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Wizard of Oz ...

The Meeker High School Drama Club will present the musical the "Wizard of Oz" April 15-16. The performances will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$7 for all ages (children 5 and under free) and may be purchased at the door. Elementary School students will be provided with a complimentary ticket but must be accompanied by an adult with a paid ticket.



Ute guests honored at county historical society's meeting

By ELLENE MEECE
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Rio Blanco County Historical Society had hoped to have a nice luncheon and conversation about their shared heritage with the Ute guests who came to the quarterly meeting on Sunday afternoon. But, they never dreamed it would be such a transparent and rich dialogue from both sides of the topic. The unity was tangible and heartfelt.

With close to 50 people in attendance who not only came from Meeker but also Rangely, Craig and Glenwood Springs, an open and informal and inspiring dialogue took place.

Adelbert Tavashuts, the original guest speaker, had a family emergency, so the vice president of the Uintah-Ourray Historical Society, Kerry Cesspooch, a descendant of Colorow, traveled to Meeker with another Ute friend, Justin, to be the spokesperson for her people.

Lynn Lockwood, who has been a friend to the Ute people on several projects for more than 10 years, helped facilitate the conversation.

As Cesspooch told about her mother (who has now passed) being a true leader and teacher in the Fort Duchesne area, she shared how she now feels the responsibility has been passed on to her to keep her culture alive.

She easily shared stories with the engaged group about her people, and those in attendance shared their own stories how their families had been friends with the Ute Indians and had helped each other.

Everyone agreed we probably have lots more positive stories that could be shared and how it would benefit the children to have these written for future information.

Another idea emerged that it would be extremely meaningful to the Ute people if the citizens from Rio Blanco County would visit Fort Duchesne and learn the Ute culture through the events and dances they schedule throughout the year.

The most momentous idea that came from the conversation of how to collaborate our heritage was to organize a horseback ride from Meeker to Fort Duchesne. It would be three- to four-day historical journey and a time of remembrance for when the Utes exited the Shining Mountains and traveled to Utah.

It was a general consensus that the camaraderie and sharing of this kind of time together would be transforming. With deep emotion, Cesspooch said, "This concept feels not only humanly important but spiritually significant as well."

Everyone left with more knowledge and understanding of each other and a hope to expand that knowledge in the future.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Nearly 50 people attended the quarterly luncheon of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society, including Lynn Lockwood, Bev Steinman, Joe Sullivan, Ethel Starbuck, Ellene Meece and Kerry Cesspooch, vice president of the Uintah-Ourray Historical Society and a descendant of Colorow. The luncheon, titled; "Honoring White River Ute Heritage," was held in the Old West Heritage Cultural Center in Meeker, and a conversation about ways to pass on stories to our children and how to collaborate our heritage was positive. One idea was to have a memorial horseback ride between Fort Duchesne, Utah, and Meeker.

500 ATTEND 9HEALTH FAIR...



The line was not terrible, but the flow was consistently busy on Saturday morning during the annual 9Health Fair, held at Meeker Elementary School. Margie Joy, the Pioneers Medical Center public information officer and the Pioneers Healthcare Foundations's executive director, said Monday that roughly 500 persons attended the fair for any number of reasons ranging from free basic health care screenings to low-cost blood tests for specific causes.

SEAN MCMAHON

Dr. Cliff Chapin of Craig had his oxygen retention checked by Selina Pacheco, a Colorado Northwestern Community College dental hygiene student from Rangely at Saturday morning's 9Health Fair at Meeker Elementary School. Both were in Meeker to assist with the health fair, which was sponsored by channel 9 in Denver, Pioneers Medical Center, the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District and the Meeker Lions Club. More than 500 persons joined in on the health fair.

SEAN MCMAHON



Chamber seeks nominees for business of the year

MEEKER I The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the Meeker businesses of the year, which will be awarded at the chamber's business appreciation dinner and award ceremony on May 6. The chamber is seeking help from the public to recognize Meeker's outstanding businesses and citizens by placing your vote or votes for Business of the Year, Non-profit Organization of the Year and Citizen of the Year. To obtain a nomination form, visit www.meekerchamber.com or stop by the Meeker chamber office at 710 Market St. For more information, call the chamber at 970-878-5510.

Three Meeker teenagers hurt seriously in vehicle accident

By DOC WATSON
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Just before midnight on Friday, a two-car accident occurred on Rio Blanco County Road 13 (Flag Creek Road) injuring three Meeker youths in the primary vehicle. The driver and passenger of the second vehicle, also Meeker youths, were uninjured.

Due to the age of most of those in the accident being 17 years old, the Colorado State Police could not release the names of the teens, but several other confirmations of the identities were available, including social media.

The primary vehicle, a 2003 Ford F-250 pickup truck reportedly driven by a 17-year-old Bradi Bland, was traveling northbound on Flag Creek Road. Also in the truck were two other youths, 17-year-old Tyler Ilgen and 18-year-old Cole Purcell.

The second vehicle, a 2012 Ford Taurus driven by a 17-year-old female of Meeker, was also traveling northbound on Flag Creek Road in front of the F-250. Also in the vehicle was a 17-year-old female passenger.

According to Colorado State Trooper Nathaniel Reid of CSP Public Affairs, the F-250 failed to negotiate through an S-curve at the 1.6 mile marker, traveled across the southbound lane, off the west edge of the road, and then back onto the road. Over-correcting, the truck traveled off the west edge of the road again, struck a fence, then rolled one and a quarter times, coming to rest on its left side, he said.

Bland, the driver of the F-250, and one of the passengers were reportedly not wearing their seat belts and were ejected from the vehicle during the rolling sequence.

Also during the crash, the truck

impacted the Taurus on its left side. The Taurus then came to a controlled stop partially blocking the northbound lane of travel, Reid said.

According to Reid, the driver of the F-250 was transported by air to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction with serious injuries, and both passengers also sustained serious injuries. One was also transported to St. Mary's, and the other was taken to Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker, Reid said.

Subsequently, independent sources said Bland was transported by air to Denver with critical injuries and Ilgen and Purcell were taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction with serious injuries.

The cause of the accident is still being investigated, but "alcohol is being investigated as a factor," Trooper Reid said. He was unsure on Monday about any charges that might be filed.

Meeker's Linda Lombardi named state FCCLA vice president of public relations

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Linda Lombardi of Meeker High School was elected as the 2016-2017 State Vice President of Public Relations of the Colorado Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) student organization.

Family and Consumer Sciences Education, and its affiliated student organization FCCLA, are integral components in the education system. This national student organization helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues. More than 2,500 students in Colorado high schools and middle schools are members of FCCLA.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Meeker High School advisor Beth Mullins, left, took the FCCLA to Denver for the state convention and Linda Lombardi, right, ended up a state officer.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Science Friday with Doc Bob.** Fridays from 10-11 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Gentlemen's Group** on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center Lounge. Adults 50+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. Call 878-3403 or visit www.meekerrecdistrict.com for more information.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesday evenings 6-9 p.m. at the Parker Mall. Bring your sewing machine and project.

■ **Game Day** on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center Lounge. Adults 50+, stop by for refreshments, conversation, and a game of cards. Call 878-3403 or visit www.meekerrecdistrict.com for more information.

■ **Adult Pickleball** on Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. in the Admin Gym at the Meeker Rec Center. Call 878-3403 or visit www.meekerrecdistrict.com for more information.

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

■ **Early Bird Deadline for Spring Fitness** April 22. Sign up

for the session 2 spring group fitness classes by April 22 and receive the early bird cost! Call 878-3403 or visit www.meekerrecdistrict.com for more information.

■ **Interested in starting a business in Colorado?** Attend this free workshop brought to you by the Chamber of Commerce and Rio Blanco County. Instructors from the Colorado SBDC will be here to present "Starting a Business in Western Colorado" and "Creating Cash Flow Budget Projections" along with offering private one-on-one coaching sessions. The presentation will be at the Meeker Public Library April 28 from 5:30-8 p.m. with coaching sessions on Friday, April 29 at 10:30 and 11:30. Call 970-878-5510 for more info or call to register at 970-243-5242.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be May 9. We will be discussing "Trapeze" by Simon Mawer. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

Send your community events to calendar@theheraldtimes.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

After Birth Ball is Saturday

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER 1 The annual Meeker After Birth Ball, held annually to commemorate the local calving and lambing season will be held Saturday night at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center, 200 E. Main in downtown Meeker.

Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour and auction preview. The event is a fundraiser with auction proceeds going to support the Meeker High School chapter of Future Farmers of America and agricultural education.

There will be a live auction, a silent auction and an FFA hired hand auction.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the free dance, which begins at 9 p.m.

Dinner tickets are available through the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, McGuire Auto Parts, Valley Hardware and Flat Tops Fuel or they can be purchased at the door for \$35 per adult or for \$25 per child 12 and under. There will also be a cash bar available.

The live entertainment will be by the Harris and Lee Band

MHS FCCLA DOES WELL AT STATE ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Several members of the Meeker High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Club recently attended the state FCCLA Convention, winning many medals for their work. Taking place in Denver, members had opportunities to interact with students from around the state and showcase the leadership skills they developed throughout the year. Meeker High School brought 12 students to the conference and experienced all the conference activities. Linda Lombardi, third from the left, was chosen vice president of public relations for the Colorado FCCLA state officer team. This is the first time in nine years Meeker has had a state officer.

MHS makes a difference at state FCCLA conference

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER 1 April 2 was an inspiring weekend of competition, recognition and making new friends for Meeker's FCCLA members who attended the 2016 Colorado State Conference in Denver.

Members had opportunities to interact with students from around the state and showcase the leadership skills they developed throughout the year. Meeker High School brought 12 students to the conference who experienced all conference activities.

On Thursday, students experienced the Youth Expo, where they could speak with colleges and exhibitors who helped boost the energy level for the entire conference. The evening was filled with a welcome from Brooklyn Buhre, 2015-2016 Colorado state president of the FCCLA, as well as a great opening session in which students were intro-

duced to current state officers, state officer candidates and special guests, and the discovered how one action can make a difference in their life.

Students were off their feet and excited to hear from the keynote speaker, Yahya Bakkar, who spoke about how members can have more than words; Yahya used beatboxing to get his message across. Yahya's message sounded close to home as many students from Meeker are looking into their future and the idea of higher education.

On Friday, all the hard work the Meeker chapter put into competitive events finally paid off; it was competition day! Students were able to compete in 40 events.

Meeker High School was proud to have students compete in 11 events. One particular student competed in Promote and Publicize FCCLA, where she created, maintained and updated regularly an

FCCLA Facebook page. The idea was to communicate regularly with the Meeker community.

Awards for their achievements were given out Saturday, and every Meeker High School competitor received a medal. (The Meeker total was four gold medals, six silver medals and one bronze medal.)

Linda Lombardi was chosen for the position of vice president of public relations for the Colorado FCCLA State Officer Team. This is the first time in nine years that Meeker has had a state officer. Congratulations, Linda.

Looking ahead to the next FCCLA opportunity, Madeline Amack (second place in career investigation) and Caitlyn Shepherd (first place in promote and publicize FCCLA) are able attend the National Leadership Conference in San Diego, Calif. on July 3-7.

Meeker High School FCCLA is

ready to continue on our FCCLA journey with the Ultimate Leadership Experience!

Colorado FCCLA is one of 52 state chapters of National Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. FCCLA is a career and technical student organization focusing on family, career preparation and leadership development.

Colorado FCCLA started in 1946 and has grown to more than 125 chapters with more than 2,500 members. Participation in FCCLA, including competitive events, chapter activities and leadership opportunities, can lead to a brighter future for all members.

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Rangely Girl Scouts need help if group is going to continue meeting

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The future of Girl Scouts in Rangely is resting in the arms of volunteers to replace the current troop leaders, who are not able to continue as leaders next year, and adult leadership is needed.

Hilary Martin, the Girls Scouts recruitment specialist out of Grand Junction, said, "We'd sure hate to have girls who want to continue as scouts but can't due to a lack of adult leadership."

A little bit about volunteering, Martin said, "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Volunteering with Girl Scouts is flexible, fun and fulfilling. As a volunteer, you'll introduce girls to new experiences that show them they're capable of more than they ever

imagined.

"We always need troop leaders to start new troops for girls in K-12 grade, and there are numerous other ways to get involved," Martin said. "Meeting times, days and locations are up to the leader so it can fit in your schedule. Meetings tend to be about an hour with about an hour of planning. We have webinars and staff assistance available that makes it unnecessary to have any type of Girl Scout background. It's easy for adults to join in on the fun and get registered today!"

"We have current Girl Scouts who will lose out on this leadership experience, not to mention new girls, if we don't have adults willing to lead them," she said.

If interested, Martin can be reached at 580 24 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, Colo., 81505 or at 970-628-8007.

Public invited to MHS Prom

MEEKER I The Junior Class of Meeker High School invites the public to "A Shabby Chic Prom" on Saturday, April 23. The Grand March will begin at 8:30 p.m. and proceed from the Meeker Cafe to the Hugus Building, where the 2016 Prom dance will be held. The dance will run from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m.

FCCLA: Student officer

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The election process started in January, where Lombardi submitted an application, was interviewed by district FCCLA officers and passed an FCCLA knowledge exam. Those members who completed these steps are invited as a candidate to the State Leadership Conference, which was held March 31 to April 2 at the Renaissance Denver Hotel in Denver.

While at the conference, Lombardi had to give a speech relating their leadership style and personality to a prop or item, meet with representatives from the 120 chapters in attendance, give a three minute speech to the selection panel, and complete a group activity with their fellow candidates. The candidates selected as state officers were slated for office by a panel of their peers from around the state.

"The experience of running as a state officer has been an experience I will never forget," Lombardi said. "My adviser was the biggest inspiration, and I wouldn't change anything of this for the world."

State officer team members are responsible for duties such as planning and conducting workshops, installing district officers and leading chapter officer training. The officer team also plans and presides over state conference, works with members to increase membership and helps to raise awareness of FCCLA in the state.

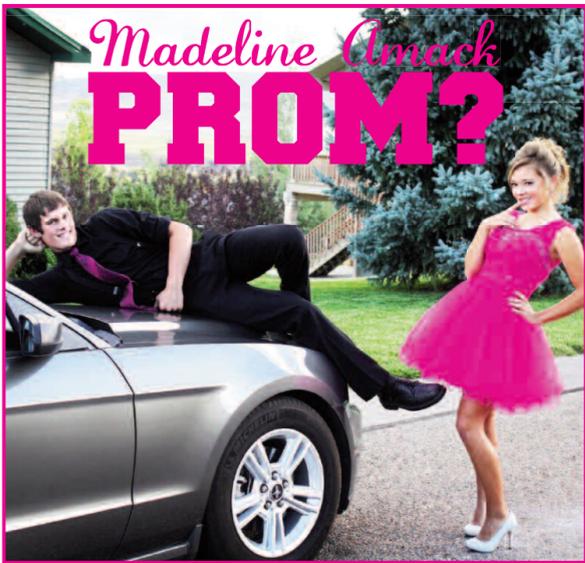
Throughout the year, FCCLA

members tackle issues such as teen violence prevention, traffic safety, family issues, career exploration and health and wellness. FCCLA programs enrich student learning, improve self-esteem and serve students with a range of ability levels, economic situations, and cultural influences.

Colorado FCCLA has more than 2,500 members in 120 school chapters. On a national level, FCCLA has more than 160,000 members and nearly 7,000 chapters from 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than 10 million youth since its founding in 1945.

FCCLA is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical student organization with family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

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CHEVRON DONATION...



SEAN MCMAHON

Chevron presented a \$20,000 check to the Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation on Saturday night for the college scholarship fund. With the check are, from left: CNCC Foundation member and scholarship committee chairman Sam Tolley; long-time board member Peggy Rector; Cary Baird of Chevron; Foundation Board Chairman Ann Brady; Marques Jones of Chevron; and CNCC President Russell George.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

Health fair, Foundation dinner were successes

By SEAN McMAHON
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Had a great time Saturday, visiting the 9Health Fair in the morning in Meeker and the Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation Dinner in Rangely that evening.

The 9Health Fair was and always has been a major success in Meeker as roughly 500 people took part in the various blood tests and screenings followed by a hearty breakfast provided by the Meeker Lions Club.

Channel 9 News in Denver, Pioneers Medical Center and the Meeker Fire and Rescue co-sponsored the events, and whenever an event draws 500 people in a town of roughly 2,500 people, it is a raging success.

It might be added here that the event could not have been held without the gang of volunteers on hand to help out.

I ran into a doctor from Craig, a nurse from Rifle, a dental hygienist from Rangely who was pulling blood and lots of volunteers from Meeker and around the rest of the county. I would estimate at least 100 volunteers helping at all levels, and that all made it a major event that was a major success.

Thanks to all who attended, all of the organizers and all of the volunteers. You made the 9Health Fair a sweeping success once again.

Also a sweeping success was the CNCC Foundation Dinner on Saturday evening, complete with an open auction, a silent auction, musical entertainment and a dinner buffet that included carved roast beef, stuffed pork roast or chicken, which were apparently major successes as all but the pork roast was gone before the end of the buffet line.

The purpose of the dinner was a great cause—to raise funds for scholarships for CNCC students. That is a useful cause at any school and a particularly welcome cause in Rangely.

I haven't heard how much total was raised, but I can tell you the top two donations given at the dinner were a \$20,000 check from Chevron and a \$2,000 check given by Deserado Mine.

In addition to the thousands of

dollars raised for the scholarships, the evening also turned into an emotional-at-times salute to Russell George, who will be retiring this year after five years as president of the institution of higher learning.

Mr. George turns 70 this year and has given more than 30 years of his life to serving the state at many different levels after lawyering in Rifle for many years before that.

There is no question Russell George has left his mark on CNCC and, it seems, all in a positive way.

Big dollars were raised for scholarships at CNCC after concerns that the dinner might not draw a lot of people; and many of the folks attending had had a good time sending Russell George on his way with a fondness in their—and his—heart.

It is always good to see the After Birth Ball approach on the calendar, and this year is no exception.

The ball, which will be held this Saturday in Meeker, is a sign of the quickly approaching sunshine, warming temperatures and a celebration of the calving and lambing seasons.

Calving has been taking place in Rio Blanco County for nearly a month now, but I saw my first lamb of the year Sunday on a ranch west of Meeker.

Anyone would be crazy to say that we have seen the end of winter and its snows, but the worst of it does seem to be behind us. (Famous last words with snow forecast within the next week).

But the After Birth Ball is cause enough to celebrate the change of seasons, and, as usual, it sounds like a lot of fun and good food to be on hand.

Here is just a quick reminder of the MHS Drama Club presentation of "The Wizard of Oz" Friday night and Saturday afternoon at Meeker High School. All things considered, it looks and sounds like it will be a great presentation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enefit oil project may benefit Rangely—local help needed

Dear Editor:

On May 4, from 6 to 8 p.m., the Bureau of Land Management will hold a public meeting at the Rangely Recreation Center on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a utility corridor from Bonanza to Enefit America Oil's property on Rabbit Mountain.

Although oil prices are down, Enefit is moving forward with plans to build an oil shale processing plant. This project has the potential to produce 50,000 barrels per day and may require 2,000 employees, and Enefit believes Rangely is important to their plans.

I first became involved with this project right after I was elected a Rio Blanco County commissioner. At the scoping meeting for this EIS, I asked CEO Rikki Hrenko-Browning to consider moving their office to Rangely as it would be centrally located between their Utah and Colorado properties.

I then asked her to encourage her employees to live in Rangely as it is closer for them to commute than Vernal.

Rangely Mayor Frank Huit and I flew the various routes from Rangely to the plant site looking for the best one to improve. We determined that upgrading Rio Blanco County Road 1 to Bonanza looked the best at first glance, but it may need further study.

Utah County Commissioner Mike McKee and I have had a first discussion about doing a joint road improvement project. It is now time to reopen the conversation.

Soon after the EIS scoping meetings, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced they were considering listing two plants, the White River Penstemon and Grahams Penstemon, as endangered. Commissioner McKee called and asked if I would represent Rio Blanco County in writing a Candidate Conservation Plan.

The purpose of the plan would be to allow grazing, oil and gas drilling, and oil shale development to proceed while at the same time ensuring the

Penstemon population would remain stable and viable.

On July 22, 2014, Rio Blanco County, Uintah County, the White River Field Office BLM, Vernal District BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Utah State Lands signed the agreement. A little over a month later, U.S. Fish and Wildlife announced the plants would not be listed because the agreement was in place.

Now we have an opportunity to see an oil shale project that will have direct benefits to Rangely and Rio Blanco County. If we do our part, there will be new employment opportunities with expanded or new business a possibility.

With broadband becoming a reality at the same time, it could be the start of a new world. All citizens need to attend the meeting and give comments on the EIS.

Jon D. Hill
County Commissioner
Rio Blanco County
Rangely

PMC updating phone systems

Dear Editor:

Pioneers Medical Center would like to give our community of Meeker a "Heads Up" as we will be converting our phone system to an automated answering system on April 18.

The hospital has been experiencing an increase in phone calls and sometimes phone calls cannot be answered in a timely manner because staff is assisting another patient. This forces patients to have to call back, which can be frustrating.

To better and more quickly serve our customers, we will begin using an automated answering system, similar to what the Meeker schools and the Meeker Recreation Center use.

The new system will step patients through prompts to arrive at the patients' desired department.

Our goal is to deliver the right phone call to the right PMC person. We appreciate the community's

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A LOOK AT THE WEST

Hispanic voters have growing influence in West

By PAIGE BLANKENBUEHLER
HIGH COUNTRY NEWS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I In the midst of the raucous and polarized presidential election, a quieter story has been at play: the growing political clout of Latino voters.

Nationwide, about 12 percent of the country's eligible voting population is Hispanic—and the West is home to nearly 40 percent of those voters, far surpassing other regions.

In November, Hispanic voters are projected to turn out in greater numbers than they did in 2012, with a nearly 10 percent increase forecast by the National Association of Latino Elected Officials Educational Fund.

At the same time, the Latino voting bloc is in transition. Latino populations are getting younger, larger and more politically engaged. In the process, they promise to change Western presidential politics.

Now, not only are there more Hispanic younger voters, but an increasing percentage of them were born in the United States. That naturalized population is beginning to dominate the Latino population of voters (non-citizens can't vote). Young Hispanics make up a larger proportion of the voting block than in other groups: 44 percent of Hispanic voters are between the ages of 18 and 35 this year, compared to 27 percent among white voters.

"Every election cycle, there is a tsunami of young Latino voters that is reaching voting age," says Joseph Garcia, director of the Morrison Institute Latino Public Policy Center at Arizona State University. "This very well could be the last year that you could even think you could win an election without the Latino vote."

While Latino influence on the outcome of elections is increasing,

voter turnout among Hispanic voters remains generally low.

In 2012, only 48 percent of Latinos who could vote actually did—compared to 64 percent of eligible white voters. But as the Latino population grows, the rate of voter turnout is increasing, too.

While participation is on the rise, significant barriers still prevent some from voting; historic trends take time to reverse.

"More Latinos are eligible to vote, but you still face this millennial challenge: Young people, regardless of race, by and large, don't vote," Garcia said. Also, "if your parents don't vote, you're less likely to."

Often Hispanic youth and their families work long hours or hold multiple jobs, which makes it harder to get to polling places on Election Day. Garcia says that was the case for his late father, a roofer from New Mexico, whose long commute and working hours made voting in person unrealistic.

"The voting hours (6 a.m. until 7 p.m.) weren't set up to make voting easy for him," he says.

Immigration has been the defining issue for many Latino voters, 66 percent of whom say they want to see comprehensive immigration reform. That issue has influenced a majority of Hispanic voters' political leanings. While many Hispanic citizens hold more conservative values on social issues like gay marriage and abortion, the Republican Party's views on immigration and environmental protection have led many voters to lean Democratic in presidential elections, says Jens Manuel Krogstad, an expert on immigration and social trends at the Pew Research Center.

In 2012, more than 70 percent of the Latino community voted for President Barack Obama, and Latino voters are still expected to lean left come November. "(Republicans) are

being interpreted by a lot of potential voters as anti-Latino—and that could impact the ballot this election," Garcia says.

As more young voters come of age, the left-leaning tendency could strengthen. The younger and increasingly engaged Hispanic electorate in the West could be more of a deciding factor in upcoming elections, particularly in battleground states like Colorado, Nevada and increasingly competitive Arizona.

In Colorado, a competitive state in the presidential election, a greater proportion of the Hispanic population has been born in the country. This is a recent shift from older generations, when a greater proportion migrated to the United States.

This November, more than 277,500 Latinos are expected to cast ballots—a more than 7 percent increase, according to projections by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

The growing Latino population in Arizona could prove disruptive to the state's notoriously conservative politics. According to the Arizona State University Morrison Institute and the Pew Research Center, if Latino voter turnout continues to rise at its current rate, Arizona would become a battleground state by 2030.

This November, more than 433,000 Latinos are expected to cast ballots—an 8 percent increase from 2012, according to projections by the NALAEAO.

In Nevada, Hispanic groups are becoming more vocal on the immigration debate and about their opposition to Trump, whose campaign has taken an anti-immigration stance.

But their influence is complicated by the fact that the state has the largest percentage of undocumented

immigrants in the country (nearly 8 percent; California comes second with just over 6 percent), according to the Pew Research Center. Organizations including NALAEAO and United We Dream, a group that represents immigrant youth, have begun to urge their peers to register and vote.

Perhaps the most vocal group is the "dreamers," a growing coalition of young, undocumented Latinos who've lived most of their lives in the U.S. While they can't vote because they are not recognized as legal citizens, a group of them have started to go door-to-door to urge Hispanics across the West to register.

"There is a force to gather the troops, so if Trump is the GOP nominee come November, they will be ready to vote against him," Garcia says.

In Nevada, more than 194,000 Latinos are expected to cast ballots in November, a more than 7 percent increase in turnout.

Until results from November's presidential election are in, it's hard to know for sure when the potential political clout of the Hispanic demographic could be realized.

"Every election cycle, there is a new wave of Latino voters that mature into voting age and everyone is watching that group more and more closely," Garcia says. "But the monumental political shifts haven't quite played out."

Paige Blankenbuehler is an editorial fellow at High Country News.

Western Exposures Realty adds Alex Plumb to team

By SEAN McMAHON
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Alex Plumb

MEEKER I Western Exposures Realty LLC is pleased to welcome new associate broker Alex Plumb to the real estate team.

Plumb exemplifies integrity, energy, hard work and creative service in every detail of real estate transaction, owner Onea Miller said.

Plumb grew up in a small town nestled in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, where he started learning his sales habits at the age of 12, working at his family-owned and operated lumber and hardware store.

He was an avid member of 4-H and FFA, and founded his own cattle company in 2001, raising show quality breeding females and bulls. After his family moved to

Colorado in 2007, Plumb continued developing and growing his cattle business in the Maybell and Meeker areas.

He attended Colorado State University, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in animal science and returned to the local area in 2012.

After graduation, Plumb joined his parents' building venture and began constructing spec homes in the Meeker area.

He is motivated and excited to work in the real estate business and would like to welcome the community to stop by and say hello.

Starting a new business topic of April 28 workshop

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Chamber of Commerce and Rio Blanco County will offer two subjects in a workshop related to starting a new business in Colorado on April 28.

The workshop will run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library with coaching sessions on

April 29 at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Instructors from the Colorado Small Business Development Corp. (SBDC) will be in Meeker to present "Starting a Business in Western Colorado" and "Creating Cash Flow Budget Projections" along with offering private one-on-one coaching sessions.

Call 970-878-5510 for more info or call to register at 970-243-5242.

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Ken Harman
CEO Pioneers Medical Center
Meeker

In praise of Meeker's first responders

Dear Editor:

This letter is being written in appreciation of our wonderful, caring, going way beyond-the-call-of-duty Meeker Fire Department and its first responders.

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Thurs. Apr. 21 - Chicken Tacos, Steamed Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Beef & Bean Burrito w/ Toppings

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Do You Love Me? (4)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

LOVEST thou me? (Jn. 21:15-17). "Many love God because He gives them corn and wine, and not for His intrinsic excellencies," wrote Puritan Thomas Watson. "We must love God more for what He is, than for what He bestows. True love is not mercenary. You need not hire a mother to love her child:

a soul deeply in love with God needs not be hired by rewards." That introduces the third way we love God.

(3) We can love Him *affectionately*. As before, this grows from those that precede it. We love Him now not just because of what He *accomplished* for us or even because of what He *has become* to us, but now because of who He is *in Himself*. Who is He then? He is our Sovereign, our Savior, our Solace, our Sustenance, our Strength, our Security, and all else. Having received in early studies a glimpse of God in His names, a characterization of Christ in His titles, and a sketch of the Spirit in His activities, how can we not love Him for *who* He is and *all* He is? Is there anyone greater to love? As much as I have loved and adored my wife for 41 years and my son for 26, I love my Lord more; in fact, I can love them the way I do only because I love the Lord first. So, while we can never love God as He *deserves*, we can love Him with all our *desire*.

(4) We can love the Lord *overwhelmingly*. Ah, one more level is there, and it is the culmination of all the others. When we contemplate, meditate, and deliberate on what He accomplished for us, what He has become to us, and who He is in Himself, how can all that not overwhelm us? While a thankful love is one of *respect*, a mutual love one of *fellowship*, and an affectionate love one

of *worship*, an overwhelming love is one of *control*. It is a "giving over" of ourselves to Him. It is remembering and responding to the truth of Galatians 2:20: "I [have been] crucified with Christ"—that is the *reality*—"nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"—that is the *result*—"and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God"—that is the *response*.

Perhaps you are thinking, "How can I cultivate such love as this? How do I grow to love God more?" If I may encourage, to ask the question is to prove how much you already love Him. Further, you are growing even now by reading these weekly studies and reading books dedicated to His Truth. Reading and meditating on His Word, of course, is the most important in this regard, especially the Psalms and the Gospels. And so we pray:

Lord, I love You thankfully for what You've done;
I love You mutually for all that we share;
I love You affectionately for the victory You've won;
I love You overwhelmingly, nothing of myself I spare.

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses add to our study today: 2 Corinthians 5:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:10; 1 Peter 4:2?

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Deserado Mine donated \$2,000 to the Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation on Saturday night at the CNCC annual Foundation Dinner. The money is earmarked for scholarships at the college. From left to right are: CNCC Foundation Board member and scholarship committee chairman Sam Tolley; Foundation Board President Ann Brady; longtime board member Peggy Rector; Jeff Dubbert of Deserado Mine; Becky Dubbert, executive assistant to the college president and CNCC public information officer; Mark Neumeier of Deserado Mine; and CNCC President Russell George.

Highway 13 North closed at Craig today

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | A full closure of Highway 13 will take place today from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. just south of Craig.

Colorado Department of Transportation and its contractor, New Design Construction, will use this time to carry out load transfer of the pier on the Highway 13 bridge over the Yampa River.

Traveling from Meeker: Turn right onto County Road (CR) 107 and take it to 4th Street. Take a right and continue 5 blocks east. Take a left on Highway 13 North/Yampa Street.

Traveling from the north, east or west: Turn south on Highway 13 and take a left on 1st Street. Head east for 1.4 miles and turn right at Ranney Street/CR 394/CR 107 and stay on it to Highway 13, south of the

bridge.

Alternate routes are advised to avoid the work area, as traffic will not be allowed to pass through during the hours stated above.

Construction will resume regular operations on April 15. Regular working hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Speeds will be reduced to 35 mph during working hours. There will be no width restrictions in place.

The Yampa River Bridge repair project began in July 2015 and is scheduled to be completed by Nov. 18, 2016. Project work on the highway runs from mile point (MP) 85.715 to 85.94, south of Craig.

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CPW hosts Native Fish Information open house tonight in Craig

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colorado Parks and Wildlife and its partners with the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program will host a Native Fish Informational Open House in Craig today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Craig City Council chambers.

The public will have the opportunity to meet with officials, ask questions and learn more about current and future efforts to recover and protect Colorado's endangered native fishes—the Colorado pikeminnow, humpback chub, bonytail, and razor-

back sucker.

Program research has shown that non-native predators—primarily smallmouth bass and northern pike, found in large numbers in Elkhead Reservoir and several upper basin rivers, including the Yampa River—continue to be a significant impediment to the recovery of the state's native fishes.

“The goal of the open house is for us to have a cordial, informative discussion with the public in a face-to-face setting,” said senior aquatic biologist Sherman Hebein of CPW. “We have done this before and heard from many local anglers that they appreci-

ated the opportunity to meet the people involved in the recovery program. Based on the feedback we received after the last meeting, this is one of the most effective ways to provide accurate information directly to the public and address misconceptions.”

Officials will reveal details regarding recently developed strategies designed to protect native fishes from predators, including a major fishing tournament at Elkhead Reservoir this summer with the prize of a new boat, and a net that will span across the reservoir's spillway.

Anglers who catch tagged smallmouth bass and northern pike will

have their names entered into a drawing for the boat. The installation of the net across the reservoir's spillway will help prevent the escape of the predators into the Yampa River.

Updates about ongoing programs will also be part of the open house, including basin-wide fish removal and habitat modification projects designed to disadvantage non-native predators.

“One of our primary goals is to provide alternative warm water angling opportunities where we can, just not at the expense of our native fishes,” said Hebein. “There are

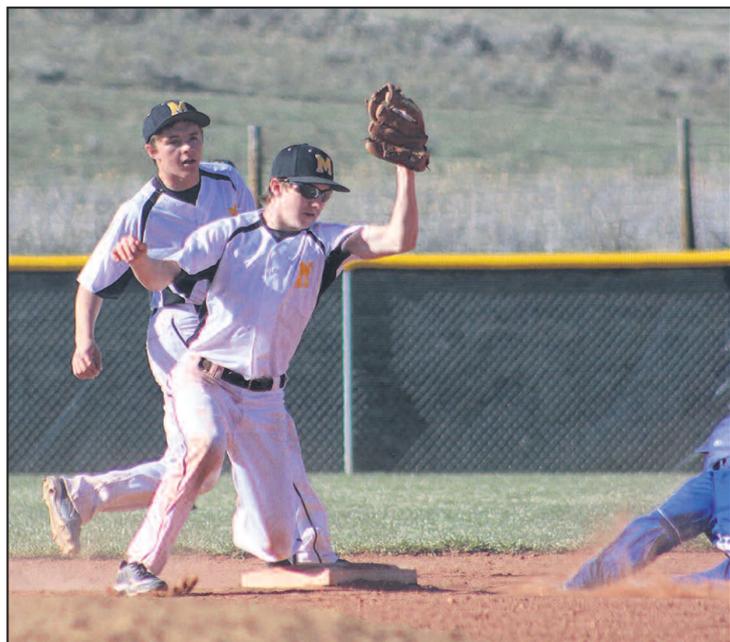
compatible species we can stock, but we need to work together to make that happen. That includes CPW, the program, local citizens and anglers, and that is why these open house meetings are so important.”

Hebein adds that protecting Colorado's endangered fishes is critical, not only for ethical reasons and to comply with the strict requirements of the federal Endangered Species Act, but to allow the continued, relatively unrestricted development and use of the state's water resources.

“If the recovery program fails to make sufficient progress, all water

users in this area, whether it is a state agency, corporation or private individual, will likely be required to consult with the federal government if they need to use the water for irrigation, or to fill a pond,” he said. “We are doing everything we can to quickly recover our native fishes and bring the program to a successful conclusion, but we need everyone's help and cooperation. The consequences of failure are significant for the program and the public.”

Recovery of the endangered fishes will return management responsibility solely to Colorado Parks and Wildlife.



With Meeker shortstop Hunter Garcia backing him up, second baseman Trapper Merrifield caught the throw from catcher Ty Gibson and prepares to put the tag on a Roaring Fork baserunner. The Cowboys beat the Rams 14-4 in the first home game of the season played in Paintbrush Park on April 7. The Cowboys' next home game is April 21, against the Grand Valley Cardinals.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker tracksters shine bright at Woodburn meet

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The weather for the Frank Woodburn Invitational track meet, held in Stocker Stadium on Saturday was not so good, but, according to Meeker head coach John Strate, the competition was, which included 17 schools from all five size classifications.

“The meet really challenged our team as the level of competition was very high,” coach Strate said. “Our times were not as impressive as last week due to intermittent rain showers throughout the day.”

Several Meeker boys and girls scored team points in the competitive meet and the Cowboys will next compete in Glenwood Springs on Saturday.

“Our girls' relays teams continue to have success,” coach Strate said.

Meeker's 800-meter medley relay team consists of Loran Casias, Sierra Williams, Gracie Bradfield and

Maggie Phelan placed third as did the 4x200-meter relay team of Casias, Williams, Bradfield and Peyton Burke.

Burke and Phelan also scored team points by placing in individual events.

“Peyton had a strong showing in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing third with her season-best time of 18.09,” coach Strate said. “In the jumps, Maggie finished eighth in the triple jump (30-2.5) and she also set a personal record in the long jump with her mark of 14-5.”

Coach Strate was also impressed with his freshman thrower Sydnie Main, who scored team points and set personal records in the discus and shot put.

“Sydnie had a big day; she set a personal record by 10 feet with her throw of 102-11, earning her seventh place in a crowded field of throwers,” Coach Strate said. “That throw will put her in contention for state qualifying. She did the same thing in the

shot, with a personal best of more than three feet, throwing 32-5, placing eighth.”

For the Meeker boys, it was the distance runners and a thrower scoring team points. Meeker was led by Cowboy junior Austin Russell, who finished second in the 3,200-meter run, with a time of 10:40, and Marshal Pool finished fifth in the same race, 19 seconds behind.

“Both of those times should put them in contention for state qualifying,” Coach Strate said.

Russell and Pool teamed up with Josh Cochran and Clay Anderson in the 4x800-meter relay and they scored team points with an eighth-place finish.

Meeker junior Caleb Bradford threw the discus 124-10 and placed sixth. Bradford “barely” missed the finals in the shot put, but, according to his coach, he put the shot 40-2, a personal best.

The Cowboys will compete in Glenwood Springs on Saturday.

Meeker baseball team victorious at home but falls prey on road

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The Meeker varsity and junior varsity baseball teams have played several games the past two weeks, including two at home and two against the No. 1-ranked team in the state, with another tough doubleheader scheduled for Friday in Hotchkiss.

The varsity game against the 3A Roaring Fork Rams was called after five innings, when Meeker led 14-4.

“Hunter Garcia and Doak Mantle

pitched for the win, with great defense from the rest of the Cowboys,” Meeker head coach Brian Merrifield said. “We had 11 hits and only one error.”

Garcia also led the team at the plate, getting three hits. Mantle, Ty Gibson and Logan Hughes each had two hits against the Rams.

After a day's rest, the Cowboys traveled to Paonia to play a doubleheader against the No. 1-ranked Eagles. Coach Merrifield said Meeker started well but got into trouble late,

losing 10-0 in the first game and 11-1 in the second.

“In game one, with Logan throwing a gem, we were behind 1-0 into the fifth inning, when we ran into trouble,” coach Merrifield said. “We played eight games in nine days, with the varsity going 3-3 and the JV going 3-0. We are playing really good baseball right now.”

The Cowboys will play a doubleheader against the No. 4-ranked Bulldogs in Hotchkiss on Friday, with the first game starting at 11 a.m.

Spartan Showdown Rodeo a big success as season ends

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I “What a weekend. What a show!”

The Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans produced one of the best rodeos to come through Rangely in a long time, CNCC Rodeo head Coach Jed Moore said.

“Assistant Rodeo Coach Paige Yore really outdid herself planning a smoking hot (literally) opening to our rodeo,” Moore said.

The Spartan rodeo athletes stepped up and competed well at their home event, led by sophomore Colton Onyett, who won the bare-back bronc riding, Moore said, And the cowboys

and cowgirls of CNCC qualified athletes in the top 10 in every event.

The men were led by Onyett, who was first in bareback and Ethan Cook, who was second in bull riding.

Other CNCC men to place at the rodeo were Brody Adams, who was sixth place in tie down; Hayden Boardman, who was sixth in saddle bronc riding; Rhett Nielson, who was seventh in tie down, seventh in steer wrestling and third in bull riding; and JD Slagowski, who was eighth in team roping with Johnny Pavkov, who also placed sixth in steer wrestling.

The women also had two members of the team place at the rodeo, and both placed in two events.

Teasha Moody placed seventh in

the goat tying event and eighth in barrel racing while Anna Bshe placed sixth in goat tying and sixth in break-away roping.

The Spartans headed to Grand Junction for the Colorado Mesa University Maverick Stampede on Friday. That was the final rodeo of the regular team 2015-2016 rodeo season. Event and team champions will be crowned, and the list of cowboys and girls who qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo berths in Casper, Wyo., will be secured!

“Currently, several CNCC rodeo athletes have clinched berths at the CNFR Finals with several more who could have qualified over the past weekend,” Moore said.

SPRING THAW...



Ice fishing and shore fishing were almost nonexistent recently as the lake ice was thinning and the first eight feet of shore were open water, making it pretty tough to get out of the ice. With the recent warm temperatures Kenney Reservoir and Rio Blanco Lake, both between Meeker and Rangely along State Highway 64, were totally open and ice free on Sunday, and Lake Avery shouldn't be far behind.

SEAN MCMAHON

Nine Meeker wrestlers capture gold in Hayden

MEEKER I Thirty-five youth wrestlers from the Meeker Community Wrestling Club competed in Hayden on Saturday and 31 placed in the top four.

Champions of their bracket were Kaden Ridgeway, Dillon Hobbs, Brendan Clatterbaugh, Cade Blunt, Judd Harvey, Noah LeBlanc, Ty Goedert, Kelton Turner and Dax Sheridan.

Runners-up were Connor Blunt, Tucker Chinn, Levi Petrocco and Eli Rundberg.

Dylan Rundberg, Carson Blunt, Dexter Chinn, Cody Richardson, Connor Rose, Adrianna Price, Reed Goedert, Tanner Goodwin, Coy Richardson, Nathan Smith, Russell McGruder, Domonic Wyatt and Trapper McGruder each won their consolation championships.

Ty Goedert, who was double bracketed in the 12U and 14U, Levi Caulfield, Falen Gilbert, Dublin Price, Lyam Richardson and Bryant Turner all finished fourth.

Wyatt Ross, Alaric O'Dell, Isabelle Gilbert, and Jasmine Long also participated but did not place. “I'm really proud of the hard work these kids put in week after week,” coach Carl Padilla said.



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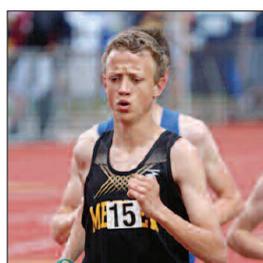
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Rodeo Team CNCC Spartans

CNCC Spartan rodeo athletes stepped up and competed well at their home event, the Spartan Stampede, led by sophomore Colton Onyett, who won the bare-back bronc riding. The cowboys and cowgirls of CNCC qualified athletes in the top 10 in every event, and Ethan Cook was second in bull riding.



Austin Russell Meeker High School Track

For the Meeker High School boys' track team, it was the distance runners leading the way in team points at the Frank Woodburn Memorial Invitational Track Meet on Saturday in Grand Junction. The Cowboys were led by junior Austin Russell, who finished second in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:40. Russell and Marshal Pool teamed up with Josh Cochran and Clay Anderson in the 4x800-meter relay and scored team points with an eighth-place finish.



Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation Board member Sam Tolley, left, thanks and congratulates CNCC President Russell George, right, on his service to the college at the CNCC Foundation's annual dinner on Saturday. Moments later, George named Tolley the CNCC Person of the Year for all his help.

Donkey Basketball returns to Meeker this Wednesday

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Those six-legged basketball players have returned to Meeker again this year as Donkey Basketball makes its way back on the Meeker High School gym floor on Wednesday.

Sponsored by the Meeker High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America, the Donkey Basketball contest will pit members of the FFA chapter against members of the community.

The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., offering lots of family fun, an abundance of entertainment, a wide variety of thrills and spills, as well as lots of laughs.

Advance tickets are \$11 for adults, \$9 for students in grades seventh through 12th and \$7 for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

At the gate, tickets are \$12 for the adults, \$10 for students from

7th through 12th grade, and \$8 for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Beware: Colorado bears emerging from dens

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colorado's bears have begun emerging from hibernation across the state. Colorado Parks and Wildlife, charged with perpetuating the wildlife resources of the state, reminds outdoor recreationists, city dwellers and rural homeowners to be responsible and take steps to minimize contact with bears.

"About 60 percent of our collared bears have already emerged from their dens, which is pretty normal for this time of year," said Heather Johnson, a CPW mammal researcher, who studies bears in Colorado. "Most of the bears that are still dened are the sows with newborn cubs. They should emerge within the next few weeks."

The black bear, Colorado's only bear species, lives primarily west of I-25. They prefer forested or tall, shrubland habitat but may move through open landscapes as they disperse and enter adulthood.

Bears are omnivores and primarily eat vegetation such as grasses, forbs, berries, acorns, and seeds. They also eat insects or scavenge on carcasses, but can occasionally prey on newborn calves and fawns, beaver, marmots, deer, elk and even domestic livestock or agricultural products.

When a localized natural food fail-

ure occurs, black bears from the affected area become increasingly mobile and persistent in search of human food sources like trash, fruit trees, pet food, bird feeders, livestock and agricultural products.

As bears emerge from hibernation, CPW reminds the public to take precautions to reduce potential for negative interactions with bears.

"Bears that seek out human food resources are at a higher risk of mortality due to lethal removals by landowners or wildlife managers, vehicle collisions, electrocutions and other factors. It is best for both bears and people if the bears continue to forage on natural foods and avoid human development," Johnson said.

Other tools, employed by CPW when human safety and bear mortality concerns arise, include altering bear hunting licenses, implementing aversive conditioning techniques, increasing education and outreach activities, relocating nuisance bears and reducing the accessibility of human foods to bears.

The statewide bear population is difficult to estimate because it is costly to observe this solitary and elusive species. All inventory efforts in Colorado involve extrapolating information about known bear densities in small geographic areas and applying

them to larger areas. But more recently scientific sampling methods and advances in genetic analysis from the late 1990s have enabled wildlife managers to use DNA from "hair snag" samples to estimate bear populations. As a result, the current, conservative, statewide estimate is 17,000 to 20,000 bears.

Bears have an extremely keen sense of smell and excellent memories. Once they have learned about a reliable source of food, they will often return. Once this occurs, it requires significant diligence on the part of people to keep these food-conditioned bears from coming back and creating conflicts.

Tips for outdoor recreationists: Make noise while walking or hiking to prevent surprising a bear. Clap, sing or talk loudly; Travel in a group if possible; Pay attention to the surroundings and watch for bear signs, such as tracks or claw or bite marks on trees.

Tips to prevent human/bear conflicts for homeowners include: Keep garbage in a well-secured enclosure and only put out garbage on the morning of pickup; Take down all bird feeders—birds don't need to be fed during the summer. Bird feeders are a major source of bear/human conflicts; Don't leave pet food or stock feed outside—never provide food for any wildlife.

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OBITUARIES

George Ernest Smitman, Jr.

March 25, 1924~April 6, 2016

The life and experiences of one man who persevered through many disappointments, losses and successes!

George Ernest Smitman, Jr. was born and raised in Oakland, Calif.

As an only child, he would build model airplanes after his school work and chores were done. He always loved the idea of flying.

In late 1942, at age 18, he joined the Navy and was selected for officer training. He graduated from Saint Mary's Academy in 1943 and was commissioned.

He was sent to flight school, where he excelled and was chosen to serve as a flight instructor. Quickly, his dreams were answered and he became a combat pilot during World War II. He exited the Navy when the war was finished, but he continued his service and became a reservist in 1945 and worked as a civilian back home in Oakland.

George met and married Bette V. Nelson of San Francisco, Calif., and had children.

He was recalled to active duty for the Korean War when his reserve squadron was called up, and he stayed on active duty after that for a while - from about 1952 until 1964. During this time he also ran the guided missile development program for the Navy at Point Magu during the time between the Korean War and West Pac/ Viet Nam preparedness.

When he left the Navy, he worked for Holmes and Narver on Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands for a year or so, after which he moved his family to Woodland Hills, Calif., because the Holmes and Narver office was in Los Angeles.

He never wanted his family to live in a large city, so the suburbs were always sought. That was



George Ernest Smitman, Jr.

definitely in the fall of 1963. As an office worker, he left Holmes and Narver in 1964 and he and his wife began a craft/hobby shop in a small town in California to reacquaint the population with their abilities and imagination. Unfortunately, the town was too small and the shop closed. His wife died in 1966,

before his family moved to Denver, Colo., for his employment with United Airlines as a flight instructor. This move was more difficult and challenging for a single grieving dad of children ranging in age of 11 to 18. Shortly after the move to Colorado, his eldest child returned to California.

George and his family were overwhelmed by sadness and unfamiliarity of much change. Now in his 40s, he was very active in skiing the slopes of Colorado and the Swiss Alps and lots of worldwide travel.

After many years with United Airlines, he joined the group of laid-off employees and once again sought employment in the field of air travel.

In 1973, he married Peggy Kier, formerly of Rangely, Colo., and they moved to Beirut, Lebanon, where he was employed by Middle East Airlines as a flight instructor again. They visited their children in the United States several times, had many great vacations to several countries before the Lebanese Civil War made it impossible to remain living in Beirut.

Not accustomed to war on land, they were able to escape through a frightening and risky hotel

visit in 1976. Fortunately, with his airline expertise, he became a flight instructor and airport planner for Saudi Arabia Airlines, and they moved to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where Peggy was diagnosed with emphysema.

In 1982, King Saud told him the Saudi Arabian calendar indicated he was 60 years old and required to retire. Now, as a retired caregiver he moved back to the United States and became a farmer/rancher and close neighbor of the community airport.

On a 50-acre ranch in Paris, Tenn., he restored and remodeled a large two-story house. After raising cattle and harvesting wheat for a short period, they moved to Rangely, Colo., Peggy's childhood home.

Peggy died in 1999, after many years of deteriorating health. She is buried in the Rangely Cemetery with her daughter, Corrine.

Re widowed, he remained in Rangely, seeking to continue his hero ways and help others. He successfully rebuilt the Lutheran community for 25 years and sought to enlarge the Rangely Community Airport to accommodate community airplanes and possible county flights. He continued to take several world travels to China, Ireland, Australia, Fiji to name a very few.

Hard to believe this one man with these several accomplishments in severe circumstances lived into his 90s. He was a man of extreme love from many and for many.

George is survived by four children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, who are thankful to the Rangely community for honoring him and including him in your lives. Thank you and God bless you all.

Eddie Floyd Langford

Aug. 21, 1955~March 27, 2016

Eddie Floyd Langford, III, was born Aug. 21, 1955, in Henrietta, Texas, the son of Joyce and Salty Langford.

Eddie and his family lived in many states before settling in Florida as their home. Eddie grew up competing in cutting horse shows and junior rodeos, following his parents in the horse training profession.

He was a member of the Oxford Baptist Church in Oxford, Fla. He was graduated from high school in Wildwood, Fla., and went on to further his education on a full rodeo scholarship at Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas, majoring in agriculture marketing.

While living in Florida after college, his businesses included a Purina dealership and livestock transportation.

He found his way to Meeker, Colo., during his truck driving career and met his soon to be wife, Gayla Carstens. Eddie and Gayla were married on Dec. 29, 2008.

Eddie pursued several jobs in Meeker. He worked for MSG, Jensen Construction and High Country Portables as a truck driver.

He also worked at Sleepy Cat and Gary's Steak House, but the job he truly loved the most was teaching. He loved every minute with his students.



Eddie Floyd Langford

He started at CNCC in Rangely teaching horsemanship and equine classes as well as being a substitute teacher at the three school levels in Meeker. After running the mail for Clinton and

Tera Schults for a few years, he finally took over the Meeker mail route himself.

Eddie had numerous hobbies including golf, team roping and, of course, his famous beautiful halters, which he made and sold throughout the United States. He also loved playing Legos with the grandkids.

Eddie is survived by: his wife Gayla Langford; his mother, Joyce Bailey; his stepfather, CW Mann Bailey; his sister, Terry Irwin; his brother, Tom Bailey; a nephew, Coy Irwin; great niece, Emma Irwin, and a great nephew, Hunter Irwin.

He also is survived by: his new family, Joe and Evalyn Cartens, Heather and Todd Weiland, brother-in-law and sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews, and grandkids

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4-H IFYE ambassador in Meeker, seeks hosts

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Last week, the CSU Extension Office in Meeker hosted Jennifer Johnston with the 4-H IFYE Program. IFYE, or International 4-H Youth Exchange, is an international exchange program where participants ages 19-30 visit a foreign country for

three to six months, living and working with host families, gaining a unique perspective about other cultures.

Johnston is from Pueblo County and was an active 4-H member for 10 years, participating in dog training and vet science. She served as a 4-H volunteer for seven years acting as a camp counselor and chaperone as well as a 4-H Cloverbud leader for two years. She was part of CSU's President's Leadership Program and served as the editor of CSU-Pueblo's Tempered Steel.

This past year, Jennifer traveled

around Europe with the IFYE program, living in Northern Ireland, Wales and England.

During her trip to Meeker, she visited Meeker Elementary School and presented to first- and second-grade students who learned about the different cultures, European history and geography as well listened to exciting stories from Johnston's trip.

That evening, Johnston presented at the Meeker Town Council meeting, where she shared more details of her trip and answered questions surrounding the program and her adventures.



Jennifer Johnston

Colorado State University is looking for host families for the IFYE Program, specifically in agricultural areas along the Western Slope, to house exchange students. If you are interested in

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In RBC, you can text 911, but phone calls best

Special to the Herald Times

RBC What happens if you have an emergency but you're hearing impaired, have a speech disability or the situation could get worse if you make noise? In most areas of Rio Blanco County, emergency victims now have the option to text to 911. Certainly a sign of progress, but there are major caveats to the service as it stands now.

Testing has been completed, and, in most areas of Rio Blanco County, residents and visitors who have Verizon, Union, AT&T or Comcast should be able to send text messages to 911; other providers who do not actually own cell towers in Rio

Blanco County are not required by the FCC to provide this service.

Callers who place a Text to 911 and do not have a carrier that provides the service or if the service is not available will receive a bounce back message which will refer them to call 911. Only consumers who have purchased a text or data plan through their wireless provider can send text messages and text message rates will apply.

The 911 call centers at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and Rangely Police Department are ready to accept emergency text messages from the public when a caller may be injured and unable to speak, may be in a remote area or

are only able to send a text message to get assistance from emergency services.

Only 2 percent of all 911 dispatch centers across the nation are capable of receiving a text to 911. Rio Blanco County is proud to join this 2 percent to open this communication path to our citizens, our visitors and our community.

"Even where text-to-911 is available, if you are able to make a voice call to 911, and if it is safe to do so, you should always make a voice call to 911 instead," according to the FCC. "Voice calls allow the 911 operator to more quickly ask questions and obtain information from the caller while two-way communication by text can take more time and is subject to limits on the length of text messages.

Text-to-911 also changes the immediate information the dispatch center receives. With phone calls, the dispatcher immediately has your location and phone number when calling from a land line. With a text message, that information is not immediately available, so texters have to give an address at their location. In addition, phone calls allow for more qualitative information about the caller, including background noises, the tone and urgency in a caller's voice.

That being said, this service provides major benefits for those who are hard of hearing, have a speech disability or are in an emergency situation in which making noise could exacerbate danger.

Currently, photos and videos cannot be texted to 911 but the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office does

offer a mobile app to report crimes, receive bulletins and send photos.

The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Application provides a free and modern app that will assist critical two-way communications between the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and the residents of Rio Blanco County or anyone who wants to be connected with the office.

This will be the exclusive application for communications from the department with press releases, bulletins/alerts, an event calendar and more.

Communications to the sheriff's office can be made as well. Your smartphone will now be your platform for submitting crime tips that may help solve crimes.

The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's App also provides easy One-Touch calling for non-emergency calls.

Please sign up for their new app using the QR code shown below or search for Rio Blanco County Sheriff in your app store. Call 970-878-9600 for more information.

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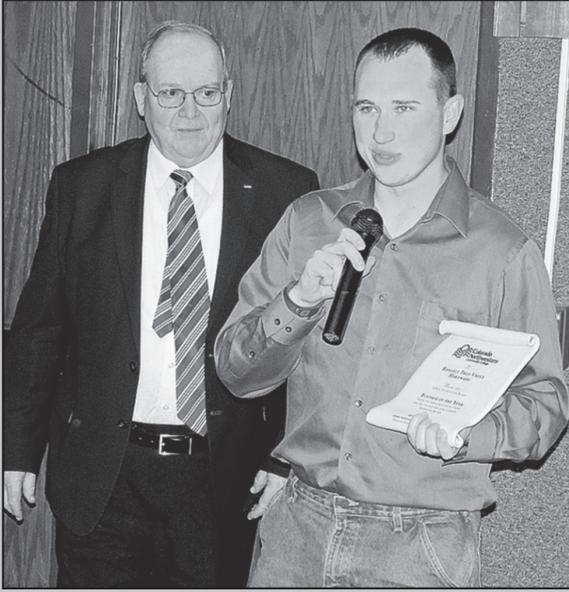
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CNCC BUSINESS OF THE YEAR ...



SEAN MCMAHON

During the Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation Dinner on Saturday night, held to raise funds for scholarships, CNCC President Russell George, left, presented Chris England, right, with the plaque for Business of the Year to Rangely True Value Hardware. England was representing True Value owner Roger Polley, who is on the board of CNCC.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado will hold two public hearings to consider the adoption of the new Rio Blanco County Land Use Regulations ("LUR"). The first public hearing will be on May 16, 2016 at the Rio Blanco County Annex, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely Colorado, beginning at 1:15 p.m. The second public hearing will be on May 23, 2016 at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center,

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455 Main Street Courtroom A, Meeker, CO 81641 beginning at 1:15 p.m. Both locations will have video-conferencing capabilities. Copies of the proposed LUR may be viewed at the Rio Blanco Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker Colorado, the Clerk's Office at the Rio Blanco County Annex, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely Colorado. The Clerk's Office at 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker Colorado, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Rio Blanco LUR can also be viewed on the Rio Blanco County website at www.rbc.us on the Commissioners and Planning Department pages. Published April 14, 2016 Rio Blanco Herald Times

The Meeker Sanitation District is seeking applicants to fill an opening on the Board of Directors. Applicants must be a registered voter in Colorado and a resident of, or own property in the Meeker Sanitation District to qualify. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member for the Meeker Sanitation District, please contact the Office at 265 8th Street, or call 878-5192. You may also write for information to PO Box 417, Meeker, CO 81641. Published: March 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2016 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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Eastern RBC Lodging Tax Board will be having a meeting open to the public at 10am, April 21st at the Meeker Library. Published: April 7 & 14, 2016 Rio Blanco Herald Times

Board of County Commissioners Monday, April 18, 2016 Rangely, Colorado Tentative Board Agenda

Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda. **Public Comment:** Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views. **11:00 a.m. Call to order:**

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- Pledge of Allegiance
- Changes to the April 18, 2016 Tentative Agenda
- Approval of the April 18, 2016 Agenda
- **CONSENT AGENDA FOR APRIL 18, 2016**
- Consent 1_ Approval of the Board Minutes of April 11, 2016
- Consent 2_ Modification of Contract between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County and Ducey's Electric for installation of two light poles and one main panel for the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Project in an amount not to exceed \$25,992.94.
- Consent 3_ Modification of Contract between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County and Goedert Construction LLC for additional work to be completed for the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Drainage.
- Consent 4_Change Order Request #1 of the Contract between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County and Northwest Colorado Consultants for the Columbine Park Restroom Facility Project extending the contract date from July 1, 2015 to October 1, 2015, no increase in the amount.
- **BUSINESS AGENDA**
- **General:**
- Bus 1
- Bid Openings:
- Bid Opening 1_Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Project Wash Racks and Steel Work.
- Bid Opening 2_Rio Blanco County Meeker

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Fairgrounds Project Bucking Chutes. Bids Awards: • Bid Award 1_Bid Award to MM Eight Construction for the benefit of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society Coal Creek School House Exterior Remodel Project. **MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:** • MCA 1_ Contract between MM Eight Construction and the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County for the use and benefit of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society for the remodel of the exterior of the Coal Creek School House Project in an amount not to exceed \$146,965.00. **Resolutions:** **Other Business:** •Public Comments •County Commissioners Updates Adjourn The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2016, at the Rio Blanco County Justice

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Center, Courtroom A, 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. Please check the County's website for information at: www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9683 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. Published: April 14, 2016 Rio Blanco Herald Times



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TOWN OF MEEKER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday April 19, 2016
7:00 P.M.

- Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
- 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
- I. Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Approval of the Previous Minutes

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- IV. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- V. Public Participation
- VI. Break: Appreciation for outgoing Board Members
- VII. Swearing in and seating of newly elected Mayor and Trustees
- VIII. Roll Call
- IX. Staff Updates
- X. New Business
- 1. Resolution #04-2016, a resolution appointing _____ as Mayor

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- Pro-Tem
- 2. Resolution #05-2016, a resolution appointing Town Officers
- XI. Mayor's remarks
- XII. Town Manager's Report
- XIII. Town Attorney's Report
- XIV. Board Comments
- XV. Adjournment
- Published: April 14, 2016
- Rio Blanco Herald Times

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY
rbc ROAD 5 WILDLIFE FENCE -
cdot # TAP c490-005 - project # 19382
REQUEST FOR BID
PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION: Rio Blanco County Road 5 Wildlife Fence Project, CDOT Project No. TAP C490-005 Project Code No. 19382. This project is located on Rio Blanco County Road 5, Piceance Creek Road, which is approx. 22 miles southwest of Meeker. Construction will take place entirely within Rio Blanco County right-of-way. Rio Blanco County Road 5 Wildlife Fence Project consists

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of installing a fence system designed to lessen wildlife mortality at a critical location along Rio Blanco County Road 5, Piceance Creek Road. This project includes funding by CDOT-administered FHWA Grants and is subject to Davis-Bacon wage requirements. There will be 14% DBE contracting goals and 0 hours of On the Job Training. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Contract Documents shall be available on April 14, 2016 at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, on the County's website at www.rbc.us on the Bid Postings page. BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS: Vendors must be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing. PROJECT ENGINEER AND QUESTIONS: Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before 5:00 P.M. on May 4 at the above address or fax number. WORK SCHEDULE: The Project shall start upon issue of Notice to Proceed, which will be no later than July 5, 2016 and be completed by September 2, 2016. The exact date of the Notice to Proceed is dependent upon receiving CDOT's approval after reviewing all bid documentation. MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: May 2, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker. BID SUBMITTALS: Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "SEALED BID-RBC ROAD 5 WILDLIFE FENCE CDOT #TAP C490-005-PROJECT #19382" written on the sealed envelope. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company. The Bid Form must be complete with unit bid price for each item and the Bid Form must be signed. CDOT Forms 85, 605, 606, 621, 1413, 1414, 1415 (if applicable), 1416 (if applicable), documentation of conformance with CDOT UDBE Contract Goal Policy, Financial Statement, and letter from Insurance Agent certifying Vendor can be issued all insurance required by the Agreement for Services shall be included. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Construction specifications shall follow the "2011 Colorado Department of Transportation" Standard Specifications for Road & Bridge Construction" (Green book). Project Special Revisions and Standard Provisions applicable to this project are included with the Bid Package. Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 6, 2016. Do not depend on overnight delivery. Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on May 9, 2016. Mailing or hand-delivery through Friday at 4:00 P.M.: Rio Blanco County Attorney's Office, Attn: Sealed Bid Enclosed, P.O. Box 1, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641. Hand-delivery address on date of bid opening; RBC Commissioners, Justice Center, 455 Main Street's Courtroom A, Meeker, CO 81641. BID OPENING: Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on May 9, 2016 at the temporary Meeker Commissioners's Meeting Room, Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street-Courtroom A, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter. BID AWARD: The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado. The CDOT Form 347, Certification of EEO Compliance, is no longer required to be submitted in the bid package. This form certified that the contractor/proposed subcontractor were in compliance with the Joint Reporting Committee EEO-

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1 form requirements. The EEO-1 Report must still be submitted to the Joint Reporting Committee if the contractors and subcontractors meet the eligibility requirements (29CFR 1602.7); we will no longer require certification. For additional information regarding these federal requirements, please refer to: www.eeoc.gov/states/jobpat/e1instruct.html. RIO BLANCO COUNTY Dated: April 11, 2016 By: Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman Published: April 14, and April 21, 2016 Rio Blanco Herald Times

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-01

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 7, 2016, 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)	Stephen Henson Jr
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Michigan Mutual, Inc.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation
Date of Deed of Trust	September 26, 2012
County of Recording	Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	October 03, 2012
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	304781
Original Principal Amount	\$100,035.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$95,432.59

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 3, BLOCK 3, SAGEWOOD WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED UNDER RECEPTION NO. 207248, TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO

Also known by street and number as: 1081 Tanglewood Lane, 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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/11/2016, at the Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County temporary office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, 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	3/17/2016
Last Publication	4/14/2016
Name of Publication	Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

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

• 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: 01/08/2016
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
MARCELLO G. ROJAS #46396 SUSAN HENDRICK #33196
Klatt, Odekkirk, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 9745 EAST HAMPDEN AVE., SUITE 400,
DENVER, CO 80231 (303) 353-2965
Attorney File # CO150272

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.

DATE: 01/08/2016
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

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DENVER, CO 80231 (303) 353-2965
Attorney File # 160015

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
BY MAIL BALLOT
WESTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
To be Held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016
At Rec Center, 611 S. Stanolind Avenue, Rangely, Colorado

I, Linda Gordon, Designated Election Official for Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, do hereby give Public Notice of a General Special District Election to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at which time there will be elected:

Three Board Members, serving a 4-year term

Each position shall be voted upon by eligible electors of the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District.

The three people receiving the greatest number of votes for the Board Seats shall be elected.

The Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District geographical boundaries create an irregular shape that includes all of the Town of Rangely and certain surrounding rural land. Parcels of 40 or more acres are not included in (taxed by) the District. Due to the irregular shape of the District, a voter must first determine that the voter resides in or has taxable property within the boundaries of the District.

In order to vote in the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District election, an elector must be registered to vote in Colorado and:

1. A resident of the district (includes within Rangely Town limits or Rangely area rural property less than 40 acres) OR
2. An owner of taxable real or personal property within the boundaries of the special district (includes property in Rangely, Rangely Area rural property less than 40 acres, some minerals interest, and some mobile homes. Property ownership must be in an individual name, not a business entity. Please check with the Assessor's office for qualifying taxable property), OR
3. The spouse of an owner of taxable property, OR
4. A person obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property in the district.

Ballots will be mailed to registered electors April 11, 2016. You can mail ballots back in the enclosed envelope or drop them off at the Rec Center at 611 S. Stanolind, Rangely, Colorado during regular business hours. If you are mailing your ballot back to us, remember the ballot must be received by the Rec Center, Designated Election Official before 7pm on May 3, 2016 in order to be counted. If you do not receive a ballot in the mail, you can request an Application for Absentee Voter Ballot at the Rec Center, 611 S. Stanolind, Rangely, Colorado. Your Application for Absentee Ballot must be returned to Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District's office at 611 S. Stanolind, Rangely, CO 81648 on or before April 29, 2016. All Application for Absentee Ballots will be verified before a ballot package is given out. This application is necessary even for voters who were previously on Rio Blanco County's permanent mail-in voter list, which was recently eliminated as part of the state's election law passed last May.

VOTER DO NOT REMOVE STUB
OFFICIAL BALLOT
FOR WESTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR ELECTION
May 3, 2016

OFFICIAL BALLOT
FOR WESTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR ELECTION
May 3, 2016

Shirley Parsons
Shirley Parsons
1000 S. Stanolind Avenue, Rangely, Colorado

WARNING:
Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an eligible elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, or who falsely makes, alters, forges or counterfeits any mail ballot before or after it has been cast, or who destroys, defaces, mutilates, or tampers with a ballot is subject, upon conviction, to imprisonment, or to a fine or both.

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice(s). DO NOT ERASE. If you make a mistake you may request a new ballot. If your vote for a candidate or question is marked in such a manner that your intent is not clearly demonstrated, your vote for that office may not be counted. To protect the secrecy of your vote, do not put your name, initials, or any identifying mark on your official ballot.

- Board of Directors
Vote for 3 Only
- Robby Elam
 - George Fortunato
 - Jennifer Noel
 - Shirley Parsons

Rangely Municipal Mail Ballot Election
April 5, 2016

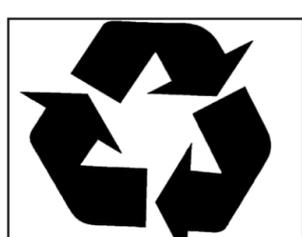
Town of Rangely Election Results

I, Lisa Piering, Clerk, Town of Rangely, do hereby certify that at a mail ballot municipal election held at the Rangely Town Hall in Precinct R-1 in the municipality of Rangely and state of Colorado, on the 5th day of April in the year 2016, the following named persons received the number of votes assigned to their respective names for the following described offices:
Total number of ballots cast were (537)
Joseph Nielsen, (388) three hundred eighty eight votes for mayor;
Clayton Gohr, (127) one hundred twenty seven votes for trustee;
Donnell R (Trey) Robie III, (206) two hundred six votes for trustee;
Jane Miller, (128) one hundred twenty eight votes for trustee;
James Dillon III, (120) one hundred twenty votes for trustee;
Sarah (Hume) Nielsen, (171) one hundred seventy one votes for trustee;
Tyson Hacking, (182) one hundred eighty two votes for trustee;
Andrew (Andy) Key, (320) three hundred twenty votes for trustee;
Robert K. Kissling, (163) one hundred sixty three votes for trustee;
Rene' D Harden, (20) twenty votes for trustee;
Elizabeth (Beth Robinson) Wiley, (118) one hundred eighteen votes for trustee;
Dated this 5th day of April, 2016.
Election results will be certified no sooner than (8) days after the election and no later than (10) days after the election.
Lisa Piering, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Rangely
Published: April 14, 2016
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SAFEHOUSE
If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.
878-3131

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



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

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

The Rio Blanco Herald Times accepts all major credit cards. You can fax your classified ad or subscription to (970)878-4016 or email to: debby@theheraldtimes.com

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

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

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

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

Food Bank of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community members. Scheduled Dates for 2016: April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25 - See more at: The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ATTN: RIO BLANCO COUNTY VETERANS: If you do not receive VA travel allowance for visits to the Grand Jct VAMC or to the Craig VA Clinic please contact the RBC Veterans Service Office, Meeker: Joe Dungan, 878-9690 Rangely: John "Hoot" Gibson, 878-9695

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

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- R&B Summer Laborer, Meeker
- Detentions Specialist—as needed
- Patrol Deputy, Full Time—Rangely
- Staff Assistant, Part Time—Rangely

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

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Employment Opportunities

Meeker Elementary School

- Elementary/Middle School Counselor
- Kindergarten Teacher
- 1st Grade Teacher
- 5th Grade Teacher

Barone Middle School

- Assistant Track Coach

Meeker High School

- Agriculture Teacher
- Mathematics Teacher
- Paraprofessional of Credit Recovery Coordinator
- Head Girls' Basketball Coach
- Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach
- Assistant Volleyball Coach

District

- Librarian Paraprofessional

ADA/EOE
Subject to change at any time!
For details and an application, please visit our website at Meeker.k12.co.us or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO 970-878-9040

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THE RANGELY Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church (144 S. Stanolind Ave.). Join us! For more information, call Heather Zadra at (970) 629-9937.

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

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON
Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal 878-5627 or 675-8112
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program
Meals served at noon.
Reservations appreciated.
Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)
Friday, April 15: French onion soup, tuna salad, bean salad, fruit pie
Monday, April 18: Pork roast/gravy, mashed potatoes, italian bread, corn, orange sherbet
Tuesday, April 19: Beef stew, spinach salad, wheat roll, lime jello, pears
Wednesday, April 20: Macaroni cheese & ham, Caesar salad, rye roll, banana & strawberries
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals.
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, April 28, May 26, & June 23, Thursday, 11:00-12:30

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MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE
April 2015
NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.
4/14 Rifle/Bus in Town
4/15 Bus in Town
4/16 No Bus
4/17 AM Bus
4/18 Bus in Town
4/19 Bus in Town
4/20 BP Clinic/Bus in Town
4/21 Grand Jct Medical/Bus in Town
Due to Daylight Savings Time, please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM. Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627. Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments- (970)878-9368. For Rangely dental appointments, please call (970)675-3250.

AUCTIONS

Liquidation Antique & Collectable Auction, Saturday, April 16th, 10:00 am, 1605 So. Hwy 50, Grand Junction, CO (top of 5th St. hill on Orchard Mesa) furniture, glassware, pictures, cowboy items - saddles - anvils - chaps, etc., crocks, toys, rugs, knives, cast iron, slot machine, cabinets, glass showcases, scales, tools, porcelain signs, lots of nice items, owner Lou Deans, lost their lease. For info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service 970-260-5577. See www.cpauktion.com "Call us about a sale for you"

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Drivers-OTR Miles! Paid Loaded/Empty on Practical Miles. Volvos/APUs, 1 year OTR Exp. Req. Good Home Time/Benefits. www.Climateexpress.com OR 636-584-6073	Partners Needed! Soon government law will mandate every bar provide a breathalyzer. Learn how to be the first in Your area to cash in. Call 1-800-287-3157 www.breathalyzerineverybar.com

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Buy a 25-word statewide classified line ad in newspapers across the state of Colorado for just \$250 \$275 per week.
Ask about our Frequency Discounts.
Contact this newspaper or call SYNC2 Media, 303-571-5117

Town of Rangely Seasonal Summer Help Positions Opening

The Town of Rangely will be hiring seasonal workers for public works, gas, utilities, building and grounds and administration departments. Duties include but are not limited to the following: outside landscaping, maintenance, and a variety of other light duties depending on the department. The hourly rate is \$10.00 hour.

Applications may be picked up at the Town of Rangely, 209 E Main, Rangely, CO 81648. Deadline for submitting an application is May 1, 2016. EOE.

TOWN OF MEEKER ORDINANCE NO. 03-2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MEEKER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.28.102 ESTABLISHING A PAY RATE FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2.28.104 REVISING THE POLICY FOR QUORUM DETERMINATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §31-23-203, the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees, the "Board of Trustees" has the authority to establish the compensation for Planning Commission members through ordinance, and has determined it to be reasonable and necessary to provide such compensation; and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to C.R.S. §31-23-203, the Board of Trustees has the authority to provide by ordinance the size and membership of the Planning Commission, and has determined it to be reasonable and necessary to make changes regarding the size of the Planning Commission as it relates to quorum determination; and

WHEREAS, based on the number of vacancies on the Planning Commission, it is necessary to make an addition to the Town of Meeker Municipal Code Chapter 2.28.104, Planning Commission; Organization and Rules, adding language stating that vacant seats will not be counted in quorum determinations for the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing on this request on April 5, 2016 and following this public hearing, the Board of Trustees voted to approve compensating Planning Commission members at the rate of fifty dollars per month and voted to make changes to the size of the Planning Commission as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges that changes regarding vacancies on the Planning Commission and the compensation to Planning Commission members shall take effect immediately for all current and future members following the publication and subsequent 30-day time period of this action as mandated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town finds, determines, and declares that the Board of Trustees has determined it to be reasonable and necessary to amend and update the Town of Meeker Municipal Code Chapter 2.28.102, Planning Commission; Members designated; terms, and Chapter 2.28.104, Planning Commission; Organization and Rules, and that such amendments and updates are necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity, and improve the order, comfort, welfare and convenience of the Town of Meeker and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER, as follows:

1. Meeker Municipal Code Chapter 2.28 Planning Commission, Section 2.28.102(b) Members designated; terms, is amended to read as follows:
"2.28.102- Members designated; terms
(b) All Members of the Planning Commission shall serve with a compensation of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month, and the appointed members shall hold no other municipal office;..."
2. Meeker Municipal Code Chapter 2.28 Planning Commission, Section 2.28.104 Organization and Rules, additional language shall be added to the end of the Section as follows:
"2.28.104- Organization and Rules
... The policy for quorum when not all Planning Commission seats are filled is that vacant seats will not be counted in quorum determinations for the Planning Commission. Rather, a quorum shall be determined based upon the number of members actually serving on the Planning Commission. For example, if there are three (3) members serving on the Planning Commission, a quorum will constitute two (2) of the three (3) members."
3. Except as specifically modified herein, the remaining provisions of the Meeker Municipal Code, Sections 2.28.102 and 2.28.104, shall remain in full force and effect.
4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication as provided in C.R.S. §31-16-105. **INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on April 5, 2016, by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, and ordered published in full in the Rio Blanco Herald Times.
TOWN OF MEEKER: Regas K. Halandras, Mayor
ATTEST: Lisa Cook, Town Clerk

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

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3033 Main St. - Two-story, 3BD/2BA home, with a cottage in the back yard. **\$172,000**

545 3rd St. - Ideal location, smart use of space, tastefully remodeled 3BD/2BA. **\$159,000**

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754 Market St. - Perfectly remodeled BD/1BA, large lot, barn and storage space. **\$155,000**

117 6th St. - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. **\$135,000**

1112 Park Ave. - Fresh paint, new carpet, super cute 2BD, 1BA, plus den. Fenced yard, off street parking. **\$129,000**

1013 Hill St. - 2BD/2BA home with huge yard, family room, and extra room in the basement. Some remodeling, including floors. **\$122,900**

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

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269 RBC Rd. 57 - Get out of town and into this 3BD/2BA home with over 1,100 sqft in garages alone, plus 1.37 pretty acres! **Price reduced: \$329,000**

1601 White River Rd. - Brand new 3BD/2BA home w/ attached garage. 3.22 acres just south of the golf course. **Price reduced: \$319,500**

4637 RBC Rd. 8 - 4BD/2BA farmhouse on 6+ acres, shop, barn, and corral. Close to town, no covenants. **\$329,000 UNDER CONTRACT**

402 Sandstone Dr. - 10 country acres with a custom stock-built 3BD/2BA home with roping & riding arena, tack shed, carport, pasture, pond & views. Located about 4 miles from Meeker. **\$298,000**

346 N. Cross L Dr. - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Includes tractor, blade & mower. Only minutes from town, miles of views. **\$279,000**

378 RBC Rd. 40 - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. **\$119,000**

210 RBC Rd. 75 - Papoose Creek Cabin - Forest service leased land, your rustic cabin to enjoy! **\$65,000**

688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! **\$65,000**

6.79 Acres in Cross L Estates - Irrigated meadow with great hay production, nice lot, domestic water, electricity and views. **\$59,000**

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

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

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- *NEW 990 Main St. - 3BR, 1.5 BA, log home w/attached 2 car garage. Updated and spiffed. **\$184,000.**
- *NEW 725 Cedar St - 5 BR, 2-1/2 BA, Beautiful one of a kind home, good views, updated high end kitchen, huge family room, outdoor entertaining area, 2 fireplaces, garage, on 3 lots, great neighborhood. **\$319,000.**
- *826 2nd St- 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2,064 sq ft bi-level home near schools. Fenced yard, trees. **\$170,000.**
- *989 Garfield- Lg lot, 3 BR, 2 BA, 2,656 sq ft home, basement, garage, mature trees. **\$170,000 SALE PENDING!**
- *1301 Sage Ridge Rd- Immaculate 2 story, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, garage, RV carport, fenced. **\$239,500 REDUCED!**
- *1111 Wall St- 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Laminate floors, lg master suite, storage shed. **\$128,000 REDUCED!**
- *112 Main St- 3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. **\$219,000.**
- 1023 Jill Dr.- 4 BR, 3 bath home on a large lot, near schools and rec center. Good views. **\$126,000. SOLD!**

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *NEW 439 Agency Dr- Beautiful 2 story log home, 4 BR, 3 BA, walk-out basement, big deck, on 5 irrigated acres, 1 mile south of town. Attached garage, plus a 30X40 horse barn, trees and wonderful views. **\$485,000.**
- *NEW 6800 CR 7- 2 Acres NW of Meeker, 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, sun room with hot tub, decks, close to town. 5 irrigated acres, horse barn & corral. Trees & views. **\$335,000.**
- *NEW 510 Meadow Lane- 3 BR, 2.5 BA home on 6.9 acres. Private location west of Meeker, large attached garage, wrap around covered porch, pond, hot tub, great views. **\$399,900.**
- *3315 CR 8- 42 Acres, great views, 2,304 sq ft, 3 BR, 2 BA log home, decks, privacy, new well. **\$400,000.**
- *1020 S. Little Rancho Dr- 80 Acres bordering BLM land. Very private, end of the road. Newer log home, 3 BR, 2 BA, decks, Barn, pond, water well, fenced, good hunting views. **\$595,000.**
- *686 Rimrock Dr- 5.5 acres, captivating location, 3BR, 2 BA 1 story log home. Amazing pond, irrigation water, beautifully landscaped, RV hookup, great views, garage, and shed. Zip line! **\$409,000.**
- *1290 CR 119- Ute Creek Cabin - Forest Service lease land, 2 room log cabin, 3/4 bath. **\$75,000.**
- *293 Agency Dr - 5 acres, 1 mile S of town, near golf course. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA home with basement, garage, decks. Awesome views. Irrigated hay & pasture. Lg shop with horse stalls. **\$419,000.**
- *CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. **\$425,000 REDUCED!**
- *29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River & Fishing. Nice 1,232 sq ft 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. **\$795,000.**
- *866 N. Cross L Dr.- 4 BR, 2 BA home on 3 irrigated acres. Great location. **SOLD! \$244,900.**

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- *109 Market St. 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store **\$275,000 REDUCED!**
- *304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space. 4,437 sq. ft. **\$199,000 REDUCED!**

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- *5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! **\$75,000.**
- *CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. **\$425,000 REDUCED!**
- *359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. **\$100,000.**
- *River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. **\$145,000.**
- *Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, leading shed, great home site. **\$64,900 REDUCED!**
- *Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11- **\$95,000.**
- *Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. Lot 14. **\$93,000 REDUCED!**
- *Little Beaver Estates Lot 13 - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. **\$89,000 REDUCED!**
- *100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. **\$1,395,000.00.**
- *Several nice building lots on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle. **Reduced to \$19,900 each.**
- *71 Acres on CR 15, 11 miles NE. Private homesites, water, good hunting, borders public land. **\$205,000. SOLD!**

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