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Special Delivery ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Caden Wolgamott entered the world on his own terms Feb. 23 when he was born roadside on Douglas Pass. Caden's dad Brian Wolgamott, grandmother Michelle Huber and Grand Junction 911 Dispatcher Bev Lindsay assisted mother Sasha Wolgamott with the delivery.

Rangely family delivers newest member roadside on Hwy. 139

By ROXIE FROMANG
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Many rural pregnant women have lost sleep at night worrying they might not make it to the hospital in time to deliver their bundle of joy, especially when the hospital of choice is more than 90 miles away. That worry became reality in the early morning hours of Feb. 23 for expectant Rangely parents Sasha Wolgamott, husband Brian, and Sasha's mom Michelle Huber. The trio decided to journey over Douglas Pass at about 2:10 a.m. to ensure they would arrive in Grand Junction in plenty of time for the birth.

As most people around these parts are aware, State Highway 139 is neither a smooth, nor a straight road. On that particular morning there was fresh snowfall and accumulating slush which added to the challenging drive. Huber recounted the trip on the snowy highway, saying that son-in-law Brian had even slid around the switchbacks while trying to navigate the roads as fast and safe as he possibly could.

Labor progressed quickly; in fact, far more rapidly than any of them anticipated. The expectant mother was doing her best to breathe through the contractions and remain calm. It soon became evident to Michelle that they weren't going to make it to St. Mary's Hospital. Michelle told Brian to pull over and as Sasha put it "the three of us had a bit of a colorful conversation." But it turned out it was a good thing they stopped when they did.

The worried father-to-be ran down the road to get cell phone reception to call 911 to request an ambulance. On his way back to the truck, he lost reception, and the call dropped. There wasn't

much time left, as Baby Caden was ready for his appearance into the world. Bev Lindsay, a 911 dispatcher from Grand Junction Regional Communication Center got Brian back on the line. She guided the family through the roadside birth using the MPDS (Medical Priority Dispatch System), a unified system used to dispatch appropriate aid to medical emergencies.

With two quick pushes, Michelle (lovingly nicknamed Dr. Me Ma now) delivered the 20-inch, 8 lbs. 1.4 oz baby boy, supporting his head and body. Sasha swiftly cleaned out his airway and Brian yanked the shoelace from his left shoe and tied the umbilical cord. Within minutes a Colorado State Patrol officer was on site and snapped a picture of this momentous event for the family. Soon thereafter, the couple's daughter Crimson June, dad Chris Huber, and sister Vanessa Huber were on site and were incredulous that the baby had been delivered on the highway near mile marker 13, which happened to be Sasha's late grandmother Anita Usery's favorite number.

New mom Sasha cut the umbilical cord on the way to the hospital while riding in the ambulance. Their beautiful baby boy was healthy and calm and the new parents report he has been a happy baby since.

The family said they feel blessed and their son is a welcome addition to the family. They are incredibly thankful to all those involved, especially Bev Lindsay, the 911 dispatcher; Caden's "Dr. Me Ma," and the good Lord above who was with them throughout the entire adventure.

Welcome to the world, Caden Emerson Wolgamott!

Teaching through technology

RBC teachers share challenges and triumphs of distance learning

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I Our schoolteachers have been assigned a Herculean task: learn an entirely new way of connecting with and teaching their students, and do it almost overnight. Both Rio Blanco County school districts have shifted to distance learning for students from kindergarten through high school. Students have been provided with Chromebooks, and teachers connect with their students online. The *Herald Times* reached out to a few teachers in Meeker and Rangely for their perspective now that they have a week or two of online instruction behind them.

Dahl said via email.

Dahl particularly misses interacting with her students in person. "A school day for us includes lots of conversations and hands-on learning. As a teacher, I would facilitate by roaming around, seeing/listening to my learners struggle through problems and get to light bulb moments, conferencing with them to guide them to new discoveries, and I was there to give a hug when it was needed."

While there's still interaction online, it's not the same, and that adds to her concern for her students. "Is any of this going to be enough?"

Three lessons a day focused on math, reading, writing, art, and/or science, plus optional activities, has Dahl planning lessons, making videos, giving feedback and answering questions from families, while expecting "not more than an hour to an hour and a half of work a day" to help support families.

"It feels like we are doing everything we can, but you can't help but wonder if it is enough to make our kids feel successful and help them to keep growing."

Is there a silver lining? For Dahl it's seeing the community come together to support the schools.

"When I reach out to families they are so positive and are doing everything they can to help their learner at home. They have been understanding of any hiccups that we have had, and have committed to this new way of learning, while many are still having to keep up with their own jobs. This experience has brought out the kind, understanding, and supportive side of Rangely that I have always known to be there, but greatly appreciate even more now. I am truly blessed to teach in such a great place!"

She's also grateful to work for a district that has been "forward-thinking on technology."

"Long before the pandemic, our IT director, administration, and school board worked very hard to make our district a place where almost all students have their own device, and all students use technology daily. Blake Mobley, our IT director, has worked wonders to support staff in knowing how to use technology, making sure we are creating a safe learning environment while using technology and has given more tips than we know what

to do with to help support us on our devices. Things like Google and Seesaw were part of classrooms on a daily basis, and most students used these types of learning platforms every day. Therefore, when we had to switch to distance learning, we were much more prepared than other districts around the state to have a successful transfer to distance learning. There is no way that distance learning can take the place of being in a real classroom, but in times of crisis, I am grateful that we were able to equip families with the tools they need to continue our learning from home."



COURTESY PHOTO

Danielle Dahl is a Parkview Elementary kindergarten teacher

Danielle Dahl, 26, teaches kindergarten at Parkview Elementary in Rangely. She has been teaching for five years, and this is her third year as a kindergarten teacher.

"Now at home during my distance learning teaching experience, I have my husband, Adam, and one-year-old daughter, Addison, to help me to keep the learning going! My daughter loves to be in the morning video I do each day to greet my learners, and they have told me how much they enjoy seeing her, too,"



COURTESY PHOTO

Matthew Hunter teaches fourth grade at Parkview Elementary.

Matthew Hunter teaches fourth grade at Parkview Elementary and is in his seventh year of teaching. Hunter said making sure students understand the technology and expectations, making sure their social-emotional needs are met, and providing productive feedback for students on their answers have been some of the challenges to the switch to online learning.

Asked about his greatest concerns as a teacher, Hunter responded, "The greatest concern as a teacher is that the basic needs of all children are being met. Specifically, do they have enough food, enough sleep at night, and that they are safe. Those three things are outside of the school's control and are almost always our concern even without distance learning."

Becoming comfortable with technologies like Google Classroom, Google Meet and Google Hangout, and seeing students gain

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COUNTY BEAT

By NIKI TURNER
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RBC I The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting Tuesday, with most participants attending by telephone and those physically present practicing social distancing.

In regular business, the board approved a \$25,000 request for federal assistance for the Rangely Airport Drainage Improvements project. According to Finance Director Janae Stanworth, the assistance program is now 100%

funded, no longer requiring a 5% county match.

The board also approved a "letter of neutrality" to be sent to the executive director of Great Outdoors Colorado, Chris Castilian, deferring its position on the transfer of a portion of Buffalo Horn Ranch to a conservation easement to the property owner. The letter states the 4,296 acres requested for the conservation easement is "uniquely qualified" for such an easement.

Bids for dust control and crackfill projects were opened and read. The county is going to try a more expensive oil-based product

for dust control, as opposed to magnesium chloride.

Contracts with three local restaurants for the county's workforce program were signed. The program, intended to provide workers with temporary jobs after restaurants were ordered to close, had to cease operations when the governor issued the stay at home order.

An easement agreement approved between the county and K.C. and James Burke will allow the county to construct and maintain another secondary broadband tower site in the lower Piceance Basin.

Approved a comment letter to the BLM in support of a competitive lease sale of 120 acres in Rio

Blanco County.

Approved a joint comment letter with Garfield, Jackson and Moffat counties on the BLM's proposed new categorical exclusion in a plan to implement pinyon pine and juniper tree removal to restore habitat mosaics for mule deer and sage grouse. Similar action was taken in Nevada and California, according to Vicky Edwards, and sage grouse were removed from the endangered list. "We're hoping for similar action," she said, "Since their data is still faulty."

Road and Bridge Director Dave Morlan, by telephone, said the Road and Bridge Department is dealing with sinkholes, checking roads every other day for rocks, and patching potholes on CR 8.



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Sunday: 60s/30s Partly Cloudy



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

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

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

Here are two ways you can help:

SOCIAL

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

That's roughly the length of a horse.

DISTANCING

COLORADO Department of Public Health & Environment

STOP

DO NOT ENTER IF SICK

COLORADO Department of Public Health & Environment

SOCIAL DISTANCING

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

ISOLATE WHEN SICK.

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

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

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

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

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

- You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that's 3 days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) AND
 - other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND
 - At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.
- Use over-the-counter medication to treat mild symptoms. There is currently no specific treatment for COVID-19.

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

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

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

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

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

LOCAL HOSPITAL OPTIONS:

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

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

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

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



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NEWS BRIEFS

ERBM annual report released

MEEKER | The Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan (ERBM) Recreation and Park District has released its 2019 annual report that highlights the accomplishments and challenges along with the future outlook for the District. The report is available to the public on the district's website, www.ERBMrec.com/annualreport

PMC launches several options for health during the pandemic

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Pioneers Medical Center has launched several options for patients to manage their healthcare in response to the pandemic, including a new telehealth program and a resource call line.

Telehealth is a video conferencing program that can be used on a cell phone, tablet or computer. It limits your exposure to others and keeps hospital resources available for the seriously ill. A telehealth consult can be used for a range of care options: acute visits, medication refills, workman's comp, disease management and more. Telehealth visits in Colorado are covered by insurance plans. Call Meeker Family Health at 970-878-4014 to make a telehealth appointment.

See the PMC ad on Page 7A of this week's paper for additional information.

The new resource call line (970-878-9796) provides information about COVID-19 symptoms and when to contact your doctor. After a recorded message, press 1 to speak to a person who can help you understand your symptoms and guide your care options. The call line is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pop-up respiratory clinic is open Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m. for patients with respiratory symptoms such as cough, fever, sinus congestion, sore throat, earache, etc. Follow the signs to the respiratory clinic and wait in your car for a medical provider to come to you.

The Meeker Family Health Center continues regular business hours and seeing patients for other non-urgent illnesses. If you need a medication refill, blood pressure check, or other non-illness care, please call 970-878-4014 for an appointment.



COURTESY PHOTO

Leonard Corby 'Corb' Fisher was last seen in the Brown's Park area March 31 or April 1.

Help sought to locate person missing since Mar. 31-April 1

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Daggett County Sheriff Erik Bailey is asking the public to report any contact with a missing camper who was last seen in the Brown's Park area earlier this month.

Late on the evening of April 4, the sheriff's office received a report that no one had had contact with Leonard Corby "Corb" Fisher since March 31 or April 1, when he was last seen camping in the Brown's Park area. Fisher is 44 years old.

A sheriff's deputy and two state Division of Wildlife Resources conservation officers responded to the area on the morning of April 5. They found an abandoned truck that had been loaned to Fisher. They also found his campsite with miscellaneous

personal property, including firearms.

A note was found as well, stating that the truck would not start. The truck, however, was found to be in working condition.

Authorities searched the area for several hours with the help of a Classic Air Medical helicopter crew. The search yielded no results.

Due to current issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the county's limited resources, the active search for Fisher was called off.

Anyone who has had contact with Fisher after March 31 or April 1, or anyone who knows his whereabouts should contact the Daggett County Sheriff's Office at 435-784-3255 or Central Dispatch at 435-789-4222.



DISPATCH SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

Rangely Police Chief Ti Hamblin announced this week that Mercy McAlister, dispatch supervisor for the Rangely Police Department (RPD), has been named Dispatch Supervisor of the Year for 2020 by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International (APCO) and National Emergency Number Association (NENA). This is a peer-nominated award. McAlister was selected out of all the dispatch supervisor nominations in Colorado, with the Kansas APCO Executive board making the final selection on the winner. McAlister has been the RPD dispatch supervisor since 2014. According to a statement from Hamblin, "She immediately got to work raising the standard in training, and overall work performance in our dispatchers. We are very proud that her hard work is being recognized at the state level."

COURTESY PHOTO

1 PERSON, 1 CART



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

P - Plan (Shop for days, not meals.)

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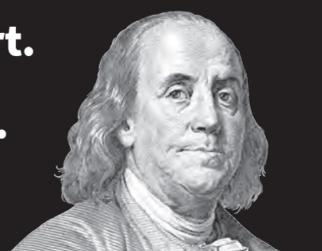


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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Mis- and dis-, evil twins of information

By NIKI TURNER
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Apple should turn off that "screen time" notification for a season. Just saying. I've spent more time in the last week researching the validity of information in YouTube videos and FB posts from friends than I have giggling over silly dog videos and quarantine memes. Some of y'all are really, really bad at fact-checking. I love you anyway, but for heaven's sake, please don't hit "share" without doing a simple search to vet the source and see if, perhaps, there are some questions raised about what you're posting. It's the online equivalent of hand hygiene and social distancing. It's easy to get snared, too, by failing to check dates, names, and consider any possible agenda of the

source. If you question whether something is factual or not, apply the SIFT method:

S = STOP! Before you read the article or watch the video...

I = Investigate the source. Look up the credentials and credibility of the source.

F = Find the original source and confirm facts and context.

T = Trusted sources. See if the same information has been presented by credible, trustworthy sources.

Getting accurate, up-to-date information to everyone in our county has taken on a new level of



importance during this pandemic. We like to assume everyone we know is "on the Facebook" or uses email or has online access. Even in our county with our amazing broadband, that's not the case. This crisis has alerted a lot of people those assumptions are untrue. Television news isn't local, and we don't have local radio. Because information is our business, we're looking at ways we can expand our reach. If you have ideas, let us know.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all of you who have renewed subscriptions, started new subscriptions, sent financial support, and placed ads or set up ad contracts. We appreciate you.

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Take care of yourselves and take care of each other. Now, go order some takeout!

GUEST COLUMN

Loose Ends: Learning from Max

By DOLLY VISCARDI
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I You know things are going downhill quickly when you find yourself hiding from the dog. Everywhere we go, inside and out, he has to go too. He is suddenly needy. He isn't used to our being inside the confines of home, all day, everyday-neither are we.

Our chocolate Lab, Max, exhibited the traits of affability and friendliness from the very beginning. Everyone who got to know him would advise us that he would be sure to settle down a bit by age 3. His fourth birthday is fast approaching and he remains a puppy at heart.

If there was a class yearbook from his mates at his early training sessions, he would be mentioned as the friendliest. But he has gone far beyond the limits for sociability. So now Max is spending his days inside doing what he enjoys most. Staying in place right next to us, too close for anyone's comfort.

Venturing outside with him can be a health hazard. He bolts suddenly. Hoping beyond hope that

he will discover a true companion, barely glimpsed from quite a distance, will cause him to yank on the leash or try to twist. During this time of social distancing, he won't let anyone pass by on his daily walks without pulling one of us over to say hello. That becomes a problem, as he cannot stay six feet away. The even bigger problem is that if he cannot pass up an opportunity to make some new friends, we can't either. I might fine myself skidding behind him until the six foot circle of doom has been breached. New friends turn out to be new enemies.

During the years of having our dogs stay in place while we were working and the kids were in school, we learned the lessons of letting them roam around in the fenced backyard unattended. They escaped. I think they figured if no one was going to stay home and keep them company, they needed to explore the outside world.

While staying home and practicing the art of social distancing when we do go out, we all are beginning to go stir crazy. Maybe some of us need to



Dolly's chocolate lab, Max.

learn a lesson from our homebound best friends. Forget that the canine companion is acting a little needy. It could be that the constant ploy for attention can act as a diversion for our own need to get out and be with our family and friends. Working on dog training tricks might teach us how to be more comfortable with our own inability to not go out and socialize.

You know the drill. Just... Stay... Home. It will continue to do us all a world of good.

GUEST COLUMN

CNCC Corner: April

By RON GRANGER
Special to the HT



Ron Granger

RBC I Over the last month many things have changed at CNCC because of COVID-19. I wanted to update everyone on what we are doing and how we are handling these extraordinary times. Although I don't like lists, I believe this is the best way to give everyone a breakdown of our response.

Spring break was extended by one week (until March 30) so faculty could prepare for remote learning with our students.

All courses, with the exception of career and technical education classes, went completely to remote learning on March 30.

Career and technical education (CTE) classes include remote learning for the in-class portion of the class.

CTE classes are doing several things for the face to face portion of the class including virtual simulations and postponement of the face to face until it is safe.

Only 10 students are on campus living in the residence halls. All of these are our National Park Ranger Academy students who came back a week before all this was implemented. Each of these

students had to go through a screening before they were allowed to move back into their rooms. This screening included answering questions of where they were before coming back, if they were in contact with others who might be infected, and if they had any symptoms. Each student also had to submit to getting their temperature taken. If there was any question about their health, they would have been quarantined.

Our students on campus are being advised to isolate on campus and to follow the social distancing protocol.

We have implemented a "work from home" policy for all, but essential personnel. Our campus has very few employees on campus presently.

All events on campus through April have been canceled. This includes our athletic contests,

honors banquets, athletic banquet, foundation dinner, and community networking meetings.

We are discussing how we will do the graduation and other ceremonies scheduled for May. One possibility we are considering is to do this in a virtual setting.

We are working with our local communities to help in anyway we can. Our goal is to provide our students with the best possible education, protect our students and employees, and protect and help our communities as best we can. We have a great group of people working for CNCC, and they are prepared to do what it takes to keep things going in the right direction.

Our remote learning is going very well and faculty have done a fantastic job of getting information out to our students and keeping them informed. On a good note, in the fall we plan to be back to our regular schedule for classes and with students on campus. CNCC and our communities are resilient and together we will be stronger than we were before.

For more detailed information and consistent updates please visit our website at <https://cncc.edu/cncc-covid-19-updates>.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The importance of thank you

Dear Editor:

Why? Why should I, or you, say thank you? After all they are just doing their job. They are getting paid for what they do every day. No thanks are necessary. Some are paid awfully well too. Like doctors and nurses. Some like store clerks and truck drivers are not paid so well. But that is not the point.

In our society we put a lot of value on money. How much are you worth? What do the numbers on your paycheck add up to? Is that what your life is worth? Is it worth as much as the car in your driveway?

There is a lot that money can't buy. It can't buy the feelings that come with thank you. A couple of weeks ago my wife was at Watts picking up some groceries. It was at the end of the day and the COVID-19 thing was ramping up. The shelves were about half bare. She said thank you to the check out clerk. It was a momentary show

stopper. The clerk said that was the first thank you she had gotten that day. How many happy, smiling, grumpy coughing and sneezing people had she helped that day for one rare "Thank you?" Why do those two little words mean so much?

Could it be that "thanks" pays the debts we can't pay for in any other way? It is a small but gigantic recognition that the little things done for others comes with invisible risks that are potentially huge.

Work is business no matter where we do it. Some of us are now doing it at home. Our closeness is mediated by an electronic barrier that helps us get things done with people who are miles apart. We can filter out all the bad germs over fiber optic cable that squeezes out everything but our voice and face. We let the good things through and keep the bad things out.

At home we are face to face with those we love. While love conquers all, it is hard to love all the time. With families standing toe to toe it is no surprise to see a potential rise in domestic violence. What we may not readily see and understand is how much of our anger feeds on the fear-mongering of the television news. The pandemic creates fear. But it does not respond to a punch in the nose. So, some may resort to a handy nose. Some psychologists call this phenomenon, "kicking the puppy." The truly amazing thing is how two words like "thank you" stop punches before they even

begin.

What we are really doing is showing our appreciation for the things that people do for us. Sometimes we forget, or take for granted, what we see are little gestures. We excuse our callousness by saying why should I say thanks for you doing what you are supposed to do anyway? Have we really forgotten how big a deal it really is? Have we said thank you so few times that we don't see the impact of our words on others? Or is it that we are so wrapped up in our thoughts about ourselves that others are invisible? A simple "thanks" turns the invisible, visible.

There are hundreds of people who are doing things for us to make our time at home bearable. Musicians broadcasting music. Preachers recording sermons. People delivering meals. Storytellers and artists. The list is endless. And they are invisible. Thank you makes them visible.

At the end of the day we are all in this together. Most of the time most of us are doing great. How many times have you noticed people at the post office holding the door for others? In our community you see people waving others through the intersection first. In the big city the same behavior is an invitation to a drag race at right angles. A nod and a smile lead us toward the happy "thank you!" It really is a big deal.

Jay Sullivan
Meeker

GUEST COLUMN

It's dangerous to mess with Mother Nature

By GREG WALCHER
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I A famous 1970s TV commercial warned, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature." In fact, it's worse than "not nice" — it's dangerous. Coloradans will make a momentous decision on this year's ballot, whether to mess with Mother Nature by introducing non-native wolves to the state, without a complete understanding of how that might affect other wildlife. It's why wildlife is better suited to expert management than emotional ballot initiatives.

Persuasive points have been raised on both sides, but there has been almost no coverage of the potential for disease that is known to follow such non-native introductions. Canadian grey wolves were introduced to Yellowstone, so that is the artificially-introduced wolf population available for study. They are now documented to carry a host of diseases, including some commonly known — Canine Distemper Virus (CDV), Sarcptes Scabiei, the mite that causes mange, Neospora Caninum, the bacteria

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OBITUARIES

Eida Elizabeth Pahlke

April 1, 1947 ~ Aug. 7, 2018

Eida Elizabeth Pahlke, a resident of Boulder for 63 years who was known for her welcoming arms and welcoming heart, died last month of the inevitable effects of 101 years of living. When Elizabeth, as she preferred to be called, was born in Hastings, Nebraska, to Charles Edward Yost and Clara Mary Yost (Drollinger) on Feb. 25, 1919, the Spanish flu pandemic still raged around the world. Perhaps Elizabeth's survival of that first pandemic and of a later infection with smallpox were early signs of the resilience that would sustain her through a life that included earning a living by teaching, farming, and running a laundry; raising five children and losing one; enduring multiple joint replacements and congestive heart failure; celebrating the births of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and suffering the loss of so many friends and relatives over the long years of a century.

Before she was 5, Elizabeth and her white pony, Snowball, were all over the place, tagging after her father and brother. But when she got old enough to attend the local country school, she rode the two and a half miles on a feistier pony named Daisy, a daily trip that produced a story that Elizabeth enjoyed relating to the pampered youth of later generations. "I knew Daisy was afraid of train noise, so I went back to my friend Betty's house a little ways from the crossing and planned to stay there until the train moved on. Big brother [Edward] told me to go on. He thought I'd stay too long playing. As I neared the track, the engine blew off steam and Daisy took off on a dead run. All I could do was hang on the reins and mane. As I neared the highway, I prayed there would be no cars and Daisy would slow down. But, no she kept on at a fast run, but she did stay on the gravel shoulder on the left side of the road. She slowed a



Elizabeth Pahlke

two students she moved to a class with more than 100. Country kids were placed wherever there was room, so she ended up "with a bunch of jocks," in spite of having tested at the top on her exams. By 10th grade, though, she was with more like-minded students in pre-college classes, studying Latin, government, history, advanced Math, and journalism. Elizabeth didn't have money for the dues and formal of the Job's Daughters activities that her friends enjoyed, but, as she says, "I was involved in 4-H, [so] I didn't feel underprivileged."

After high school graduation, Elizabeth attended Hastings College, living at home until, with work study earnings, she was able to get a room in town. With that move, she was able to have a bit more social life and made some good friends among the people she worked with at the library. Originally, she planned to begin teaching after two years of college but, thanks partly to her leadership in 4-H, she won a full tuition scholarship between her

sophomore and junior years, and was able to finish college, cum laude, with a double major in education and home economics. That was in 1941, a few months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Many years later, we sat with Elizabeth as she turned the pages of her college yearbook, pointing out the pictures of all the boys who died in the war.

After teaching for a time at Juniata, a few miles from her home town of Hastings, Elizabeth took a job as a home economics general science teacher at Sutherland. After two years there, she moved with her parents to California, and taught 30 first-graders in Coachella.

In October 1945, Henry Pahlke, a man she had known in Nebraska, came out to visit her and proposed marriage. Elizabeth accepted, and after a June 1946, wedding in California, the new couple moved back to Nebraska. As she put it, "I said I'd never be a farmer's wife, [but] never say never." Indeed, the couple farmed for the rest of the 1940s and into the 1950s, moving from place to place around Nebraska and having children as they went. Their final move, though, was to Boulder, Colorado, where they hoped that the better climate would alleviate son David's asthma, and that a new occupation would alleviate the financial struggles that came with farming. Elizabeth and Henry bought a laundry business, the "Lauderette," located on Pearl Street, and, after a few years, a house located a block from Mapleton Elementary.

And the family continued to grow. Elizabeth told a story of sitting one Sunday in a church pew and suddenly realizing, "Oh, gosh! I'm pregnant again," with, as it turned out, a daughter. After four boys, finally a daughter! That completed her immediate family, but because the house

was always open to the friends of the five children, she never knew how many plates to set for supper before actually counting noses. With Mrs. Pahlke, kids knew that they had found a safe harbor.

When the Pearl Street Mall was built in Boulder, the owner of the rented building that housed the laundry decided to sell, leaving no place for Elizabeth and Henry to conduct their business. Not knowing just what to do, they first auctioned off the laundry equipment, then found a different laundry for sale in Brighton. In that new location, thanks to the men working locally on oil pipelines, they had a better business than in Boulder. As Elizabeth said, "We managed."

About 1980, they sold the business in Brighton. "We never did make a lot of money [off the business], but we managed to keep you kids going." That they certainly did. Partly because their investments were beginning to pay off, but mostly because the children were no longer sponging off their parents for college expenses, Elizabeth and Henry were finally able to retire.

Even as a young college student, Elizabeth had taught Sunday school, so becoming an active member of the Methodist Church after moving to Boulder was a natural continuation of her faith. As she contributed to the church, the church gave back, providing Elizabeth and Henry with friendships that they maintained for the rest of their lives. Elizabeth was an active member of UMW Circles at both the First United Methodist Church and at Mountain View United Methodist Church, and of P.E.O., which she attended well into her 101st year.

In retirement, and with the kids gone, the big house on Maxwell Avenue began to feel more like a liability, so Elizabeth and Henry sold it in 1999 and moved two miles across town to an independent living facility for seniors called "The Atrium." Living there, Elizabeth remained sharp as a tack, positive, social and engaged with the world, even in a time of life and a place where loneliness can be hard to avoid. Well into her 80s and 90s, she went on cruises and traveled with her friends and daughter, carefully compiling albums to memorialize each trip.

But the effects of time cannot be forestalled forever. In 2012,

Elizabeth, by then 93 years old and a widow for 10 years, moved another mile into the Sunrise assisted living facility. There she enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, cryptoquotes, and crossword puzzles, and, with somewhat less pleasure, she learned to use tablet computers and cellphones. Perhaps we can attribute her active mind to the dozens and dozens of books she read each year. She also continued her work with P.E.O., recruiting candidates to take advantage of scholarships provided by the organization. As the many staff members, care givers, friends, and relatives who knew Elizabeth over the years will attest, this generous spirit was typical—she was always friendly, she was always kind.

Elizabeth lived a long time, long enough to welcome three great-grandchildren, including one named in her honor. But she could not live forever, and her life now passes into family history. Hers is a full and rich story, but a story cannot fill our hearts as her presence once did.

Ida Elizabeth Yost Pahlke, born 1919, died 2020; predeceased by her brother Edward Yost, sister Jessie Lundeen, husband Henry Pahlke, and son Donald Pahlke; survived by children David Pahlke (Rebecca Voris), Loren Pahlke (Carol), Keith Pahlke (Sandra), and Catherine Eliassen (Jerry); grandchildren Galen Pahlke, Eric Pahlke, Gina Pahlke (Matthew McConnell), Paige Higgins (Jon), Jacob Pahlke, Anna Eliassen, and Emily Eliassen; great-grandchildren Corbin McConnell, Avery Higgins, and Thea McConnell.

Although Elizabeth was born during one pandemic and left us in the middle of another, the true signpost of her life is the love she gave during the intervening century. To honor her memory, the family suggests donations to the P.E.O. Foundation, so that the women it helps can continue to grow the love that formed the core of Elizabeth's life. Make checks payable to the "P.E.O. Foundation" and mail them to "P.E.O. Foundation, 2700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50312." Please indicate "Continuing Education" on the memo line.

A memorial service will be held when the current pandemic ends. Until then, fight sadness with grace and spread love with service. That is what Elizabeth would want us to do.

Donald Lee Mills

Oct. 11, 1954 ~ April 2, 2018

Donald Lee Mills, age 65, husband of Shannon I. Mills, passed away on April 2, 2020.



Donald Mills

Donald Mills was born on Oct. 11, 1954, to Ina Rae Mills and Thomas J. Mills in San Bernardino, California. Donald L. Mills married Shannon I. Burke on March 28, 1982, in Redlands, California. Donald enjoyed drawing; he was a great artist. Don loved to take old cars and trucks and turn them into works of art. He was an animal rehabilitator that successfully saved and released many wild animals. Don loved spending time with his three beautiful girls and never left his wife's side.

He is survived by his wife Shannon Mills; one son, Michael Marrs; three daughters, Misty Durig, Aleesha Stewart, Dawnee Oldaker; one grandson, Landon Stewart; three sons-in-law, Fred Durig, Cody Stewart, and Mike Oldaker. He is preceded in death by two daughters, Christina I. Mills and April A. Mills; his parents Tom and Ina Mills; and one brother, Tom Mills.

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

OBITUARY POLICY

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

NATURE: wolves could be a huge problem

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that devastates dairy and beef cattle, rabies, and hepatitis. But they also carry less expected diseases. A 2016 study of the Yellowstone wolves found bubonic plague, hydatid disease, which can be fatal to humans, echinococcus granulosis, canine adenovirus, herpes virus, and coronavirus.

You read that right. Wolves are among the Earth's primary carriers of coronavirus, the pandemic that is now sweeping the globe, having infected nearly 100,000 people and killed over 3,000 that we know about. In late January it was reported that the Chinese market at the center of the deadly outbreak sold exotic animals, including wolves, for food.

The Huanan Seafood Market in the city of Wuhan is reported to have sold the animals, despite widespread knowledge that wolves can carry coronavirus. The market has been shut down, and the Chinese government has stopped the marketing of wolves, because they may be a source of the pandemic.

It is impossible to verify such reports from inside a closed country like China, but in Hong Kong there is at least one documented case where a dog got coronavirus from his owner. The dog shows no symptoms; canines are carriers. But there is little doubt about the ability of the virus to spread across species, and it makes sense to take all precautions.

If the idea of non-native wolves spreading disease sounds sensational, realize there is nothing new about this. Biologists have known for many years that diseases and parasites are more common among reintroduced species. In 2012 the National Institutes of Health (NIH) published a study by a team of researchers from Penn State, Princeton, the National Park Service and U.S. Geological Survey, monitoring reintroduced wolves in Yellowstone. Their conclusions are still on both the NIH and Park Service websites,

documenting unnatural declines in wolf populations after reintroduction, because of sickness. "While monitoring dens to count pups, we noticed huge declines in pup numbers... by the end 2005, total wolf population numbers in the park had dropped by over 30 percent. That was the summer we came to understand the importance of infectious diseases for wolves in Yellowstone."

The reason is not mysterious at all. Introduced animals are not accustomed to a particular environment and not naturally equipped to fight off strange new diseases, viruses, and parasites. In the same way Native American tribes had no natural immunity to smallpox and other diseases carried by Spanish explorers in the 16th century, artificially introduced species are at high risk of catching infections from local species, and vice versa. In the Yellowstone case, native parasites and diseases actually hurt the wolves, but if forcefully introduced into Colorado, the wolves could be the metaphorical Spaniards in this story.

In fact, if Colorado proves to be perfect habitat for non-native wolves, it could be worse. As the Yellowstone study authors wrote, "We demonstrate that the area of highest resource quality, supporting the greatest density of wolves, is also the region that appears most susceptible to repeated disease invasion and parasite-induced declines."

I continually use the term "non-native," because it is an important distinction. The timberwolves that once inhabited Colorado are extinct. It is sad, but they're gone forever. The gray wolves from Canada that would be brought to Colorado under this initiative are not native, and have never lived in Colorado. It is not known how they might or might not adapt to a strange new environment, and whether they may or may not bring coronavirus and other deadly diseases with them. In other places, we know they have done so. Do Coloradans really want

to take that chance? This is not a good time to mess with Mother Nature.

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The Parable of the Rich Fool (2)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

HAVING first noted Jesus' warning (v. 15), we turn to the parable itself. When we do, one feature jumps off the page. As the old play on words goes, this man had "I (not 'eye') trouble." The personal pronouns "I" and "my" appear no less than 11 times in the span of three verses (17-19, KJV). As is common in our own day, it was all about him, which is at the core of covetousness.

Second, then, we should take careful note of the rich man's wantonness (vv. 16-20). The parable begins with no implied wrong; the farmer simply had a bumper crop (brought forth plentifully is *euphorōō*, to bear well, yield abundantly; English "euphoria"). The story immediately takes a turn, however. Again, as the pronouns demonstrate, the man thought of no one but himself. Instead of sharing the surplus, which would have cost him very little, he tore down his barns to build his bigger barns to store his grain for his use.

As if that were not bad enough, the man smugly added that he would now retire to a life of ease and hedonism. This was precisely the philosophy of the ancient Epicureans, named after their materialistic founder Epicurus around 307 BC. Materialism is a philosophy that views matter as the only reality in the world, denies the existence of God and the soul, and thereby considers material possessions and physical comfort as all there is. This is also the philosophy of many today, not just the rich but from every class. They live for the weekends so they can party and play, accumulate possessions to make them happy, and disregard anything spiritual. Sadly, even some

Christians have been lured into some of this.

Our Lord's summation of such a philosophy is both blunt and brutal: **Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee.** Fool is *aphrōn*, "without reason . . . senseless, foolish, stupid, without reflection or intelligence, acting rashly." There is no greater folly than materialism, for when the materialist dies, he has less than nothing.

Third, we consider the *wisdom* (v. 21): **So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.** While the materialist faces only ruin, the godly enjoys true riches. **Rich toward God** is the key principle here. **Toward** is the little Greek preposition *eis*, which primarily denotes motion into or toward a place or thing. To be rich toward God, then, means we place our resources into Him and into the things that concern His Kingdom and emphasizes spiritual enrichment over sensual enjoyment. As our Lord declared elsewhere, let us lay up treasures in heaven, not on the earth (Mat 6:19-21). Let us likewise invest our time and money in ministry here, for the returns are eternal.

Scriptures for Study: Read Matthew 6:19-34. What observations can you make? What strikes you the most profoundly?

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Volunteer with CASA, change a child's life

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Not only is April Child Abuse Prevention Month but is also National Volunteer Month! So, consider this a call to action for community members with the time to commit and a passion to advocate for abused and neglected children to become volunteers for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Ninth.

CASA of the Ninth Judicial District was founded in 2011 to serve children in Garfield, Pitkin, and Rio Blanco Counties who have suffered the traumas of physical and sexual abuse, neglect, and witnessing domestic violence. When a child enters the dependency and neglect system, the CASA volunteer may be the one constant presence in their life until they are returned to or placed in a safe, loving, and permanent home. A CASA volunteer's role is to gather information about the child and make recommendations to the court so that the judge can make an informed decision in the child's best interest.

No previous experience in child welfare or in law is needed to become a CASA volunteer. Volunteer advocates must be at least 21 years old and pass a thorough background check. CASA volunteers need to have passion to advocate for these kids, be non-judgmental, objective, and be committed to the case for the duration it is open. Volunteers will need to complete 30 hours of training and be committed to 12

hours of continuing education a year. Once trained, the time commitment is roughly 8-10 hours a month and a case can last from 12 to 24 months.

CASA volunteers have proven to be a positive influence on a child's long-term development, including better performance in school, spending less time in foster care, getting the services they need, and ultimately ending up in a safe, loving, and permanent home.

Advocate Supervisor Brittney Shonk of Meeker started with CASA as a volunteer in June 2018. "I am a CASA advocate and it has brought a sense of fulfillment I never knew I needed. I am a busy mom, business owner, and wife and it has brought a different level of joy to my life. If you are passionate about making a difference in the life of a child and are committed to giving all children the best chance for the future they deserve, what a better place to start than right here in our community. CASA volunteers are community members, just like you. In Rio Blanco, we support each other no matter the age."

CASA training in Meeker will begin later this spring. If you are interested in joining us to make a positive impact on the lives of children in our community who have been abused or neglected, or if you have questions about being a CASA volunteer, please reach out to our Advocate Supervisor Brittney Shonk, at brittney@casaoftenth.org or 970-987-4332.

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RPD's K9 Eiko to receive donation of body armor

Special to the Herald Times



Rangely's K9 police dog will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to nonprofit Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

RANGELY I Rangely Police Department's K9 Eiko will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Eiko's vest is sponsored by National Park Service Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Class 20-01 and will be embroidered with the sentiment "This gift of protection provided by NPS Class 20-01". Delivery is expected within eight to 10 weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501(c)3 charity located in East Taunton, Massachusetts, whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 3,830 U.S. made, custom fitted, NJ certified protective vests, in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a value of \$6.9 million dollars.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$960. Each vest has a value between \$1,744-\$2,283 and a five-year warranty, and an average weight of 4-5 lbs. There is an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at www.vik9s.org or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.

Meeker Moving Forward to host virtual workshop

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Last July (2019), Meeker Moving Forward began a community-wide discussion about what we love and cherish about Meeker, as well as the type of place we want our town to be in the future. These conversations resulted in a set of shared community values, a vision and goals that provide local leaders with guidance when making important decisions about Meeker's future.

Now, Meeker Moving Forward invites you to the "Design Workshop." The Design Workshop will be a multi-day event that builds on the values, vision and goals that emerged from previous community engagement efforts. The workshop will enable stakeholder groups and the public to: review and

provide feedback on the draft values, vision, goals, and framework plan for Meeker; continue offering input on where future growth and different types of development (i.e. residential, commercial, industrial, etc.) should be located; share specific ideas for how to achieve the community's aspirations for Meeker; and, review and provide feedback on design concepts that illustrate the type of place that Meeker could be in the future. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the town and its consultants will be hosting the workshop virtually. The workshop will be held Tuesday, April 21 through Friday, April 24.

As part of the virtual Design Workshop, an online community meeting will be hosted on the Town of Meeker's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/townofmeeker/) via

Facebook Live. This event will enable the community to review, ask questions about and provide feedback on the outcomes from the first three days of the workshop. The online meeting will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 23. Your continued participation is critical to the success of Meeker Moving Forward so you are encouraged to pick up takeout from your favorite local restaurant and join us Thursday.

To learn more about upcoming Design Workshop please visit www.meekermoving-forward.com; look for posters around town; follow the Town of Meeker on Instagram and Facebook (@townofmeekerc and #meekertime); or, contact Lisa Cook (Meeker Town Administrator) at (970) 878-4962 or lisa@town.meeker.co.us.

Colorado Beef Council creates local beef directory

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Colorado Beef Council (CBC) has created an online directory to help connect Colorado farms and ranches that sell beef with consumers who want to buy it. The Colorado Beef Directory will help educate consumers about beef sourcing and allow them to purchase directly from Colorado producers who sell local and freezer beef.

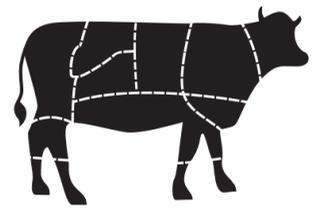
"Today's global challenges have shown us that consumers want to support their local economies," says Todd Inglee, CBC executive director. "We've also seen a growing desire by consumers to learn more about how beef is produced and where they can find direct marketing opportunities. This beef directory is a resource for helping make that connection."

Colorado beef producers wanting to sub-

mit their operation for this CBC service can go to <https://www.cobeef.com/cooking/local-beef-directory/submissions/>. The form allows farms and ranches to self-list to the directory. The directory will be housed on the CBC website at www.cobeef.com. The form for producers is also housed on the site under the Cattlemen's Corner section.

"We raise some of the country's best beef in this state, and Colorado consumers deserve to have the opportunity to directly take advantage of that," says Inglee. "CBC is proud to help fill a need for presenting more consumer beef purchasing options."

Listings will include the farm/business address, phone number, email address and website links, allowing consumers to reach them directly. Questions received by CBC about the company will be directed back to the company.



WHERE'S THE BEEF?

Go to www.cobeef.com to find local beef producers in your area.

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Coronavirus Q and A No. 2: herd immunity, ibuprofen and more

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RBC I Rio Blanco County Public Health Director Alice Harvey answered coronavirus-related questions in a video interview with the *Herald Times* on Monday. We've summarized her responses here for print. The full video, and a transcript, are available here: <https://www.theheraldtimes.com/coronavirus-qa-no-2-transcript/rio-blanco-county/>

Q: Is the use of ibuprofen and other anti-inflammatories to treat COVID-19 symptoms safe?

A: The WHO [World Health Organization] initially put out a statement that ibuprofen should not be used, but they have since retracted that statement due to a lack of evidence. Public Health's recommendation is to use acetaminophen (Tylenol). Reach out to your health care provider before you use NSAIDs if your fever is not controlled with Tylenol.

Q: Is showering and washing clothes after going out in public good advice or taking things to an extreme?

A: Infectious disease experts are pretty much saying, in general, you don't need to shower or launder more frequently than you normally would, unless you're in high-risk situations. Health care workers or people caring for people who are sick? Then yes, definitely. And we really emphasize that with anyone who has close contact in their job because they could potentially have respiratory droplets on their clothing and their skin.

Cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces and avoiding touching those when you're in public is your best bet. There's no evidence that taking extreme measures of precaution will necessarily help you any more than if you really, really live by the hand hygiene and disinfecting of those contaminating high-touch surfaces. But on that note, it definitely can't hurt to wash your clothes after you've been in a

public space. Also, regular detergent works to destroy the virus, and use the hottest water you can.

Q: Can a person get tested to see if they have the antibodies to COVID-19?

A: Antibody tests are not currently available to the public. There have been antibody tests that have been developed that have received emergency authorization by the FDA for use in some commercial laboratories. At public health, we've pre-ordered some of these.

The testing landscape is changing constantly, so as you know, this is a national issue in terms of lack of resources and supplies, and so we're fighting every day here to bring as much testing capacity as we can as fast as possible to our county. We do expect to be able to fill in the gaps with testing eventually, including antibody testing.

Q: Is there any indication COVID-19 was in Rio Blanco County back in December or January when a number of people had respiratory ailments that weren't influenza?

A: The answer is the likelihood is low and there's two reasons for that. Number one is virologists have determined pretty confidently that was not spreading in December in the U.S. based on the RNA sequencing of the genome. It's likely that it was introduced in January in some places in the U.S. and it's very likely that some of these earliest cases in New York and Washington, for example, were missed. And we're probably talking February at that point. So in Meeker and Rangely in January, February? Highly, highly unlikely.

The second reason for this is the clinical picture. We did notice we had a cluster investigation in November of another thing, which was definitely not COVID. It seemed to be attacking younger people. It looked like a type of pneumonia. We never had a definitive diagnosis, but we studied it a little bit just to see kind of what was happening with it

because we noticed there was an uptick. Everyone recovered. So that's the long answer to that. We haven't seen anything that would indicate it.

Q: What are the drawbacks to the idea that relaxing the stay at home orders and reopening businesses and schools would establish "herd immunity"?

A: Unfortunately, it's hard to understand what herd immunity actually means. In reality, we normally achieve herd immunity with the aid of vaccines. So with no vaccines presently available, that means that 70% of the entire population would have to be infected to truly achieve herd immunity. And so if you look at the fatality rate, 1% of 70% of the people in the country could die. If you're 70 or older, it's closer to 8% fatality rate. Clearly, there's other realistic practical points, like with 10% of all of our infections needing to be hospitalized, there's no way our health system could handle that amount of people and again, all at once, too. So, unfortunately, herd immunity, it just isn't a solution. That will only be when we have a vaccine developed and not a second earlier.

Q: Who should be wearing a face covering and when?

A: The face mask recommendation is currently for everyone when going into public spaces or anywhere that you might walk past a vulnerable individual. Potentially 80% of cases could have no symptoms or mild symptoms. Currently, if you're committed to social distancing and hand hygiene it's truly not as important (mask-wearing). I can't stress that enough.

If you have a young child, ideally, you don't take them to the grocery store because they're going to be touching the mask and trying to get adjusted on their face and then they're going to touch the counter and so you've completely defeated the purpose.

The CDC's recommendation clearly says everyone wear cloth face [covers] ... the recommendation is voluntary. This could change. If you go to the post

office, you're going during hours when you're not going to be in line, you're just going to check your post office box, not talk to anybody and come out. We all know that's almost impossible in Meeker, probably, and in Rangely, too. Limiting your visits, making a point to avoid people during those trips is huge for people who just adamantly don't want to wear them. It's about social responsibility and at this point definitely we recommend everyone's wearing them when they're in those public spaces.

Q: When will non-essential businesses be able to open and how long will we need to continue practicing social distancing and these other measures?

A: We're hoping the stay at home order will be lifted on April 26. My best guess is after that there will still be recommendations limiting social contact. We still don't want gatherings of more than 10 people. The critical infrastructure workers, the non-essential workers, getting people back to their jobs, that's priority number one. If we have a massive influx of cases in Rio Blanco County, it might be different. We're hoping that won't be the case. There will still be a recommendation for a long time that people continue to socially distance and hand hygiene. Those types of things are not going away any time soon. We'll put out education explaining what's been lifted, what you still have to do, what you still can't do. It will be easier that way than it was when we went into it.

Q: What about hair and nail salons and other close-contact professions?

A: The biggest priorities are going to be critical workers getting business back on the line. I do think those things that involve person to person contact, we'll see those recommendations get lifted, but there will still be recommendations, very possibly, that masks need to be worn and additional precautions need to be taken for quite some time.

Q: Is someone with well-controlled diabetes still in a higher

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- Alice Harvey
RBC Public Health Director

risk category?

A: They're still saying diabetes in particular, and I think that has something to do with the immune response. They're finding certain types of people with other things you wouldn't even count as a chronic condition are potentially playing a role. Of course they're looking at the genotyping and understanding are some people more susceptible than others? Why do kids seem to be not as susceptible? So for now, I would say yes, because we're not 100% sure how this thing works.

Q: Is two weeks more of social distancing long enough or will that restart the cycle?

A: I mean, probably not, but we also have to balance that with people's lives. It will be so important that everybody doesn't go, "Woohoo, it's over. We can get back to our life. We only had one case here and we all had it in January, so I think we're all immune and everything's fine." It's going to be being careful and following the orders as seriously as we can as they come out and then slowly, yes, slowly getting back to life.

Q: What is available for mental health issues in the county during this?

A: Mind Springs does have a COVID hotline and that was in our flyer that just went out. We've tried to include not just the hotline numbers but like, you know, is Alcoholics Anonymous still happening? Who can you call if you need help with substance abuse? We're putting together another resource that's specific to mental health. We did put in for a grant for some money to get some iPads purchased so we can help people with telehealth accessibility.

Q: If in the next week, science reveals that herd immunity is a viable strategy with measured reintegration and reopening and the hospitalization rate is low, would the county issue relaxed guidelines that may be in contradiction to the governor's stay at home order?

A: No. It's not going to happen just based on what herd immunity actually is. If we don't have a lot of cases and hospitalizations, we've done our job. We've done our job right by adhering to these orders as they've come out and so the answer to that is no, because I'm not willing to take the chance.

Q: Is the state science the only science that dictates county health policy?

A: I probably get more information from non-state resources than I do from the state resources. They're an excellent support structure, but the science and the information we have is coming from lots of different places internationally, nationally, and then a variety of sources.

Q: Why is construction still going on at the high school?

A: Schools and hospitals are counted as community infrastructure. They're adhering to these orders pretty closely. They're doing a vigorous screening process. We've been working with them from day one, so that makes us feel a little more confident. We also understand the impact to our community, if we were to halt those operations, would be pretty severe.

Q: Are counts including people who have recovered, or just active cases?

A: It includes anyone who has tested positive. It also includes anyone who's epi-linked.

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Pioneers Launches Telehealth Service

To help our patients stay at home Pioneers has launched a new Telehealth service. This service is a video conferencing program that can be done on your cell phone, iPad, or computer.

Why should you use telehealth?

- Telehealth can reduce your risk of getting sick by limiting your exposure to others.
- Telehealth can help you get medical advice faster. By using telehealth, you help keep hospital resources available for people who are seriously ill. You are also potentially limiting the spread of COVID-19 in your community.

The consultation can be used for a range of care options, such as non-respiratory illness or acute visits, Medication Refills, Disease Management, Behavioral Health, Workmans Comp, and established OB visits. It is simple to use and just takes a few steps to get you started.

- Call Meeker Family Health Center at 970-878-4014. You will make an appointment and your Medical Assistant will help you receive a link for you to use at your designated appointment time.
- At your appointment time
 1. Connect to the Check in link and verify information (demographics, insurance, co-pay)
 2. You will be placed in a "waiting room" and when the provider is ready you will receive a link to join the call.

Does my insurance cover telehealth visits? In Colorado, telehealth is covered by all insurance plans. To learn more, contact your insurance company directly. Telehealth visits cost the same as an in-person visit for Medicaid and Medicare patients.

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TEACHERS: learning new tech and balancing priorities

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comfort with use of Chromebooks as a learning tool has been a silver lining.

Hunter said his concerns about students who don't complete assignments or participate in class is the same, inside the classroom and with distance learning.

"I hope this time has provided teachers, parents, and students an opportunity to appreciate the day to day work that is completed in the classroom, as well as, opened the gateway to 21st-century teaching methods, to provide students the greatest opportunity to succeed."



Jeremy Lohry teaches social studies at Rangely High School.

Jeremy Lohry, 33, teaches social studies at Rangely High School. This is his eighth year teaching. Instead of being in the classroom, now he's teaching from home with his wife Kristin, 1-1/2 year old son Fisher, dogs Tucker and Darla and Eva the cat.

With a full house, Lohry said his biggest challenge has been trying to stay in a normal routine. "Staying on a routine, I believe, is a healthy way to stay occupied and positive during these trying times and it's one of the many

messages I have been trying to send to my students."

His greatest concern is the effectiveness of online communication. "... Will they understand the objectives of the assignment and have I clearly identified the learning goals of the assignment to the students?" He also worries that they have everything they need to succeed, and if they understand the assignments teachers are giving are purposeful, meaningful work.

There is a silver lining, Lohry shared. Online conversations have allowed him to get to know his students even better than before "The students are often inquisitive with me about what I have been doing during my 'different' time, as the students have labeled this unique situation."

As a social studies teacher living through the first pandemic of the modern age, Lohry is looking ahead to ways to learn from the experience. "It may even create a new unit on responses to pandemics in the United States," he said via email.

Naomi Etchart, 38, has been teaching for 13 years. She's a high school math instructor at Meeker High School, and with the switch to distance learning is now teaching classes with her two sons in the background.

"My biggest challenges in the switch to online teaching have been balancing time between teaching my students and helping my own children, and making sure that all of my students are able to access the digital material."

The dramatic changes to teaching and learning demand balance, Etchart said via email. "My greatest concern right now is balance — making sure that I still have high expectations for my students while also giving them grace while we navigate our new normal."



Naomi Etchart teaches math at Meeker High School.

As a silver lining, like many who are staying home for work, Etchart is grateful for being able to spend more time with her family

Heather Burke is in her 17th year teaching second grade at Meeker Elementary School.

Switching to online instruction has been a twofold challenge, Burke said via email: "An increase of my own knowledge of technology resources and seeking out how to implement them" and "greater communication with both students and parents to make sure everyone is able to both access the content and also feel supported with at-home learning."

She's concerned about maintaining a personal connection with families during this time. "This situation was not something students and families were planning on happening in our society, but here we are learning to do it and making it through."

Her students, and the community, are her silver lining. "In light of it all, kids

are resilient and rise above the chaos. They never quit smiling and they bring joy during a trying time for all. It has been fun seeing them with laptops under blanket tents, above them on the couch, or bringing a pet or sibling to a live meeting to join in the conversation. If nothing else, it has taught them more about adapting and making lemonade when life throws us lemons. Their willingness to try makes it sweet. Families have supported their children and been a part of holding them accountable for learning, even if it's different. The community support has been amazing! Overall, this time has taught me that human interaction and communication are extremely important and that by coming together we can overcome adversity."



Heather Burke is a second grade teacher at Meeker Elementary.

Kirstie Strate, 38. Has been teaching for 15 years. She currently teaches fifth grade at Meeker Elementary School. Her husband John is a teacher at Meeker High School.

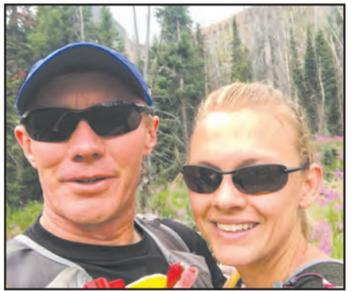
Strate said, via email, her biggest challenge in the switch to online instructions has been "meeting kids where

they are at and providing enough rigor to continue purposeful learning. I don't want to overwhelm parents with lessons or expectations and to find a balance so that kids can do the work without putting additional stress on families."

Like her fellow teachers, Strate is concerned about her students' needs being met — food, counseling and instruction. "I worry about not providing the right instruction, too much instruction, too little. I'm concerned about kids who go 'dark' and you can't seem to get a response from them academically or otherwise."

Like many who are working from home, technology has provided Strate's silver lining. "I still get to interact with my students, even though it's through Google Slides or Hangouts or Flip Grid. It has encouraged students and teachers to learn new tech skills and share what they have learned. It has also given me the opportunity to connect and have more thought-provoking conversations with my family who, usually, are going every which way."

Strate said she's amazed at what our community can accomplish when they come together. "We have wonderful staff and community that help each other, everyone is doing their part and contributing in some way."



MES fifth grade teacher Kirstie Strate (right) with husband John, who teaches at MHS.

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

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

VIRTUAL AWARDS ...



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

(Photo is from a game early in the season.) On Tuesday, April 14, the Rangely High School girls basketball team held a virtual awards banquet. The coaches recognized all junior varsity and varsity athletes, and they presented awards to the following athletes: All Conference Awards — Honorable Mention, Mary Scoggins; First Team, Kacie Lapp and Hannah Wilkie. CHSAA All-State — Honorable Mention, Kacie Lapp. Panther Team Awards — Rookie of the Year, Kyrak Phelps; Defense, Hannah Wilkie; Most Improved JV, Mackenzie Manchester; Most Improved Varsity, Adelynn Halcomb; Panther Award, Kacie Lapp; Tenacity Award, Mary Scoggins.

Meeker Rec Center to remain closed through Memorial Day

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | The Meeker Recreation Center will remain closed to the public through Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 and plan to reopen in its entirety on Tuesday, May 26 barring any additional public health directive changes or unforeseen delays.

Even with the anticipated end of “stay at home” guidelines later in April, the combination of the extended Meeker school building closures through the end of the year and the planned MRC natatorium closure to complete the boiler system renovation project dictates an extended building closure to accommodate. Additionally, it is currently anticipated that some amount of social distancing restrictions will remain in effect for personal service facilities past the current April 26 stay at home period.

Recreation Center membership refunds and program credits will be processed as quickly as possible. Please leave a message at 970-878-3403 and staff will follow up with you on any questions you have.

Park and trail usage that complies with public health guidelines is encouraged, however, availability and/or maintenance of certain outdoor amenities may be impacted by staffing availability related to public health restrictions. Please plan accordingly and stay safe!

ERBM rec board election May 5

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | ERBM Recreation and Park District will be holding a polling place election on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Kent Walter (incumbent), Chris Lockwood, Travis Mobley (incumbent), and Chance Walker are nominated for a three-year term as a director to fill two seats on the board of directors for the District.

To help minimize COVID-19 exposure, ERBM will be taking extra precautions to keep voters, election judges, and workers safe by offering the following preventative actions and recommendations.

If you are interested in voting by an absentee ballot, request an application for an absentee ballot by Tuesday, April 28, 2020 by calling or contacting ERBM Recreation and Park District DEO, Cathy Kiser at 970-878-

7417 or by email to cathy@erbmrec.com.

Although the center is currently closed to the public, it will be open on May 5 for

FAST FACTS

WHO: ERBM Recreation and Park District

WHAT: Board Election

WHEN: May 5

WHERE: In person or request an absentee ballot by calling 970-878-7417 or email cathy@erbmrec.com

voters who wish to vote in person. If you are going to be present and vote at the ERBM Recreation and Park District polling place

(101 Ute Rd.) staff will incorporate social distancing by allowing no more than two persons into the polling place election space and distancing voting booths to be more than six feet apart; limit the amount of voters into the building while waiting to vote; limit non-essential visitors, i.e. children, grandchildren; provide alcohol-based hand sanitizers for use before and after voting; provide masks for election judges, workers and encourage voters to wear masks while voting; disinfect all touched surfaces, voting booths, and voting supplies; ask that any voters with any symptoms of the COVID-19 stay home.

To view the public notice and for more information visit www.ERBMrec.com/from-the-board.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The HT plans a Q&A interview with the candidates running for the rec board prior to the election.

SPORTS COVERAGE

RBC | Without local sports to report on, the HT is seeking recreation, fitness and health-related articles to fill this space in the interim.

If you have a sports or recreation story idea or photo to share, please email editor@ht1885.com.

Dinosaur National Monument modifies operations for health

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Dinosaur National Monument is announcing additional modifications to operations in response to public health concerns. The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners is our number one priority. The National Park Service (NPS) is working service wide with federal, state, and local authorities to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective immediately, Dinosaur National Monument will be closed to all monument visitors until further notice. Through traffic, but no stopping, will be allowed on roads in the monument that provide access to county roads, residences, leased lands and public lands managed by other agencies. All other roads and access points will be closed.

Superintendent Paul Scolari said, “I and the park staff are disappointed that we cannot welcome spring visitors to the park as usual, but it is the necessary thing to do in the interest of public health as we combat the spread of Coronavirus. We will see this crisis

through together with our surrounding communities in Moffat and Uintah Counties, whose support of this closure we appreciate. We look forward to the point when we can welcome visitors back to the park and this incredible part of the American West.”

We will notify the public when we resume full operations and provide updates on our website nps.gov/dino and social media channels @DinosaurNPS on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

The NPS encourages people to take advantage of the many digital tools already available to explore Dinosaur National Monument, including the website, webcams, and social media channels.

Updates about NPS operations will be posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus.

www.nps.gov About the National Park Service: More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America’s 419 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov.

First Steps To Every Pose

1. Lengthen through the crown of your head, tucking your chin in just a smidgen to straighten out your cervical spine; stand, sit, or lay tall.
2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.

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Step your feet out wide and bring your hands to your hips. Begin to slowly rotate your hips in a large circle one way, then the other.

*This will loosen up your lower back, hips, and lower abdomen.

Return to standing tall, stance still wide, now duck-foot your feet so toes point slightly to the sides. With an exhale begin to lower your hips down towards the ground coming into a squat while staying tall through your spine. Bring your elbows to the insides of your knees and press your hips open.

*This pose will bring you the flexibility and alignment needed for safe and proper lifting through the legs.

From your squat release your hands down to the ground and reach your hips high coming into a wide-leg forward fold. Turn your toes to point forward once more and hang heavy allowing your neck to release all the way down your back. Shift your weight side to side to move this stretch across your back and hips.

*maintain a micro-bend through your knees, this protects and strengthens your joints and connective tissue.

Now Rewind

Recreate close to home, CPW says

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Everyone looking for recreational activities in Colorado is reminded to stay close to home and to know the local county and municipal restrictions on travel and access before heading out.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife properties are open for recreation with a few exceptions for seasonal restrictions. Visitors should observe Governor Polis’s Stay-at-Home Order, and social distancing order and face-covering recommendations as well as local restrictions and property regulations. Currently, camping is not allowed in any state park or state wildlife area. The federal government has also placed camping and recreation restrictions on U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service and BLM lands.

“CPW wants people to get outside and exercise but to do it safely and within the rules,” said Cory Chick, Southwest Region manager for CPW. “People also need to understand that local governments have the authority to close certain roads and trails that provide access to recreation areas.”

For example, some counties have closed county roads that lead to state wildlife areas where

people might go to fish, hunt or hike. Local law enforcement will enforce those road closures and violators could be ticketed. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is reminding anglers, hunters and all other outdoor recreationists that it is your responsibility to research and understand the specific guidance, ordinances and restrictions in place for any planned local recreation activities.

Please, know before you go. People should not venture far from their homes and must remember that Colorado’s rural areas are being affected by the corona virus just like bigger towns and the Front Range metro areas.

“We are asking people to be considerate of rural areas that have their own vulnerable populations and lack the healthcare resources that might exist in more populated areas,” said Rick Basagoitia, area wildlife manager in the San Luis Valley. “Please, take the Governor’s Stay-at-Home Order seriously.”

CPW is regularly updating information regarding recreation, hunting and fishing on its website, cpw.state.co.us. You can also check the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Facebook page and on Twitter - @coparkswildlife.

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BUNNY BUGGY ...



The Easter Bunny co-conspired with the RBC Sheriff's Office and Meeker and Rangely Police Departments for a ride-along through both towns on Sunday, bringing cheer to RBC residents young and old.

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

Trooper Tips: Living in a new world

By CSP MASTER
TROOPER GARY CUTLER
Special to the Herald Times

RBC As the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic continue to hit not only the United States, but the entire world, I know that it is affecting everyone's mental health. It's hard not to focus on anything but what is plaguing us. But there are still things going on that have nothing to do with Covid-19 that we still have to deal with.

My articles are about being safe on the roadways, and they still need to be. What we need to remember now during all of this is keeping our minds focused when driving, and believe me there is a lot on everyone's mind. So even though you may not be on the

roads as much, there is still some traffic out there.

In the recent weeks, the State Patrol has seen an increase in speed, as well as cars going through stop signs without stopping to name just a couple of driving issues. Even though this may not seem as important to some since there isn't much traffic, some of the worst injury and fatal crashes I've had to investigate in my career have been where there have been only two cars on the roadway. You never want a crash, but it is especially true now. Any trip to the hospital creates a higher risk of contracting Covid-19.

Please make sure you are driving just as carefully as you did prior to the pandemic. You may think it is okay to be a little more lax now that there are less cars on

the roadway, but it really isn't. It also means being more observant of other vehicles breaking the law so you don't get hit.

As they have told us, we're all in this together. The pandemic has brought the state closer together. We now look out for our elderly a little more. We check to see if our neighbors are okay. We are a little more polite to strangers. I'm glad to see that positive reaction to this, so we should include that in our driving, but we still have some that try to take advantage for themselves.

The state has had an increase in reports about police impersonators. So that you know, the State Patrol is not conducting road blocks or pulling cars over randomly to check if you should be out. We also don't check for

papers to see where you work. We do want you to be safe though. So we continue to ask that you don't travel unless absolutely necessary, just as the Governor has said in his Public Health Order.

We do continue to pull over traffic violators. We have marked patrol cars as well as unmarked. We will most times be in uniform, but there are occasions when we will not be. Those times we're not in a uniform, we will still have a badge and ID. We will always tell you why you were stopped and are not upset if you ask to see our ID. If you ever have a doubt you have been pulled over by someone other than a true police officer take the following steps: If you have already stopped and the person is not answering basic questions to why they stopped you, what agency they work for, not offering ID, and a badge that doesn't have their agency on it, then roll your window up and call 911.

Prior to stopping if you have a car with flashing lights behind you, but doesn't look quite right, slow your speed, activate your hazard lights, and call 911 to verify it is an actual police officer. Even if it is not our agency, we have the ability to check if another agency is trying to make a stop in that area. The dispatcher will direct you what to do in the situation. We can then send a law enforcement officer to the scene to check.

Be safe out there, and take precautions to get through this pandemic safely.

As always, safe travels... if it's absolutely necessary!

RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

The following information is a weekly review of the calls for service that were reported to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions or would like an explanation of the call types listed please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

April 6-12, 2019

Meeker Dispatch Center administered 411 phone calls last week including 20 911 calls, 58 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 73 outgoing calls. A total of 121 calls for service were created, 48 for the Sheriff's Office, 56 for MPD.

Note the department breakdown of calls may differ from the total number reported due to individual incidents with multiple agencies responding.

- Law enforcement conducted five traffic stops

- Sheriff's Deputies issued warnings on four stops

- Meeker PD issued warnings on one stop

- One DUI and no traffic arrests

- Three traffic crashes, two involving wildlife and one assist with CSP

- Sheriff's Deputies responded to 48 calls for service

- Two 911 hang ups/tests

- Nine agency assists

- Five animal calls

- Three civil papers served

- Five citizen assists

- Three COVID test trans-

ports

- Two fires

- Two motorist assists

- Five security checks
- One each: arson, ATV crash, disturbance, juvenile problem, suspicious incident, traffic crash, traffic complaint, trespass, vin inspection

Meeker Police Department responded to 56 calls for service

- Two 911 misdials/tests

- Four agency assists

- Three animal calls

- 24 business checks

- Eight citizen assists

- Two fraud cases

- Two motorist assists

- Four suspicious incidents

- One each: child abuse, civil, disturbance, DUI, fire, fraud, juvenile problem traffic crash, traffic complaint

Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to 13 calls

- Five ambulance requests,

- one medical transport, five assists to controlled burns, one fire currently under investigation

Rio Blanco Detentions

- 15 current inmates, 13 males and two females

- No new arrests

- Zero inmates released

- One transport to or from other facilities.

This information is a weekly review of the calls for service that were requested at the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions or would like an explanation of the call types listed please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

LINEMEN ...



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April 13 was Lineworker Appreciation Day. We'd like to thank our local linemen for the work they do to keep the power on, all year round.

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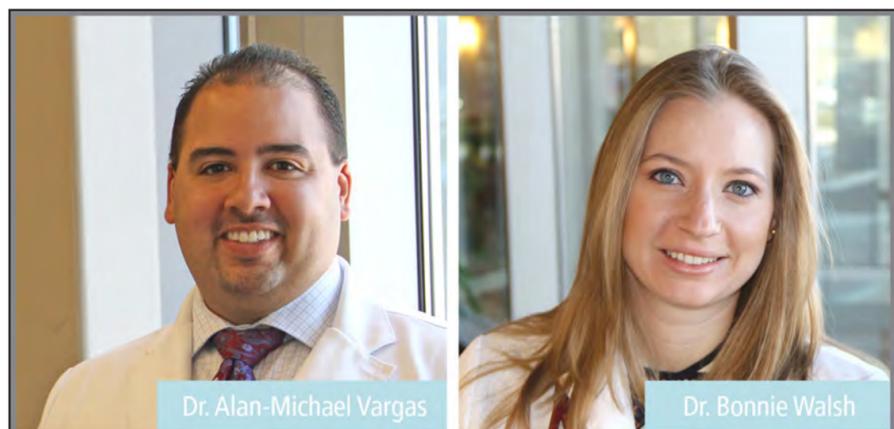
We get that everyone's a little scared. But we'll get through this. Neighbor looking out for neighbor. And we'll be here for you, just like always. In person at the bank, at the drive-thru, online and toll-free 866-618-BOSJ (2675). However you want to reach us. But the first person to come by in one of those giant hamster balls wins.



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1. Play Meeker Bingo! **Complete every activity** on the card, marking off each square.
2. **Submit a photo** of your completed bingo card to ann@meekerchamber.com to be entered into a drawing for **\$100 in Meeker Chamber Bucks!** (You will be asked about your bingo activities, so no cheating!)

Completed form must be submitted by 5 p.m. April 24 to be eligible for prize drawing. One entry per adult. Three winners will each receive \$100 in Chamber Bucks. Giveaway runs April 2-24, 2020.

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TAKE A ONE HOUR BREAK FROM ALL SCREENS	KEEP KIDS AND TEENS AT HOME	FOLLOW RBC PUBLIC HEALTH'S GUIDANCE TO STAY SAFE & HEALTHY	PUT A STUFFED ANIMAL IN YOUR WINDOW TO CHEER UP YOUR NEIGHBORS.	FILL OUT YOUR U.S. CENSUS <small>844-330-2020 OR my2020census.gov</small>
WASH YOUR HANDS!	RUN ERRANDS FOR AN OLDER OR HIGH RISK PERSON	TAKE FIVE DEEP BREATHS	USE ONLINE CHECK-OUT AND CURBSIDE PICK UP AT THE LIBRARY!	HELP KIDS FINISH THEIR SCHOOLWORK

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Special to the Herald Times

Get reading!

Here's how:

■ Go to meekerlibrary.booksys.net, then click **Display** (NOT Log On).

■ At the top right click **Log On**.

■ Both the Username and Password are the eight digit numbers on your library card, 0000XXXX.

■ In the Search bar at the top left, type in the title, author or subject of a book you'd like to check out.

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

■ Click on the title you want, and then click the **Reserve** button at the top right.

■ You should see a screen telling you your reservation is successful!

■ Come by the library between 5 and 6 p.m. on weekdays to pick up your books!

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

Check off the Meeker Bingo space when you get your books!

MEEKER "Books are a uniquely portable magic," according to author Stephen King, and they're also an excellent distraction. A lot of Meeker residents need exactly that, and Meeker Regional Library has created a way for patrons to enjoy library books safely during the COVID-19 closure.

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

Curbside pick up times will be from 5 to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

Please be aware of social distancing and do not check out books if you are sick or someone in your household has been sick. Your community is counting on you to do your part in keeping library books clean and germ-free. Library staff will be taking extra precautions to keep employees safe and healthy. The books will be sanitized and will not be checked out to another patron for seven days after they have been returned to the library.

Don't forget to play Meeker Regional Library's Meeker Bingo (left and below), and mark off the space for online check out and curbside pick up when you get your books!



FRESH FACES

Miniature bovines, some of them carbon copies of their parents, have made their appearance in Rio Blanco County over the last few weeks. Though there will be no annual dance this year to celebrate the success of calving season, the babies still represent fresh hope and new beginnings while the rest of the world is turned upside down.

CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

■ On Monday Thos. H. Iles passed through Meeker on his way to Utah, where he will purchase a large bunch of young stock and ship them in with a bunch belonging to J.L. McHattton.

■ A former Meeker resident, S.R. Arnold, is reported as having "done up" his son-in-law, Dr. W. Tichenor, the other day at Rifle, with a hand-saw. At last accounts the doctor was in a precarious condition.

■ A Ute medicine man known as Pedro was a Meeker visitor in the fore part of the week, Harry Goff being his chaperon. In the early days he used to be a jockey for the Indians when horse racing was a common occurrence.

■ Ranch to Lease: Thirty acres cleared, 10 with stand of alfalfa, 10 just planted in wheat and alfalfa, six plowed and read for planting. Plenty of water. Inquire of Robert Metzger, on the mesa.

The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

■ New grass made a good showing during the week.

■ Monday's storm delayed the incoming mail several hours; but at that, we haven't any kick coming.

■ Claude Rees moved his fine herd of cattle in the direction of his ranch on the Grand

river side of the divide Wednesday.

■ Arthur Amick and Miss Myrtle Wheeler were united in marriage by the Rev. Elston at the Methodist church parsonage last Saturday.

The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

■ A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Grant E. Nielsen on Thursday, April 9 at Pioneers Hospital She has been named Ann Marie Nielsen, weighed 7 lbs., 5-1/2 oz. and measured 20-1/2 inches in length.

■ The White River Toastmasters Club is planning a dinner program for members, wives and guests. Toastmaster Ron Hilkey will make all menu arrangements for the event at the El Rancho.

■ John Villa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Villa of Meeker, is among the 40 outstanding Colorado high school seniors who are winners of Boettcher Foundation scholarships.

The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

■ Meeker's Tony Seely, son of Jerry and Mary Ann Seely and a member of the elite Air Force Thunderbirds precision aerial drill team, will perform at the Loveland Air Show.

■ In other traffic matters, the trustees approved a plan to eliminate The Big Dip at First and Main.

■ Collin Robinson and Sam Dare, Meeker High School freshmen and wrestling stand-outs, have been selected to wrestle on the 1995 team that will compete in France for 10 days this summer.

Rangely Times 50 years ago

■ Rangely officials were busy last week checking out rumors that the city's water supply was "unsafe" and are glad to report that there was no basis to the reports.

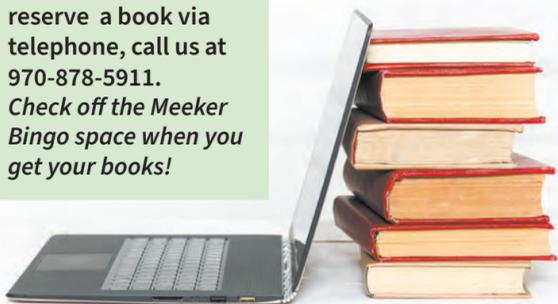
■ The Cooking Kittens met at the home of Mrs. Coy. We made submarine sandwiches. All five members were present.

Rangely Times 25 years ago

■ Parkview Elementary students were treated to a day of fun and storytelling April 13 for Young Author's Day.

■ A growing number of families in this country are choosing to educate their children at home. The Colorado Department of Education reports that over 10% of children age 7 and older are in home study. There is a great deal of controversy over the concept of home education.

■ A Rangely High School student will soon take part as a finalist in a pageant in Denver. Elizabeth Bailey, 17, was chosen as a finalist in the Miss America Coed Pageant.



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MEEKER FOR KIDS!

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AGES 4 TO 18, ONE ENTRY PER CHILD

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CREATE SOME ART	MAIL A LETTER, CARD OR PICTURE TO SOMEONE	FREE! SPONSORED BY MEEKER REGIONAL LIBRARY	COMPLETE THE HERALD TIMES KIDS PAGE	KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF YOUR FACE
SAY SOMETHING KIND TO YOUR PARENTS	HAVE A 15 MIN. DANCE PARTY	FIND STUFFED ANIMALS IN WINDOWS AROUND TOWN	LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK	TRY OUT A NEW HOBBY

Complete every activity, mark it off, and send a photo of your completed bingo card to ann@meekerchamber.com by 5 p.m. April 24! You will be asked about your activities, so no cheating! One entry per child ages 4-18. Three winners will receive \$50 in Meeker Chamber Bucks.

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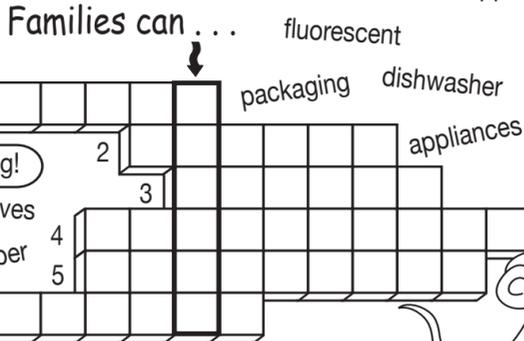
Kids: color stuff in!

Every year we put our heads together to share new ideas and ways we can keep our environment clean on a daily basis.

Earth Day 50th Anniversary: The Earth's 3 R's

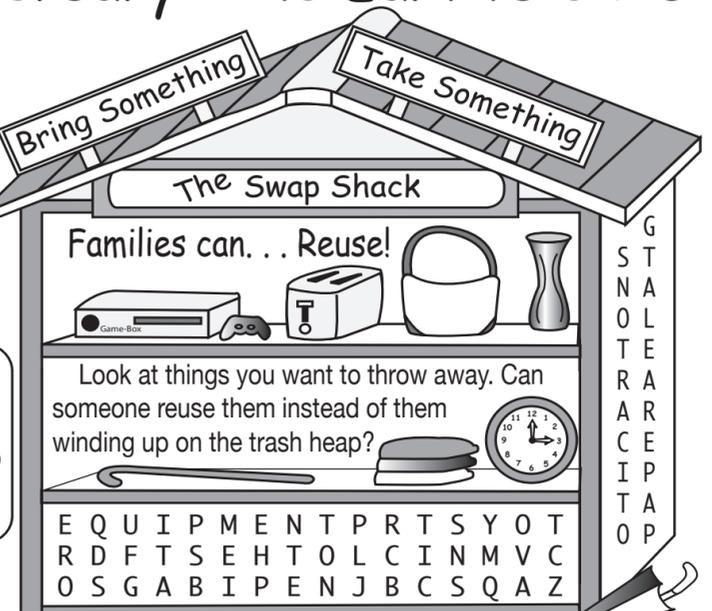
The 3 R's studied in school are sometimes called "reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic." They are studied to help us prepare for our future careers. Today, students also learn about the **Earth's 3 R's: reduce, reuse and recycle**, which if practiced will help us keep our future environment safe and clean.

Families can do a lot to lessen the amount of trash that's created. When you fill in this puzzle, one of the "3Rs" of the **Earth's 3 R's** will appear below the arrow.



- run the washing machine and the _____ for full loads only.
- put _____, grass clippings, vegetable and fruit scraps into a pile, cover with dirt and start a compost pile.
- think "green" for a baby's _____ needs - use ones that are 'biodegradable', meaning they 'break down' over time in the trash
- use some compact _____ or LED lights to save energy; money.
- buy items with little or no _____.
- have _____ repaired instead of buying new ones.

It's a great day to get together with others to pick up litter or to plant new trees and flowers.



Families Can **Reuse** by . . .

- giving clothes and toys in good shape to younger children.
- bringing cloth or net bags to carry groceries home.
- using both sides of a piece of paper.
- fixing up your bike and sporting equipment to use again.
- growing plants from seeds in milk cartons.

(Find and circle the underlined words in the puzzle above.)

Families can . . . Recycle!

Recycling is the third "R"! Collecting items so that they can be crushed, melted and made into new products is called recycling.

Can you match the beginnings below with the correct endings?

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. bring bottles | A. to be turned into woodchips that can be used on paths, around bushes, in gardens |
| 2. sort out glass, newspapers, etc. | B. back for deposits (in some states) |
| 3. collect branches and Christmas trees | C. for bins and recycle centers |
| 4. plastic items | D. can be recycled and turned into "new" ones or playground surfaces |
| 5. old tires | E. have codes or numbers on them telling how to group the different types for recycling |



Can you find and circle **15 or more** words that have 3 or more syllables?

Start Here:

Raw materials taken from the earth.



Shipped to where product is made.

Sent to store, put on shelf.

I've have too many hats!

Bought by shopper.

Recycled at plant.

Brought to collection site.

Saved and sorted for recycling.

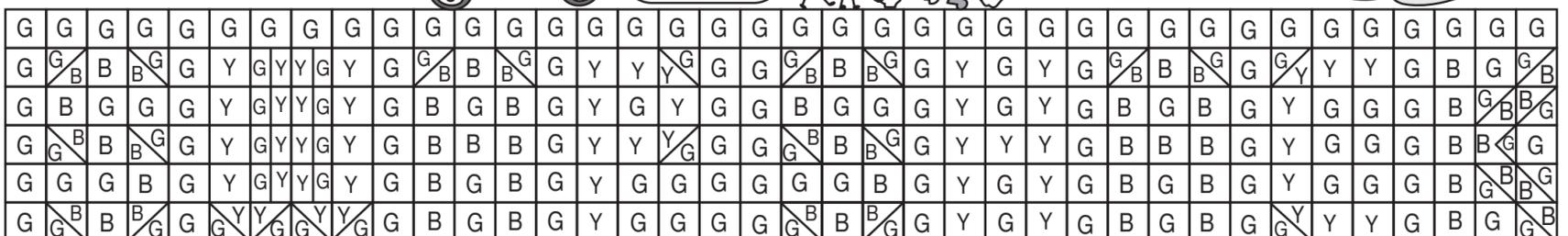
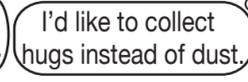
Used.

Pop Quiz!

- What happens if we recycle?
- We waste precious time sorting items.
 - We help save our planet's natural resources.
 - We dirty the air and pollute the water.

How Can We Use Items Longer? Our town has a small wooden shed with shelves where people can bring gently used items and leave them for other people to pick up to fix, use, or enjoy for awhile. Follow the color key to see what your town could build:

Y = Yellow G = Green B = Blue



- THEME: FAIRY TALE CREATURES**
ACROSS
- *Like many mythical creatures
 - Second mo.
 - Spill the beans
 - Convex molding
 - "___ the President's Men"
 - Ankle support, e.g.
 - Make a logical connection
 - *E.T.'s craft?
 - Des Moines native
 - *Fire-breather
 - *Household spirit
 - Tucker of "Modern Family"
 - Antonym of is
 - *Grimm's Queen ___
 - Tailor-made
 - Showing on TV
 - *All's well that ___ well"
 - Golly!
 - Punctuation mark
 - Seaport in Yemen
 - Hitching post?
 - Additionally
 - Poison ivy or Poison oak
 - One more than The Beatles
 - Hold as a conviction
 - *Mrs. Potts or her son Chip
 - Andrew Sean Greer's 2017 Pulitzer-winner novel
 - Toast choice
 - Jack and Jill's water jug
 - "___ Now or Never"
 - *Horse's cousin
 - *One of the seven dwarfs
 - Ascetic holy Hindu
 - HHS agency
 - Relating to #25 Across
 - Banana treat
 - Go bad
 - Australian canid
 - Lou of "Walk on the Wild Side" fame
 - Card in the hole?
 - "The Forsyte ___," pl.

- DOWN**
- Wisecrack
 - Like a zealous fan
 - Regular attendee
 - Hipbone-related
 - Cuban music genre, pl.
 - *Half-man, half-goat
 - *Santa's helper
 - Splotches
 - Arch on a face
 - Croquet turf
 - Popular smoothie berry
 - Well, to Sofia Loren
 - Relating to living organisms
 - Opposite of alpha
 - Genetic initials
 - Parents hope to do this with values
 - *Beauty's beau
 - Empower
 - Dropsy
 - *Big Bad One
 - Yellow brick one
 - Feeling worse than before
 - *Like Curious George
 - *Garden dweller
 - Finger move
 - Moneyed one
 - Pine product
 - Choose not to do something, 2 words
 - Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
 - 1862 plots, for short
 - Prefix for below
 - Old photo color
 - Stalin's domain
 - Back of the neck
 - Not active
 - Past tense of chide
 - Fill beyond full
 - Sound of passing bullet
 - *Baba ___
 - *Who Bugs Bunny talks to?
 - Numbers, abbr.

CROSSWORD

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

WITH FREEDOM COMES RESPONSIBILITY.
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT



PUBLIC NOTICES

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 6, COLORADO
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS
IN WATER DIVISION 6

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of **March 2020**.

2020CW7 Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Application for Absolute Water Storage Rights. Applicant: Keith Peterson, 7032 CR 2, Rangely, CO, 81648. doctorketh@hotmail.com, 970-675-2123. Name of Structure: Slack Pond. Legal Description: E165205 N4442354, Zone 13. Street Address: Same as applicant. Source of UTM's: Hand-held GPS. Accuracy: within 200 feet. Source: White River. Date of appropriation: April 1, 2008. How appropriation for all structures was initiated: Construction of off-channel pond, see figure 1. Amount claimed: Conditional-0.04 AF, Absolute-0.31 AF. Uses or proposed uses: Irrigation, fire protection, aesthetics, and evaporation. Number of acres historically irrigated: 15.5; Proposed acres to be irrigated: 15.5. Applicant does not intend to use this water right to supplement irrigation on an area already irrigated under another water right. Description of irrigated acreage: See attached. Surface area of high-water line: 0.08 Acres. Total Capacity of reservoir in acre feet: 0.31 AF. Dead Storage: 0.31 AF. Landowner: Applicant.

18CW3060, Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Coal Creek tributary to the White River. Amended Application for Well and Surface Water Rights. Lunney Mountain, LLC, c/o Edward B. Olszewski, Esq., Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C., P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, (970) 928-9100. Applicant amended its application to change the source for the Cox Well to groundwater tributary to Coal Creek, tributary to the White River and the sources for the House Spring, Brumback Spring, Ferds Spring and Cabin Spring to springs tributary to Coal Creek, tributary to the White River. All other information contained in the original application remains the same. (5 pages, incl. 1 map).

The water right claimed by this application may affect in priority any water right claimed or heretofore adjudicated within this division and owners of affected rights must appear to object and protest within the time provided by statute, or be forever barred.

You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of **May 2020** to file with the Water Court a Verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain Application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must be served on the Applicant or the Applicant's Attorney, with an affidavit or certificate of such service being filed with the Water Court, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00, and should be sent to the Clerk of the Water Court, Division 6, 1955 Shield Dr. Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487.

MARY ANN NINGER
CLERK OF COURT
ROUTT COUNTY COMBINED COURT
WATER DIVISION 6
/s/ Kimberly A. Marshall
Deputy Court Clerk

Published April 16, 2020 in the Rio Blanco Herald Times

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

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 13, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records. Original Grantor(s): Daniel A. Sagaser and Mary Lou Sagaser Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Quicken Loans Inc. Date of Deed of Trust: February 04, 2015 County of Recording: Rio Blanco Recording Date of Deed of Trust: February 11, 2015 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 309771 Original Principal Amount: \$90,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$86,437.23 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Land Situated in the County of Rio Blanco in the State of CO
Lot 4 Wasatch Camp Subdivision according to the Plat thereof filed January 18, 1982 as Reception No. 204475 Rio Blanco County, Colorado. TOGETHER WITH: AN UNDIVIDED TWO-SEVENTHS INTEREST IN LOT 8 WASATCH CAMP SUBDIVISION.
Also known by street and number as: 16432 Highway 64 W, Rangely, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

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

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- A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;
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DATE: 01/13/2020
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Weinstein & Riley, P.S. 11101 W 120th Ave Suite 280, Broomfield, CO 80021 (303) 539-8601
Attorney File # 47902879
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 20-02

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 23, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records. Original Grantor(s): KAULAN W PENNELL Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMCAP MORTGAGE LTD. DBA MAJOR MORTGAGE CO., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: THE MONEY SOURCE INC. Date of Deed of Trust: April 28, 2014 County of Recording: Rio Blanco Recording Date of Deed of Trust: April 29, 2014 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 308323 Original Principal Amount: \$214,051.00 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$193,405.80 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Lot 2 Steffan Subdivision Town of Rangely, Colorado According to the Plat thereof filed April 8, 1983 as Document No. 210812 TOGETHER WITH a parcel of land lying in Lot 1 of said Steffan Subdivision, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Lot 1; Thence South 00°00'00" West, 10.00 feet to the true point of beginning, Thence South 58°42'42" East, 116.49 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 1; Thence North 90°00'00" West, along said South line, 15.62 feet; Thence North 54°12'51" West, 103.46 feet to the true point of beginning; LESS AND EXCEPTING a parcel of land lying in Lot 2 of said Steffan Subdivision being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Lot 2; Thence South 00°00'00" West along the East line of said Lot 2, 12.19 feet; Thence South 81°32'40" West, 38.00 feet; Thence North 58°42'42" West, 9.20 feet to a point on the North line of said Lot 2; Thence South 90°00'00" East, along said North line 12.88 feet; Thence North 68°49'54" East, 36.00 feet to the true point of beginning.
Also known by street and number as: 405 DARIUS AVE, RANGELY, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/13/2020, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 4/2/2020
Last Publication: 4/30/2020
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

DATE: 01/23/2020
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531 Lynn M. Janeway #15592 David R. Doughty #40042
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Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Glenwood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 19-023669
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF 2020-2021 BUDGET APPROVAL
Notice is hereby given that a proposed 2020-2021 budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2020-2021; a copy of such budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on April 21, 2020, Noon CNCC, Johnson Banquet Room for final adoption of 2020-2021 budget. Any interested elector of such Rangely Junior College District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
Published: April 9 and 16, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Merle Dene Moyer, Deceased
Case Number 20PR30003
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco, County, Colorado on or before August 4, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.
Donald George Moyer, Personal Representative
c/o J. Richard Livingston, Esq.
Livingston & Mumby, LLC
2764 Compass Dr., Ste 200A
Grand Junction, CO 81506
Published: April 2, 9 and 16, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF ELECTION POLLING PLACE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District of Rio Blanco County, Colorado:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 5th day of May, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors of the District has designated the following polling place: ERBM Recreation and Park District
101 Ute Road
Meeker, CO 81641
At said election, the electors of the District shall vote for Directors to serve the following terms of office on the Board of Directors of the District:
The names of persons nominated as Director for a THREE-Year Term:
Kent Walter
Chris Lockwood
Travis Mobley
Chance Walker
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that an eligible elector of said district for the purpose of said election is a person registered to vote pursuant to the "Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992," and who is a resident of the District, or who, or whose spouse or civil union partner, owns taxable real or personal property within the District, whether said person resides within the District or not, or a person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property within the District shall be considered an owner of taxable property for the purpose of qualifying as an eligible elector.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that due to the necessary precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District is urging its citizens to submit ballots by mail through the absentee voter system. Applications for and return of absentee voter ballots may be filed with, and replacement ballots received from the Designated Election Official, Cathy A. Kiser. As of the date of preparing this notice, the physical office is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact the Designated Election Official by phone or email to arrange for an absentee ballot or for any updates regarding changes to election day procedures. LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IS TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for and return of absentee voter ballots may be filed with, and replacement ballots may be received from: Cathy A. Kiser Designated Election Official
Eastern Rio Blanco Recreation and Park District (970) 878-7417 (telephone)
Or by email:
cathy@erbmrec.com
Published: April 9, 16 and 23, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Meeker Recreation Center (MRC) Roofing Replacement
A Public Works Project
Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District
101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("ERBM"), a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is inviting proposals from qualified General Contractors for the Meeker Recreation Center Roofing Replacement, located at 101 Ute Rd. in Meeker, Colorado.
Contractors must submit their bid proposals before 5pm on Friday, June 12th, 2020 at ERBM's administrative office located at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641; or via email at rodney@ERBMrec.com. Bids must be clearly marked "MRC Roof Replacement". This is a guaranteed maximum price construction project. A full Request for Proposal, Project specifications, and Owner-Contractor Agreement template can be obtained at www.ERBMrec.com or by contacting Rodney Gerloff, 970-878-7420 or via email at rodney@ERBMrec.com.
A mandatory pre-proposal walk-through of the Project site with an ERBM representative, may be scheduled with advanced notice to the contact information provided in this notice. Requests for pre-proposal walk-throughs will be accepted through 5pm Friday, May 29th.
Construction timing to be negotiated with contractor. ERBM reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent to adopted ERBM Fiscal Policies and Procedures.
Executive Director: Sean VonRoenn
Published: April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14 and 21, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

BEFORE THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR HEARING DOCKET NO. 200200043
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Pursuant to Rule 522.e., the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Staff has applied to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation against Apex Oil Ventures Inc. (Operator No. 10605), to adjudicate allegations in the Notice of Alleged Violation No. 401941751.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S. and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:
Date: June 29, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203
The Notice and Application for Hearing and related information is available at https://cogcc.state.co.us/reg.html#hearings. Look to right column for "Active & Pending Matters" "Enforcement".
Published: April 16, 2020
Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
5:30 P.M. Board Meeting
Town Hall Parking Lot
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
Due to restrictions in place by CDPHE in the Fourth Updated Public Health Order 20-24 dated April 9, 2020 regarding public gatherings, all individuals are required to maintain social distancing requirements of at least six feet.
I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call
IV. Approval of the Agenda
V. Administer the Oath of Office and seating of newly elected Mayor and Trustees
VI. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem
VII. Recognition of outgoing Mayor
VIII. Adjournment
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PAYROLL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOWN OF MEEKER 3/31/20
GENERAL FUND
Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$48,451.86
CCOERA, Emp. Retirement - PD, \$2,882.68
CCOERA, Emp. Retirement, \$6,838.48
CCOERA, Emp. Loan Payments, \$754.07
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$20,131.42
Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$5,837.66
Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$2,301.10
Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$1,907.88
Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$4,941.62
MHRC, Emp. Donation, \$26.50
Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$954.74
Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$192.31
All Copy Products, Copier Lease, \$256.12
All Terrain Motor Sports, 2020 Can-Am Defender, \$11,999.00
Alco, Coveralls, \$21.71
Atmos, Natural Gas, \$975.21
Axon, Taser Battery Pack, \$159.00
BoyoKo, Toilet Tissue, Gloves, \$215.74
CAN Surety, Notary Errors, \$39.00
Century Link, Phone Svc., \$477.00
Century Link, Phone Svc., \$476.20
CMRS - PB, Reimb. Postage, \$53.86
CNA Surety, Public Officials Bond, \$922.25
Colo. State Treasurer, 1st. Qtr. Unempl., \$579.95
Eagle River Waste, Recycling Svc., \$1,800.00
Eagle River Waste, Trash Svc., \$102.00
Eagle River Waste, Trash Svc., \$82.00
ERBM, Corp. Punch Pass, \$116.65
Gall's, Armor Shirt Carrier, \$383.65
Grand Jct. Media, Police Chief Ad, \$370.00
Grand Jct. Media, Police Chief Ad, \$170.00
Herald Times, Legal Publications, \$339.60
Jason's Automotive, Brakes, Pads, \$476.70
Jason's Automotive, Mount & Balance Tires, \$160.00
Jean's Printing, Veh. Assist Unlock Form, \$102.34
Lexipol, Annual Law Policy, \$3,693.00
McGuire Auto, Window Cleaner, Flap Disc., \$149.08
Meeker Auto, Motor Oil, Filters, \$410.10
Meeker Auto, Fuel Additives, \$93.11
Meeker Sand & Gravel, Haul Snow from Down Town, \$2,266.10
MGM, Safety Boots / Willey, \$179.99
Mtn. Cross Eng., NW Corner Eng., \$82.50
Mtn. Cross Eng., NW Corner Project, \$412.50
MVB - Visa, Police Chief Ads, Weed School / PW, \$2,253.00
NASRO, Membership - Yates / PD, \$40.00
Noble, Laurie Atty, Muni Judge Svc., \$200.00
Northwest Auto, Svc. Transmission 2012 Trk, \$161.58
NW Auto, Diagnostic 2016 Ford, \$96.50
Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, March Legal Fees, \$2,244.00
Overton Recycling, 3 Yard Dumpster, \$50.00
Overton Recycling, 3 Yard Dumpster, \$50.00
PMC, DOT Physical, \$52.50
Range Call, Choice Sponsor Pkg., \$500.00
RBC Clerk & Recorder, Mailing Labels, \$56.44
RBC COVID Operations, Hand Sanitizer, \$96.00
RBC Fleet Mgt., Fuel, \$1,171.35
RBC ICT Dept., Internet Svc., \$164.00
RBC ICT Dept., Internet Svc., \$164.00
RBC Sales & Use Tax, Sales & Use Tax Adj., \$4,778.43
RMR, Monthly Admin Fee, \$66.45
Rocky Mtn. Reserve, March Claims, \$2,291.12
Samuelson's, Fence Material, \$379.97
SGM, Survey School St., Cross Walk Eng., \$6,077.00
Thomas Hadden, Painting Town Hall, \$1,640.38
Thysenkup Elevator, Elevator Svc., \$816.35
Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$527.87
Union Wireless, New Cell Phone, \$209.00
USPS, Pstg. for Ballots, \$490.70
Valley Hardware, Ammo, \$279.39
Vermeer, Pothole Machine Parts, \$156.78
Vet Clinic, Spay, Neuters / AC, \$1,886.70
Vision Graphics, Ballots, Envelopes, \$3,502.27
Watt's, Cleaning Supplies, \$187.64
Western Slope, 1st Qtr. Planning Svc., \$810.00
Western Slope, Comm. Survey, Research & Analysis, \$18,246.58
White River Dist., Bottle Water, \$6.75
WREA, April Elect., \$1,951.43
WREA, March Elect., \$2,050.72
Total General Fund \$176,439.58
WATER FUND
Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$14,452.07
CCOERA, Emp. Retirement, \$2,660.20
CCOERA, Employee Loans, \$825.58
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$6,764.26
Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$2,573.60
Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$601.90
Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$1,486.07
Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$462.90
MHRC, Employee Donation, \$18.50
Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$311.17
Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$103.19
US Postmaster, Water Billing Pstg., \$190.60
All Copy Products, Copier Lease, \$57.82
Alco, Coveralls, \$21.71
Atmos, Natural Gas, \$513.89
Century Link, Phone Svc., \$98.10
Century Link, Phone Svc., \$97.88
CMRS - PB, Reimb. Postage, \$118.45
Colo. State Treasurer, 1st. Qtr. Unempl., \$186.67
Colorado Rural Water, System Membership, \$275.00
Core & Main, PRV Control Valve, \$440.00
DPC Industries, Canister Chg., \$80.00
Ducey's Elect., Repair Power to Well #1, \$210.08
ERBM, Corp. Punch Pass, \$23.35
Gould Const., Pump Install, \$7,100.00
Herald Times, Legal Pub., \$26.48
McGuire Auto, Window Cleaner, Flap Disc., \$112.96
MCHD, Water Test, \$40.00
Meeker Auto, Motor Oil, Filters, \$455.50
Meeker Auto, Fuel Additives & Fuel Filters, \$93.11
Mtn. Cross Eng., Water St. Water Line, \$1,320.00
Mtn. Cross Eng., Water St. Water Line Eng., \$5,861.60
MVB - Visa, Lic. Renewal, Office Supplies, Phone, \$186.33
NW Auto, Svc. Repair 2012 Trk, \$161.59
PMC, DOT Physical, \$52.50
RBC - Ty Gates, Hand Sanitizer, \$32.00
RBC Fleet Mgt., Fuel, \$310.67
RBC ICT Dept., Internet Svc., \$36.00
RBC ICT Dept., Internet Service, \$36.00
RMR, Monthly Admin Fee, \$18.55
Rocky Mtn. Reserve, March Claims, \$684.36
Samuelson's, Bolts / Pump House, \$995.35
Sherman - Williams, Epoxy Paint, \$494.37
Timberline Electric, Well Meter Wiring for 5 Wells, \$6,323.80
UNCC, Line Locates, \$62.58
Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$84.03
Union Wireless, New Phone, \$209.00
Valley Hardware, Paint & Brushes, \$241.25
Vermeer, Pothole Machine Parts, \$156.78
Watt's, Cleaning Supplies, \$46.67
WREA, April Elect., \$2,933.65
WREA, March Elect., \$2,641.25
Total Water Fund \$63,289.37
Total All Funds \$239,728.95
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed BIDS for construction of the Market Street - 5th Street Crossing project will be received via mail or in person at the Town Hall, 345 Market Street Meeker, CO until 5:00 P.M., Tuesday May 5th, 2020. Sealed bids will be opened and read aloud at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday May 5th, 2020 at the Town Hall in Meeker. The Town Board of Trustees will award the bid on Tuesday May 19th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at Town hall in Meeker. The project includes the construction of solar powered Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons, Signing and Pavement Markings on Market Street for the 5th street crossing.
Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a check in the amount of 10% of bid made payable to The Town of Meeker as bid security. Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of bid, will be required.
A set of electronic (PDF) Bid Documents will be made available via email on Thursday, April 16th, 2020 until the time that Bids are opened. Bidders shall send an email to JoanP@sgm-inc.com and CC: danc@sgm-inc.com. The email subject line shall read: Request for Electronic Bid Documents - Market Street - 5th Street Crossing. The email shall contain the following information: Name, Company & phone number. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add, or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; and the right to disregard all non-conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Purchasing Policy. All Bid Proposals and Bid Security shall be sealed in an envelope with "Market Street - 5th Street Crossing" written on the front.
Lisa Cook, Town Administrator
Published: April 16 and 23, 2020
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Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado
This is a Telephone or Google Meeting only
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To attend by Google Meeting go to:
phz-sbnx-yrw
To participate by telephone, please dial 970-878-9432
Tentative Agenda April 21, 2020
Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.
1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to 4/21/2020 Agenda
1)
2)
C. Move to approve the April 14, 2020 Agenda including any changes.
2. CONSENT AGENDA DATE
Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.
A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.
B. Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, meeting minutes of April, 14, 2020.
3. BUSINESS
A. Move to approve/deny a comment letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to UDSA regarding the Proposed Action Yellowjacket Project, Blanco Ranger District, White River National Forest.
B. Move to approve/deny an Amendment to the AAA Grant Award #20-11-16 between the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Colorado and the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, increasing the award amount from \$63,062.00 to \$63,562.00.
4. BID OPENINGS
A. Lower White River Pest Control District
Herbicide Spray
5. BID AWARDS
6. MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS
7. RESOLUTIONS
8. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Public Comment
B. County Commissioners Updates
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
A. Applicant Darrin E. Olson, is requesting approval for Minor Subdivision PSUB-0003-20, located at 459 County Road 102, Rangely, Colorado in Sections 34 & 35, T2N, R102W, in order to subdivide the property into three lots.
Adjourn
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The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for DATE in the LOCATION. Please check the County's website for information at http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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A set of electronic (PDF) Bid Documents will be made available via email on Thursday, April 16th, 2020 until the time that Bids are opened. Bidders shall send an email to JoanP@sgm-inc.com and CC: danc@sgm-inc.com. The email subject line shall read: Request for Electronic Bid Documents - Market Street - 5th Street Crossing. The email shall contain the following information: Name, Company & phone number. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to change, add, or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; and the right to disregard all non-conforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Purchasing Policy. All Bid Proposals and Bid Security shall be sealed in an envelope with "Market Street - 5th Street Crossing" written on the front.
Lisa Cook, Town Administrator
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1)
2)
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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.

**Open Range Cowboy Church
of Meeker**



For more information,
Please call Tom
970-260-6820

RBC | Attention Rio Blanco County Veterans:
Veterans may be eligible for mileage
reimbursement for travel costs to receive VA
medical care. If you do not currently receive
VA travel compensation please contact the
Rio Blanco County Veterans Service offices.
Rangely: John "Hoot" Gibson, 970-878-9695.
Meeker: Joe Bob Dungan, 970-878-9690. Travel
compensation is made possible through the
Veterans Trust Fund Grant and VFW Post 5843.

**FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES
Monthly Food Distribution
Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds
@11:30 AM**

Thursday, April 23, 2020
Thursday, May 28, 2020
Thursday, June 25, 2020
Thursday, July 23, 2020
Thursday, August 27, 2020
Thursday, September 24, 2020
Wednesday, October 22, 2020
Wednesday, November 25, 2020
Wednesday, December 23, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely Alcoholics
Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7
p.m., 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal
Church, Rangely.
Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S.
Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon
info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970.
Women's N/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m.,
St. Timothy's.

New Eden Pregnancy Care Services -
pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance
by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy
and child care, post-abortion support, referrals.
Meeker: Thursdays, Noon to 5 p.m., 345 Main
Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.
com or (970)878-5117
Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and
Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue
Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com
or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.



**BETTY KINCHER IS TURNING 92! PLEASE
SEND ANY BIRTHDAY CARDS TO 2034
COUNTY ROAD 43, MEEKER, CO 81641.**



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

SAFEHOUSE

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

HELP WANTED

Help Wanted: Ol' Crows Beer and Beverage.
Contact Joe, 970-220-2029.

ELDER CARE SERVICES

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Western Slope In-Home Care
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970-878-7008

HOMES: MEEKER

For Sale: 14x70 mobile home on 2 acres 4
miles west of Meeker. 3 BDR/1BA, cistern,
\$70,000. 970-756-0718 or 970-878-4629.

4/2-4/30

108+ acres, log home, 4 BDR/1.75BA,
cistern, barn, shop, set up for horses/cows,
4 miles west of town. Call for info.
970-756-0718

3/19-4/16

MISCELLANEOUS

ASK ABOUT OUR CNC MACHINING Can't
get a metal part? We can make all kinds of
parts. We have CNC Machine equipment,
lathe and tooling to do the job. Contact
Phil at Family Automotive and Machine.
(970)878-5606.

RENTALS: MEEKER

Commercial office space available in Hugus
Building, downtown Meeker. 878-4138.

Now available - the best office in town
overlooking town square. Call to see. Hugus
Bldg 970-274-6850

RENTALS: MEEKER

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

Storage units for rent in Meeker.
Rocky Mountain Storage
1251 Market St.
10x10 \$50 per mo
5x10 \$40 per mo
970-878-3700

AVAILABLE NOW: Beautiful retail space
downtown at 6th and Main in the historic
Hugus Building. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

SPACIOUS 2BD/1BA apartments available
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and heating. Coin operated laundry on-site.
\$550/\$600 monthly. 970-756-4895.

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD apartments, in-
house laundry, storage units available, close
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\$595 per month. Western Exposures Realty
LLC (970) 321-2777.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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The Rangely Food Bank is open on Saturdays
from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To
donate, please call 970-620-2407.

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.

www.ht1885.com



**EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**

- Building Inspector
- Caseworker
- Jail Health Nurse, RN-PT
- Relief Cook
- Relief Detention Control Specialist
- Relief Radino Driver, Rangely

For details and a Rio Blanco County
application, please go to www.rbc.us or
Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main St.,
Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570.
ADA/EOE

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER

A community oriented medical center with high patient
standards, is hiring for the following positions:

FULL-TIME: [eligible for benefits]:

- RN-Acute/ED (Days)
- RN-Acute/ED (Nights)
- RN/LPN-Wing (LTC) Days:6am-6pm
- CT/US Tech-Radiology
- CRT or RRT-Cardiopulmonary
- Clinic Supervisor-Ortho
- Medical Assistant-Ortho
- MLT/MLS-Lab Shift: 2:30pm-11pm

PART-TIME: [eligible for benefits]:

- RN-Orthopedic Case Manager

PRN:

- RN-Acute/ED
- Patient Care Tech (CNA)-Acute/ED
- RN or LPN-LTC
- Certified Nursing Assistant-LTC
- RN-Home Health
- Certified Nursing Assistant-Home Health
- EVS Technician

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

Pioneers Medical Center
Phone: (970) 878-5047 Fax: (970) 878-3285
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Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

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ASSOCIATION NETWORK

To place a 25-word COSCAN Network ad in 91 Colorado
newspapers for only \$300, contact your local newspaper or
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WANTED

Cash for Mineral Rights
Free, no-risk, cash offer. Contact us with the
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Littleton, CO 80161
Email: opportunity@ecmresourcesinc.com

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HOME PLACE RANCH
529 County Road 326, Silt
63.1± Acres. Log home. Water rights,
Pivot, Alfalfa hay, Metal Barn. Equip-
ment included. \$750,000.

BAKER'S PEAK VISTA RANCH-506± Acres, 10cfs Water, Improve-
ments, Hunting. PRICE REDUCTION \$1,100,000.
FOUR SPRINGS RANCH-343.98± Acres, 15.2cfs Water, Improvements,
River Frontage. PRICE REDUCTION \$1,100,000.
RIVER RANCH ON THE YAMPA-128.68± Acres, 5cfs Water, Executive
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MAYBELL PROCESSING-Wild Game Processing Plant. Business,
Building and Land. \$280,000.
98 GAME RESERVE DRIVE-5 acres, views, elk, moose, deer, antelope.
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SOLD! 568 FALCON DRIVE-5.17± Acres, Hunting, Recreation.
SOLD! NEW! 2148 TIMBERLANE LOOP ROAD-Beautiful 5± Acres.
Trees, Views, Hunting, Recreation.
SOLD! NEW! 3539 BOULDER DRIVE-4.61± Acres. Trees, Views, Pond,
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Sportsman Delight! 103 acres, 4 BD, 2.5 bath
with unfin. full basement. Nice detached work-
shop, corrals and loafing sheds. Short distance
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\$595,000

◆ 1040 Main St. — Investment opportunity! Seven, 2BD/1BA units with additional studio unit w/ 3/4BA &
kitchenette! Good location and good rental history! \$425,000

Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. — Business & Real Estate.
Turnkey & Profitable. **\$695,000!**

RESIDENTIAL
NEW HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION!
1150 Bissell Circle-3BD/2BA, 1898 sq. ft.
home with 2 car garage on a corner lot.
Beautiful view of the White River Valley!
\$350,000.
RURAL RESIDENTIAL
SALE PENDING! 1083 Boulder Dr., Craig -
Wilderness Ranch cabin, turkey. \$157,000.

RANCHES
Ranch for sale on Strawberry Creek -
Adjoins BLM, some alfalfa and oat fields,
home workshop, new large metal build-
ing, barn and arena. Great location and
outstanding views! Realtor owned. Call for
details!
NEW! 1001 County Rd. 36, Meeker - 145±
acre ranch with 4 BD/3BA home, metal
insulated shop, insulated barn and pipe cor-
rals. Mostly irrigated with water and spring
rights and creek. Only 3 miles from town.
\$1,100,000.

VACANT LAND
1417 Silver Sage Road - 2 nice lots with
views. \$45,000.
Vacant lot - 1176 Main St. Reduced to
\$19,500
5 acres vacant land in Cross L Estates -
Realtor Owned, Owner Financing. **\$56,000.**
Sanderson Hills Lots - Great building sites!
\$30,000/ea.

COMMERCIAL
NEW! 680 Water St., Meeker - 19 Unit
Apartment Complex that is approved for
condominiums. 4 Lots with storage units,
common areas and park with access to
the White River. **\$1,200,000.**
975 Market St. - Commercial Property
located on prime corner location on
Highway 13. **\$200,000.**
Commercial Building on Highway 13
going through Meeker with 4 lots. Very
nice building, fenced-in area in back,
small garage. Realtor owned. **\$395,000.**

I will be working from home for the time being. However, I am still available to answer
all your real estate questions or inquiries by calling or texting me at 970-321-2777
or at oneamiller@gmail.com. In the meantime, stay well and God Bless! ~ Onea

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410 Cleveland St - 2BD/1.75BA 1.732 SF...\$310,000
1346 Sage Ridge Rd - 3BD/2BA, +Views...\$287,000
1104 Jeannette Cir - 3BD/1.75BA, 1 Level...\$275,000
1134 Michael Cir - 3BD/2.5BA, +Updates...\$267,500
NEW 10 E Market St - Home,SSBusiness...\$258,000
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1959 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA,Cabin No. 3, River...\$250,000
112 Main St - 3BD/2BA w/Guest Cottage...\$207,000
1042 Park Ave-3BD/1BA 2,340 SF,+Barn...\$204,000
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223 8th St.-2+BD/2BA, Yard, Adjoining Retail Space	\$775,000	TBD N. 6th St.-8.45± Acres, Livestock Welcome	\$299,000	1105 & 1107 Market St. - Corner Lot, Commercial Opportunity	\$149,000
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43523 Hwy. 13 Commercial Vacant Land	\$387,000	870 4th St. - 3BD/2BA Large Lot, Recently Updated	\$197,000		

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