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The Easter Bunny follows safety protocols like the use of a cloth mask as he gears up for his big day of delivering goodies.
Photo courtesy of Christine Halandras

Ventilator delivered to Rangely by local pilots

By **NIKI TURNER**
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RANGELY I Like other hospitals in the country, Rangely District Hospital started planning and preparing for a potential surge in COVID-19 patients weeks ago. After evaluating available equipment, they determined they had a need for a ventilator that would meet long-term support requirements for a potential COVID-19 patient.

"A fear as a rural hospital is bed availability in the bigger facilities as the pandemic peaks," said RDH CEO Kyle Wren via email. "We want to be prepared for the worst-case scenarios, hoping they never come to fruition."

The three ventilators RDH had on hand are not for long-term use, according to Jodi Dillon, Public Information Officer for Rangely Incident Command (IC) during the COVID-19 pandemic and RDH Business Office Manager. One ventilator was designed for home care use, and the other two were designed for use while transporting patients to another facility. With the help of IC logistics officer Travis Mobley, the hospital started the search for a new ventilator.

"Twice we thought we had sourced an adequate ventilator, only to have it fall through," Dillon said.

RDH Chief Nursing Officer Paulo Fernandez reached out to Ben Anderson with the Colorado Hospital Association for help. "Within 24 hours Paulo received a phone call to meet Angel Flight at the airport to pick up the ventilator," Dillon said.

Angel Flight West is a non-profit, volunteer organization that arranges free, non-emergency air travel for children and adults with serious medical conditions and other compelling needs. In the current situation, they are applying their services toward COVID-19 issues as well.

Last Wednesday, Meeker pilot David Cole, who usually transports neurology and oncology patients for St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, put in an application with Angel Flight West. On

Thursday morning he heard word that Rio Blanco County had its first positive COVID-19 case.

"Thursday night I got a call about a ventilator," Cole said.

Cole and Meeker's Bradley Sullivan, due for a flight review and instrument proficiency check on Friday anyway, took off from Meeker to Centennial Airport near Denver. Upon arrival they were handed homemade masks.

Getting the ventilator into the plane took some effort. They had to partially dismantle the 5-1/2 by 2 ft. machine to fit through a 21 inch opening in the plane.

"It took five people," Cole said. He thanked the plane's owner, Jeff Posey of Aspen, for volunteering the use of his plane and the fuel costs.

Upon arrival in Rangely, a team from RDH picked up the ventilator for transport to the hospital.

"Words can't say enough for how thankful we are for each of them. The organizations involved were Project Cure, Government PPE Task Force, Colorado Hospital Association and Angel Flight. We feel better equipped now to take care of a COVID-19 critical patient long-term having the newly acquired ventilator," Wren said.

"With reports of Colorado hospitals being short 5,000 ICU beds, our concern was we could have a critical ICU patient without a bed at a higher acuity hospital available. This ensures we can keep a critical patient long term if needed," Dillon said. "There are no words to articulate what a donation of this magnitude means to us as a facility and our community," Dillon said.

The county's collaborative incident command system structure helped push the ventilator request through channels "further and faster," Dillon said.

Cole has since flown an oncology flight to Craig, and said it's the first time in his career he's had a plane full of people wearing masks. His advice, after "hanging out" with health professionals, is to take the threat of COVID-19 seriously. "It's coming to a place near you," he said.

SO IT BEGINS ...



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

Recent winds have dried out grasses and brush, contributing to the rapid spread of a fire in Lion's Canyon Tuesday. The cause is under investigation. Scan the ZAP Code with the Zappar app for more photos (click on it in the digital edition.)

Lion Fire burns 229 acres, structures

By **NIKI TURNER**
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MEEKER I Fire crews from the Meeker Volunteer Fire Department, BLM, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and the state's Division of Fire Prevention and Control responded to a fire in Lion's Canyon about 3 miles west of Meeker at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The fire is believed to have started near an unoccupied mobile home which was destroyed in the fire, along with several outbuildings and multiple vehicles, according to Meeker Fire Chief Luke Pelloni. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Within a few hours, gusty winds expanded the fire to 229 acres, 29 of which were on BLM land. About half a dozen residents were evacuated temporarily.

Pelloni said about 30 people worked on the fire Tuesday, and 12 to 15 would be back out Wednesday "mopping up." They hope to achieve full containment by the end of the day.

A press release from the RBC Sheriff's Office Wednesday said residents can expect to still see smoldering parts and even small amounts of smoke coming from the fire area until the mop-up period is complete. Expect to see firefighters in the area coming and going until this is complete.



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

Thirty or so first responders, including Meeker's Charlie Day (pictured), were on hand for the first fire of the season.

You can now self-report COVID-19 symptoms

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health has created a self-reporting form for residents with symptoms of COVID-19. If you or a member of your household have symptoms, you're asked to complete the self-screening form online at <https://www.rbc.us/592/Coronavirus-Update>.

PMC launches resource line

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Pioneers Medical Center and Meeker Family Health Center have launched a resource line to give you more information about COVID-19 symptoms. We can help you decide when to contact your doctor, visit the PMC Respiratory Clinic or set up a

telehealth visit. Call 970-878-9796. You will hear a short pre-recorded message. Simply press 1 and you will be connected to a real person who will help you understand your symptoms and determine possible care options for you. The Resource Line is available Monday through Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

The forms, which are anonymous, will be used as a tracking tool for COVID-19 impact in Rio Blanco County since not everyone will be able to be tested for the virus. Symptomatic individuals who do not have internet access but would like to self-report can call Public Health in Meeker at 970-878-9520 or Rangely 970-878-9525.

Municipal Election Results

MEEKER

Record turnout propelled several candidates to victory Tuesday evening as 654 ballots were tallied. Residents voted for mayor and three trustee candidates this election cycle.

Unofficial results are as follows (winners are bolded):

- Mayor:**
Rodney Gerloff – 305 votes
Kent Borchard – 336 votes
Trustees:
Travis Day (incumbent) – 425 votes
Wendy Gutierrez (incumbent) – 397 votes
Melissa J. Kindall (incumbent) – 346 votes
Jared Harvey – 312 votes
Matt Scott – 220 votes

On an election-related note, ERBM Recreation and Park District is suggesting residents sign up for absentee ballots due to COVID-19. Details are in the public notice, PAGE 7B.

RANGELY

Unofficial election results are in for the Town of Rangely.

On the ballot – three uncontested races (two trustee seats and the mayor's seat) and a ballot question about whether the Town of Rangely will continue to inject their water system with fluoride.

- Mayor:**
Andy Shaffer (incumbent, uncontested) – 452 votes
Trustees:
Tyson Hacking (incumbent, uncontested) – 371 votes
Trey Robie (incumbent, uncontested) – 422 votes

Ballot questions:
The big question on the ballot this year was fluoridation of the town's water, which was hotly contested in the HT's OP-ED pages.

With a vote of 379 for and 151 against, fluoridation will continue.



Meeker pilots David Cole and Bradley Sullivan flying for Angel Flight West, delivered a new ventilator to Rangely District Hospital last week. Download the free Zappar app and scan the code for more photos or click on it in the digital edition.



Saturday: 60s/30s Partly Cloudy



Sunday: 40s/10s Mostly Cloudy



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CORONAVIRUS Q&A #2

With RBC Public Health Director Alice Harvey



SCAN THE QR CODE (OR CLICK ON IT IN THE DIGITAL VERSION) TO SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS!

Monday, April 13 ~ 7 p.m.



Facebook Live ~ @heraldtimes1885
(No social media? Please email caitlin@ht1885.com for access.)

SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE VIRUS.

COVID-19 RBC PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Rio Blanco County shares a similar percentage of older adults in our population as the country of Italy, one of the hardest hit places during the COVID-19 pandemic. The mortality rate of COVID-19 is significantly higher among adults over 60 and those with pre-existing health conditions, which means **more than 30% of our citizens are at higher risk** for severe COVID-19 illness.

For this reason, we must all work together to protect our community. Please see more information about social distancing at our county website (www.rbc.us) and around town at local businesses and offices as we work together to protect one another from COVID.

Here are two ways you can help:

SOCIAL

When possible, keep 6 feet between you and others when you are out.

That's roughly the length of a horse.

DISTANCING

COLORADO Department of Public Health & Environment

STOP

DO NOT ENTER IF SICK

COLORADO Department of Public Health & Environment

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Do not congregate, and do not stand closer than 6 feet apart in public places.

ISOLATE WHEN SICK.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 which include fever, cough, or shortness of breath, **STAY HOME EXCEPT TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE.**

CDPHE is providing the following guidance to people experiencing symptoms of COVID-19:

For people with mild symptoms: Early on, symptoms may feel like a common cold, including a combination of cough, body aches, fatigue, and chest tightness. People who are not at high risk of severe illness may not need to be evaluated in-person or tested for COVID-19. Not everyone with symptoms or who may have been exposed to COVID-19 will be tested right away.

If you have mild symptoms including a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or suspect that you were exposed, please stay home and avoid contact with others.

As a general rule, isolate for 14 days, or until:

- You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that's 3 days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) AND
- other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND
- At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

Use over-the-counter medication to treat mild symptoms. There is currently no specific treatment for COVID-19.

For people with more serious symptoms, especially if you are experiencing shortness of breath:

- Continue to self-isolate.
- Call your healthcare provider if your illness becomes more severe, especially if you are experiencing shortness of breath. Your provider may recommend you be tested for COVID-19.
- Consider a telehealth visit or nurse-line advice before seeking in-person care. Ask your primary care provider if they offer telehealth visits, or call one of Colorado's nurselines. You can find a list at covid19.colorado.gov/telehealth-and-nurselines.

For people with severe symptoms: (severe shortness of breath or difficulty breathing)

- Call 911 and tell the dispatcher your symptoms.
- Do not wait to call 911 in the event of an emergency.
- 24/7 emergency medical care remains available if needed via your local Emergency Departments. Please call ahead of time so that healthcare providers can prepare for your arrival:
RDH: (970) 675-5011
PMC: (970) 878-9292

The 911 system is not intended for minor injuries or general medical questions. **Do not call 911 if you are seeking general medical advice or wish to be tested for COVID-19.** Testing is not recommended for asymptomatic people and is not required.

LOCAL HOSPITAL OPTIONS:

In Rangely, residents should call 970-620-3969 (Monday-Friday 8am-4pm) if they are symptomatic to schedule drive through testing if indicated at Rangely District Hospital, drive through available Mon.-Fri. from noon to 2 p.m.

In Meeker, the Pioneers Hospital Respiratory Clinic is open for symptomatic individuals who would like to be seen by a medical provider, Mon.-Fri. from 1-4pm. Testing will be completed if indicated by order from a physician. During these hours you may go to Pioneers Medical Center, follow the signs to the Respiratory Clinic located on the east (or Craig-side) of the Pioneers campus.

Please visit www.rbc.us, call the RBC COVID-19 hotline at (970)878-7121, or call public health for specific recommendations.

(970) 878-9520 in Meeker
(970) 878-9525 in Rangely



THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE!

NEWS BRIEFS

Easter egg hunts canceled

RBC | The annual Easter egg hunts in the county have been canceled this year due to the stay-at-home orders in place through April 26.

Old Timers celebration canceled

MEEKER | The Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association had originally planned for their Old Timers celebration to be held on June 6 at the Fairfield Center. Regrettably, the reunion has been canceled for the first time in 108 years. Plans are being made for the return of the celebration next year, June 5, 2021. Next year's theme will be the Happy Days Era of the '50s and '60s. The RBPCA organization staff will be sending out letters to request membership renewals. We look forward to having a super turnout next year.

Some CNCC programs suspended

MEEKER | For public safety, Colorado Northwestern Community College has suspended most workforce training and community programming until April 11. If you're enrolled in non-credit classes, scheduled to teach or a manager with a training agreement, you should have been contacted with additional details about educational options, prorated refunds, and rescheduling. If you're a degree-seeking student or for-credit instructor, important information will be provided via your CNCC emails. To learn more visit: <https://cncc.edu/cncc-covid-19-updates>. For questions or updates, send us a Facebook message, email sasha.nelson@cncc.edu or call us at 970-824-1109 or 970-824-1118.

CNCC firefighting, EMR enrolling now

MEEKER | Enhance or change your career with certification in Wildland Firefighting Weekends, April 18-May 3 and Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) May 11-15. Seats are limited. Registration closes April 3. These classes will run under CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19. Start dates may be changed in response to mandated COVID-19 shelter in place orders. Classes held in Rangely. Affordable overnight on-campus housing options may be available. To learn more and register email sasha.nelson@cncc.edu or call 970-824-1118.

Friend CNCC on Facebook

MEEKER | Posts on Colorado Northwestern Community College Facebook pages help keep folks informed about the latest classes, free community events, job opportunities and much more. Like and follow Colorado Northwestern Community College Community Education at <https://www.facebook.com/CNCCCommunityEducation/> and for more interaction join our group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/570887166395158/>

Due to Colorado's statewide stay at home order through April 26, we are skipping our Community Calendar for the time being.

Please check our home page for real time updates on the coronavirus situation in Rio Blanco County.

www.ht1885.com

Farm Bureau scholarship apps due April 23

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau is proud to offer a \$1,000 college scholarship again this year to a local high school student. Scholarship applications are available now and the deadline has been extended until April 23. These scholarships are funded by the dues of the local County Farm Bureau membership. We thank those who are current members and encourage others to join Farm Bureau to help support these types of activities supporting our youth.

The Rio Blanco Farm Bureau is one of 45 county Farm Bureaus within Colorado that make up Colorado Farm Bureau (CFB), a grass-roots organization dedicated

to promoting and protecting the future of agriculture and rural values at the state and federal levels. Members and CFB represent all of agriculture and rural communities. Membership benefits include; Farm Bureau Insurance, numerous membership discounts, trainings, and educational opportunities. Visit CFB website at www.coloradofarmbureau.com and click the benefits tab for a listing of all the benefits. Although membership is included with the purchase of Farm Bureau insurance, insurance is not required to become a Farm Bureau member. Please call Nancy at 970-878-4460 for scholarship applications or if you have questions regarding membership. The local board meets the first Monday of each month at Kilowatt Korner.

Some tax filing deadlines temporarily extended

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The governor's office has temporarily extended the deadlines for filing certain documents and information typically due to county assessors by April 15. The filing deadlines for taxable (business) personal property, taxable natural resource property (mining) and taxable oil and gas property have been extended

June 15 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the extension, RBC Assessor Renae Neilson said filing sooner rather than later is appreciated, as it will assist with processing. The declarations can be filed by mail or email.

If you have questions or concerns about the extensions, or about filing declarations, the assessor's office is responding to email at renae.neilson@rbc.us

Cabin Fever relief

By **JANET CLARK**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | If you are having cabin fever take a short 10-minute drive up County Road 8 about 3 miles to County Road 6 (Little Beaver Road). Turn left on County Road 6 and go about .6 of a mile to visit the restored Coal Creek School on the left. (If you passed the big red barn you have gone too far.)

The school isn't open but you can view most of the interior through the eight tall windows and enjoy some spring and Easter decorations in the windows. Take a walk back in history with your family and imagine what it was like to go to that school from 1884-1948. The privy/coal shed has been restored and the horse shed is in the process of being restored. There was never a playground at this school so the children entertained themselves at recess by playing games like baseball, jacks and jump rope.



Coal Creek School

The Coal Creek School is closed, but a peek through the windows gives a glimpse into education as it was a century ago. Take a drive to the location on Little Beaver Road to see it for yourself.

JANET CLARK COURTESY PHOTOS



Take a moment to be quiet and you may see or hear sandhill cranes and other things of nature. On the drive to and from the school watch for the new baby calves and lambs in the fields. Enjoy some history of Rio Blanco County, beautiful scenery and see that the Rio Blanco County economy still is very agricultural. Please remember to respect all property and rules for social distances.

1 PERSON, 1 CART



Be P.A.R.T. of the Solution



P - Plan (Shop for days, not meals.)
A - Alone (Shop alone, but ask others if you can shop for them.)
R - Restrict (Wave hello and socialize remotely.)
T - Time (Avoid peak hours from 10 to noon and around dinner time.)

SENIOR SERVICES

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DATES: April 1 - April 29, 2020

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Time to reflect on Easter's meaning

By NIKI TURNER
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ABOUT THOSE MASKS

What an unusual Easter this shall be. Church services will be online; Easter egg hunts limited to back yards with sibling-only competition (color your printable paper eggs this week and place them in your windows, too); and families won't (or shouldn't) be having big Easter dinners together. It is scheduled to snow. That's actually pretty normal.

As some chafe under the public health restrictions in place, bemoaning the loss of freedom to do as they please, it's a good time to recall the life and lessons of a man who willingly sacrificed himself for the well-being of others. Let's keep that story in mind when we feel constricted, trapped, stir-crazy and pouty.

Meanwhile, all those restrictions and regulations appear to be slowly making a difference, so keep up the good work!

Hold tight, storms don't last forever.

Last weekend I made 1.75 cloth masks (the .75 is when I gave up after the 15th time the thread broke). The endeavor involved much cussing at my sewing machine and twisting my brain around a DIY YouTube video. I miss good, old-fashioned written instructions, don't you? I got one mask done and, in an effort to be compliant, wore it out of the house. I got some strange looks, and didn't see another soul sporting our new fashion trend while I was out. A voicemail from a reader echoed my experience.

I haven't experienced this kind of peer pressure since the first time I wore all black to school. It wasn't trendy yet, and I got a lot of snide comments about "are you going to a funeral" and "who died?" from my fellow students. Today no one thinks twice about

wearing all black, all the time. Hopefully the mask-wearing season won't last too long, but while it's here, it would be nice if we call all be trendy together for once.

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

Happy 30th anniversary to my husband, Pat. The last three decades have been quite the adventure, and I'm glad you've been there with me for all of it, good, bad, happy and sad.

LIONS OR LYONS?

The fire Tuesday sparked a debate: is it Lions Canyon or Lyons Canyon? Apparently, the question has been asked since at least 1911, as both are listed on a United States Geological Survey photo. Google Maps says Lions Canyon. Residents say Lions Canyon.

BINGO!

Have you BINGOed yet? Check out the BINGO pages in the B section for some fun activities you can complete for a chance to win! The Meeker Library gets kudos for this one. We appreciate their support and hope you do, too!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rangely Rural Fire requesting mill levy increase

Dear Editor:

You may have seen the flyer that went out to each household regarding the proposed mill levy increase. It is the legal notice we are required to provide to all property owners and registered voters. It is worded the way it will appear on the Special District's ballot for the May 5, 2020, election. We were not allowed to put anything else on this notice.

I am writing to give a better explanation on why the Rangely Fire District is seeking a mill levy increase, what it will cover, and what it will cost taxpayers. We planned on handing out flyers at the Health Fair and various other events, but as you are aware, those events were cancelled. Therefore, we had no way of getting this information out to the public and answering questions. We have been contacted by many individuals asking questions and here are some of the answers:

The cost to taxpayers is as follows:

- \$200,000 home value
- Current property tax to homeowner is \$12.59 per year
- Proposed property tax to homeowner is \$28.80 per year
- \$500,000 Business Value
- Current property tax to business owner is \$126.73 per year
- Proposed property tax to business owner is \$290.00 per year

The reason it appears that we are asking for such a large additional amount each year is because we did a 15-year equipment replacement and operating plan and we do not want to have to come back to the public in a couple of years to ask again. According to our 15-year plan, if the increase is approved, we would be OK into the future and could replace equipment and operate the Fire Department. In 2020 we will get about \$250,000 in tax revenue and it is impossible to operate and buy new equipment with that amount. We have been using our fund balance to offset the tax revenue for the past four years.

The reason the actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending went up from 2019 and is anticipated for 2020, is because we received

a partial grant to purchase a truck. We have to pay for the truck and then request a partial reimbursement on it after we have paid in full. The truck is approximately \$125,000. This is the reason for the increase in expenditures for 2020. We have other vehicles and equipment that have to be replaced and this is the biggest part of what we are asking the increase for. We put a 15-year plan together for equipment replacement. Some personal protection gear has to be replaced every 10 years. We are asking for an increase so we can stay on the replacement plan and keep our firefighters safe.

At some point in the future, we anticipate having to update or build on to the current Fire Hall. Our current Fire Hall is not ADA compliant and any work to it would require that we become ADA compliant. We are out of room when it comes to storing our equipment and we need to stay compliant with the NFPA regulations.

In addition to replacing equipment, the mill levy increase will help to pay for training each year which consists of approximately 1,200 manhours per year. Some of the training that you might not be aware of is as follows: swift water rescue, scuba diving, CPR, fire behavior, hazmat, school bus evacuation, wildland fire, pipeline awareness, self-contained breathing apparatus, school mock accident, fire ground survival, etc.

Our firefighters put in over 1,000 manhours per year for fire runs. We serve 1,000 square miles, protecting homes, ranches, schools, businesses, gas/oil fields, Hwy. 64, Hwy. 139, and Hwy. 40. We assist on medical runs, vehicle accidents, rescues, body recoveries, missing hunters, ATV accidents, search and rescue, various community service, and events.

We realize this is not the best time because of people being home from work and the COVID-19 pandemic, but we have put off asking the voters for this increase for many years because other entities were needing increases and we did not want to overwhelm the voters. It has been 23 years since the last increase. At that time, it went from .50 Mills to .874 mills. We feel we have been good stewards with the tax dollars we have received. We have bought two new fire trucks by donations, grants and financing and we didn't ask the public for help. These two trucks that we bought in 2013 helped bring lower the average homeowners insurance premium because our ISO rating improved.

We have decided to go to the voters because we thought no one else was seeking funds at this time. By the time the COVID-19 pandemic came into play, we were already so far into this that we had to continue forward with the ballot question. We know times are difficult right now and would appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Rangely Rural Fire Protection District
Board of Directors
Tim Webber, Chairman

GUEST COLUMN

Online overload

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the HT

MEEKER I If one more online contact or provider tells me to use a new platform/software, upload a new app, or watch a video tutorial, I think I will scream. Last week was a total technology frustration, including my cell phone that would not ring when called.

Now that we're all living and working in the cyber world,

these additional frustrations will give us more to worry about than a lack of toilet paper.

Although a senior citizen, I am not new to online technology. My husband and I have worked remotely for years, adapted to various clients' technology, sustained two websites and newsletters, and kept updating our technology skills without any tech staff.

We can Facetime with our grandchildren, text (slowly

with many typing errors), use the iPad to accept credit card purchases, pay bills online, and keep up with email across the country.

Probably like me, you're suddenly trying to do everything online. The internet must be overloaded. I couldn't pay my WREA bill (although it loaded next day), nor log onto State of Colorado to pay vehicle license fees (thankfully county processed check I left in drop box), nor access the online Herald Times version, (thanks, Niki, for connecting me again.)

Even more frustrating, an

in-progress artist-in-residence application asked me to switch from mail to applying via Google Apps that I have never used and couldn't get working. Another art project sent Xcel attachments that would not load on my computer, (turns out it was their error as no attachment existed). The church wanted me to connect via Zoom (never heard of it, but it is easy).

Folks! The online resources you use every day may not be familiar to me. I will do my best, but I cannot master a new technology every day. I am very grateful for the support so many people provided to me last week, many of whom I have never met.

Along with our other kindnesses in this tough time, please remember to help others with these new tech challenges and provide workarounds when possible. Don't assume your knowledge base is universal. Be patient and remember others' systems may not be processing communications as quickly as you send them.

As we survive the other challenges of this pandemic, we will also learn and expand our tech abilities. I'm already working on a Zoom session with my girlfriends who live across the country. Last week's ignorance is this week's bliss.

THANK YOU!

Dear Meeker Community and beyond,

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for all of you that contributed to our shoe drive.

With everyone's generosity, we surpassed our goal 2500 pairs of shoes, which will now be purchased by a non-profit to help entrepreneurs in developing countries start their own shoe businesses. The shoe drive funds will go towards our ecology trip to the Galapagos Islands, originally scheduled for June 2020, but now postponed until a later date.

We would like to thank Watts Ranch Market, the ERBM Rec Center, Meeker Drugstore, Meeker Public Library, several churches and The Rio Blanco Herald Times for hosting our shoe collection boxes.

A HUGE note of appreciation goes to Father Scott and St. James Episcopal Church for collecting shoes and allowing us to sort and store shoes in Richard's Hall.

Thank you so much!
Meeker International Ecology Program

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SHOES?
Donations will be purchased by a non-profit and distributed to entrepreneurs in developing countries so they can start their own shoe businesses.

Photo courtesy of FundsZorgs.com

LESS HAIR

MORE LOVE

HAPPY THREE DECADES!
WE LOVE YOU!

Love, your obnoxious family ♡

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FOOD BANK ...



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Rangely Food bank is actively seeking donations and would like to thank all of the contributors in March who together raised \$1,950, a great start. Many local people have donated food. Thanks to all of the volunteers for helping unload. They work long hours and days to serve the community. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference to those at risk for hunger during this tough time. Thanks especially to Moon Lake Electric (\$200), Boots Campbell (\$750), and El Pomar Foundation (\$1,000). If you would like to donate, the Rangely Food Bank is a 501(c)3 organization (Tax ID 26-209657). To discuss options, call Chris at 620-2407. The food bank is located at 204 E. Rio Blanco in Rangely and is open Wednesdays from 1-6 p.m. and Saturday from 12-2 p.m.



Virtual Easter Services

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MEEKER:

- Christ Reformed Church 10 a.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/christreformedmeeker/>
- Church at Meeker Check their Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/488430667936692/>
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints View 2018 Messiah concert Easter Sunday at 2 p.m. at BYUtv.org
- Open Range Cowboy Church of Meeker (970)260-6820 for info.
- Emmanuel Baptist 9:15 Bible study, 10:30 worship live stream <https://www.facebook.com/ebcmeeker/>
- Faith Baptist Church Link to live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/FaithBaptistMeeker/>
- Grace Bible Church Live stream starts at 10:30 a.m. <https://www.facebook.com/doc.watson.1654/>
- Holy Family Catholic Church 9 a.m. Sunday Mass live streaming at <https://nwtriparish.com/>
- Meeker Assembly of God Live on Facebook at 10 a.m.: <https://www.facebook.com/meekerassembly/>
- Meeker Christian Church 878-5105 for information
- Meeker Church of Christ

878-3148 for information

- Meeker United Methodist Church 10 a.m. live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/MeekerUMC/>
- New Creation Church - Meeker Campus Watch live services from Glenwood Springs: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. <https://www.newcreationchurch.org/watch-sundays-live/>
- St. James Episcopal Church 10 a.m. live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmeekerco/>

RANGELY:

- Easter Sunrise Service: The annual Rangely Community Easter Sunrise Service will be posted at 6:45 a.m. on Facebook by Pastor Josh Schwartz of Grace Baptist Church. The service will either be live-streamed or pre-recorded depending on the weather service. The community Easter breakfast is canceled this year. <https://www.facebook.com/GBCRangely/>
- Bible Baptist Church Live streaming at <https://www.facebook.com/bbcrangely/>
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints View 2018 Messiah concert Easter Sunday at 2 p.m. at BYUtv.org
- First Baptist Church

970-620-0424 for information

- Grace Baptist Church Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/GBCRangely/>
- Living Water Assembly Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/Living-Water-Assembly-158448272695/>
- New Creation Church of Rangely <https://www.churchunusual.live/>
- Rangely Christian Church Live streaming at <https://www.facebook.com/Rangely-Christian-Church-293565397331438/>
- St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 675-2202 for information
- St. Ignatius Catholic Church 9 a.m. Sunday Mass live streaming at <https://nwtriparish.com/>

EDITOR'S NOTE: This list was compiled from information found online and may be incomplete. If you have questions about service times or live streaming, contact the church of your choice.

Meeker Christian Church

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Apr. 10 through Apr. 15, 2020

FRIDAY • APR. 10
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MONDAY • APR. 13
Easter meal. Biscuit and sausage gravy, eggs, hash browns, fresh melon

TUESDAY • APR. 14
Clam chowder, crackers, chef salad, lemon bar.

WEDNESDAY • APR. 15
Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, brussel sprouts, tropical fruit, bread

White River Roundup continues to provide lunch to those aging adults 60+. Both Radino and Chuckwagon are providing home delivered meals M, Tu, W and F. To reserve a lunch, call and leave a message before 8 a.m. Radino: (970)878-9638
Chuckwagon: (970)878-5627



OUR MISSION

To lead in the protection, conservation, use, and development of the water resources of the White River Basin for the welfare of the District, and to safeguard for the Lower Rio Blanco County all waters of the White River to which the State has entitled.

OBITUARIES

Candy Titmus

March 5, 1962 ~ April 1, 2020

Candy Titmus, loving mother of four, exhibited unwavering courage and an impeccable spirit in her long and fierce battle, which she lost on April 1 2020, at the age of 58. Candy was born March 5, 1962, to Mary Ann Harkins and Robert Pearce in Coos Bay, Oregon.



Candy Titmus

Candy was a strong-willed independent person. She made everyone around her glow with her smile and her even more prominent fiery spirit, making everyone around laugh. She was an extraordinary mother but even more so as a grandmother. Candy spent her life trying to tend to those who needed a helping hand, her

joys in life never faltered: her children, always giving all she could to see the smiles on their faces. She would always say that family was most important and she continued to live up to that practice till the day she parted. Though she did, her spirit will live on in each of her children and grandchildren. Survived by her kids: Brian Pearce and his four kids; Crystal Yarnell, husband Warren and their two kids; Johnny Titmus, wife Melissa and their five kids; Ashely Stewart and husband Kyle; sisters Kristy Phillips and Kasii Odgers, and brother Jimmy Pearce. She joins a great number of friends and family who have already greeted her in heaven.

Services will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be shared at www.AshleyValleyFuneralHome.com

Coe D. Mangus

Oct. 18, 1957 ~ March 18, 2020

Coe D. Mangus passed away on March 18, 2020, due to complications caused from COPD. He was 62 years old. He was born on Oct. 18, 1957 to Robert and Delores Mangus in Montrose, Colorado. Coe spent 13 years growing up in Norwood, Col-



Coe Mangus

orado and moved with his family to Meeker in the fall of 1969.

After getting his education, Coe moved to Utah and began employment with Big D Construction, as a heavy equipment operator and welder. Later in life, he worked and enjoyed landscaping, and was also an avid gardener. Coe loved the great outdoors, and spent much of his time in the mountains, hiking, fishing, camping, and hunting.

He is survived by his sisters Gae Mangus, D'Aun Mangus,

LaTonne Mangus, (brother-in-law Scott Kracht); nephew Travis Murphy; and special friend of 40 years, Marie Nielson.

Coe was preceded in death by his parents Bob and Delores Mangus; grandparents Delbert and Alma Pollard; brother in-law Stormy Murphy; and best friend Steve Brumback.

As per Coe's previous wishes, no services will take place. His family will have a celebration of life later in the year.

FUNERAL NOTICE ~ POSTPONEMENT

Beatrice Hume & Charles Arnn



Beatrice Hume



Charles Arnn

This is to let friends and family of Beatrice Hume and Charles Arnn know that funeral services for them are on hold until we are once again able to have gatherings of this sort due to the coronavirus in our state.

We had originally set April 18 for the service. Our hope is that we can gather for this service sometime later in May.

At that time the service will be for both Beatrice Hume and her son-in-law, Charles Arnn.

We thank you for all the cards, prayers and thoughtful comments given to our family. Please everyone stay safe. God bless!

DEATH NOTICE

Donald Lee Mills

Oct. 11, 1954 ~ April 2, 2020

Donald Lee Mills, 65, husband of Shannon Mills, passed away on April 2, 2020. Services will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be shared at www.AshleyValleyFuneralHome.com

OBITUARY POLICY

The Rio Blanco Herald Times chooses not to charge a publication fee for obituaries or death notices with a local connection to the county. It is our opinion that publishing obituaries is a matter of public record and part of our responsibility as a newspaper to maintain a living record of our local history. If you need to submit an obituary or death notice, please stop by the office or email editor@theheraldtimes.com

The Parable of the Rich Fool (1)

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

... Thou fool ... So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. (Lk. 12:13-21)



Dr. J.D. Watson

MONEY plays a crucial role in society. Since it is a necessary commodity, we think much about it: how to get it, guard it, and grow it. Our Lord recognized this and as a result, about one-third of his nearly 40 parables address money either directly or indirectly.

Contrary to some thinking, money is not evil, rather the *love* of it is "the root of all [kinds of] evil" (1 Tim. 6:10) or "a root of all the evils." It's significant, indeed, that this does not say "the love of the sword" (or the modern equivalent "the gun") or any other object on earth is this root, rather the love of money. Now, like all objects, money is morally neutral. That is why even wealth is not evil (Deut. 8:18; 1 Tim. 6:17; cf. Job 1:3; Gen. 13:2; 26:13; 30:43; Ruth 2:1; Matt. 27:57). Neither is it evil to invest (Matt. 25:27), save (Prov. 21:20; 30:25), or do financial planning (Prov. 27:23-24). What matters, however, is the place we give money and what we do with it. The parable before us is a powerful one about greed and priorities, and it has much to say about our Christian service.

First, we read Jesus' *warning* (v. 15). The preamble of the parable (vv. 13-14) consisted of a certain man who asked Jesus to settle an inheritance dispute between him and his brother. Rabbis often settled such matters, but Jesus wanted no part of such argument because it was driven by nothing but greed. He, therefore, warned: **beware of covetousness**. The Greek *pleonexia* means "greedy desire to have more," a good definition of the English **covetousness**.

Covetousness is, indeed, a greatly "ignored sin," one that

few people consider being very serious at all. But this, of course, overlooks (no doubt deliberately) the appearance of this prohibition in God's Moral Law: "Thou shalt not covet" (Ex. 20:17). So serious is it, in fact, that Paul included it in a list of horrific sins: "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry" (Col. 3:5). Why does Paul call covetousness "idolatry," that is, the worship of a false god? Puritan Henry Smith well answers: "Covetousness is called idolatry, which is worse than infidelity, for it is less rebellion not to honor the king, than to set up another king against him." Whatever object we covet, it is that object that we put in God's place, the one we now worship, adore, and desire.

Oh, how on guard we must be here! Whether it be pleasure, possessions, power, popularity, or prestige, we must banish covetousness. We cannot serve God when we are serving *another* god. To adapt an old saying, whatever we covet is like seawater: the more we drink, the thirstier we become, and in the end it will destroy us. As Jesus went on to say, in effect, life is more than possessions.

Scriptures for Study: Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What observations can you make? What strikes you the most profoundly?

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

LOCAL MATTERS ...



CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

Restaurants like the historic Meeker Cafe (above) are closed to dine-in customers, but most are offering take out and delivery services during the statewide stay at home order. You can help your friends and neighbors stay in business by a) getting hungry (and thirsty!) and b) ordering something delicious.

We have included a flyer listing local restaurants and contact info. in this week's paper. Stick it on your fridge and order out as often as you can, from as many restaurants as you can, during these mandatory closures.

Hwy 13. construction project picking up for spring season

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Work on Colorado Highway 13 between Rifle and Meeker got underway for the spring season on Monday at the drainage structure near mile marker 18. A traffic signal will guide single lane, alternating traffic through the area 24/7. A 12 ft. width restriction is in place from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Scott Contracting, Inc., began the project in June 2019 and suspended work for the winter in November 2019. The work reconstructs and provides minor widening to an approximate five-mile

section of CO 13 north and south of Rio Blanco County Road 5, between mile points 16.06 and 20.77, about 16 miles north of Rifle. The anticipated completion date for the project is November 2020.

To date, 80 percent of the shoulder and embankment work has been completed in preparation for roadway reconstruction and minor widening in the 2020 season; 95 percent of the drainage work is complete, including the installation of two concrete box culverts under CO 13 and one under CR 5, as well as the replacement of two corrugated steel structures.

FAST FACTS

WHO: Scott Contracting, Inc.

WHAT: Highway 13 construction to provide minor widening, with single lane alternating traffic 24/7

WHEN: now through est. completion date of Nov. 2020

WHERE: construction zone begins near mile marker 18 on Highway 13

Wild to Mild: horse trainers wanted for 2020 Meeker Mustang Makeover

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The second annual 2020 Meeker Mustang Makeover is full speed ahead and calling all horse trainers to compete for \$8,000 in prize money. Meeker will once again offer visitors a chance for a magical two for one... the chance to attend both the internationally renowned Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials during the day, and on Friday night, watch regional horse trainers compete to take wild mustangs to mild. Tickets for the Meeker Mustang Makeover at the gate will be \$5, children 12 and under are free. Sheepdog tickets are separate.

Using area wild horses, the event will pit 10 trainers, both professional and amateur, against each other in a saddle competition after only a hair raising 100 days to start and train a wild mustang.

New this year is a youth

event for five trainers between the age of 10 and 18 in a halter only class, with the chance to earn scholarship funds of \$400 each by satisfying the requirements of handling an obstacle course for their wild horse yearlings.

Last year the stands were full, with nearly 1,000 people watching the competition. Trainers will need to complete an obstacle course, move cattle, and perform their own exciting freestyle surprises. Last year's winners were two young sisters, ages 10 and 12, with their father Joe Wood. Trainers are allowed to work as a team.

Following the competition, horses will be auctioned off to the crowd. The payoff for saddle trainers is big: They can win part of the \$8,000 in prize money and also receive 50% of the proceeds of their horse's sale, in addition to the BLM Adoption Incentive Program money of \$500 after two months and an

additional \$500 if they adopt the horse at the end of the year.

Interested trainers should immediately Billy Goedert (billygoedert@gmail.com). The final date for application is April 30. Trainers will pick up their horses on May 30 at the BLM office in Meeker, Colorado, and show their mustang magic on Friday, Sept. 11 at the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds. Accommodations will be made should the coronavirus epidemic disrupt the event.

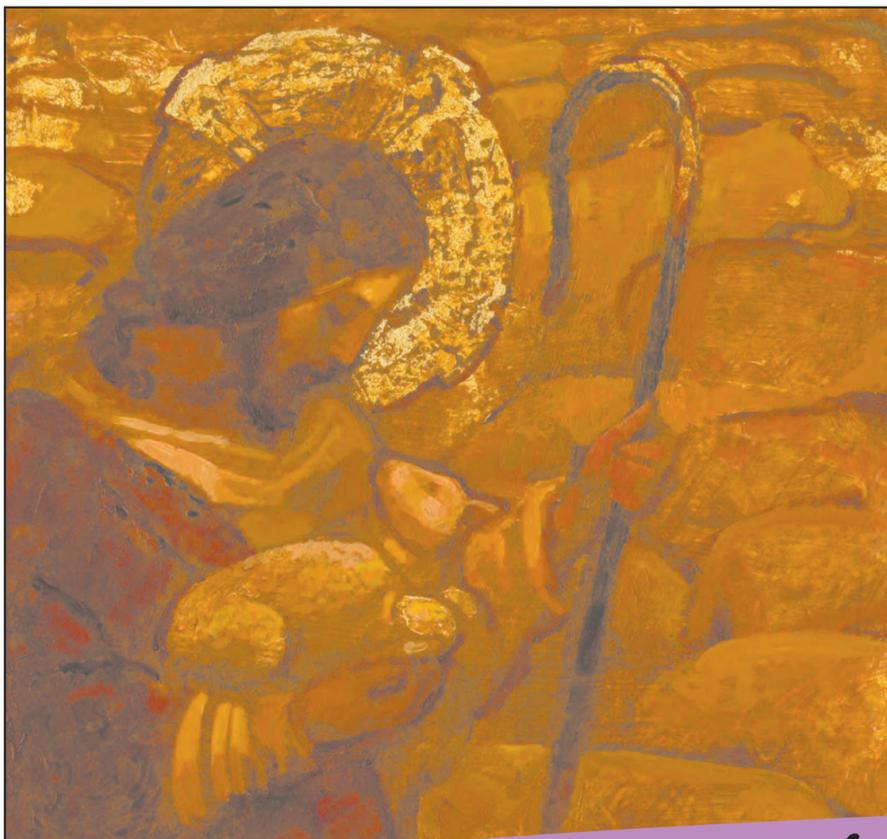
The program is designed to help ready mustangs for adoption and use, while educating the public about the mustang population in northwest Colorado, and the Piceance-East Douglas HMA herds. Horses will be 3 years old, a prime age for training (and 1 year old for the youth event.)

Interested trainers should reach out right away to: Billy Goedert: 970-629-5848 Billygoedert@gmail.com



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The first Meeker Mustang Makeover was a big success and the group is gearing up for the next event, planned for Sept.



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BYUtv.org will also air Messiah on **Easter Sunday Apr. 12, 2 p.m. MST**

Visit the websites for more details, the score and additional videos.

Can't Wait Until May - We Need Mental Health Awareness Now

Traditionally Mental Health Awareness Month is May. Life during COVID-19 acknowledges we need mental health awareness, supports and services more than ever right now.

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Dinosaur native continues U.S. Navy Seabees tradition

By MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS DAVID R. FINLEY, JR.

Navy Office of Community Outreach

DINOSAUR I “We Build, We Fight” has been the motto of the U. S. Navy’s Construction Force, known as the “Seabees,” for more than seven decades. The Navy Seabees are an elite group of personnel trained in both combat and the craft skills of the construction industry.

Petty Officer 1st Class Sarah Hedge, a native of Dinosaur, Colorado, builds and fights around the world as a member of a naval construction battalion center located in Port Hueneme, California.

Hedge is serving as a Navy builder, who is responsible for completing various construction projects for the Navy.

“I instruct fellow Seabees on heavy timber and stick framing construction,” Hedge said.

Building in austere environments can be a challenge. Fighting in harsh conditions can also be a challenge. Building in austere environments while fighting in harsh conditions takes a special kind of person with a great deal of perseverance and determination, according to officials with the U.S. Navy History and Heritage Command. These are the kinds of people being trained at Port Hueneme, to provide crucial support to Seabee units deployed around the world.

The jobs of some of the Seabees today have remained unchanged since World War II, when the Seabees paved the 10,000-mile road to victory for the allies in the Pacific and in Europe, said Lara Godbille, director of the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum.

“I enjoy being able to learn new skills,” said Hedge. “As a Seabee, we are constantly training and developing our craft.”

Seabees have served in all American conflicts for nearly 80 years. They have also supported humanitarian efforts using their construction skills to help communities around the world following earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Hedge is a 2003 homeschool graduate. According to Hedge, the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Dinosaur.

“In homeschooling, we did a lot of survival skill training and I did construction work with my father,” said Hedge. “The construction has helped prepare me for a career as a Seabee.”

Port Hueneme is the West Coast homeport of the Navy’s Seabees. It’s one of five learning sites in the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering domain. They train and devel-



COURTESY PHOTO

Dinosaur native Sarah Hedge is a member of a naval construction battalion center.

op sailors, soldiers, airmen, and Marines in construction trades and military skills for Department of Defense operating forces to accomplish contingency and peacetime construction, chemical, biological, and radiological operations, and humanitarian assistance missions worldwide.

Port Hueneme and the men and women who serve there play

will maximize the Navy we have today while delivering the Navy that our nation will rely upon tomorrow,” said Adm. Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations. “We will do so with urgency. Our fleet will be a potent, formidable force that competes around the world every day, deterring those who would challenge us while reassuring our allies and partners.”

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Hedge is most proud of receiving the Joyce Stewart Award for community service and equal opportunity.

“I was the first enlisted person to receive the award alone,” said Hedge. “I take great pride in assisting the diversity program within my unit.”

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Hedge, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

“It is an awesome experience to be a part of this rich heritage,” said Hedge. “The work Seabees have accomplished throughout their history is remarkable.”

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- Petty Officer First Class Sarah Hedge

a key role in the Navy’s broader mission of protecting American interests on the world’s oceans.

According to Navy officials, maintaining maritime superiority is a vital part of a Navy that is present today and prepared for tomorrow. The impact affects Americans and their interests around the world, as more than 70 percent of the Earth is covered by water and 90 percent of all trade travels by sea.

The foundation of the Navy the nation needs includes a focus on warfighting, warfighters and the future of the fighting force. “I am confident that we

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Where silence ends and healing begins

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Current statistics report that one out of eight children will experience physical abuse by the time they are 18 years old. One in 10 will be sexually abused before turning 18. River Bridge Regional Center (RBRC) believes that even one child who is a victim of abuse is too many. Each year more than 11,000 children in Colorado experience abuse and/or neglect. River Bridge Regional Center (RBRC) offers services for child abuse victims and non-offending family members from Rio Blanco, Eagle, Garfield, and Pitkin counties. RBRC is a nationally accredited child-advocacy center, bringing together a multidisciplinary team approach which includes victim services, medical personnel, law enforcement, prosecutors, forensic interviewers, child protection workers, and mental health professionals. This team comes together for effective treatment of child abuse and prosecution of child abusers. Referrals to the organization are provided from law enforcement and human service agencies. The services RBRC provides, from mental health therapy, medical exams, forensic interviews, and family advocacy, are free for all of our clients. We work with the child and their non-offending family/guardians to ensure they find their road towards hope and healing.

In 2019, River Bridge provided services to 245 children and 368 non-offending family members; 31 of those children came from Rio Blanco County. Since 2019, the number of child abuse cases referred to RBRC from Rio Blanco County has grown 165%. RBRC’s immediate crisis intervention services are critical to help children heal and have a positive quality of life. Studies reveal that victims

of abuse are better able to handle crises and have fewer long-term negative effects when immediate support is provided. The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) study reveals that any type of childhood maltreatment increases the factors for poor quality of life. The Child Welfare Information Gateway identifies several physical, psychological, behavioral, and societal consequences to child abuse that can lead to juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, prostitution, and homelessness. River Bridge exists to ensure expedient services are provided for child abuse victims and for the welfare and future of our community’s children.

Nearly 90% of victims know their offender? River Bridge is available to provide outreach and education to schools, parents, community groups and businesses in Rio Blanco County. We provide essential outreach and awareness events

to help recognize the signs of abuse and how to report child abuse, child abuse prevention strategies, decency and consent information, internet and social media safety, and an overview of child-advocacy services at River Bridge. Therapist Meghan Hurley teaches a class and has a podcast, “Ten Tips Every Parents Should Know to Protect Your Child From Sexual Abuse” available through our website www.riverbridgerc.org/ podcasts. Last year her children’s book, “Who’s The Boss of This Body?” was released and is available on Amazon. If you would like to have one of our trainers present in your community, please contact Kat Stenquist at katherine@riverbridgerc.org.

“Knowledge is our strongest weapon” in combating the pervasive issue of child abuse, according to the National Children’s Alliance.



COURTESY PHOTO

River Bridge Regional Center provides services for child abuse victims and non-offending family members.



WREA’s Commitment to Community

As a cooperative family, WREA is here for our members in good times and during times of challenge. In response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 situation, WREA’s Board of Directors approved to issue this year’s WREA Capital Credit checks in April so that members can receive their capital credit dollars as soon as possible.

Traditionally, WREA has combined the WREA distribution capital credits and the Tri-State G&T wholesale capital credits into one check mailed in August, but the Board directed to accelerate this year’s WREA distribution payout to April. Members will receive capital credit checks for 2004, 2005 and 2006 for a total of just over \$1,000,000. A total of 2,275 checks will be mailed on April 13, 2020 and over half of these checks will be between \$100-\$500. Capital Credit allocation are based on the amount of electricity used each year. Members who had active electric accounts in 2004, 2005 and 2006 will receive capital credit checks based upon their electric usage in those years. Members can find more information about WREA Capital Credits at www.wrea.org under the “For Members” tab.

WREA will issue additional capital credit checks representing WREA’s wholesale (Tri-State G&T) capital credit retirements when the funds become available to WREA in August. WREA will send out additional details in August regarding the wholesale capital credit retirements.

WREA recognizes the financial difficulties that the COVID-19 is having on our community and country. We remain committed to working with our membership individually to respond to your specific situation. WREA will continue to send monthly bills that remain due on the 15th of the month. If bills are not paid by the 15th, we will send a Reminder to inform members of balances due; however, WREA will NOT disconnect residential and small commercial members for failure to pay at this time. If you are unable to pay your bill in full or have an outstanding balance, please call WREA to set up a payment plan.

WREA has closed its front office to the public with the health and safety of our community and employees in mind, but WREA remains fully operational and staffed. WREA is continuing with normal operations including answering calls, receiving telephone payments and initiating new service connects/disconnects during normal business hours (Mon thru Thurs 7-5:30). Calls outside of normal business hours will be answered by after-hours dispatch.

Members may pay bills on-line, through the mail or by placing them in the drop-box located outside WREA’s door on 6th Street. WREA processes the mail daily and regularly checks the drop-box. Online payments using SmartHub at www.wrea.org are posted immediately and mail/drop-box payments are posted throughout the day.



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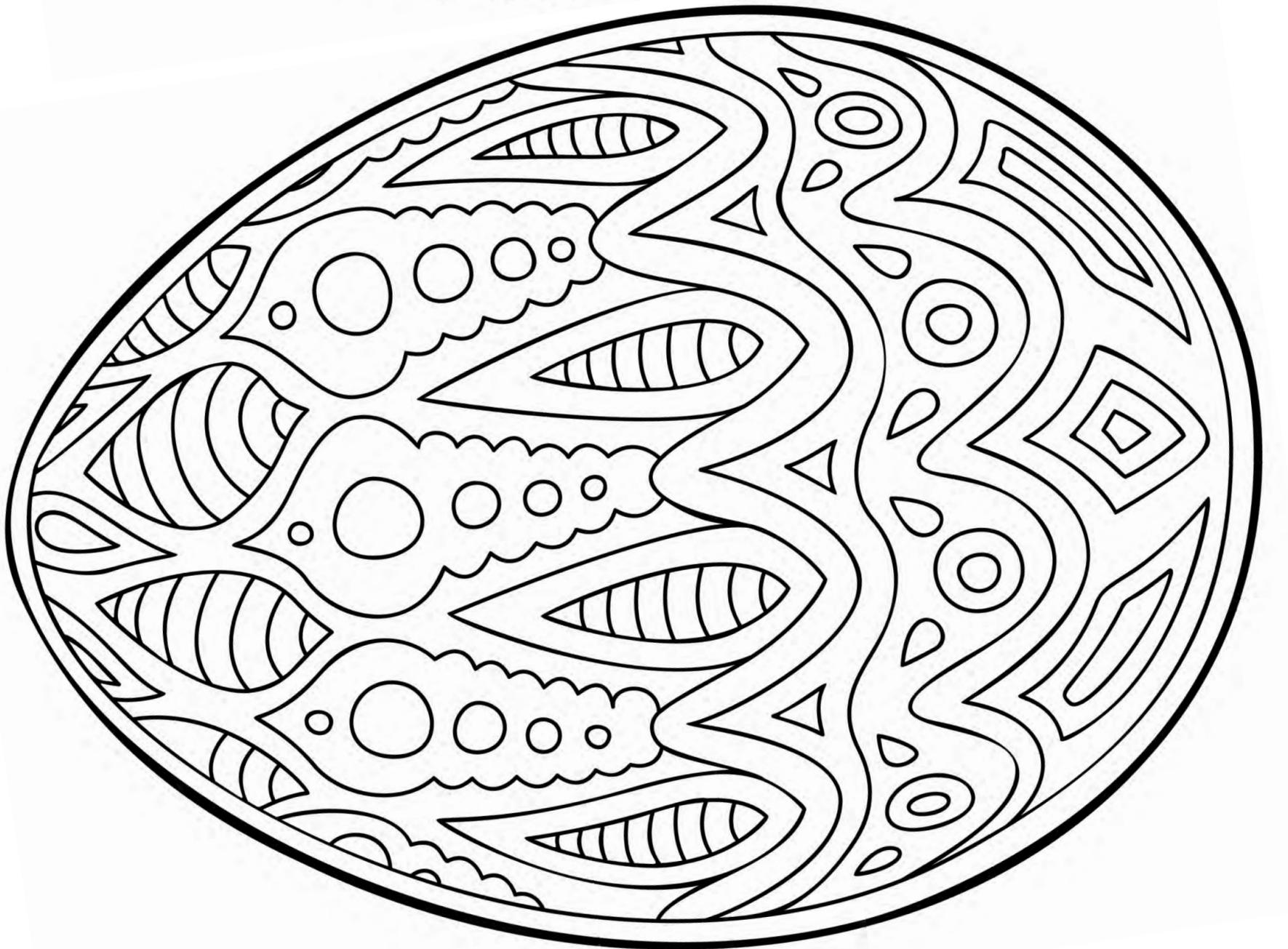
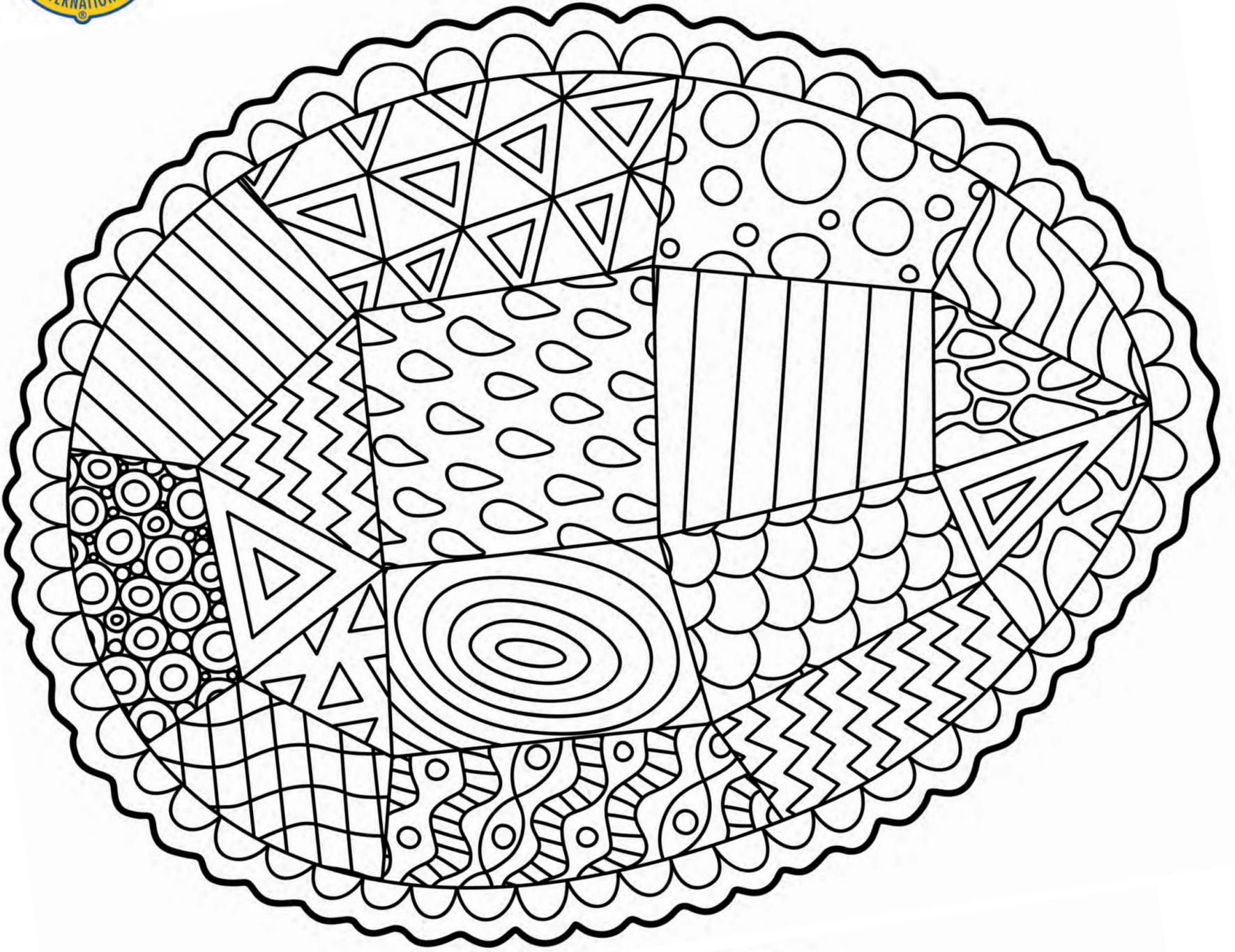
The Town of Rangely will be accepting letters of interest to fill a vacated seat on the Town Board of Trustee’s. The remaining term of office on the position will be until April 2024. Please submit all Letters of interest to the Town of Rangely, 209 E Main, Rangely, Co 81648, ATTN; Town Clerk, no later than April 23, 2020 by 5 p.m.

Marybel Cox, Clerk/Treasurer
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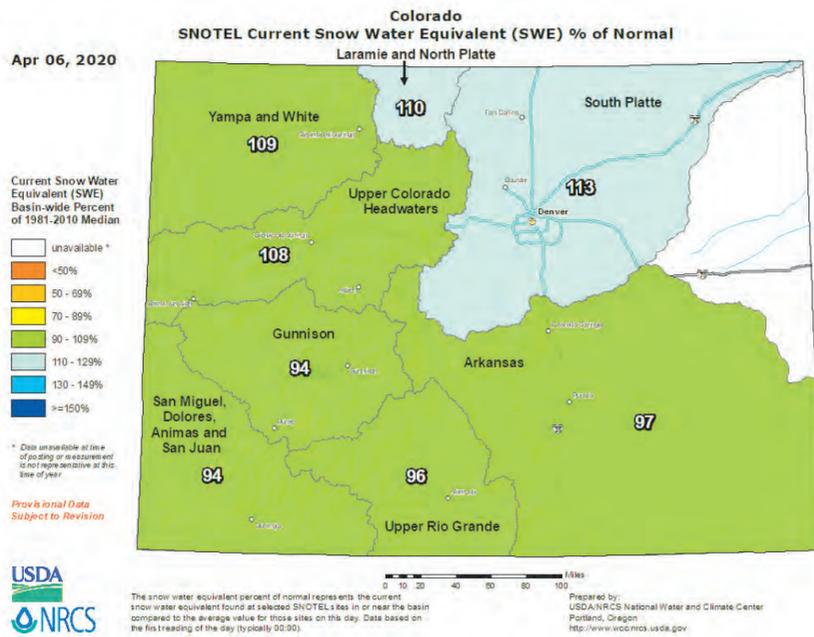
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THE SNOW-LY GRAIL

Local snowmobiling enthusiasts are not disappointed by the amount of snow when they venture into the White River Basin high country. Last weekend Ripple Creek was still measuring 85". The most recent reports in the Yampa/White basin indicate snowpack is 109% of normal, but the White River is actually just at or slightly below average. Data is being skewed by the tremendous snowfall in the Yampa basin this winter.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service maintains four automated SNOTEL sites in the White River Basin on Ripple Creek, Burro Mountain, Trappers Lake and Bison Lake, and one manual course at Rio Blanco Ranch. The snow information is used by hydrologists to forecast downstream flows and determine reservoir capacity and water compacts. Recreationists and other water users can tap into this data to see live snow depths as well as water equivalents, create customizable data queries, or look at the plethora of predetermined templates.

The runoff is calculated using the years of climate data to predict intensity. Actual runoff is controlled by weather patterns as spring progresses to summer, but local anglers are anxiously awaiting to see the level of high flows and if they will have a scouring effect to wash the algae away and create a summer rec opportunity as good as winter 2020 has been.

TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTOS

Running is a 'way of life' for these Meeker residents

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

MEEKER I As spring starts to peek through and take hold, the spring sports young and old are able to get out of doors to train, compete, get the endorphins flowing, and enjoy the warmer weather. Running, a sport enjoyed by some, loathed by others, is not just a hobby. For Meeker's Kenny Rinnick and Lisa Belmonte, it is a way of life.

The love for the sport "keeps me sane," said Belmonte, "if I am having a bad day, I always feel better after I've gone for a run."

Both Rinnick, a petroleum engineer, and Belmonte, a wildlife biologist, work for the Bureau of Land Management and can be seen around town practicing, training and doing what they love.

Rinnick, 35, grew up playing soccer and played all four years at the Montezuma-Cortez High School; he did not start track until his junior year. His passion for running grew from there. He later trained with collegiate athletes and running became part of his cultural identity.

"Academics come first with me," Rinnick said. After graduating high school he went to the Colorado School of Mines

for both his undergraduate and graduate studies. Running for Mines Rinnick commented that he was "never really one of their top guys, but I always did the work during the off-season and was never significantly injured." At Mines it was common for Rinnick to run 80-90 miles per week, but his biggest accomplishment was training and still finishing both undergraduate and graduate school with Summa Cum Laude honors.

"If you allow it, running can open doors. For me it allowed me to stay motivated at Colorado School of Mines even when I was feeling the academic pressure, and to stay physically and socially active in different types of communities," Rinnick said.

Rinnick still runs 50-60 miles per week, and being part of a board running community in Colorado that promotes competitiveness and well being keeps him going. He still competes in road races, such as the Kennebec Mountain Run, but he is looking into acquiring USA Track and Field coaching credentials. "My hope is that I may be able to start coaching in an official capacity for a college or club program, or even start my own club," said Rinnick. More recently he has worked with high school age runners at Meeker High



Kenny Rinnick might be Meeker's most often seen runner around town.

TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

School, and is focusing on mentoring and acting as a training partner for collegiate and post-collegiate athletes.

Rinnick wraps up by saying that without his parents' support, he would not be the person or runner that he is.

Belmonte, 50, is another staple to the Meeker running community. She began

running when she was 15, ran in high school and college, but her passion developed in her mid-20s when she started running marathons. She now competes in ultra-marathons, 50Ks and 100Ks, and some of her biggest accomplishments are running in the Boston Marathon and finishing the 100K trail race last year.

"Running has been such a part of my daily routine for so long I cannot imagine not doing it," commented Belmonte. "I guess running makes me happy and I am very grateful I have been able to do it all these years. I hope I am able to continue running for another 20-plus years!"

Belmonte has two great supporters, her sons Sam and Gabe. The coaching she has done has been for them in soccer when they were younger. Her sons run with her and Gabe has started running with the Barone Middle School cross country team. For Belmonte and her family running, biking, exercise, and a healthy lifestyle is a way of life.

When asked what advice she would give to a new runner, she says "have fun and enjoy what you do! Set realistic goals, but definitely don't sell yourself short or underestimate what you can do. If you have a strong desire to do something you will find a way to get it done. I find running to be more mentally challenging than physically. Whether it is a 5K or a 100-miler, I think you have to prepare yourself both mentally and physically and accept that you will have moments of self-doubt. It can seem overwhelming when you look too far ahead, but I find that if you just take it mile by mile, before you know it, you have accomplished your goal and that is an amazing feeling."

Information on Meeker's running club will be posted once the schedule and details have been announced.

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BE THE LIGHT ...



Joining the "Be the Light" movement across Colorado, lights at Starbucks Stadium at Meeker High School were lit on Monday as a symbol of hope and solidarity for the students. Their school is still there and they will gather again.

Sports stories are posted in the HT as space allows in the following order: varsity stories, junior varsity stories, junior high stories, miscellaneous stories. Contact us at editor@ht1885.com with questions.

BOTH MEEKER AND RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE CLOSED AT THIS TIME TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS, MEEKER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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WE WILL CONTINUE TO POST UPDATES AT HT1885.COM AS THEY DEVELOP.



Officials urge use of cloth face masks in public, but not in place of other preventative measures

By **NIKI TURNER**
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RBC | As of last week, everyone is urged to wear a cloth or homemade face mask — not the N95 masks needed for health-care workers — when they go outside, following recommendations from the White House and the Governor’s office.

This is a change in direction for the United States, which initially told Americans face masks were not recommended as prevention for coronavirus.

According to information from the Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health issued Monday, there is increasing evidence that the virus that causes COVID-10 can be spread before someone has symptoms and by infected individuals who don’t show any symptoms. Thus, someone could be infected with the virus and spreading it without realizing it. That new evidence is behind the voluntary public health measure to cover your face.

The recommendations come with caveats about continuing to

abide by the other guidelines and being aware that a cloth mask does not provide perfect protection from contagion, and needs to be used correctly.

“While we encourage anyone who desires to wear a cloth mask in public and support the governor’s statement, our main focus is to remind the people that this does not take the place of other preventative measures of protection such as social distancing and hand hygiene. We cannot emphasize this enough: cloth masks do not protect you entirely from getting COVID, so please continue to be vigilant,” Public Health Director Alice Harvey said via email.

According to a post Friday from public health, “additional precautions” are necessary with the use of cloth masks: “While making and using homemade masks may provide you with some form of protection, it is important to understand that this is only if additional precautions are taken.”

Officials are concerned that wearing a homemade mask may

contribute to a false sense of security and as such may cause people to stop taking the necessary social distancing and hygiene steps that are critical to slowing the spread of the virus. There are also concerns that telling people to wear masks will contribute to the ongoing shortages of medical-grade masks needed for health-care workers.

“Locally we are committed to ensuring we have enough masks for our frontline workforce and those who are ill,” Harvey said.

Pointers for proper use of a cloth mask:

- Do not touch the front of your mask once it has been worn.

- Remove your mask using the elastics or straps from behind your ears and launder it immediately.

- Although it may serve as some kind of a barrier, the COVID-19 virus can still live on the surface of the mask, so it is still extremely important to be aware of the surfaces you are touching in between taking the mask on and off, or adjusting it on your face.

‘The Spanish Flu will get you if you don’t watch out’

By **WILL GRANDBOIS**
Sopris Sun

Editor’s Note: Reprinted from the Dec. 2018 HT

RBC | As talented as humans are at destruction, Mother Nature has us beat.

On Nov. 11, 1918, the world celebrated the end of the War to End All Wars, blissfully oblivious of the century of even greater bloodshed that awaited them. And as civilians flooded into the streets and the troops began shipping home, The Spanish Lady was waiting for them.

For more than a year, a particularly virulent strain of influenza had been steadily making its way through remote villages and mining camps alike. In an eerie echo of the war itself, it was stoked by advances in technology — like fast, global transportation — that the rest of society hadn’t caught up with. It was also deliberately not publicized heavily for fear of weakening morale, except in neutral Spain. It thus gained the “Spanish” moniker even though it appears more likely that it started in China, France, or even Kansas.

CLOSE TO HOME

By autumn 1918, however, it was beyond keeping secret. The online Colorado Historic Newspapers database records nearly 2,000 mentions of the word “flu” in the last quarter of 1918.

The Halloween edition of the Glenwood Springs Avalanche Echo recorded seven deaths from the flu. On Nov. 7, there were a dozen more, ranging from toddlers like Irene Wirth to young adults like Katie and Victor Gregori to 52-year-old John Bear, who, being something of an institution, was regarded as a particular shock. The Glenwood Post would later attribute the town’s relatively low death rate — discounting those who came to town already sick — to its healing waters.

On Nov. 12, the Aspen Democrat-Times reported 47 deaths in 21 days, and laid the blame at the health department’s feet.

“Down in Carbondale, just as soon as the flu showed up, the Flu showed up there, the town council put on the lid and are keeping it on. No one is permitted to go into or leave the town, no visiting is permitted under any circumstances... The result will be that they stamp out the Flu in Carbondale in short order,” it read. “Here in Aspen we permit promiscuous visiting back and forth (? or sic) from sick homes as well as well homes without thought of fumigation.”

Those exalted measures were insufficient to prevent A. Moore, editor of The Carbondale Item and son of oldtime Colorado newspaperman and Senator Frank Moore, from succumbing to the flu on Christmas 1918.

Gunnison, however, took it a step further and has since become something of a model for social distancing methods, with the University of Michigan identifying it as one of seven “escape communities” that escaped almost unscathed from the otherwise indiscriminate plague, calling the county’s efforts “one of the most ambitious and successful protective sequestrations” in the nation.

According to a recent story in the *Gunnison Country Times*, the County closed all schools and churches in October before a single case was reported in the area. Major roads were barricaded at the county line with anyone allowed to leave but no one allowed to enter without quarantine — with some violators arrested on the spot.

It seemed to work, particularly in contrast with Silverton, where a complete lack of prevention and a plethora of existing lung problems led to 833 cases and 125 deaths.

“A lot of it came down to how communities managed the epidemic...” noted Colorado State Epidemiologist Rachel Herlihy. “People’s liberty is potentially sacrificed, but social distancing measures only work if they are consistently applied.”

*They’ve got it in the army camps
They’ve got it ‘cross the sea;
It seizes even the old tramps
That bum from you and me.
It attacks our loyal soldiers, too
And the nurses are all called out
And the Spanish flu will get you
If you don’t watch out.*

*It crept into the armies first
And then into the town.
It surely is a thing accursed —
And now they’ve shut things down.
It causes grief and trouble, too
So you’d best take care, I shout,
For the Spanish flu will get you
If you don’t watch out*

*The deaths from it are countless
It snatches away our own,
And leaves many a ladless lass
To battle life alone
It takes the women and children, too
So watch what you’re about
‘Cause the Spanish flu will get you
If you don’t watch out.*

Hamel T. Hall / Palisade Tribune
Nov. 1, 1918

HINDSIGHT

In 1918, germ theory was relatively new and viruses impossible to detect. While many flu victims developed secondary bacterial infections that actually claimed their lives, the health professionals of the time were unable to understand, much less treat the underlying epidemic.

“We’ve discovered influenza since this pandemic, which is obviously quite helpful,” Herlihy observed.

As scientists have developed and improved the flu vaccine, there have been efforts to isolate the 1918 strain to better understand what made it so deadly.

“This virus had particular affinity for lower respiratory which is more likely to cause that pneumonia,” Herlihy explained.

It likely began in wild birds before spreading to domestic fowl and eventually humans — a pathway officials are keeping an eye out for in the future. It also benefited from an immune quirk known as “original antigenic sin.”

“Most of your training for your immune system in general and influenza in particular occurs when you’re very young,” Herlihy said. “We think it triggered the wrong immune pathway.”

Specifically, it seems that those who were between 20 and 40 years old in 1918 were exposed to a different strain in childhood that confused their immune system into actually performing worse than if they hadn’t been exposed at all. As such, while the flu is usually the most dangerous to the very old and very young, it was adults in the prime of their life who were most likely to succumb.

The vaccine, by contrast, contains an ever-changing mix of different strains intended to offer as much protection as possible without backfiring. It’s one of many reasons there’s a new one every year.

“We will always have new influenza strains that emerge,” Herlihy said. “The universal influenza vaccine is sort of the ultimate goal.”

Meanwhile, she encouraged everyone to get vaccinated regularly, wash their hands frequently, stay home when they’re sick and take medications as directed. Because even in a light season, thousands of people are hospitalized from the flu statewide, and every little bit helps.

“We can slow down a pandemic, which buys us time,” Herlihy noted.

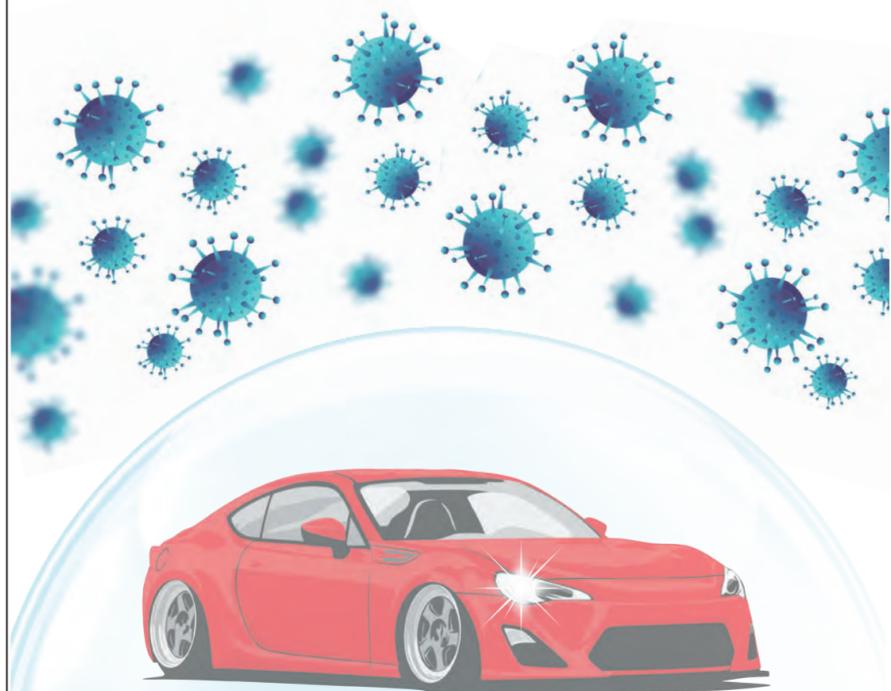
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This searches the public library and all the school libraries, so you may want to limit the search to just the Main Library.

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■ If you have questions or would like to reserve a book via telephone, call us at 970-878-5911.

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The library building is closed to walk-ins at this time, but will start offering online check out and curbside pick up services starting today, April 2, 2020. Follow the instructions in the sidebar (left) to reserve your books online at meekerlibrary.booksys.net, or call the library at 970-878-5911 to ask staff to reserve a book for you.

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Rio Blanco County's 2020 U.S. Census response rate lags behind state average

HOW DO WE STACK UP?

RBC'S 2020 Census response rate is **25.7%** which is **43rd** out of 64 Colorado counties.

Colorado's average U.S. Census response rate is **49.2%**.

By **NIKI TURNER**
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RBC Every 10 years, since 1790, the United States government has conducted an official census of the population. Everyone living in the United States and its five territories is required by law to be counted. Accurate census counts provide crucial information for counties, states and the federal government, and provide data that will affect our communities for the next decade.

As of April 7, Rio Blanco County was ranked 43rd out of 64 counties, with just 25.7% of households responding. Douglas County was first with 60.8% and Jefferson County was second, with 60.2%. Trailing all 64 Colorado counties were San Juan with 5.2% and Hinsdale with 4.6%.

CENSUS HISTORY

Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution empowers Congress to carry out a regular census in order to establish an accurate count of the population and use that count to determine Congressional representation. According to census.gov, "Enshrining this invention in our Constitution marked a turning point in world history. Previously censuses had been used mainly to tax or confiscate property or to conscript youth into military service.

The genius of the Founders was taking a tool of government and making it a tool of political empowerment for the governed over their government."

The first U.S. census was conducted in 1790 under the leadership of then Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson. U.S. Marshals were commissioned to conduct the census, which had a total of six questions.

History buffs and genealogists are familiar with those hand-written census forms that asked citizens to list their names, ages, country of origin, household members and relationships, and occupation.

As the decades passed and the nation grew and changed, additional questions were added in an attempt to provide a better snapshot of the changing demographics of the country.

WHY IT MATTERS

Census data is used to inform federal funding for hundreds of programs, including hospitals, fire departments, Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) data. Where federal funding dollars go for highway construction, education, and more. Without an accurate census count, communities can be underrepresented when it comes to receiving those federal funds.

Census counts also determine the number of representatives each state has in the House of Representatives. Between 2000 and 2010, the population of the United States grew 9.7%. As a result, eight states — Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, South Carolina, Texas,

Utah and Washington — gained seats in the House of Representatives. Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania lost seats in the House.

HOW TO RESPOND

U.S. Marshals aren't out collecting census information anymore. In more recent years, the U.S. Census Bureau has hired census takers who physically visit households and collect answers to census questions. Mailed forms, telephone reporting and — for the first time — online options are available this year. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bureau has temporarily suspended its field operations and are encouraging citizens to respond by mail, phone, or online. Paper questionnaires are due to be mailed in early April.

DON'T GET SCAMMED

All valid Census Bureau websites have .gov at the end. My2020census.gov is the direct address to respond online.

The Census Bureau does not ask for information via email.

The Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank account or credit card numbers, anything on behalf of a political party, money or donation.

If someone does come to your door to collect a response, verify their identity: they should have a valid ID badge with their photograph, U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date. If you are concerned about their identity, call 844-330-2020 to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

Note, even after completing the census, you may still receive a visit or call to confirm address information or ask follow-up questions about your responses.

To respond by phone, call 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish) between 9 a.m. and 4 a.m. Mountain Time.

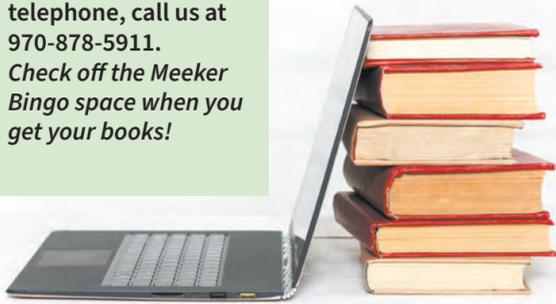
To respond online (the questionnaire must be completed in one session) visit My2020census.gov.

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THEME: NAME THE ANIMAL

ACROSS

- Spoil
- Delivery service
- Gallup's inquiry
- Madison Square Garden, e.g.
- One of the Tudors
- Pinkerton's gallery member
- Beneath, to a poet
- Bird-to-be
- Not slouching
- *Koko or Digit
- *George or Marcel
- Langley agency
- Can of worms
- Pine juice
- Up to the task
- Most recent
- Furnace output
- Gives a helping hand
- Veranda in Honolulu
- *European sea eagle
- Waterwheel
- Ladder crosspiece
- *Valued for its down
- Steelers's Chuck
- Genealogical plant?
- Treat for Dumbo
- Hoofbeat sound

DOWN

- Pirates on a plank?
- Black and white treat
- *Papa or Mama
- Clown act
- Perennial garden flower
- Iris holder
- *Babe or Wilbur
- Fraternity letter
- Politician's barrelful
- Curved molding
- Famous Australopithecus
- *___ the wild rumpus begin!"
- Hertz offering
- Labanotation founder
- Doesn't mix well with water
- Wilma and Fred's hometown
- *Dolly
- Eagle's nest
- *Giant or Red
- *Simba or Elsa
- Queen of Hearts' pastry
- Accustom
- Not so crazy
- *Detroit mascot
- Not quite an adult
- Perfect houseplant spot
- Luau greeting
- S. E. Hinton's "___ Fish"
- Chi precursor
- Place for a square
- Furry scarf
- What's in your e-wallet?
- Actress Perlman
- Runs, as on TV
- Radar flash
- Indian music
- Yorkshire river
- Lode deposits
- Supreme Court number
- Make a seam
- *Tom or Sylvester

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"Hoppy" Easter!

I enjoy delivering Easter baskets. People say that I am as quick as....well...a bunny! I have strong back legs that allow me to jump as high as three feet and as far as nine feet. See if you can read the clues below to fill in this week's puzzle about me and a couple of other favorite "Easter" animals. Hop to it!

1. The Easter Bunny is a young _____.

2. No one is sure how the Easter Bunny started his work, but it is thought that he "hopped" across the ocean with the people who came to America from _____.

3. It is believed that the first bunny-shaped treats were made out of pastry and _____.

4. Today, milk, dark or white _____ bunnies are a favorite treat at Easter.

5. Many families hard-boil, dye and decorate _____ to eat or to hunt at Easter.

6. The Easter Bunny delivers _____ full of treats to children for Easter morning.

7. Easter baskets began with children leaving their hats or _____ to be filled with treats by the Easter Bunny.

8. The Easter Bunny hides colored eggs for _____ to hunt!

9. Another popular Easter animal is the soft, yellow, peeping _____.

10. On _____ they are often shown popping out of eggs or sitting in baskets.

11. A woolly, soft, white baby _____ or kid is often shown as a cake.

12. Baby animals are signs of new _____ in the springtime.

Yay! I get to help with the eggs this year.

There are four sets of eggs that are exactly the same. Can you find and circle the 2 identical eggs in each set?

Gosh! I don't like to complain, but shouldn't **we** be the ones who get to deliver the eggs?

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rabbit
Germany
life
baskets
chick
eggs
Whew!
lamb
sugar
cards
bonnets
10
12 children

Have You Ever Seen?

In Australia, some families are choosing this chocolate animal for Easter celebrations rather than a chocolate rabbit. This animal is native to Australia whereas the rabbit is not. Wild rabbits were brought to Australia by settlers for food. Rabbits have grown in large numbers and compete with this animal for food. About the size of a rabbit, this animal carries its young in its pouch. **What is it?**

libyb

What on Earth is that? Hey, it's me in chocolate!

A Basket Full of Fun and Surprises!

What kinds of treats might the Easter Bunny put in baskets to delight children on Easter morning?

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.

- _____ and coloring book r s c o n y a o
- small toy car or _____ k c r t u
- _____ tickets m e v o i
- _____ book m o c c i
- story _____ o o b k
- box of _____ c a h k l
- stuffed _____ n a i l a m
- rubber _____ b l l a
- jump _____ o r p e

Find and circle these favorite Easter candies in the basket:

- malted eggs
- cream-filled eggs
- marshmallow chick
- chocolate bunny
- jellybeans

Look what I can do!

Quack!

M A R S H M A L L O W C H I C K
C R E A M F I L L E D E G G S M
V C Y N N U B E T A L O C O H C
B C V O D S P O I Q W E N F R
L A P W O Q R U G F U S I E
O I E J E L L Y B E A N S O
W O I N F D S U I B R Q I
Z I U N O R G N J I O W
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DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

The governor has appointed April 19th (next Friday) as Arbor day.

The stages are now getting in on good time as a consequence of improving roads and reinforced motive power.

This week appears the first warranty call since May '93, showing that this county is run practically on a cash basis.

E.E. Fordham, the popular and efficient assistant cashier of the Meeker bank, purchased the Allesbrook residence and property Thursday.

The trees around the town park, which were killed by loose stock during the winter, should be replaced by a better grade of shade trees, and boxed.

While on the road out to Rifle, on Wednesday last, and just the other side of the Thirteen-mile ranch, Richard Reynolds was stricken with a paralytic stroke and after suffering until about eight o'clock next day passed peacefully away. At the time of the sad happening Mr. Reynolds, accompanied by one of his sons, was freighting between here and Rifle for the Hugus company, and while never, as claimed by his friends, a very robust man he was enjoying comparatively

good health up until his sudden illness and death.

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

Commissioner Fred Nichols brought up word Sunday that the Rangely bridge collapsed Tuesday of last week.

Tom Kilduff left in the forepart of the week, for, as he said, to grub sagebrush on his dry farm, on Oakridge.

For local "reading notices" and other matters turn to inside pages of Herald.

At the 11 o'clock service there was not seats for all present. The church was beautifully decorated, cut flowers on the altar and plants in the chancel. Mrs. Gerald Oldland singing "Hosanna" was a musical treat, showing excellent training of a good voice.

Claude Rees reports that large numbers of blue birds were found dead in the vicinity of his fathers' place east of town, after Sunday's storm passed.

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

In view of the no-contest municipal election, a surprisingly large number of Meeker voters exercised their

privilege to vote Tuesday. One hundred forty-eight eligible men and women and two absentee voters cast their votes to elect a mayor and six trustees for two-year terms. DeWayne Merriam, polling 136 votes, was reelected mayor.

An explosion in front of Jirak's Corner Drug store late Monday afternoon ripped through a 1961 Buick car causing shock and burns about the face of the woman occupant from the resulting fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grady are the parents of a daughter born at Pioneers Hospital Saturday, March 28, at 4:12 p.m. She has been named Jana Lynn Grady and weighed 7 lbs., 3-1/2 oz. and was 21 inches in length.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

If you moved to Meeker to escape termites, you were sadly — and perhaps expensively — misinformed. Every year as many of six cases of termite infestations are reported in the Meeker area.

The Meeker K-6 Cowboy Wrestlers did extremely well at the Rifle K-6 grade wrestling tournament this last weekend. The wrestlers placed as follows: 1st place: JC Seely, Chad Boren, Sy Luke, Drew Riegel, Lee

Overton, Derrick Pearce, Kelsie Tate, Trevor Nielsen, Spencer Schram, Danny Moody, Justin Richardson, Kylene Sullivan, Wilson Hahnenberg, Tony Gianinetti, Kurt Nielsen, Greg Schram and Landon Smith.

School Superintendent Karen Benner announced at the April 6 board of education meeting that Brenda Huffman's Mexican Quiche recipe has won her a spot on the statewide 1995 Kids' Choice Cook Off to be held in Pueblo on April 22. She is one of just 11 school food service pros to be chosen for the cook off.

Rangely Times 50 years ago

With 61% of all registered voters casting ballots, 251 voted for mayor and six members of the town council Tuesday. Bernard Yaeger was elected to his third term as mayor, receiving 139 votes.

It's been suggested that the terms "federal funds" be abolished and the correct term "people's money" be substituted.

Snow surveys for April 1st indicate 112% of the 20-year average for the White River drainage. The Rio Blanco course has 50.6 inches of snow with a water content of 16.6 inches of water.



Local girls represent Rangely at annual Frontier Days

RANGELY - The weather at Cheyenne Frontier Days was hot and muggy. The streets were lined with folks waiting to watch the parade. Part of that parade

White, also does vocals in the studio for Leanne Rimes. Alex and Roxie teamed up to do, "Unchained Melody", and "Any Man Of Mine," the crowd loved the

COURTESY PHOTO

Rangely residents Roxie Long (also mentioned in this week's Rangely Times, 25 years ago) and Miranda Jackson were featured in the Craig Press in 1998 for their musical performance at Cheyenne Frontier Days. This clipping was submitted by an HT reader.

Rangely Times 25 years ago

On March 12 Roxie was found in "The Legends" showroom at the Imperial Palace gathering her performance times, signing up for the seminars, and meeting the president of Starmania, Bobby Reed.

Dusty's Gun Shop closed its doors for good on March 18

and owner Dusty Fikes is moving out of Rangely. Replacing Dusty's will be Gibson's Custom Boot and Saddlery, owned by John "Hoot" Gibson and his wife Geniel.

The same Steve Hejl who brought you many of the La Mesa homes will now be bringing you that pipin' hot steak that the Ace Hi is famous for. Hejl is leasing the restaurant from owners Bob and Gaila Bell.

RBC WARRANTY DEEDS

JANUARY-MARCH 2020 WARRANTY DEEDS

SELLER: Kenneth Regina
BUYER: David and Elizabeth Wilson
DESCRIPTION: Sanderson Hills
Subdivision 185454 175 1102 Mark Circle
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$75,000.00

SELLER: David and Jean Jordan
BUYER: Martin and Raelene Bills
DESCRIPTION: 1N 102W 01 407 Rangely Ave
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$58,000.00

SELLER: MMSKK PROPERTIES LLC
BUYER: MEEKER SPORTSMANS CLUB INC
DESCRIPTION: 1N 094W 03
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$150,000.00

SELLER: LEX COLLINS
BUYER: BRICE AND DONDI GLASSCOCK
DESCRIPTION: 1S 094W 01
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$160,000.00

SELLER: Chill Properties, LLC
BUYER: Buddy and Lisa Pakuer
DESCRIPTION: MORLAN-SALBERG LOT COSOLIDATION 317904 2
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$125,000.00

SELLER: EDWARD AND STARLEEN GOSHE
BUYER: REUBEN TALBOT
DESCRIPTION: LA MESA SUBDIVISION REPLAT #2 OF REPLAT 289325 32 3 1216 SOLAR CIR
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$220,000.00

SELLER: LARRY AND JANE KNOWLES
BUYER: AUSTIN SEELY AND NICOLE BENDETTI
DESCRIPTION: SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION 185454 50
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$199,500.00

SELLER: LANCE AND DANETTE COULTER
BUYER: SABRINA AND JUSTIN FICHTER
DESCRIPTION: TOWN OF MEEKER 16, 17, 18 112 946 9TH ST
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$294,500.00

SELLER: DEAN AND JANICE HUBBELL
BUYER: BRETT AND HOLLIS DEARMAN
DESCRIPTION: TOWN OF MEEKER 4, 5 25 758 PARK AVE
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$165,000.00

SELLER: PATTI SCHLOTTMAN (COQUOZ)
BUYER: CHRISTIAN AND MELISSA BAUMGART
DESCRIPTION: 3 47 830 CLEVELAND ST
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$288,000.00

SELLER: GRANT FAMILY DENTISTRY
BUYER: KG BUILDING RENTALS LLC
DESCRIPTION: TOWN OF MEEKER 11 9 335 6TH ST
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$

SELLER: BRIAN AND CANDICE WINDER
BUYER: MARK AND GRACE DOOLIN
DESCRIPTION: LA MESA SUBDIVISION REPLAT #2 OF REPLAT 289325 7, 8 5 1237 DESERADO DR
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$164,000.00

SELLER: LEONARD AND MARY LANE
BUYER: THOMAS BRITT
DESCRIPTION: HILLCREST SUBDIVISION AND ADDITION 162563 44 234 RIDGE RD
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$171,500.00

SELLER: LANDEREIEN PROPERTIES LLC
BUYER: JAY DURAN AND LINDA WARFIELD
DESCRIPTION: RIDGE ESTATES 296824 3 1101 WHITE RIVER RD
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$7.50

SELLER: THE MONEY SOURCE INC.
BUYER: NW COLORADO INVESTMENTS LLC
DESCRIPTION: TOWN OF MEEKER 16 107 884 6TH ST MEEKER
TRANSACTION PRICE: \$140,600.00



PUBLIC NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 20-01

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 13, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records. Original Grantor(s): Daniel A. Sagaser and Mary Lou Sagaser Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Quicken Loans Inc. Date of Deed of Trust: February 04, 2015 County of Recording: Rio Blanco Recording Date of Deed of Trust: February 11, 2015 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 309771 Original Principal Amount: \$90,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$86,437.23 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. Land Situated in the County of Rio Blanco in the State of CO Lot 4 Wasatch Camp Subdivision according to the Plat thereof filed January 18, 1982 as Reception No. 204475 Rio Blanco County, Colorado. TOGETHER WITH: AN UNDIVIDED TWO-SEVENTHS INTEREST IN LOT 8 WASATCH CAMP SUBDIVISION. Also known by street and number as: 16432 Highway 64 W, Rangely, CO 81648. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/13/2020, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: 3/19/2020 Last Publication: 4/16/2020 Name of Publication: Rio Blanco Herald Times

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• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

• IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

• IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor Denver, Colorado 80203 (800) 222-4444 www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov	Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 www.consumerfinance.gov
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DATE: 01/13/2020
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Weinstein & Riley, P.S. 11101 W 120th Ave Suite 280, Broomfield, CO 80021 (303) 539-8601
Attorney File # 47902879
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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WHAT THE HECK IS A PUBLIC NOTICE?

These pages include a variety of notices required by law to inform the public of government activities. Notices may include meeting agendas, proposed ordinances, tax and budget info, liquor licenses, foreclosures, summonses and bid invitations. Publication in a newspaper of record distributes this information to taxpayers, provides a third party check on information, and creates a permanent record of government activities.

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 20-02

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 23, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records. Original Grantor(s): KAULAN W PENNELL Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMCAP MORTGAGE LTD. DBA MAJOR MORTGAGE CO., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: THE MONEY SOURCE INC. Date of Deed of Trust: April 28, 2014 County of Recording: Rio Blanco Recording Date of Deed of Trust: April 29, 2014 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 308323 Original Principal Amount: \$214,051.00 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$193,405.80 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. Lot 2 Steffan Subdivision Town of Rangely, Colorado According to the Plat thereof filed April 8, 1983 as Document No. 210812 TOGETHER WITH a parcel of land lying in Lot 1 of said Steffan Subdivision, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Lot 1; Thence South 00°00'00" West, 10.00 feet to the true point of beginning, Thence South 58°42'42" East, 116.49 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 1; Thence North 90°00'00" West, along said South line, 15.62 feet; Thence North 54°12'51" West, 103.46 feet to the true point of beginning; LESS AND EXCEPTING a parcel of land lying in Lot 2 of said Steffan Subdivision being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Lot 2; Thence South 00°00'00" West along the East line of said Lot 2, 12.19 feet; Thence South 81°32'40" West, 38.00 feet; Thence North 58°42'42" West, 9.20 feet to a point on the North line of said Lot 2; Thence South 90°00'00" East, along said North line 12.88 feet; Thence North 68°49'54" East, 36.00 feet to the true point of beginning. Also known by street and number as: 405 DARIUS AVE, RANGELY, CO 81648. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

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DATE: 01/23/2020
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531 Lynn M. Janeway #15592 David R. Doughty #40042
Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092 Sheila J. Finn #36637
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 19-023669
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Lower White River Pest Control District Bid Request
Commercial Equipped Applicator
The Lower White River Pest Control District is accepting bid proposals for commercial equipped applicators to spray herbicides on private land located within the District. Bids will be opened by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, Colorado at 11:00am. For bid specifications and time line details contact Wade Cox at 970-462-5835 for bid packets. If mailed, bid packets are due to the Board of Commissioners, Box 1, Meeker, CO 81648 no later than Friday, April 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. If hand delivered the day of the bid opening (April 21st), the bids must be received no later than 11:00am by the Board of County Commissioners, County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, CO. Bid packets must be clearly marked Herbicide Spray AND Lower White River Pest Control District on the outside of the bid packet.
Published: March 26 and April 9, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Merle Dene Moyer, Deceased
Case Number 20PR30003
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 August 4, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.
Donald George Moyer, Personal Representative
c/o J. Richard Livingston, Esq.
Livingston & Mumby, LLC
2764 Compass Dr., Ste 200A
Grand Junction, CO 81506
Published: April 2, 9 and 16, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT ELECTION
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and particularly to the electors of RANGELY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF RIO BLANCO County, State of Colorado:
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a regular election of the RANGELY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT shall be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The election is being conducted as a mail ballot election. Mail ballots will be mailed to eligible electors between April 13, 2020 and April 20, 2020 (between 22 and 15 days prior to the election date).
At said election, the electors of the District shall vote for Directors to serve the following terms of office on the Board of Directors of the District: Melissa Ann Dembowski, 3 year term
Boyd E. Millsaps, 3 year term
Sara Peterson, 3 year term
Ballot Issue certified by the RANGELY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RANGELY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION A:
SHALL THE RANGELY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$330,000.00 IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR (2021) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE GENERAL OPERATING MILL LEVY OF THE DISTRICT FROM 0.874 MILLS TO 2.0 MILLS UPON TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT, COMMENCING WITH TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2021 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER, SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OPERATIONS, PURCHASING EQUIPMENT, AND ANY OTHER LAWFUL DISTRICT PURPOSES, AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES DERIVED FROM THIS MILL LEVY INCREASE AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW?
The address for the return of mail ballots by mail is: Rangely Rural Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 220, Rangely, CO 81648.
The address of the location to request a mail ballot and for the return of mail ballots by drop-off is: Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, 611 S. Stanolind Ave., Rangely, CO 81648. The office is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election (May 5, 2020).
RANGELY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Linda Gordon – Designated Election Official
970-629-1116
Published: April 2 and 9, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF ELECTION
POLLING PLACE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 5th day of May, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors of the District have designated the following polling place: ERBM Recreation and Park District
101 Ute Road
Meeker, CO 81641
At said election, the electors of the District shall vote for Directors to serve the following terms of office on the Board of Directors of the District:
The names of persons nominated as Director for a THREE-Year Term:
Kent Walter
Chris Lockwood
Travis Mobley
Chance Walker
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that an eligible elector of said district for the purpose of said election is a person registered to vote pursuant to the "Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992," and who is a resident of the District, or who, or whose spouse or civil union partner, owns taxable real or personal property within the District, whether said person resides within the District or not, or a person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property within the District shall be considered an owner of taxable property for the purpose of qualifying as an eligible elector.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that due to the necessary precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District is urging its citizens to submit ballots by mail through the absentee voter system. Applications for and return of absentee voter ballots may be filed with, and replacement ballots received from the Designated Election Official, Cathy A. Kiser. As of the date of preparing this notice, the physical office is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact the Designated Election Official by phone or email to arrange for an absentee ballot or for any updates regarding changes to election day procedures. **LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IS TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH.**
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for and return of absentee voter ballots may be filed with, and replacement ballots may be received from: Cathy A. Kiser Designated Election Official
Eastern Rio Blanco Recreation and Park District (970) 878-7417 (telephone)
Or by email:
cathy@erbmrec.com
Published: April 9, 26 and 23, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT ELECTION FOR DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and particularly to the electors of the Douglas Creek Conservation District ("District") of Rio Blanco and Garfield Counties, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular election of the District shall be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The election is being conducted as a mail ballot election. The ballots will be mailed to the qualified electors of the District no earlier than 22 days prior to the election (April 13, 2020) and no later than 15 days prior to the election (April 20, 2020). The drop off location for the delivery of mail ballots and receipt of replacement ballots shall be located at the District's office, 351 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado, 81641, and shall be open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning at least 22 days prior to the election day and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day. Ballots can also be dropped off at the Town of Rangely offices, 209 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado.
At such election, the electors of the District shall vote for and against Ballot Issue A and for Supervisors to serve the following terms of office on the Board of Supervisors of the District:
Three (3) Supervisors for Four-Year Terms
The names of persons nominated and terms of office for which nominated are as follows:
William Hume for Four-Year Term
Scott Robertson for Four-Year Term
DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
By §Tristan Nielsen
Designated Election Official
Published: April 9, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

The April meeting of the Meeker Lodging Tax Board has been canceled. If you have a request for the board, please call Dan at 970-878-4725 or Melinda at 970-878-3363.
Published: April 9, 2020
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PUBLIC NOTICES

RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF 2020-2021 BUDGET APPROVAL
Notice is hereby given that a proposed 2020-2021 budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2020-2021; a copy of such budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Office, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on April 21, 2020, Noon CNCC, Johnson Banquet Room for final adoption of 2020-2021 budget. Any interested elector of such Rangely Junior College District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Meeker Recreation Center (MRC) Roofing Replacement
A Public Works Project
Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District
101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("ERBM"), a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is inviting proposals from qualified General Contractors for the Meeker Recreation Center Roofing Replacement, located at 101 Ute Rd. in Meeker, Colorado. Contractors must submit their bid proposals before 5pm on Friday, June 12th, 2020 at ERBM's administrative office located at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641; or via email at rodney@ERBMrec.com. Bids must be clearly marked "MRC Roof Replacement". This is a guaranteed maximum price construction project. A full Request for Proposal, Project specifications, and Owner-Contractor Agreement template can be obtained at www.ERBMrec.com or by contacting Rodney Gerloff, 970-878-7420 or via email at rodney@ERBMrec.com.
A mandatory pre-proposal walk-through of the Project site with an ERBM representative, may be scheduled with advanced notice to the contact information provided in this notice. Requests for pre-proposal walkthroughs will be accepted through 5pm Friday, May 29th.
Construction timing to be negotiated with contractor. ERBM reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent to adopted ERBM Fiscal Policies and Procedures.
Executive Director: §Sean VonRoenn
Published: April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14 and 21, 2020
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NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT ELECTION FOR DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and particularly to the electors of the Douglas Creek Conservation District ("District") of Rio Blanco and Garfield Counties, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular election of the District shall be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The election is being conducted as a mail ballot election. The ballots will be mailed to the qualified electors of the District no earlier than 22 days prior to the election (April 13, 2020) and no later than 15 days prior to the election (April 20, 2020). The drop off location for the delivery of mail ballots and receipt of replacement ballots shall be located at the District's office, 351 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado, 81641, and shall be open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning at least 22 days prior to the election day and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day. Ballots can also be dropped off at the Town of Rangely offices, 209 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado.
At such election, the electors of the District shall vote for and against Ballot Issue A and for Supervisors to serve the following terms of office on the Board of Supervisors of the District:
Three (3) Supervisors for Four-Year Terms
The names of persons nominated and terms of office for which nominated are as follows:
William Hume for Four-Year Term
Scott Robertson for Four-Year Term
DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
By §Tristan Nielsen
Designated Election Official
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Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
This is a Telephone or Google Meeting only
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To attend by Google Meeting go to:
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To participate by telephone, please dial 970-878-9432.
Tentative Agenda April 14, 2020
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to April 14, 2020 Agenda
1)
2)
C. Move to Approve the April 14, 2020 Agenda including any changes.
2. CONSENT AGENDA DATE
Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
A. Move to approve the below listed items on the Consent Agenda.
B. Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2020.
C. Approval of the Assessors Quarterly Abatement Report for the period ending March, 2020.
D. Consideration of the Financial Management Report for March 2020.
E. Consideration of the DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register for March 2020.
F. Consideration of the Motor Vehicle Publication Report for March 2020.
3. BUSINESS
A. Move to approve/deny a Request for Federal Assistance for the Rangely Airport Drainage Improvements Project.
4. BID OPENINGS
5. BID AWARDS
6. MOU'S, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS
A. Move to approve/deny an Agreement for Services which was executed out of session between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Wendt's for contract services for miscellaneous County projects.
B. Move to approve/deny an Agreement for Services which was executed out of session between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Sans Etioles for contract services for miscellaneous County projects.
C. Move to approve/deny an Agreement for Services which was executed out of session between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Giovanni's Italian Grill for contract services for miscellaneous County projects.
D. Move to approve/deny Request for Reimbursement No. 3 from TO Engineers for the Rangely Airport Federal Grant #3-08-0047-013-2019, State Grant #19-4V0-01, in the total amount

of 657.70. The FFA reimbursement is \$591.93, the State reimbursement is \$32.89, the RBC sponsor commitment is \$32.89.
E. Move to approve/deny Request for Reimbursement No. 8 from TO Engineers for the Meeker Airport Coulter Field Federal Grant #3-08-0041-013-2018, State Grant #18-EEO-01, in the total amount of \$7,922.70. The FFA reimbursement is \$7,130.43, the State reimbursement is \$396.14, the RBC sponsor commitment is \$396.13.
F. Move to approve/deny an Easement Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and K.C. Burke and James Burke for access to the Lower Piceance Secondary Tower Broadband Project.
G. Move to approve/deny a comment letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management in support of Competitive Lease Sale, DOI-BLM-CO-N050-2020-0015 of 120 acres located within Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
H. Move to approve/deny a comment letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management regarding the request for a Categorical Exclusion for implementing pinyon pine and juniper tree removal treatments within Mule Deer and Sage Grouse habitats within Rio Blanco County.
I. Move to approve/deny a joint comment letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County and the Board of County Commissioners of Moffat County to the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and Leah Waldner, Colorado Sage-Grouse Implementation Coordinator, BLM Grand Junction Field Office regarding the Northwest Colorado Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation (85 Fed. Reg. 10183).
7. RESOLUTIONS
A. Move to Approve/Deny a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Issuing a Temporary Order Closing County Offices to the Public and Setting Forth Protective Measures for the Public and for the Employees of Rio Blanco County.
8. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Road & Bridge Report - Dave Morlan
B. Public Comment
C. County Commissioners Updates
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
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 04/21/2020. A Google Meeting ID will be provided. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/> Board-of-County-Commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Work Session
Meeker High School - 550 School Street
Meeker, CO 81641
April 13, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.
Due to restrictions currently in place by CDPHE regarding public gatherings, this board meeting will be closed to the physical presence of community members. Community members wishing to observe the meeting may do so by using the following Google Hangouts link: https://meet.google.com/ingx-bpav-qnt?hs=122
Work Session:
1. Construction project update
a. Site walk - Haselden
b. Project Update - NV5
The remainder of the work session following the construction site walk will occur at the Meeker School District Administration Building (555 Garfield St.) and will start at approximately 7:00 p.m.
2. Construction project update - continued, if needed
3. Policy final edit. GDO - Evaluation of Support Staff
4. Superintendent Evaluation
a. Google Form Responses
b. Evaluation Summary
5. Health Insurance Proposal for 2020-2021
6. Finance
a. State legislation
b. FY21 budget projections
c. Capital needs prioritization
7. Items introduced by BOE members
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RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (TOWN COUNCIL)
The Regular Town Council Meeting of April 14, 2020 will be cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 7:00pm Thank You!
By: Marybel Cox, Clerk/Treasurer
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1042 Park Ave - 3BD/1BA 2,340 SF, +Barn...\$204,000
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