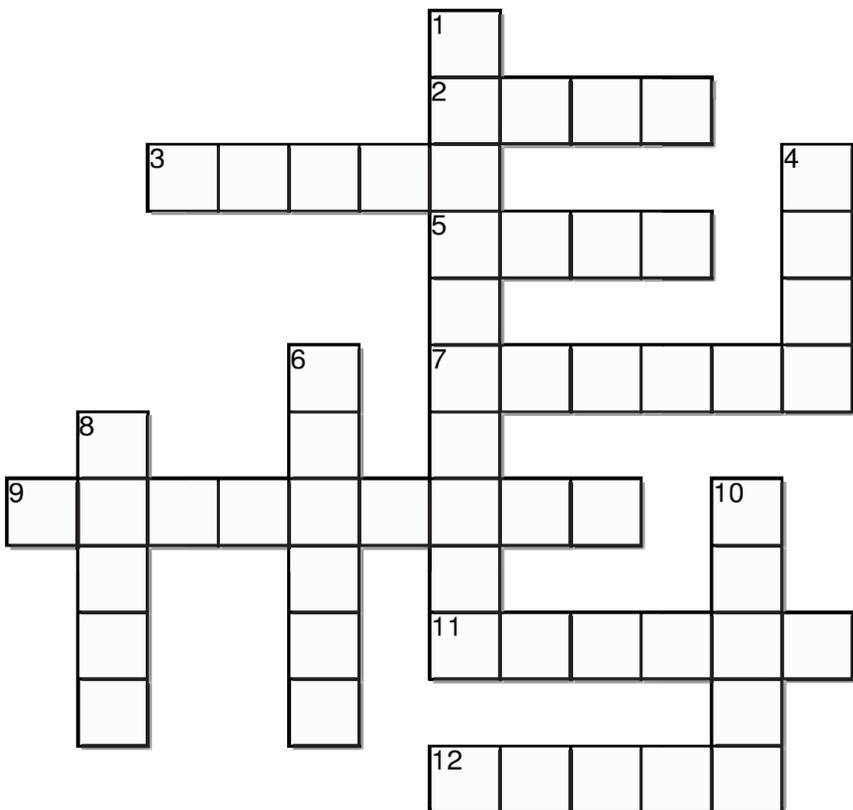
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Across:

- 1. The Easter bunny hides these
- 2. _____ showers bring May flowers
- 3. March rolls in like a lion, out like a _____
- 4. You put the eggs that you find in this
- 5. These are many kinds of me, including Reese's and Hershey's
- 6. The season that comes before summer
- 7. I deliver the eggs and hide them for you to find

Down:

- 1. I am a type of candy that is colorful and delicious
- 2. You do this to find the eggs.
- 3. I am beautiful, and bees love me!
- 4. I am a baby chicken
- 5. Some kinds of me are Peeps and Taffy

Across: 1. Jelly Beans 2. April 3. Eggs 4. Basket 5. Chocolate 6. Spring 7. Bunny
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