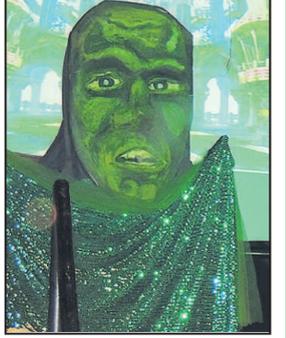


# Herald Times



## Over the rainbow ...

Dorothy made it from Kansas to Oz and back to Kansas on Friday and Saturday in the starring role in *The Wizard of Oz*, presented by the Meeker High School Drama Club, International Thespian Society Troupe No. 1284, Meeker Arts and Cultural Council and Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group. A large cast helped fulfill the dreams of the beloved characters from the 1939 movie in the all-local play. For more, please see Page 6A.



## Rangely chamber director faces criminal inquiry

By JENNIFER HILL  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** Last week, the Town of Rangely announced that Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce Director Kristin Steele was no longer with the chamber.

According to Lisa Piering, president of the Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, there is an ongoing criminal investigation into "financial matters" within the chamber.

The investigation is being handled by 9th Judicial District Attorney Sherry Caloia who said Tuesday that her office is waiting for all the bank records, at which time a decision about charges will be made.

Steele, who has been with the Rangely Chamber of Commerce since January 2014 and is a Rangely native, made the following statement regarding the situation:

"I have chosen to resign my position as the director of the Rangely Chamber of Commerce due to the fact that for a while I have neglected to take care of myself mentally and physically. Because of this, it has led to some poor choices. My priorities for now are to focus on my family and to take time for myself to work on me as a person. The next couple months will be a tough road for not only me but for my family. However, I know because we have each other we will get through anything."

"I would like to thank the wonderful people

of Rangely. Growing up here you always knew you were loved by so many people. At 23, those wonderful people still continue to show me love and support. I'd like to especially thank the chamber board for their belief in me the last two years. I will miss many of the people my job allowed me to work with."

Steele has also served as a Rangely Town Trustee since she was appointed by the board last year to fill a vacancy.

According to Town Manager Peter Brixius, Steele did not have access to municipal funds in her position as trustee.

Steele did not seek election to the seat earlier this month and her last meeting will be Tuesday.

## Al White drops from District 8 state Senate race, endorses Tracy

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** Al White announced last week that he is withdrawing from the Colorado State Senate District 8 race.

White cited a lack of funding as the reason driving his decision.

"Having a 'U' behind my name instead of an 'R' was a nonstarter for many of my former funders," White said referring to his running as unaffiliated instead of as a Republican.

"I set a timeline with some specific funding goals for myself at the outset," he said. "After six weeks, I was so far off those goals it became apparent to me I would not, in the long run, reach an adequate level of funding to run a viable campaign. I will be returning all contributions received."

"Also, I do not want to split the broad base of support across the district in regard to removing Randy Baumgardner from office," he said. "Voters deserve better than their current representation. We need someone who will show up and fight for the values of the Western Slope, not someone who simply toes the line for extreme far-right ideologies."

"I have met with Emily Tracy and we agree on a lot of the issues," White said. "I think she would be a strong champion for the people of the district and bring a moderate voice to the state capitol. My wife, Jean, and I will be supporting her, and we encourage all independent-minded voters to do the same."

Tracy, the Democratic candidate for the Senate District 8 seat, has commented on Al White's announcement Wednesday that he has withdrawn from the Senate race.

White, a former state legislator

and former Director of the Colorado Tourism Office, was running for the state senate seat as an unaffiliated candidate.

"The race for Senate District 8 has now crystallized to a clear choice between Sen. Baumgardner and myself," Tracy said. "I'm an advocate for the families, communities and economies of the Western Slope."

"Our Senate district has not been well-represented during the past three and one-half years, as Sen. Baumgardner has been more inclined to, as Mr. White stated, 'toe the line for extreme far-right special interests' rather than the interests of his constituents."

Tracy continued, "I greatly appreciate and am honored by the endorsement of Al and Jean White, both outstanding public servants. Their perspectives on the issues and needs of Senate District 8 will play an important role in my campaign."

Tracy commented, "Sen. Baumgardner has repeatedly demonstrated a certain disdain for his district, failing to regularly visit with local elected officials and constituents."

Tracy noted that his votes reflect his lack of responsiveness to the needs of the district, including when "he voted against improvements to the I-70 traction law even though all who testified at the bill's Senate committee hearing spoke in favor of the proposed legislation. If elected, I am committed to listening to and working for all voices in our diverse Senate district."

Senate District 8 is a seven-county district, including Rio Blanco County, extending from Breckenridge north to Wyoming and west to Utah.

## Conservation districts push horse gather

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** The White River and Douglas Creek conservation districts provided public comment at the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board in Redmond, Ore., on April 13-14.

While BLM has not released the 2016 estimated number of horses and burros on the range, the most recent estimate available is 58,150 as of March 2015. With the roughly 20 percent annual population increase, we can anticipate 2016 numbers to be roughly 69,000 when the range will support 27,000.

During the meeting, the BLM provided updates on the budget, research, on-range and off-range programs. The FY2015 budget was \$77 million with \$52.5 million in holding cost for the roughly 47,000 horses that are in long- and short-term holding. The BLM states they can only remove 3,500 per year due to holding costs and the lack of interest in adoptions.

The Oregon BLM Horse and Burro co-leads provided a great presentation about "Why Manage?" They covered the good, the bad and the ugly by showing how the range, horses and wildlife could look when well managed, what it looks like as it begins to deteriorate due to lack of management and, finally, the ugly being starving and dehydrated horses on severely degraded lands.

The research update included the BLM's efforts to evaluate spay and neuter effects, improve WH&B contraception, improve population models, improve burro survey methods, gauge public opinion, improve marketing and improve understanding of ecology and genetics.

White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts' Executive Director Callie Hendrickson spoke on behalf of the districts and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and offered the districts' support of fertility control and adoption programs.

However, Hendrickson emphasized the strong need for removals, stating: "Without a monumental increase in the number of excess horses directly removed, all fertility control research and adoption discussions are simply a distraction

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## AFTER BIRTH BALL ...



SEAN MCMAHON PHOTOS



At top, more than 150 people enjoyed a catered prime rib dinner from Holliday's during Saturday night's After Birth Ball, a celebration of the lambing and lambing season put on as a fund-raising event by and for the Meeker Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Left: There were plenty of items on the silent and regular auction block Saturday evening during the After Birth Ball fundraiser for the local FFA team, who served the meal, cleaned up afterward, delivered tea and water and did all the things required to serve the guests. Several thousand dollars were raised during the event, but the final tally was not known as of press time Tuesday.

## Two teens home following accident

By DOC WATSON  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** Two of the three Meeker teenagers injured in a two-vehicle accident on County Road 13 (Flag Creek Road) just before midnight on April 8 are now back at home in Meeker, recovering from their injuries.

The third is still hospitalized in serious condition.

According to social media, 17-year-old Tyler Ilgen was transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction

after the accident, where he had surgery on a badly broken left arm. Arriving home on Monday, he is now recovering.

Cole Purcell, 18, also returned home from St. Mary's on Monday and is recovering from his injuries.

His mother, Annie Purcell, posted a message on Facebook that every parent can identify with: "The hardest part of being a parent is watching a child going through something really tough and not being able to fix it for them."

Also, according to social media,

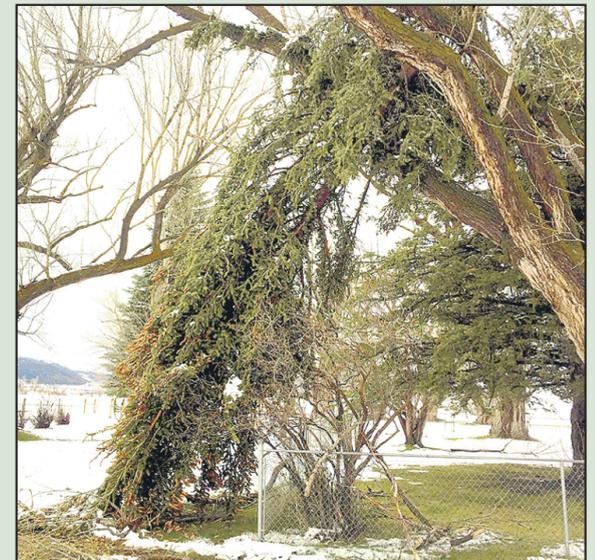
17-year-old Bradi Bland—the driver of the primary vehicle, a Ford F250 pickup truck, and the most seriously injured of the three teenagers—remains in Denver Children's Hospital with traumatic brain injury.

A drawing for the Bradi Bland Benefit Raffle, the proceeds of which will go toward medical expenses, will be held April 30 at the conclusion of the Meeker youth wrestling tournament.

Rangely resident Deven Striegel

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## TREE DAMAGE ...



CHRIS REIDINGER

High winds and snow buildup in the past week have taken their toll on trees in Meeker and the surrounding area. This tree in Powell Park was damaged the evening of April 14. The top third of the tall spruce tree snapped off due to high winds and got hung up in an adjacent tree. If the tree had fallen the other direction, it would have fallen onto a house.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

■ **Gentlemen's Group** on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center Lounge. Thursdays at the VFW, 290 Fourth St., 10-11 a.m. Adults 50+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. Call 878-3403 or visit [www.meekerrecdistrict.com](http://www.meekerrecdistrict.com) for more information.

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

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

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

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

■ **Early Bird Deadline for Spring Fitness** April 22. Sign up for the session 2 spring group fitness classes by April 22 and receive the early bird cost! Call 878-3403 or visit [www.meekerrecdistrict.com](http://www.meekerrecdistrict.com) for more information.

■ **Do you fully understand your Social Security Retirement options?** Are you aware of all the

entitlement programs Social Security has to offer? The Meeker public library will be hosting a Pre-Retirement presentation sponsored by the Social Security Administration on Tuesday, April 26 from 10-11 a.m. Josh Weller, a Public Affairs Specialist with the Denver Regional Communications Office, will be providing information regarding what you need to know before and after filing to receive Social Security benefits. There will be an opportunity to have your questions answered after the presentation.

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

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

Send your community events to [calendar@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:calendar@theheraldtimes.com) by 5 p.m. Monday.

## MHS Prom is Saturday

By REED KELLEY

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Class of 2017, this year's Junior Class, is hosting Meeker High School's Junior-Senior "A Shabby Chic" Prom on Saturday at the Hugus Building.

The formal events begin at the Meeker Café with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. Seating is first-come, first-served and the doors open at 7 p.m. The \$15 tickets must have been purchased at the school this week as there will be no ticket sales at the door.

Madeline Amack, a junior and high school student council co-president, said that expectations are for

about 120 student participants—30 of these being seniors and 60 being juniors.

The Grand March will take place down the sidewalk between the café and the Hugus Building at 8:30 p.m. Royalty will be crowned at this time.

The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Meeker community—especially parents—is invited to come witness and photograph the Grand March. The 500 block of Main Street will be closed to vehicular traffic for the march.

Dancing will be to music provided by Boogie Down Light and Sound DJ services of Rifle. Formal attire is expected.

## ACCIDENT: Benefit raffle April 30

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donated the raffle items: a Garth Brooks-autographed guitar and a Peyton Manning-autographed football jersey, both with documentation proving their authenticity. Tickets are \$5 per ticket or five for \$20. Contact Striegel or Meeker High School for more information or to purchase tickets.

In addition, a Go Fund Me

account has been created in Bradi's name to help cover medical expenses and the cost of the family's extended stay in Denver. Visit [www.gofundme.com/dcyqq4v8](http://www.gofundme.com/dcyqq4v8) to contribute online.

According to Colorado State Trooper Nathaniel Reid of CSP Public Affairs, the cause of the accident is still being investigated. Those in the second car involved in the accident were uninjured.

## RHS PROM ROYALTY ...



MATT SCOGGINS

Rangely High School held its Spring Prom on Saturday. The 2016 Prom Royalty includes, in the back row from left to right: Attendants Nakoma Bailey and Marielle Ivie; Prom King and Queen Kiki Ruiz and Carrie Goddard; and Attendants Kaulan Brady and Echo Campbell. In the front row are Cutler Mergelman and Addison Thayne.

## Rangely Mayor Nielsen and new council members will be sworn in this Tuesday

By JENNIFER HILL

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Two weeks after the Rangely Town Council election results rolled in, future town trustees Andy Key, Trey Robie and Tyson Hacking as well as new Mayor Joseph Nielsen are ready to get to work.

Nielsen, who ran for mayor unopposed, expressed pleasure at the high voter turnout the election garnered.

"I am full of gratitude that so many people got involved," he said.

Nielsen will begin his term as mayor with three major goals. First, he wants to continue to pursue the work begun by the previous board with Better City to grow the local economy. He specifically cited excitement about the potential partnership with CNCC.

Nielsen's second goal is to make use of the new fiber optic lines and the internet they will provide.

"I want to see what we as a town can do to use that to attract businesses and diversify our economy," he said.

Lastly, Nielsen is enthusiastic to see what the recently announced Enefit oil shale project could do for Rangely.

Key is hopeful he can impact the local economy and utilize the current county commissioner's broadband project saying, "We all can see the economic impact with the drop in oil and gas prices, as well as, a federal and state government that

continues to over-regulate."

"I will be working non-stop to bring relief," he said. "We have a great opportunity with the new fiber lines coming in, and I want to take advantage of that quickly."

Key also encourages others to get involved in the government process.

"I just ask the people of Rangely to get involved," he said. "There are a lot of organization in the community that need help; we all have a civic duty, and I ask that if you can, please get involved. Please, come to the meetings. The more input we have, the better we can serve you."

Robie is excited to be getting

more involved in the local process.

"I've been here a long time and I am happy to be getting more involved," he said. "I'm ready to get started."

Hacking is equally ready to hit the ground running.

"I'm just excited to see what we can get accomplished," he said.

Hacking is interesting in the suggestions put forward by the Better City project and describes the potential of some of the plans as "awesome."

The three new trustees and Mayor Joseph Nielsen will be sworn in to begin serving on the council on Tuesday evening.

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# Meeker students learn to make their own chia pets

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** Last week, Meeker 4-H Program Coordinator Carley Smith visited Kay Bivens' library class at Meeker Elementary School to present a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) activity to pre-school students through fifth graders, focusing on science by having the kids make their own chia pets.

Chia pets are planters that sprout chia seeds as grass "hair" in terra cotta figurines. The elementary school students made chia pet replicas out of pantyhose by stuffing the cut up hose with grass seed, soil and saw dust.

The students then decorated their planters, watered their chia pets and brought them to their classrooms to

watch them sprout and record their observations.

Details were noted like which chia pet sprouted first, and whether they noticed a difference between the sock colors and timing of the sprouts?

Students made the connection that the darker-colored socks attracted more sunlight and thus sprouted first.

The students not only learned about the science behind gardening but also discussed upcoming Earth Day and Arbor Day. They also learned the importance of recycling and how to make compost.

Bivens shared a sample of healthy compost from her backyard and explained the scientific benefits of using compost as topsoil.



COURTESY PHOTO

One of the kindergarten classes at Meeker Elementary School has a large number of completed chia pets ready to sprout as part of a class and personal experiment. Several facets of plant growth will emerge as learning tools for the kids.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jake Blazon, Jace Mobley and Jayde Turner stand by chia pet displays and grass seed experiments that used sand, gravel and compost as soil to see which sprouted first. Science was the subject to study this week at the elementary school's STEM projects.



COURTESY PHOTO

Library class instructor Kay Bivens is seen here giving a talk about Earth Day, Arbor Day and different types of soils and how they sprout seeds differently. She also has a variety of plants on display in front of her.

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## FROM MY WINDOW...

## Fire chief's letter reveals problems

By SEAN McMAHON  
sean@theheraldtimes.com

Since I was a small child I have often heard two of the silliest of phrases uttered by man: "We've never done it that way before," and, "If it isn't broke, don't fix it."

Both of those phrases translate to my feeble mind as "I'm satisfied. Why try and improve something? Let's wait until it is really broken to repair something instead of maintaining or improving it."

I always thought of a fishing pole. A wooden stick with a string, hook and a worm will still catch a fish, but isn't it great that someone improved the experience with good line, a fiberglass rod, snelled hooks and lures?

Well, there is something wrong at Meeker Fire and Rescue. Take a look at the list of suggestions offered in a letter from former Meeker Fire Chief Marshall Cook on how the department can be improved. (See this page.)

The fire department situation may not be broken, but some first aid certainly appears in order. Why wait until it is broken to do something about it?

With more than \$8 million in the department's reserve fund, not to mention the additional \$4 million that covers the pension fund, there is plenty of cash on hand to make needed fixes.

No one is advocating a spending spree, but Cook clearly outlines some repairs that are needed soon, and sitting on massive cash reserves benefits no one.

Maybe the May 3 election (voting at the fire house) will produce some forward-thinking board members who will take Cook's words to heart and improve things before they are fully broken.

(On May 16, Cook will begin his new post as fire and life safety liaison with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in Denver.)

■■■  
If they're not careful, Meeker's High School Drama Club may take over some of the attention the athletic teams have

long enjoyed. Together with the International Thespian Society Troup No. 1284 and the Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group as well as a few parents, the ensemble gathered Friday and Saturday for "The Wizard of Oz" did a tremendous job.

The music was, naturally, unbeatable and performed very well. The acting was nearly at a professional level, the choreography was impressive, the voices were better than good and the entire production would have made any high school troupe mighty proud.

On Friday, the Meeker High School auditorium was packed; on Saturday it was just short of packed, so several hundred people were present to take in a wonderful production of a complex play.

From a tornado that launched Dorothy's home, to Munchkin Land, to the forest and onto Oz, then onto the Wicked Witch's Castle and back to Oz, the stage work was top notch and the entire production pretty well followed with song and action the original 1939 version of "The Wizard of Oz."

Casting was excellent. Mason Holliday played a great Dorothy—perfect for someone who can demonstrate a feeling of confusion, reluctance to try new things along with an innocence, yet comfortable enough in her role to provide a strong performance. Her rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" was clear, strong and brought tears to a few in the audience.

In some ways, Sena Zellers stole the show in her role as Scarecrow. Never did she forget that her limbs were only straw and something of a

walking impediment with an occasional stumble, but the expressions on her face while experiencing those setbacks were priceless—absolutely impeccable.

Another outstanding role was played by Annalise Amack as the Cowardly Lion. It didn't hurt a bit that her natural hair and her lion's main were the same color, making it appear as though she had one of the thickest flowing manes you'll ever see on a lion. But she also demonstrated the ability to go from cowardly when needed and to fearless when needed.

Savannah May as the Tin Man; Glinda the Good Witch played by Kolbi Franklin; and Ruby Holliday, who played the evil Miss Gultch and the Wicked Witch, all did a tremendous job of creating the roles as they were meant to be created.

There were several other key players in the musical—unfortunately too many to mention—who fulfilled their roles at a level that would make larger troupes proud.

The groups of Munchkins, Wilkeys, the evil Monkeys, the Jitter Bugs, the Poppies and the Ozians added greatly to the play. With the last major production given in Meeker being "The Littlest Mermaid," Meeker can lift its head high with the quality of production available here, regardless of which group does it, although most members of one group are likely members in another or two of the groups.

Kudos to local adults Kevin Amack, Matt Holliday and Laurie and Gary Zellers, who added zing to their roles as Hickory, Hunk, Auntie Em and Uncle Henry.

Kudos also to the directing team of Laurie and Gary Zellers, musical director and costume director Shana Holliday, choreographer Kari Jo Stevens, set designer and props creator Nancy Richardson and technical director Bob Amick. Every facet of the play from the choreography to the acting, to the set design and the lighting was nearly flawless. Congratulations!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## If fire department ain't broke, don't fix it

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Luzmoor's letter, have you ever been on the fire department? Have you ever been on an ambulance call?

People on the fire board have. Since 1933, the fire department has been run by people who want to protect our homes and property.

Yes, they might agree to disagree, but in the end they want to do what is best for Eastern Rio Blanco County.

The pension is set up so people will do the training, make the runs and do the extra work that makes a well-oiled team work.

The editor seems to feel the good old boys shouldn't be running things. It was the good old boys who started this department 82 years ago and it's another generation of good old boys who continue to show up in emergencies, taking time from their families to make sure this community is safe.

How many letters have you read that thank the Meeker Fire and Rescue team for showing up once on Highway 13 in the middle of the night at 4 degrees on icy roads to help people who have been in an accident?

So, as the saying goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" My vote will go to the people who continue to serve this area the best they know and to spend our tax money in a way that will benefit us all.

I thank God for the good old boys. Be sure to vote on May 3.

Chris Strate  
Meeker

## Final thoughts from Fire Chief Marshall Cook

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to the Meeker Fire & Rescue District Board Members:

As I finish my last week here at Meeker Fire & Rescue, I would like to reflect on the last 14 months as your fire chief and give you some parting thoughts I have. Perhaps these can help you and your new

chief as you continue your efforts to progress from a volunteer fire chief to a full-time chief.

I will begin by reflecting back to what I told you in my initial interview right before Thanksgiving 2014. My main philosophy is that governmental agencies should exist for one reason and one reason only: To provide the most comprehensive and cost effective service to our customers—the citizens and taxpayers of our community.

I have reiterated this philosophy numerous times throughout my brief tenure as the fire chief here in Meeker.

Although it would be easy for me to express my frustration, disappointment and perhaps even some resentment about the situation here at Meeker Fire & Rescue in a negative fashion, I have told each and every one of you that you wanted a professional chief, you hired a professional chief and I will maintain my professionalism throughout my remaining time at Meeker Fire and EMS.

With that being said I want you to know that the observations I present in this letter are intended to help make this organization even better as well as to provide the best opportunity for success for the next chief. I certainly want the best for this department and for this community. If I did not behave in this manner, then everything I said in my interview nearly a year and a half ago would have just been lies. Despite openly being called a liar by a few members of this organization on numerous occasions, I assure you that I take my integrity and honesty very seriously.

I would like to begin with my relationship with the board of directors. When I was offered this job there was discussion between myself and the board chairperson about an employment contract, a department command vehicle, benefits and a job description. I was told that there would be no contract as the board prefers to do business on a handshake. I was OK with that.

I was told that there is a Yukon that is rarely used so it should be fine for me to utilize it as a command vehicle. That did not come to fruition as my use of the Yukon created somewhat of a stir among certain

board members as well as a few department members. I did not feel that my use of the Yukon as a command vehicle was worth the stir it brought among some board and department members, so I elected to not pursue that topic any further.

After working without a job description for nine months, the board was finally able to agree on a job description for the fire chief. I am glad that this is now in place as it does provide guidance to the chief on his or her responsibilities.

Almost immediately after coming to Meeker Fire & Rescue, I was able to see that there was not a real consensus among board members as to a united vision for the future of this department. A few wanted progression and modernization in the department. A few others wanted the traditional department maintained that Meeker has had for years.

Some board members wanted me in the office updating policies and working on other neglected projects. Other board members prioritized the desire for a "working chief" who spent time in the bays with trucks, firefighters and EMS providers.

I have 31 years of experience in fire and emergency services with 22 of those years being in management. I can tell you that this lack of consensus among board members created a moving target that was extremely difficult for me to hit.

Some board members took a complete hands-off approach to supervising me while others were routinely giving me directions despite a board policy that forbids individual board members from giving the fire chief directions outside the decision making processes addressed within publicized board meetings.

In all of my years of formalized management and leadership training, there has always been one constant message regarding governing elected boards, city councils, etc. Those elected officials have three primary responsibilities—establishing department policy via a mission and vision, establishing a department budget and appointing and delegating authority to a department leader.

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It is important for the board to trust in the chief to conduct day-to-day operations that conform to the policy established by the board. If there is no consensus by the board on what that policy would look like, then, of course some board members will have the desire to become more intimately involved in department operations.

This micro-managing philosophy will create conflict within the department as well as a path to failure for the fire chief. It is critical that the fire chief be trusted to run the organization. He or she is the person who has spent years of their lives preparing for and receiving comprehensive education in this field. This is why you hire a full-time administrator. For the sake of the department and its future administrator, please continue to not only update and improve department policies but also learn them and follow them.

I think it's also a true expectation that any new chief coming in from the outside is going to change things here. Some department traditions are acceptable while others must be changed.

It is a nationally accepted practice for the chief officer to get on scene and establish command, conduct a 360-degree scene size-up, locate a water supply, assess the threat to exposures, determine immediate life threats and establish an attack strategy.

This is not something that can be done while sitting in a fire truck waiting for three or so minutes for another firefighter to drive them to the scene. I think it's important for the board and department members to understand that the hiring of a new chief will also come with changes that are not going to entirely fit with the traditions that exist within the department.

If that's not a scenario that is understandable or acceptable, then it would probably be best to promote someone from within the current department ranks.

The next area of concern would be the responsibilities of the department's officers. There are currently six officers below the fire chief. In all, this department spends approximately \$21,500 annually in tax dollars to pay its volunteer officers.

Despite this significant amount of money, with the exception of the training officer position, there appears to be very little expectation of these officers. They are not required to be on call to the department. They have never been required to attend any sort of leadership training

and there has been no real effort to require them (or any department members) to complete nationally required incident management training.

Post 9-11-01, all emergency service agencies throughout the country are required to become NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliant and we must also certify that we are on practically every grant that we apply for. This department is most assuredly not NIMS compliant.

I am not saying that the current officer staff members are not active members of the department. Most give several hours each month to the department and the community. I am saying that any person who willingly accepts the position of a department officer should be expected to attend constantly evolving leadership trainings in order to work along with the fire chief in managing the organization—especially when each officer is being paid an additional \$2,000 to \$5,000 a year just to be an officer.

No chief can do it alone, and the act of delegation of responsibilities is one of the greatest keys to success in any organization. We have adopted job descriptions for each officer position and I think this is a great start. The next step is to assure that each officer understands his/her role based on a job description and accepts those terms or be willing to step down and open up the position to somebody who is. The future success of this department hinges on the teamwork and mutual support that all department officers must share toward each other.

I feel that there is a history within this department where members are not discouraged from circumventing the chain of command.

As para-military organizations, fire departments function very efficiently when the chain of command is followed. This is one of the primary reasons for the creation of officer positions within the department.

Many fire departments actually address the circumventing of the chain of command through personnel policies. The policies usually state that disciplinary procedures can and will be enforced when a member elects to circumvent the proper channels in favor of taking their grievances directly to the board of directors.

There are also policies that allow a member to file an appeal or grievance against the chief if the member's concerns have not been met to their satisfaction. Checks and bal-

ances are in place but it should always be expected that the chief or his/her officers be given the professional courtesy of trying to resolve the concern at the lowest level possible.

I truly believe that the circumventing of the chain of command has been actually encouraged by some board members. I can assure you that any chief who comes here with the leadership qualities, experience and education that you desire will find the circumventing of the chain of command that occurs so flagrantly here to be extremely damaging of the trust that needs to exist between himself/herself and the board of directors.

It is my hope that in the future the board will, at very least, discourage the circumventing of the chain of command and, more appropriately, consider adding it to the personnel policy as an offense worthy of discipline.

In holding true to my words about why governmental agencies exist, I must honestly say that the department is falling short of its responsibilities to the community. We do run fires. We do run ambulance calls. We can do some basic rescue.

With the millions of dollars the department has in reserves, there are a few areas in which improvements should be made.

The first would be hazardous materials response. When we look at the sheer number of trucks passing back and forth on Highways 13 and 64 with hazardous materials placards attached, we should be frightened. Whether we want to deal with Hazmat spills or not is irrelevant. The responsibility is ours, yet we only have a few members certified to the operations level and our Hazmat equipment cache is practically nonexistent.

Given the distances to neighbor-

ing departments with Hazmat capabilities (and the tremendous amount of money in reserves), this department should have its own Hazmat response team with a few Hazmat technicians, operations level responders, comprehensive absorbent and diking capabilities, decontamination equipment and Level A, B and C suits.

There may be times when a Hazmat spill creates an immediate threat to the community and the department cannot afford to wait for an hour and a half or longer for another team to arrive and mitigate the situation. If this department elects to move forward with improving its Hazmat response capabilities, you should consider contacting Colorado River Fire Rescue in Rifle. They have a hazmat response trailer that I believe they would be willing to sell at a very reasonable price.

Another area where we are failing to meet the needs of our customers is up river on County Road 8. In my brief time in Meeker, I have discovered that there are many extremely high-value properties up river. I have been told by a few here in the department that those people know the risks of building such expensive homes up there and the increased fire risk is just one they have to be willing to take.

Those property owners pay a fire tax on their property just as everybody else in the district does. Given the values of their properties it's a fair assumption that they pay a significant amount in fire taxes based on their property valuations, yet they may be the recipients of minimal fire protection just based on travel distances from the fire station to their

properties.

Perhaps in the near future the department can reach out to the residents up river in an effort to determine a plan to utilize some of these millions of dollars in reserves to create a small fire station several miles to the east of Meeker with a Type 1 structural engine and a Type 6 wildland engine that can respond much quicker than fire engines based in Meeker. Where there's a will, there's a way.

Let me talk about division in the department. From the time I first interviewed with the board almost a year and a half ago, I've been hearing about division in the department. Division between fire and EMS responders seems to be a significant talking point.

I've had those in the department and even in the community tell me it's a real thing and I've had those tell me that it's just a perception and there is no real division at all. People, I'm here to tell you that it's real!

I have been inside these four walls almost five days a week for the last 14 months, and I can assure you that it is most definitely real. Most of it stems from the volunteer pension program.

Never in my 31 years have I encountered a more convoluted and difficult volunteer pension program as what I've encountered in Meeker. I can certainly see why there have been and continue to be problems with the program. It is a complete nightmare to track and manage. I can appreciate the desire of past administrators to provide a nice pension benefit to those who committed themselves for years to the department,

but, in doing so in this manner, a monster has been created.

Technically your EMS providers should not be a part of the FPPA pension plan. In order to do so, they must be considered firefighters with the ability to be called upon to act as firefighters when needed. It's not sufficient enough that they just respond to fire calls, which they did only a couple of times in 2015 (structure fire and Strawberry Fire), aside from joint responses to car accidents. This means they must be cross-trained as firefighters and, for safety sake and worker's comp, they must also be issued firefighting turnout gear.

None of this is happening with the vast majority of the EMS providers. There certainly is a method for providing a completely separate pension program within the department for EMS providers, and I certainly believe one should be created for them.

Only 31 percent of the department's current members are even classified as "members in good standing." This means that 69 percent of the members are not even considered members in good standing and that's 69 percent not receiving pension year credits despite the fact that most of them participate to a fairly high degree, just not quite the degree that has been established to receive credit.

There is no real way to make this sound better than it is. I know the board has gone down the list and disqualified certain members in an effort to make the numbers more appealing, but in reality a member is a member. Perhaps the board (and chief) should

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**F**eed . . . [tend] . . . feed . . . (Jn. 21:15-17). The confrontation with the Savior and the subsequent crisis of self-examination lead us inescapably, and encouragingly, to one final principle.

Third, the challenge to service unmistakably comes to us by our Lord's threefold recommissioning of Peter to the service already sovereignty marked out for him in the years to come. Let us once more see a threefold emphasis.

(1) The service Peter would execute. Peter's commission, of course, was to be a pastor, to feed, tend, and rule the sheep. Now, not all Christian are called and trained for such leadership ministry, but there is one thing all must do, which was at the root of Peter's ministry. While there are other aspects of Christian service, there is one overarching mandate: *being a witness for Christ*.

We will look much deeper into Christian service in future studies, but for now we note the key verse that records the commission Christ gives to every believer: "But ye shall receive power, [when] the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). "Witness" is *martus* (3144, English "martyr"), which was originally a legal term for one who gave solemn testimony and evidence in court. Likewise, we each *proclaim* Christ with our lips and give *proof* of our transformation with our life.

(2) The success Peter would experience. Peter's self-directed efforts were abysmal. Earlier in the passage, for example, his self-will is evident in the words, "I go a fishing" (v. 3). His humanistic leadership was also demonstrated in that he led others back to the old life, as seen in the group's impulsiveness when they "entered into a ship immediately." And what was the result? "That night they caught nothing." Such failure, in fact, was a repeated theme throughout Peter's three years with Jesus. But by obeying Jesus' command (v. 6), there was *security* ("ye shall find"), *success* (a full net), and *sustenance* ("come and dine," v. 12). And, oh, how God used Peter in the years to come, starting, in fact, just a few days from this incident. There are many false results in today's methods of evangelism, but when we do things God's way, He will "[give] the increase" (1 Cor. 3:6).

(3) The suffering Peter would endure. As Matthew Henry writes: "Christ, having thus appointed Peter his *doing* work, next appoints him his *suffering* work." While the typical "Gospel" presentation today promises "a wonderful plan," a "betterment of life," "happiness and problem-free living," Scripture promises the exact opposite. Every apostle (except John) died a horrific death, and every one of them (including John) suffered terribly, all for the sake of Christ. But they (and countless others since; cf. Heb. 11 and *Foxes Book of Martyrs*) all did it willingly and without a tinge of regret. Why? *Because they loved the Lord. Do we?*

**Scriptures for Study:** What promises do we read in John 15:19-21; 16:2, 33; 1 Corinthians 3:5-8; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-16?

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# 'Wizard of Oz' a delightful trip back in time



The Munchkins welcome Dorothy and praise her for killing the Wicked Witch's sister when Dorothy's house falls on top of her in Munchkin Land.



The Wicked Witch, left, (Ruby Holliday), is not happy to meet up with Dorothy, middle, and good witch Glinda (Kolbi Franklin) only find out that her sister was killed by Dorothy's house and that Dorothy is wearing the red slippers that used to belong to her sister.



Dorothy and Toto dream of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," when the neighbor Miss Gulch takes away Toto. Toto escapes, while Dorothy (Mason Holliday) sings of that secret place where everyone gets along.

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**MEEKER** | Friday night's performance was jam packed and Saturday's performance of "The Wizard of Oz" was nearly packed, much to the delight of the hundreds present to take in the Meeker High School Drama Club, the International Thespian Society No. 1284, the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council and the Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group musical production.

The musical followed quite closely the action and music in the beloved 1939 original Academy Award-winning production we all grew up with and have fallen in love with.

The acting and singing were tremendous. The choreography and lighting were highly professional.

The staging and casting were memorable and the entire production was outstanding.

Following Dorothy, not happy at home because Miss Gulch wants to take her dog away, Dorothy longs for and sings of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," where all is perfect, but discovers that such is not the case as she runs into good witches, bad witches, mean flying monkeys and many other obstacles. She tries to find her way back home and get the timid Scarecrow a brain, the rusted Tin Man a heart and the Cowardly Lion some courage by seeking out the Wizard of Oz.

Great performances led to great versions of the classic songs from the production such as "Ding Dong, the Witch is Dead," "Follow the Yellow Brick Road," "We're Off to See the Wizard," "We Welcome You to Munchkin Land" and "The Merry Old Land of Oz."

The production was directed by Laurie and Gary Zellers, Shana Holliday designed costumes and directed music, choreography was by Kari Jo Stevens, Nancy Richardson designed and directed set and prop creation and Bob Amick was the technical director. Every aspect of the production was nearly flawless.

Once again, the actors, directors and gobs of volunteers proved to two Meeker audiences that when they jump in with both feet to put on a top-notch production, they succeed.



The Wizard (Ridge Williams), realizing he cannot escape the quartet of characters who have come to see him, grants Scarecrow a diploma, signifying that she has a brain while the others wait their turns.



After leaving Munchkinland on the way to see the Wizard, Dorothy runs into a stranded Scarecrow (Sena Zellers), who is persuaded to join Dorothy on her way to Oz.



In the forest on the way to Oz, Dorothy and the Scarecrow run into a well-rusted Tin Man (Savanna May), who they convince to join them so Scarecrow can get a brain and the Tin Man can obtain a heart.



After joining forces in the forest, the four are now on their last leg to Oz. Pictured are the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and Dorothy with the Cowardly Lion (Annalise Amack), who is wanting some courage from the Wizard.



After finally getting into Oz past the City Guard (Ashdon Siebert), Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, Dorothy and Scarecrow come face to face with the Wizard, who is not very happy to see them.

## MORE AFTER BIRTH BALL...



SEAN MCMAHON

**Dancers ranging in age from very young to not so young took to the dance floor on Saturday following the After Birth Ball, a celebration of the calving and lambing season as well as a fund-raising event for the Meeker High School FFA. More than 150 people took part in the prime rib dinner catered by Holliday's in Meeker then joined in with the dancing to music by the Caleb Dean Band. There was also a silent auction and regular auction of goods to help FFA raise money for their projects and expenses for the upcoming year. The event was held at the Fairfield Center in downtown Meeker and all the serving and attending to those present was done by the members of the FFA.**

## Dinosaur kicks off Centennial week

Special to the Herald Times

**DINO** I Dinosaur National Monument is joining parks, programs and partners across the country to encourage everyone to come out to kick off the celebration of the National Park Service Centennial during National Park Week.

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"Dinosaur National Monument celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2015 and this year the National Park Service is celebrating its centennial," stated Superintendent Mark Foust.

"We want everyone, especially folks in the local area, to come out and enjoy the monument. With free entrance for the entire week, National Park Week is a fantastic time to explore Dinosaur for the first time or to acquaint yourselves with this incredible place right in your own backyard."

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## Meeker Education Foundation picks math program as its annual project

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The Meeker Education Foundation's annual fund's role is to complete a major project for Meeker School District by pursuing community partnerships, grants and targeted fundraising.

This program is not to be confused with MEF's Grant Award Program, which provides teacher/student grant awards for academic/activity enrichment opportunities, classroom/program needs and stipends for staff member's continuing education. The annual Benefit Dinner and Auction helps fund this granting program.

"With the track/football field (the first fund project) ready to begin construction on May 19, the MEF has chosen to help fund curriculum priorities (textbooks and curricular materials) identified by the district's Curriculum Development Plan for 2016-2017," MEF President Mary Strang said. "The needs are extraordinary due to recent austerity budget years when little curriculum work could take place. These needs are well documented on the website, [meekereducationfoundation.org](http://meekereducationfoundation.org)."

Phase I will purchase mathematics curricular materials for Meeker

Elementary School's kindergarten through fifth grades and Barone Middle School's sixth grade. This is the highest priority because the current curriculum does not align well (if at all) with Colorado Academic Standards, Strang said.

As pointed out by Superintendent Chris Selle, "Research is very clear that the most significant influence on student learning is the classroom teacher. The next most influential factor is an aligned and viable curriculum."

After significant research and teacher input, the "Everyday Math" program has been chosen, Strang said.

"It is a comprehensive K-6th grade program that transitions well into the current math curriculum used in seventh and eighth grades," she said. "Continuing this program through sixth grade further enhances the transition of students from elementary to middle school and creates a vertically integrated mathematics curriculum from elementary through middle school."

The Everyday Math package, with shipping, will cost \$64,708 for a five-year K-6 subscription," Strang said, adding that, "it includes grade-level workbooks each year (provided

by McGraw Hill) and a comprehensive resource bundle for teachers—lesson guides, assessment handbooks, multiple classroom activities and more. A one-year subscription was also priced, but it was not cost effective."

The MSD's documented pledge to review curriculum and curricular materials annually and ensure quality and current resources for each classroom depends on available revenue, Strang said.

"Funding will also dictate how quickly courses, positions and programs (lost in recent years' budgetary rescissions) will be restored, provided they successfully follow the re-statement/adoption process," she said.

Independent resources can help the district meet these goals, deal with our state's inadequate funding and provide our students with a well-rounded and quality education, Strang said.

"This is the reason the Meeker Education Foundation was created and the challenge it attempts to meet through fund-raising and grant writing," she said.

Go to [meekereducationfoundation.org](http://meekereducationfoundation.org) and the Annual Fund tab to learn more.

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<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Apr. 26</b> - Pulled Pork/Bun, Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit, Carrot Cake, Milk-Variety	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Apr. 26</b> - Chicken Tenders, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Taco Bar
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b> - Choice Day: Yogurt Special, Chicken Pot Pie w/Biscuit topping, Veggie Sticks, Fruit Cup, Milk-Variety	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b> - Beef 'n' Bean Burrito, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: BBQ Pork Sandwich
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## CNCC rodeo team ends regular season No. 2 in U.S.; Onyett is No. 1

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** "Rodeo fans and Spartan cowboy and cowgirl supporters, we have had another amazing year," Colorado Northwestern Community College Head Rodeo Coach Jed Moore said Friday.

"Now that the arena dust has settled and the points have all been tallied, your CNCC men's team has again been named the Rocky Mountain Region Reserve Champion men's rodeo team," Moore said. "In addition to that, we finally attained our first-ever regional champion."

Sophomore Colton Onyett demonstrated exceptional poise and determination this spring, holding off a very talented field of bareback riders to clinch the championship and earn a second berth to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., in June.

CNCC Craig Nursing school student Teasha Moody

also made her mark this year as Reserve Champion Regional goat tier and as the second-ever CNCC Goat Tier and the only CNCC ladies team qualifier to the CNFR. Moody has worked so hard for us at a distinct disadvantage being removed from the rest of the team, practicing all on her own to be the best she can be while holding up exceptional grades in a difficult program.

"She has once again proven that she is a superstar in and out of the arena," Moore said.

Other CNCC Spartan CNFR qualifiers and contestants of note this season were:

Men's Team:

JD Slagowski: Reserve Champion Team Roper, CNFR Qualification, 10th in saddle bronc.

Johnny Pavkov: Reserve Champion Team Roper, CNFR Qualification, Fifth in All-Around and Seventh in Steer Wrestling.

Brody Adams: Fifth in Tie-Down Roping, Fifth in Team Roping, CNFR Qualification, and Seventh in All-Around.

Nick Chew: Fourth in Saddle Bronc Riding, CNFR Qualification.

Rhett Nielson: Third in Bull Riding, CNFR Qualification, Eighth in Team Roping, Ninth in All-Around, and 15th in Steer Wrestling.

Justin White: Eighth in Team Roping.

Hayden Boardman: Seventh in Saddle Bronc.

Brendon Beck: Sixth in Bareback Riding.

Ethan Cook: Sixth in Bull Riding; 10th in Bull Riding.

Women's Team:

Anna Bahe: Fourth in Breakaway Roping.

Shawnie Stone: 10th in Barrel Racing.

Teasha Moody: 13th in Barrel Racing; and

Teague Crane: 14th in Breakaway Roping.

The CNCC Men's Rodeo team is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation in all of college rodeo with Colton Onyett being ranked as the No. 1 bareback rider in the country.

The team-roping duo of JD Slagowski and Johnny Pavkov are ranked No. 4 in the nation; Anna Bahe is No. 15 in the country in break-away roping; and Teasha Moody is No. 7 nationally in goat tying.

"Assistant Paige Yore and I would like to send out a sincere thank you to the incredible faculty and staff of CNCC who have supported and pushed our athletes to be so successful in and out of the arena," Moore said. "We would love to have you attend any of the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., on June 12-18, 2016."

More information can be found at [www.CNFR.com](http://www.CNFR.com) or [www.collegerodeo.com](http://www.collegerodeo.com)



RENÉ HARDEN PHOTOS

The Colorado Northwestern Community College Rodeo Team had a great season, which has come to an end. The team is No. 2 in the nation, it has a cowboy ranked No. 1 in the nation and has several members of the team who have qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., this summer. Both photos here are from the Spartan Showdown, held at Centennial Park in Rangely on April 1 and 2 and hosted by CNCC.



## Rural seatbelt crackdown ends with 1,593 cited

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** In response to high traffic fatality rates and low seat belt use in Colorado's rural communities, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement launched their annual Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement period from March 28 to April 3.

The campaign issued 1,593 citations for unbelted drivers and passengers across rural Colorado. Ninety citations were issued to drivers for having unbuckled children in their

vehicles. CDOT and the law enforcement community hope increased awareness and enforcement will help drivers realize the dangers of driving unbuckled.

"In the event of a serious traffic accident, a person is 30 percent more likely to be ejected if they are not wearing a seat belt," said Darrell Lingk, director of the CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety. "Seat belt use is improving in rural communities, but there is still work to be done."

Thirty-three local law enforcement agencies and 14 State Patrol troops participated in this year's

enforcement period. State Patrol troops issued 1,076 citations. Local agencies issuing the most citations were the Fort Lupton Police Department (66), the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (51) and Frisco Police Department (49). Seat belts protect motorists from countless injuries or death due to being ejected or colliding with others inside the vehicle, according to CDOT.

"Buckling a seat belt should be the first thing people do when they get into a car," said Col. Scott Hernandez, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "I hope the people cited during this enforcement will be more aware and

buckle up in the future."

The next Click It or Ticket enforcement period will run from May 23 to June 5 for the statewide May Mobilization enforcement.

In 2014, seat belts saved an estimated 12,802 lives nationwide, including 169 in Colorado. An additional 63 lives could have been saved in Colorado if all unrestrained passenger vehicle occupants five and older involved in fatal crashes had been properly restrained.

For more information about seat belt safety and enforcement citation numbers, visit [www.seatbeltscolorado.com](http://www.seatbeltscolorado.com).

## Meeker's track team performs well at GWS

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** Although the recent weather has not been ideal for track meets, it won't keep the Cowboys off the track, as they competed in Glenwood Springs on Saturday and will compete in Coal Ridge on Friday, then Rangely on Saturday.

"Well, the weather was much better in Glenwood than expected; it was cold and a little windy, but no snow," Meeker head coach John Strate said. "Despite the chilly weather, we still had a few personal bests."

Meeker junior Cole Brown had a personal best in the long jump, leaping 19-3.5, scoring team points with a sixth place finish.

"It is great to see his hard work the last couple of years pay off," coach Strate said of Brown's work ethic. "He's dedicated in the weight room and on the track."

Coach Strate said Brown's classmate, Caleb Bradford, "continued his strong performances in the throws," finishing fifth place in the shot, with a personal best put of 41-7. Bradford also scored team points with a fifth place finish in the discus, with a throw of 114-5.

Maggie Phelan also improved her best mark in the triple jump by more than a foot. Phelan finished sixth in the event with a hop, skip and jump of

32-3, putting her in the mix to qualify for the state meet.

Athletes must have one of the top 18 times or distances in an event to qualify for the state meet, and many are working towards it or trying to stay in the top 18.

Phelan, along with Julia Eskelson, Avery Watt and Sierra Williams, also placed sixth in the 4x800-meter relay while the boys' 4x800-meter relay team finished fourth. The team is made up of Marshal Pool, Austin Russell, Clay Anderson and Josh Cochran.

Coach Strate said they will need to take "a pretty good chunk of time off to remain in the top 18."

The girls' 4x100 meters team, consisting of Lorán Casias, Peyton Burke, Gracie Bradfield and Madi Russell, also had a "strong performance," according to coach Strate.

"It was good to see Madi return to action after being out the last few weeks with an injury," coach Strate said.

Meeker freshman Sydnie Main also continues to throw well, placing fourth in the discus and sixth in the shot put.

"She is in a fight to remain in the top 18 for the last few weeks of the regular season," coach Strate said. "We didn't do a lot of events this last weekend, as we have two back-to-back meets coming up this weekend."

## Hunter ed opt-out available

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Parks and Wildlife now offers apprentice licenses and hunter education test-out options. The changes are now in effect.

Hunter education test-out options are available for U.S. military and individuals 50-years of age or older.

"Safety is our primary concern," said Todd Schmidt, CPW's hunter education coordinator. "The new options help recruit those who have the hunter safety knowledge and experience to get in the field."

The \$24.50 test-out option ensures proficiency by providing a one-time, 30-minute online test allowing participants to demonstrate their knowledge of hunter safety. Participants must pass with a score of 90 percent or better. For more information, visit [cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-Test-Out.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-Test-Out.aspx).

Anyone who successfully tests-out of the hunter education requirements will not receive a hunter education card. The hunter safety number is associated with an individ-

ual's CPW record, or Customer Information number (CID), permanently. If a card is desired, one can be purchased online at [www.co.wildlifelicenses.com/start.php](http://www.co.wildlifelicenses.com/start.php) or at a CPW office or at any license agent for \$5.

The other new option is the apprentice licenses. The apprentice license waives the hunter education requirement for one year, April 1-March 31. It is available once per lifetime, to applicants 10-years of age or older, or 12-years of age or older for big game hunting. For more information visit [cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-Apprentice-License.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-Apprentice-License.aspx).

Parks and Wildlife regulation, Chapter W-0, pages 9 to 10, pertain to these new options.

Colorado law requires anyone who is born on or after Jan. 1, 1949, to complete an approved hunter education course before applying for or buying a Colorado hunting license. Colorado Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education Courses, led by certified volunteer hunter education instructors and/or CPW staff, are offered throughout the state year round.



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## Champions of the Week

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### Katelyn Brown Rangely High School Track

Katelyn Brown seems to excel at whatever she does, but this spring she is doing very well with the Rangely Panthers' Track Team. She is an outstanding triple jumper for Rangely and is currently ranked No. 3 in Colorado with a jump of 34 feet, 3/4 inch.



### Sydnie Main Meeker High School Track

On Saturday, the Meeker High School track team presented well in the Glenwood Springs track meet despite not the best of weather. Several personal bests were noted and several members of the team who took part placed in the meet. One of the top finishers for the track Cowboys was MHS freshman Sydnie Main, who placed fourth in the discus and sixth in the shot put. (Photo not available)

# Annual Rangely memorial blood drive Wednesday

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

**RANGELY I** The sixth annual Makayla Jane Kottenstette Memorial Blood Drive, in conjunction with Rangely High School's annual event, is scheduled for Wednesday at the school from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The memorial drive usually happens on or near the birthday of its namesake, Makayla Jane, the infant daughter of Rangely residents Ian and Kathy Kottenstette. Makayla, who was born March 23, 2010, passed away from complications of volvulus, a twisting of the intestines, four days after her birth.

Her legacy continues to live

## Three meetings next week for state water plan

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** The Community Agriculture Alliance is hosting three meetings next week on the Western Slope with John Stulp, the Special Water Policy Advisor to Gov. John Hickenlooper.

These meetings will be a great opportunity to learn more about the State Water Plan and other water issues facing producers and water users on the Western Slope.

The meetings will look at the state water plan as well as the Yampa-White-Green River Basin Water Plan.

Monday's meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Steamboat Springs City Council chambers; Tuesday's mid-day meeting begins at noon at the Weiss Center Conference Room on Colorado Northwestern Community College's Rangely campus (lunch will be served, RSVP required by Friday at 970-675-3301); and on Tuesday evening beginning at 5 p.m. in the upper level conference room at the Moffat County Courthouse in Craig.

through the annual blood drive. Originally slated this year for March 29, the drive was cancelled last month when the Saint Mary's Blood Mobile, along with several other vehicles, became immobilized on an icy Douglas Pass en route to Rangely.

The need for the blood that wasn't collected that day and the necessity of rescheduling the drive, became apparent when Saint Mary's health professionals later spoke with Kathy Kottenstette. A substantial blood shortage in March meant the hospital was relying on the blood gathered at the Rangely drive. As a result of the Blood Mobile's getting turned back, Saint Mary's had to put out a call to Grand Junction residents to donate immediately.

"The support we receive from everyone is such a benefit to our local and regional communities," Kottenstette wrote to fellow employees at Colorado Northwestern Community College, where the initial drive was to be held.

"According to the Saint Mary's Regional Blood Center, Rangely is one of the best donation areas they travel to. Given our size, they are always amazed with the response they receive from us. So many people show up to this memorial drive that they have come to count on the blood donated."

Making another drive happen soon was a priority for the Kottenstettes and the donation center. Makayla's drive typically gathers between 45 and 50 pints of blood,

each of which can potentially save three lives.

When Saint Mary's asked whether Rangely High School would combine its annual event with the memorial drive, organizers immediately said yes.

As she has for the last six years, Kottenstette continues to focus not only on remembrance of her daughter but on the hope for new life that blood donation offers.

While approximately one out of every seven people entering a hospital needs blood, hence the 40,000 pints of blood used each day in the U.S., fewer than four out of every 10 people are eligible to give. And fewer than one in 10 actually do it, says blood collection and testing agency BloodSource.

"The number of folks who show up to support the cause is truly amazing," Kottenstette said. "It's wonderful that folks are so selfless. Rangely is one of the best communities to support one another."

The drive's lasting connection for both her and Ian, Kottenstette added, is both community-driven and personal.

"The drive is near and dear to us because it feels like the only positive spin we can do this time of year," Kathy Kottenstette said. "It's so easy to get down, and knowing how many people are being helped is a nice pick-me-up. We still miss her dearly and always will. It's our little way of paying tribute to her, too."

The Kottenstettes have another "pick-me-up" to look forward to.

They will welcome a baby girl into their family within the next two weeks.

Donors to the Wednesday blood drive can reserve a time by calling 970-261-4626 or come during open hours to give blood.

Those who wish to donate in Makayla's name but who live outside of Rangely can contact the Saint Mary's Regional Blood Bank in Grand Junction at 970-298-2555 or, on the Front Range, request a donation to Makayla's account at any Bonfils Blood Center.

Guidelines for donor participation include the following:

Donors must be at least 18 years old or be 16 or older with a parent's permission; Donors must weigh at least 120 pounds and be in good health; It is not OK to donate if you have given blood in the past eight weeks; It is not OK to donate if you've received a tattoo or unusual piercing within one year from the date of donation; It is not OK to donate if you have a cold or flu; It is OK to donate if you are on medication and have asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes or thyroid issues as long as they are under control; or It is OK to donate if you've gone to a resort area in Mexico and remained in the resort area.

## OBITUARY

### Janet 'Jan' Meyer (Smith)

Oct. 31, 1941~April 10, 2016



Janet 'Jan' Meyer (Smith)

Meeker resident Janet "Jan" Marie Meyer (Smith) died peacefully in Meeker, Colo., on Sunday, April 10, 2016.

Janet was born in Bethany, Mo., on Oct. 31, 1941, to Clifford and Ethel Smith, who are both deceased.

Jan married Richard L. Meyer on Jan. 20, 1962.

Survivors include: her husband, Richard Meyer; brother Charles (Gloria) Smith; daughter Annette (Tom) Kowal and their children, Matt, Jeremy, Cheyenne, Sofia and Joel; and son Mark (Jackie) Meyer and their three children, Amanda (Luke) Young and daughter Elizabeth, Richie and Zach.

Jan was graduated from Cainsville (Mo.) High School in 1960. She was an avid reader and strong in academics, basketball and music. Her college career was started at Iowa Wesleyan College (IWC) in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and was later completed at Western NM University. She pursued a vocation of teaching young people in Deming, N.M., where she lived from 1971 to 2006 helping them learn to play the piano, enjoy reading in the children's room of the public library and get an education as fourth and fifth graders

at Martin Elementary School.

In 1960, while at IWC, she met Richard L. Meyer, who would be her best friend for 56 years and her husband for 54 of those.

While living in the Chicago area with the family in the late 1960s, Jan committed her life to the Christian faith, which became her avocation on this earth until her death. She used her talents, especially on the piano, to join in congregational worship in numerous churches around Southern New Mexico. While living in Alamosa from 2006 to 2013, she shared her music at assisted-living facilities and shared meals and her faith in her home with life groups from LWBF Church.

Since 2013, she shared her piano music with residents at The Wing and, as a member of the United Methodist Church, has fellowshiped with the ladies of the UMW, which has been a "love in Christ" relationship until her death.

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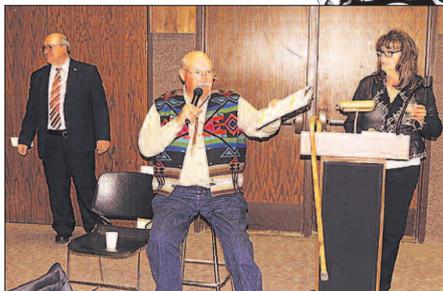
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### TRACK

April 23 @ HOME  
April 29 @ MoCo or Montrose

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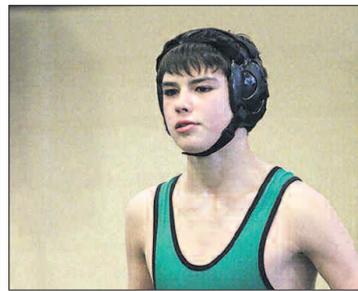
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April 23 vs. Vail Christian



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# MEEKER COWBOYS

## MHS ATHLETICS

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APRIL 23 Saturday @ RANGELY  
APRIL 29 Saturday @ CRAIG

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CNCC FOUNDATION DINNER...



**Peggy Rector, left, long a staunch supporter and active board member at Colorado Northwestern Community College, presents CNCC President Russell George with a plaque of appreciation for all the good that Russell has done for the college since he began service as president in 2011. George has announced that he will be retiring before the year is out.**



**Jean White, left, a member of the Colorado State Board of Community Colleges presented Colorado Northwestern Community College President Russell George with a plaque of appreciation for his service to CNCC and the board and for the fine work he has done at CNCC since joining the junior college in 2011. The tribute was presented to George at the CNCC Foundation Dinner held April 9 at Rangely.**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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be talking to those members who have practically stopped their participation to find out why they have done so. I believe you may find a fairly common theme among those people.

A vicious circle of sorts has been created with the pension program. Money continues to filter into the fund yet so few people are able to benefit from it. As a result, the actuarial studies continue to show that greater pension benefit amounts can be approved from time to time.

The monthly pension amount after 20 years of extremely active membership rose from \$750 per month to \$900 per month in 2015. In comparison, many volunteer pension programs throughout the state limit their pension benefits at \$250 to \$350 per month.

Although it is very admirable to want to provide your 20-year volunteers with a significant pension benefit, it appears to me that as the pension benefit amounts raised over the years so did the threshold of minimum requirements needed to receive a pension benefit.

This sense of "ownership" in the pension has made it to where very few department members qualify. Even those who are solid committed members do not qualify because they cannot meet the requirements. This creates the vicious circle I spoke of earlier because the fund continues to grow with very few members meeting eligibility for the benefits, so those few who already have the benefit or are about to receive them stand to benefit almost exclusively from the growing pot of money.

It has been recommended that a tiered approach to the pension be designed—one where the top performers receive the most benefit but also one where those who give 20 solid years but cannot meet the very high standards associated with a \$900 a month benefit would still receive a benefit. Perhaps one where they would receive \$300 month after 20 years.

This seems fair, and I think it would help to alleviate some of the division that exists in this department. I would strongly encourage the board

to give favorable consideration to such a tiered volunteer pension plan approach.

Probably the single greatest pension-related catalyst to the division that exists within this department is the disparity that exists between firefighters and EMS responders in regard to meeting the requirements to be a "member in good standing."

Your policies state that all members must obtain a minimum of 36 hours of training (a state mandate) annually with at least 24 of those hours being "in-house." Furthermore, the policy also states that a firefighter must obtain at least 72 points along with attendance to at least 20 percent of the fire calls for the year. (FYI, 20 percent of the calls for 2015 would be about 17 calls).

On the EMS side, the training hour requirements are the same but the EMS member must also sign up for at least 14 12-hour call shifts per month including at least one complete weekend and at least three 24-hour holiday shifts annually.

This seems overly burdensome for the EMS providers given the fact that 14 12-hour shifts per month equals 168 hours of commitment to the department, not including attendance to trainings, business meetings and work nights. In comparison, most full time employees work approximately 160-173 hours a month.

For all practical purposes, this department is requiring a full-time commitment from a volunteer EMS provider just to be considered a "member in good standing" and therefore eligible for a pension credit year while a firefighter must attend an average of just over one call per month along with 72 points that are easily gained by any member more active than just a name on a roster.

The final concern about the pension program is chief's discretion when it comes to granting a pension year credit. As I have said before, I hate having discretionary power as a chief because over time it becomes a very difficult animal to manage. It becomes inevitable that somebody will remember that you gave Firefighter A a pension credit two years ago, but you didn't do the same for Firefighter B last year.

I do understand that there is a need for some discretionary power, but I think for the chief it should be very minimal. I think there should be no discretionary power for a chief when it comes to the state's minimum training requirements.

These are laws that are not up for negotiation or discretionary interpretation. In the past, a department member may be granted a pension year credit without coming close to the state's 36-hour minimum training requirement, yet another firefighter who met all the requirements except for attendance to a business meeting in one quarter of the year was denied. This type of selective discretionary authority has also caused a significant rift within the ranks.

I would encourage the board to get this situation under control and basically put it on the individual members to be responsible for managing their own training attendance hours, etc. We're all adults here, and each member should assume responsibility for their participation levels.

The Budget: I know there has been a lot of talk in the papers about fiscal responsibility and efficiently managing the public's tax dollars, but there are some concerns I see here as well.

First of all, I do not agree with using tax dollars to pay for alcohol at the banquet. Most public entities frown on such use of tax dollars. I also have concerns about allowing anybody on the department to make purchases without first asking the chief for authorization. This has nothing to do with egos or power. This has to do with the fact that the fire board should be holding the chief responsible for operating the department within an approved fiscal budget and that is very difficult to do when the chief is unaware of the various purchases and spending occurring within the department.

There should be a regimented process for purchases being made on behalf of the department while utilizing tax dollars.

Given the amount of money in reserves, it also does not seem to be fiscally responsible to continue throwing thousands of dollars into repairing extremely old fire apparatus. To me, it defies logic to spend anywhere between \$15,000 and \$25,000 to repair the pump on a nearly 30-year-old fire engine that has a market value of about \$10,000. Most smaller volunteer fire departments struggle to fund operations, but this department has the funds to actually maintain a more modern up-to-date fleet.

I also believe that it is just good policy to follow a road map when it comes to capital purchases. I have always been taught to create and attempt to follow a five-year capital outlay plan, which I created for the board in the fall of 2015. This gives the department a long-range plan for the replacement of more expensive items.

Of course it can be altered as

needed, but it at least provides some guidance and a direction of movement. To my knowledge, the five-year plan was not considered during the FY 2016 budgetary planning period last fall. I would still encourage the board to work with a similar type of plan in the future.

I don't see this as all doom and gloom though.

I have tremendous respect for most members of this department. I have continuously found myself amazed at the level of commitment by most of your staff. I'm also amazed at the sheer numbers of volunteers on the department. I don't feel that recruitment and retention are the greatest priorities of this organization.

The fact that there are currently 41 members with another three to four applicants in the process of joining is simply amazing to me; particularly given the size of the community. I have seen numerous larger communities with smaller volunteer staff members on their rosters.

Recruitment and retention are much greater issues for those departments. We currently have so many on our roster that we no longer have structural firefighting gear in the inventory (other than the set I wore) that meets NFPA standards for a new member.

This is not a bad problem to have. Most volunteer fire departments would love to have this problem. I must applaud this group of volunteers. They do a phenomenal job for this community. I think some of the officers do a great job as well. I just feel that they can achieve even greater heights with some leadership training and an expectation to follow the new officer job descriptions.

One last final thought before I wrap this up.

I would encourage you all to make every attempt to get behind your new fire chief and allow him to feel like the board has his back. This is something I have not felt from the board as a whole since I arrived in Meeker.

I have been subjected to one member who has openly called me a liar more in the last year than I have experienced in my entire life. I've had board members accuse me of dishonesty and intentionally misleading them.

There have been innuendos that I am not a working chief and that I have not interacted with the department very much. I have provided the board with my training attendance hours (second most in the department), accumulated points (first in the department) and call attendance (tied for third most in the department) and yet there are rumors that I have "doctored the books" somehow.

At these performance levels there's very little chance that they could be accomplished without interacting with the crew.

Tact, diplomacy and professionalism account for everything, and I certainly pray for my successor that this "first full-time experiment" we have

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gone through over the last 14 months has provided you all with some insight into how you could do things a little different. As I mentioned earlier, the fire chief and the board of directors must develop a level of trust in each other before this department can begin to flourish.

In closing, please let me reiterate that I share these thoughts because I do want the absolute best for this department and the community it serves. Some of my thoughts may have felt a little harsh, but I've tried to be as tactful and professional as possible. Please take them as constructive in nature because that's how they are intended.

I'm not a first-time chief and my 22 years of fire/EMS management

experience and education gives me fairly accurate insights. I have employed those insights as I wrote this letter.

Despite my departure from the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District, I reiterate that I want the absolute best for this department and the community. I have offered my assistance in any way possible regardless of where the future finds me. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to the board, the new chief or the membership.

Again, you wanted a professional. You hired a professional and I am very proud to say that I have remained a professional throughout this entire process.

Marshall D. Cook  
Former Fire Chief  
Meeker

HORSES: National meeting attended

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from the real issue of just how significantly the excess horses are degrading the land."

The National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition, American Farm Bureau Federation, The Wildlife Society, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, and several ranchers

also called for the removal of the excess horses.

Written comments submitted by the National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition stated; "The lack of adequate management of this activity (i.e. horse and burro grazing) has resulted in a situation where horse and burro populations are exceeding their allocated use of the rangeland. As a result, the horse and burro populations are unduly impacting all other uses of public lands and greatly impacting the rangeland ecosys-

tem."

The coalition also noted, "The BLM has stated that rangelands could only support roughly 85,000 horses and burros even if all livestock were removed. This number will be surpassed within two years if the BLM continues with the same management practices."

Although many requested the focus be on rangeland health and the removal of excess horses, much of the board's meeting and recommendations focused on fertility control and adoption.

Free business workshop today in Meeker

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Chamber of Commerce and Rio Blanco County will offer two subjects in a workshop related to starting a new business in Colorado today and Friday from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. Call 970-878-5510 for more info or call to register at 970-243-5242.

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Certificate of Election Results

I, Lisa Cook, Clerk, Town of Meeker, do hereby certify that at a mail ballot election held at the Town Hall in Precinct M-1 in the municipality of Meeker and state of Colorado, on the 3rd day of April in the year 2012, the following named persons received the number of votes annexed to their respective names for the following described offices:  
Total number of votes cast were 517; Regas K. Halandras had three hundred, forty-nine (349) votes for mayor; Wendy Gutierrez had three hundred, fourteen (314) votes for trustee; Travis Day had three hundred, sixteen (316) votes for trustee; and Melissa J. Kindall had two hundred, seventy-five (275) votes for trustee; Jason Dunham had two hundred, forty-six (246) votes for trustee; and Chris Lockwood had two hundred, forty-seven (247) votes for trustee (and in the same manner for any other persons voted for).  
Dated this 14th day of April, 2016.

Lisa Cook, Clerk  
Town of Meeker  
Susan Hicken, Member of Canvassing Board  
Town of Meeker  
Published: April 21, 2016  
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OUTGOING COUNCIL  
Town of Rangely  
April 26, 2016 - 7:00pm  
Agenda

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)  
FRANK HUITT, MAYOR  
JOSEPH NIELSEN, MAYOR PRO TEM  
LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE  
ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE  
DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE  
ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE  
KRISTIN STEELE, TRUSTEE Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Minutes of Meeting  
Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting.  
Adjournment  
Published: April 21, 2016  
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The Meeker Sanitation District is seeking applicants to fill an opening on the Board of Directors. Applicants must be a registered voter in Colorado and a resident of, or own property in the Meeker Sanitation District to qualify. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member for the Meeker Sanitation District, please contact the Office at 265 8th Street, or call 878-5192. You may also write for information to PO Box 417, Meeker, CO 81641.  
Published: March 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2016  
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NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2016-2017; a copy of such proposed budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on May 9, 2016, 12:00 noon CNCC, Johnson Banquet Room for final adoption of 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 21, 2016 and April 28, 2016  
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Public Notice

A public hearing has been scheduled for May 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a request by Meeker Arts & Cultural Council, for a Special Event Liquor License for the Annual Meeker Palooza at Ute Park, or in case of bad weather at 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 on June 11, 2016 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm  
§ Kathleen Sizemore  
Liquor Clerk  
Published: April 21, 2016  
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY

rbcc ROAD 5 WILDLIFE FENCE -cdot # TAP C490-005 - project # 19382  
REQUEST FOR BID  
PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION: Rio Blanco County Road 5 Wildlife Fence Project, CDOT Project No. TAP C490-005 Project Code No. 19382. This project is located on Rio Blanco County Road 5, Piceance Creek Road, which is approx. 22 miles southwest of Meeker. Construction will take place entirely within Rio Blanco County right-of-way. Rio Blanco County Road 5 Wildlife Fence Project consists of installing a fence system designed to lessen wildlife mortality at a critical location along Rio Blanco County Road 5, Piceance Creek Road. This project includes funding by CDOT-administered FHWA Grants and is subject to Davis-Bacon wage requirements. There will be 14% DBE contracting goals and 0 hours of On the Job Training.  
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Contract Documents shall be available on April 14, 2016 at www.govbids.com/scripts/co1/public/home1.asp, on the County's website at www.rbc.us on the Bid Postings page.  
BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS: Vendors must be listed on the most current CDOT Pre-qualified Contractor Listing.  
PROJECT ENGINEER AND QUESTIONS: Van Pilaud, County Engineer, (970) 878-9590, Fax (970) 878-3396. All Bidders are advised to examine the site and become familiar with all conditions. Any questions regarding this Project are to be directed in writing to Van Pilaud before 5:00 P.M. on May 4 at the above address or fax number.  
WORK SCHEDULE: The Project shall start upon issue of Notice to Proceed, which will be no later

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than July 5, 2016 and be completed by September 2, 2016. The exact date of the Notice to Proceed is dependent upon receiving CDOT's approval after reviewing all bid documentation.  
MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting: May 2, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept., 570 Second Street, Meeker.  
BID SUBMITTALS: Bids shall have Vendor's name and address and "SEALED BID-RBC ROAD 5 WILDLIFE FENCE CDOT #TAP C490-005-PROJECT #19382" written on the sealed envelope. Each bid must include a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Rio Blanco County, or by a bid bond in like amount executed by a surety company. The Bid Form must be complete with unit bid price for each item and the Bid Form must be signed. CDOT Forms 85, 605, 606, 621, 1413, 1414, 1415 (if applicable), 1416 (if applicable), documentation of conformance with CDOT UDBE Contract Goal Policy, Financial Statement, and letter from Insurance Agent certifying Vendor can be issued all insurance required by the Agreement for Services shall be included. All required documents shall be included with the bid or it shall be rejected. Construction specifications shall follow the "2011 Colorado Department of Transportation" Standard Specifications for Road & Bridge Construction" (Green book). Project Special Revisions and Standard Provisions applicable to this project are included with the Bid Package. Mailed bids are due no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 6, 2016. Do not depend on overnight delivery. Hand delivered bids will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. on May 9, 2016. Mailing or hand-delivery through Friday at 4:00 P.M.: Rio Blanco County Attorney's Office, Attn: Sealed Bid Enclosed, P.O. Box I, 200 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641. Hand-delivery address on date of bid opening: RBC Commissioners, Justice Center, 455 Main Street's Courtroom A, Meeker, CO 81641.  
BID OPENING: Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on May 9, 2016 at the temporary Meeker Commissioners's Meeting Room, Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street-

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Courtroom A, Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. Shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.  
BID AWARD: The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado. The CDOT Form 347, Certification of EEO Compliance, is no longer required to be submitted in the bid package. This form certified that the contractor/proposed subcontractor were in compliance with the Joint Reporting Committee EEO-1 form requirements. The EEO-1 Report must still be submitted to the Joint Reporting Committee if the contractors and subcontractors meet the eligibility requirements (29CFR 1602.7); we will no longer require certification. For additional information regarding these federal requirements, please refer to: www.eeoc.gov/states/jobpat/e1instruct.html.  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
Dated: April 11, 2016  
By: Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman  
Published: April 14, and April 21, 2016  
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Opportunity to Comment on the South Fork Improvement Project

The White River National Forest, Blanco Ranger District, is preparing an environmental analysis for the South Fork Improvement Project. The Blanco Ranger District proposes to relocate and organize the trailhead use parking area, construct an access trail from the relocated parking area to the current trailhead, relocate campsites located in the South Fork White River riparian area, perform maintenance on the Spring Cave trail, and install a gate at the entrance of the Spring Cave to enforce the existing closure period of August 15 - April 15. The South Fork Improvement Project area encompasses the South Fork Campground, the Spring Cave Trail and Spring Cave entrance; Legal Description: T 2 S, R 90 W, Section 19.

TOWN OF RANGELY  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS

I, Lisa Piering, Clerk, Town of Rangely, do hereby certify that at a mail ballot municipal election held at the Rangely Town Hall in Precinct R-1 in the municipality of Rangely and state of Colorado, on the 5th day of April in the year 2016, the following named persons received the number of votes assigned to their respective names for the following described offices:  
Total number of ballots cast were (544);  
Joseph Nielsen .....(388) three hundred eighty eight votes for mayor;  
Clayton Gohr .....(127) one hundred twenty seven votes for trustee;  
Donnell R (Trey) Robie III .....(206) two hundred six votes for trustee;  
Jane Miller .....(128) one hundred twenty eight votes for trustee;  
James Dillon III .....(120) one hundred twenty votes for trustee;  
Sarah (Hume) Nielsen .....(171) one hundred seventy one votes for trustee;  
Tyson Hacking .....(182) one hundred eighty two votes for trustee;  
Andrew (Andy) Key .....(320) three hundred twenty votes for trustee;  
Robert K.Kissling .....(163) one hundred sixty three votes for trustee;  
René D Harder .....(20) twenty votes for trustee;  
Elizabeth (Beth Robinson) Wiley .....(118) one hundred eighteen votes for trustee;  
Dated this 15th day of April, 2016  
Lisa Piering, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Frank Huit, Mayor  
Published: April 14, 2016  
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**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING**  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-02  
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 29, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.  
Original Grantor(s) Kevin Carlson and Jolene Carlson  
Original Beneficiary(ies) Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
Date of Deed of Trust April 01, 2003  
County of Recording Rio Blanco  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 02, 2003  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 275071  
Original Principal Amount \$79,000.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$61,433.59

Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/25/2016, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse Temporary Office 1032 Jennifer Dr., 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 3/31/2016  
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DATE: 01/08/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
MARCELLO G. ROJAS #46396 SUSAN HENDRICK #33196  
Klatt, Odekirk, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 9745 EAST HAMPDEN AVE., SUITE 400,  
DENVER, CO 80231 (303) 353-2965  
Attorney File # 160015  
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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A notice of proposed action is available on-line at: [www.fs.fed.us/nepa/dfs-usda-pop.php?project=48109](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/dfs-usda-pop.php?project=48109). The notice and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Blanco Ranger District. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Victoria Houser, Blanco Ranger District, 220 E Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641, 970-878-6013, [vhouser@fs.fed.us](mailto:vhouser@fs.fed.us). The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and subject to the objection process described in 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The Forest Service is combining scoping with the legal notice and opportunity to comment, as described in 36 CFR 218.24. How to Comment and Timeframe Specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Rio Blanco Herald Times on April 21, 2016. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. Written comments must be submitted via mail, fax,

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electronically, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) at: Victoria Houser c/o Curtis Keelch, District Ranger, Blanco Ranger District, 220E Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641, FAX: (970) 878-3805. Electronic comments including attachments can be submitted to [www.fs.fed.us/nepa/dfs-usda-pop.php?project=48109](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/dfs-usda-pop.php?project=48109). Persons commenting should include: 1) name, address, telephone number, organization represented, if any; 2) title of project for which the comment is being submitted; and 3) specific facts and supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under §218.8. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a)(3). Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. This legal notice also serves to notify and invite public

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comment on the proposal as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Published: April 21, 2016  
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**Board of County Commissioners  
Monday, April 25, 2016  
Rio Blanco County Justice Center  
Courtroom A, 455 Main Street  
Meeker, Colorado  
Tentative Board Agenda**

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

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you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views. 11:00 a.m. Call to order: Pledge of Allegiance Changes to April 25, 2016 Tentative Agenda Approval of the April 25, 2016 Agenda CONSENT AGENDA FOR April 25, 2016 Consent 1\_Consideration of the Board Minutes of April 18, 2016. Consent 2\_Change Order Request COR-004 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and FCI Contractors for the RBC Justice Center Project 10-14-030 to provide items requested by Rio Blanco County including electrical items, in an amount not to exceed \$32,272.00. Consent 3\_Approval of the Liquor License renewal for Seven Lakes Lodge LLC. Consent 4\_Approval of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers 404 Permit application for the Replacement of CR 73 Bridge. Consent 5\_Approval of the AGNC Mirini Grant EIAF

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#9031 for the Rio Blanco County Signage Project in the amount of \$7,950.00. Bid Opening: Bid Opening 1\_Rio Blanco County 2016 Courthouse Remodel Asbestos Abatement. Bid Awards: Bid Award 1\_Bid Award to MM Eight Construction the Rio Blanco County Historical Society Coal Creek School House Exterior Remodel Project. Bid Award 2\_Bid Award to Priefert MFG. for the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena Project. Bid Award 3\_Bid Award to Olathe Spray Service, Inc. for 2016 herbicide spraying services. Bid Award 4\_Bid Award to Shelton Welding Services, LLC for the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Wash Racks Project. Bid Award 5\_Bid Award to Goedert Construction LLC for the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Site Ground Work Project. MOU, Contracts and Agreements: MCA 1\_Contract between the Rio Blanco County Historical Society, the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and MM Eight Construction for the Coal Creek School

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House Exterior Remodel Project, in an amount not to exceed \$146,965.00. MCA 2\_Contract between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Priefert MFG. for the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena Project, in an amount not to exceed \$100,534.50. MCA 3\_Contract between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Olathe Spray Service, Inc. for the 2016 herbicide spraying services in and amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. MCA 4\_Contract between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Shelton Welding Services, LLC for the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Wash Racks Project, in an amount not to exceed \$59,873.00. MCA 5\_Contract between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Goedert Construction, LLC for the Rio Blanco County Meeker Fairgrounds Site and Ground Work Project, in an amount not to exceed \$44,409. MCA 6\_Contract between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and LeBlanc Construction, LLC for the Fairfield Parking

**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, 2016**.

**16CW3006 RIO BLANCO COUNTY.** Application For Finding Of Reasonable Diligence In Development Of Water Rights. Applicant: Mountain Water LLC, 7703 Ralston Road, Arvada, Colorado 80002, (303) 434-8757. Attorneys: Paul F. Holleman and John D. Buchanan, Buchanan Sperling & Holleman PC, 7703 Ralston Road, Arvada, Colorado 80002, (303) 431-9141. The Applicant is also referred to in this Application as "Mountain Water." Mountain Water is the successor in interest of Natural Soda, Inc., now known as Natural Soda LLC and referred to herein as "Natural Soda," with respect to the water rights described in this Application. Mountain Water and Natural Soda are affiliated entities. Natural Soda, and its predecessors, have successfully operated and continue to operate a sodium bicarbonate mining operation in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. The water rights described in this Application are part of an integrated water supply system that is used to supply water to the sodium bicarbonate mining operations and other operations. The sodium bicarbonate mining is conducted through use of solution mining technologies and is a zero water discharge operation. As described in more detail below, sodium bicarbonate is used for human food, animal food, pharmaceutical, air pollution control, cleaning and many other uses. 2. Name of Structure. Larson Reservoir Enlargement. Pursuant to the Decree entered by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991, the following water rights were decreed to the Larson Reservoir Enlargement: A. Legal Description. A parcel of land situated in the W1/2 NE1/4 and the W1/2 SE1/4 of Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 94 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, in Rio Blanco, Colorado. The Dam Outlet for the Larson Reservoir Enlargement is located as follows: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., and assuming a bearing of East between the Southwest and Southeast Corners of Said Section 33; thence N 50o45'11" W 1707.07 feet to a point on the easterly line of said W1/2 SE1/4, the True Point of Beginning; thence leaving said easterly line, West 660.00 feet; thence North 1400.00 feet; thence West 100.00 feet; thence North 500.00 feet; thence N 45o00'00"E 707.11 feet; thence East 260.00 feet to a point on the easterly line of said W1/2 NE1/4; thence South 2400.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning; said parcel containing 35.78 Acres, more or less. The Larson Reservoir Enlargement will also inundate a portion of a parcel of land situated in the E1/2 of Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 94 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, in Rio Blanco, Colorado. The Dam Outlet for the Larson Reservoir Enlargement is located as follows: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., and assuming a bearing of East between the Southwest and Southeast Corners of Said Section 33, thence N 45o07'25"W a distance of 2618.54 feet to the True Point of Beginning, which is the existing outlet from the Larson Reservoir. The location of the Dam Outlet may be changed during construction of the Larson Reservoir Enlargement, but will be located on the property described above. B. Source. Piceance Creek and surface drainage into Larson Reservoir Enlargement from an unnamed tributary, sometimes known as Nineteen Mile Creek. C. Name and Capacity of Ditches Used to Fill Larson Reservoir Enlargement and Legal Description of Each Point of Diversion. i. Piceance Creek Point of Diversion. Name of Ditch. Larson Ditch. Capacity. 10.0 c.f.s. Legal Description of the Point of Diversion. Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., and assuming a bearing of East between the Southwest and Southeast Corners of Said Section 33, thence S 32o05'43"E a distance of 2881.73 feet to the True Point of Beginning, which is the headgate on Piceance Creek. ii. Unnamed Tributary of Piceance Creek, Sometimes Known as Nineteen Mile Creek, Point of Diversion. Name of Ditch. The unnamed tributary discharges directly into Larson Reservoir Enlargement. Capacity. 10.0 c.f.s. Legal Description of the Point of Diversion. Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., and assuming a bearing of East between the Southwest and Southeast Corners of Said Section 33, thence N 50o45'11" W 1707.07 feet to a point on the easterly line of said W1/2 SE1/4, thence North approximately 2000 feet to the True Point of Beginning; which is approximately the point the water enters the Larson Reservoir Enlargement on land owned by Mountain Water. D. Appropriation Date. April 5, 1988. E. Amount. The maximum quantity of water which may be diverted and stored under the Larson Reservoir Enlargement water right is six-hundred (600) acre-feet per year, conditional, and an additional six-hundred (600) acre-feet per year to fill and refill the Larson Reservoir Enlargement, conditional. The water right will be diverted at a rate of ten (10.0) c.f.s from Piceance Creek and ten (10.0) c.f.s. from the unnamed tributary to Piceance Creek, sometimes known as Nineteen Mile Creek. F. Use. Domestic, industrial, commercial, irrigation, stockwatering, recreation, and fish and wildlife purposes. The water may be used for a) immediate application to beneficial uses; b) for storage and subsequent application to beneficial uses; c) for substitution and exchange; d) for replacement of depletions; and e) for augmentation. Mountain Water shall have the right to fully consume the water during the first use of the water, or to recapture and reuse the water until the water is fully consumed. The conditional water rights will be used as a source of augmentation water for the augmentation plan described in the Decree entered by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991. 3. Name of Structure. Piceance Creek Substitution and Exchange. Pursuant to the Decree entered by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991, the following water rights were decreed to the Piceance Creek Substitution and Exchange: A. Location. The withdrawal of water from wells described in the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991 may result in depletions to Piceance Creek within an area along Piceance Creek beginning at approximately Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 96 West of the 6th P.M. and ending at approximately Sections 11 and 12, Township 1 North, Range 97 West of the 6th P.M. B. Source. The following water will be substituted and exchanged for the water depleted from Piceance Creek by operation of the wells on the Sodium Leases pursuant to the plan for augmentation described in the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991: (a) the fully consumable portion of the direct flow agricultural water rights and as changed pursuant to the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991; (b) the fully consumable portion of the water stored under the storage water right for Larson Reservoir and as changed pursuant to the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991; (c) the water attributable to the well water rights described in the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991; (d) the water attributable to the water stored pursuant to the Larson Reservoir Enlargement water right described above; and (e) the Wolf Ridge Reservoir and Wolf Ridge Feeder Pipeline water rights described in the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991. C. Appropriation Date. April 5, 1988. D. Amount. The maximum rate of substitution and exchange will be 2.21 c.f.s., conditional. E. Use. The water will be used for substitution and exchange for the water depleted from Piceance Creek by operation of the wells on the sodium leases described in the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991 pursuant to the plan for augmentation described in the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991. 4. Name of Structure. Yellow Creek Substitution and Exchange. Pursuant to the Decree entered by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991, the following water rights were decreed to the Yellow Creek Substitution and Exchange: A. Location. The withdrawal of water from the wells described in the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991 may result in depletions to Yellow Creek, including Corral Gulch and Stake Springs Draw, within an area along Yellow Creek beginning at approximately Section 6, Township 2 South, Range 98 West of the 6th P.M. and ending at approximately Sections 15 and 16, Township 2 North, Range 98 West of the 6th P.M. B. Source. The following water will be substituted and exchanged for the water depleted from Yellow Creek by operation of the wells on the sodium leases pursuant to the plan for augmentation described in the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991: (a) the fully consumable portion of the direct flow agricultural water rights and as changed pursuant to the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991; (b) the fully consumable portion of the water stored under the storage water right for Larson Reservoir and as changed pursuant to the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991; (c) the water attributable to the water rights for the wells described in the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991; (d) the water attributable to the water stored pursuant to the Larson Reservoir Enlargement water right described above; and (e) the Wolf Ridge Reservoir and Wolf Ridge Feeder Pipeline water rights. C. Appropriation Date. April 5, 1988. D. Amount. The maximum rate of substitution and exchange will be 2.21 c.f.s., conditional, but not to exceed a total of 1600 acre feet per year. E. Use. The water will be used for substitution and exchange for the water depleted from Piceance Creek and Yellow Creek by operation of the wells on the sodium leases described in the Decree entered in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991. 6. Detailed Outline of Work Performed to Complete Application of Water to Beneficial Use. The conditional water rights that are the subject of this Application are part of a single, unified water system, which water system provides water for the development of and use in connection with the production of sodium bicarbonate and other operations in accordance with the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Judgment and Decree of the Water Court entered by the Water Court in and for Water Division No. 5 in Case No. 88CW420 on August 13, 1991. On March 27, 1999, the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 entered a Decree in Case No. 97CW191, finding that Natural Soda had exercised reasonable diligence in the development of the water rights decreed in Case No. 88CW420, and that said water rights shall be continued until the last day of March 2005. On March 21, 2010, the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 entered a Decree in Case No. 2005CW41, finding that Natural Soda had exercised reasonable diligence in the development of the water rights decreed in Case No. 88CW420, and that said water rights shall be continued until the last day of March 2016. Since 2005, Mountain Water, Natural Soda and affiliated entities have made expenditures in excess of One Hundred Million Dollars in furtherance of the development of the various operations associated with and reliant on the water supplies that are described in this Application, and performed work including, but not limited to the following, in furtherance of the application of the conditional water rights described herein to beneficial uses: • The sodium leases owned by Natural Soda were renewed by the United States Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") on July 1, 2011, for a period of ten (10) additional years. In 2015, the sodium lease area was modified by the addition of 160 acres. Mountain Water was assigned a portion of the lease area, and Mountain Water and Natural Soda are working with the BLM regarding lease areas and modifications. • The sodium leases are overlapped by oil and gas production leases. In order to facilitate the production of sodium bicarbonate and oil and gas production, negotiations with an oil and gas production company were held and agreements reached regarding the location of facilities and mining operations. • Natural Soda completed an agreement to purchase an outstanding royalty interest associated with one of the sodium leases. • Wildlife activities in the vicinity of the sodium leases are continuously monitored and actions have been taken to minimize impacts on wildlife and interference with wildlife nesting and breeding areas. • Production of sodium bicarbonate has continued to increase on an annual basis. In 2005, the nameplate production capacity of the sodium bicarbonate processing facility was 125,000 short tons per year. In 2013, the production capacity was increased to 250,000 short tons per year. In 2015, the BLM approved the expansion of the sodium bicarbonate processing facility to 500,000 short tons per year, and design and construction of the expansion to 500,000 short tons per year is ongoing. • Natural Soda has for many years been a major sodium bicarbonate supplier to North American sodium bicarbonate users. Natural Soda has begun exporting sodium bicarbonate to various Pacific rim countries. • In order to facilitate the use of sodium bicarbonate in air pollution control, Natural Soda entered into various agreements with Solvay Chemicals, Inc. for the furtherance in the development and marketing the use of sodium bicarbonate in air pollution control equipment. • The expansion of sodium bicarbonate production has required construction of substantially enlarged production facilities. In addition to construction of the enlarged production facilities, numerous capital improvements have been implemented, including, but not limited to, numerous injection and production wells were drilled, completed and brought on line; water well-drilling and completion; installation of barren lines and production lines; purchase and installation of a re-pulper system; purchase and installation of boilers; installation of submersible pumps; drilling of monitoring wells; purchase and installation of air classifier; purchase and installation of a centrifuge; installation of truck tracking facilities; modifications were made to the final tank baffle system; installation of TFF feeder; installation of second cooling tower; purchase and installation of metal detector equipment; purchase and installation of packaging control unit; purchase of spare submersible pumps; drilling and completion of monitoring wells; plug-back of existing wells and horizontal drilling operations; removed bulk carbon dioxide gas storage vessel; design and installation of on-site packaged products warehouse, upgrade to the current version of the Rosemont Distributive Control System for process control and upgraded controls and economizer installation on the two process boilers; a new roof was installed on the sodium bicarbonate storage dome; additional access roads to the well pads were constructed; installed a new flash dryer; and a second production line was installed. Natural Soda has implemented a sodium bicarbonate resource definition exploration program. This program is critical to planning and future development. Various wells have been and will be drilled and core drilled to further define the thickness and areal extent of the Boies Bed nahcolite and other saline mineral intervals in the Parachute Creek Member of the Green River Formation. Several drilling phases are anticipated and will include multiple wells located in proximity to the Natural Soda plant and current mining operations. The core holes will help define the extent of the resource and the nahcolite/halite transition boundary in the Boies Bed. Additional drilling will include the western and southern portions of the sodium leases. • Disturbed acreage is maintained at a minimum and disturbed areas are reclaimed and reseeded upon completion of surface work. Removed topsoil is stored and replaced during the reclamation process. • Additional leased rail transport cars have been obtained to facilitate transportation of sodium bicarbonate throughout the United States. Actions have been taken to pursue a port load-out facility which will allow filling of container ships. A warehouse facility has been leased to provide temporary storage of sodium bicarbonate and to facilitate transfer to a rail loadout facility. Natural Soda has undertaken several studies and analyses of alternative transportation methodologies for sodium bicarbonate. • Extensive research into new production methodologies has been undertaken and permitted for new production methods with the Environmental Protection Agency for Deep Vertical Production Wells. • Air quality in the vicinity of the production plant is monitored. As part of the plant expansion, an air quality model was prepared and permit applications were filed with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. • The packaging equipment used for bagging the sodium bicarbonate for transport was improved and more sodium bicarbonate was shipped in bags. • An updated Mine Plan and Environmental Monitoring Plan was prepared and submitted to the BLM, DRMS, and Environmental Protection Agency and the plans were approved by each agency. • As operations have increased on the sodium leases, additional reclamation bonds have been posted with the BLM, EPA, and the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety ("DRMS"). • The increased production has increased the number of employees. As of the end of 2015, Natural Soda had 78 full time employees. • Natural Soda has received several awards and certifications for production processes and quality of sodium bicarbonate produced. • The construction of surface subsidence monuments have taken place to monitor for any possible surface subsidence. • Natural Soda has constructed dedicated sub-surface subsidence monitoring wells to monitor any subsurface subsidence that may occur in association with their solution mining activities. • Natural Soda has used a number of professional contractors and consultants to support not only their day to day operations but their long term mining, ground water monitoring network, resource characterization and hydrologic characterization. • The water used in sodium bicarbonate production is recycled multiple times and the facility is a zero-discharge operation. Various methods of ensuring maximum beneficial use of the water supplies have been implemented to ensure that the lowest volume of water is used per ton of sodium bicarbonate produced. • With the increase in volume of sodium bicarbonate production there has been an increase in the amount of water used. Prior to 2005, the maximum annual water use was 138 acre feet, which has increased to 385 acre feet in 2015. • At this time, all of the water requirements are supplied by wells constructed pursuant to the 88CW420 Decree. Since 2005, two additional water production wells have been permitted, constructed and are available for operation. An additional application for a well permit is pending at the office of the Colorado State Engineer. The multiple water wells are required to ensure redundancy in water supply operations. New pipelines from the water wells to the plant were installed. • Mountain Water has worked with a special district regarding issues pertaining to water supplies and water supply operations. • New exploratory core holes were drilled, plugged, and abandoned. • Several exploratory core holes were drilled and converted into groundwater monitoring wells and subsurface subsidence monitoring wells. • Operations were completed with Simple Oil, LLC for construction of an exploratory well, which was converted into a groundwater monitoring well and to act as an additional dissolution surface aquifer monitoring well. • Several additional wells were cored and converted to aquifer monitoring wells to evaluate the aquifer systems within the operating lease area. • In accordance with the Case No. 88CW420 Decree, the depletions to stream systems are calculated and replaced as required by the Case No. 88CW420 Decree. As part of the integrated water supply system, various sources of water are available to meet the replacement requirements. • Monthly, quarterly, and annual reports are prepared by Natural Soda for submittal to state and federal agencies including the BLM, EPA and DRMS. • All water well pumping is metered and monthly reports are filed with the Division Engineer for Water Division No. 6. In addition, summary reports and projections are filed with the Division Engineer and State Engineer two times per year. • An evaluation and report analyzing the structures and capacities of the Larson Ditch and Larson Reservoir was prepared. The report further analyzed options for expansion of Larson Reservoir and projections of costs. Actions are being taken to implement recommendations from the report. • Investigations were completed regarding the installation of streamflow measurement devices for Piceance Creek. • Natural Soda has filed statements of opposition to applications in the appropriate Water Courts to ensure that the water rights owned by Natural Soda, and now owned by Mountain Water, are not adversely affected. • Natural Soda filed applications for findings of reasonable diligence in the development of conditional water rights owned by Natural Soda, and now owned by Mountain Water. • Mountain Water and Natural Soda have participated in proceedings pertaining to in-stream flow water rights on Piceance Creek and Yellow Creek. Discussions have been held with the Colorado Water Conservation Board regarding an agreement pertaining to in-stream flow water rights. • Mountain Water and Natural Soda have been involved in legislative issues on a federal and state level pertaining to water supplies, sodium bicarbonate production and other related issues. The foregoing description is not intended to be all inclusive, but is merely illustrative of continued diligence in development of the water rights described in this Application. 9. Name(s) and Address(es) of Owner(s) or Reputed Owners of the Land Upon Which Any New Diversion or Storage Structure, or Modification to Any Existing Diversion or Storage is or Will be Constructed or Upon Which Water is or Will be Stored, Including Any Modification to the Existing Storage Pool. Mountain Water LLC, 7703 Ralston Road, Arvada, Colorado 80002. WHEREFORE, Mountain Water requests that the Court find and determine that the actions and expenditures constitute a sufficient demonstration of reasonable diligence in attempting to put the conditional water rights described herein to beneficial use, and Mountain Water further requests that the Court enter a decree finding and determining that Mountain Water has exercised reasonable diligence in the development of the described water rights and that said water rights shall be continued.

You are hereby notified that you will have until the last day of **MAY, 2016** 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 \$158.00, 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/ Sharon Martin  
Deputy Court Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

Improvement Project.  
Resolutions:  
RES 1\_  
Other Business:  
Public Comments  
BLM Update - Kent Walter  
County Commissioners Updates  
1:15 p.m. Board of County Commissioners Meeting Continued:  
Bid Award 6 \_Rio Blanco County Drop Runs - County Tier 2 Construction Project  
MCA 7\_ Contract between the Board of County Commissioners and Vendor To Be Announced for the Rio Blanco County Drop Runs - County Tier 2 Construction Project.  
Adjourn  
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 9, 2016, 11:00 a.m., at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, Courtroom A, 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. Please check the County website for information at: www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
SPORTS OFFICIALS FOR COED SOFTBALL

The EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is soliciting proposals from qualified Sports Officials to officiate scheduled Coed Softball games from June 13, 2016 through August 13, 2016 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm – 9:30pm. Officials do not need to be available for all evenings.

Interested parties are required to submit an organized letter which contains:  
•A history of experience and qualifications.  
•A per game rate defined; include full compensation for labor, equipment use, liability, and other associated costs incurred per game.

Selected candidates will be required to sign an Independent Contractors Contract and provide proof of liability insurance.

For more information contact Shelly Rogers, Recreation Manager, at shellyr@meekerrecdistrict.com or 970-878-3403 ext. 409. Proposals must be received by the District before 5 p.m. on May 2, 2016 at the District's administrative office, Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641.

EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

**RADINO & CHUCKWAGON**  
Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal 878-5627 or 675-8112  
Senior Citizen Nutrition Program  
Meals served at noon.  
Reservations appreciated.  
Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7.  
(Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)  
**Friday, April 22:** Spaghetti w/meatballs, garlic sticks, tossed salad, chocolate pudding w/ topping  
**Monday, April 25:** Sesame chicken, fried rice, Asian broccoli salad, pears, carrot cake w/cream cheese frosting  
**Tuesday, April 26:** Ribs, slaw, baked beans, cornbread, mixed fruit  
**Wednesday, April 27:** Chicken noodle soup, ham cheese sandwich, cucumber salad, strawberries  
\*\*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*  
Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals.  
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, April 28, May 26, & June 23, Thursday, 11:00-12:30

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE April 2015**

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.  
4/22 Bus in Town  
4/23 No Bus  
4/24 AM Bus  
4/25 Bus in Town  
4/26 Bus in Town  
4/27 Bus in Town  
4/28 Craig/Bus in Town  
4/29 Bus in Town  
4/30 No Bus Due to Daylight Savings Time, please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM. Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627. Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments- (970)878-9368. For Rangely dental appointments, please call (970)675-3250.

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

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

**SAFEHOUSE**

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

**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.

**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.

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

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

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**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.

**AUCTIONS**

**Moving County Auction**, Sunday April 24th, 10:00 AM, 296 Esst Vista Drive, Silt, Colorado, (2 1/2 miles North of Silt on 7th St), 60 HP John Deere Tractor w/loader, attachments, 3 trailers, Cadillac, yard art, horse tack, tools, pony cart, guns, ammo, 10'x12' shed, household, and more. For more information call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service (970)260-5577. See web at www.cpauktion.com. "Call us about a sale for you"

**LIQUIDATION TIRE SHOP AUCTION**, Saturday, April 30th, 10:00 AM, 320 Denny Court, Montrose, CO, (Aspen Storage behind The Brickyard) 2 tire machines, 2 large air compressors, wheel balancer, 2 air porta powers, tire spreader machine, 2 large tool boxes, commercial upright vacuum, 2 flatbed older trailers, ATV-car-pickup-semi, etc tires & rims - all sizes, hand & power tools of all kinds, specialty tools needed to run tire shop, riding lawn mower w/front blade, many floor & hydraulic jacks; some air, ladders stock water tank, inner tubes, owner said enough tools & equipment to open a tire shop. Owner Moore Tires. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Services 970-260-5577. Must see web www.cpauktion.com "Call us about a sale for you"

**ANNUAL SPRING CONSIGNMENT AUCTION**, Saturday April 23rd at 9:00 a.m., 2368 S. 1500 E. in Vernal, Utah. Equipment of all kinds, Many Vehicles, Trucks, Trailers, Campers, ATVs's Motorcycles, Lawn and Garden items, Pipe, New and Used Tools, Generators, Air Compressors, Lumber, Pipe, Tack, Camping and fishing items, Guns, Ammo, Restaurant Equipment, Antiques & Collectibles, Coins, Household Items, and much more! For more information or to Consign to this Auction please call ZJ Auction Service, Inc. 435-789-7424. www.zjauktion.com

**FARM & RANCH**

LOOKING FOR HOME for 3 1/2 month old male, Maremma sheep dog. Serious inquiries only from those experienced with Livestock Guardian Dogs(LGDs). This is a working dog. (720)280-7163.

When you know you've seen these BULL ads before. Well don't wait! Fancy Black Angus Yearling & Two Year Old Bulls for sale. P/BVD Free Herd, PAP tested, HD50K DNA tested, and ultrasounded. Former Grand County resident was a commercial cattle person first. Nobody understands the challenges of running in the high country like one of your own. www.191cow.com or call Francine (970)366-1170.

**GUNS**

**CCW Class coming to Meeker**  
Saturday, April 30th, 8:30 AM-12PM  
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- \*826 2nd St - 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2064 sq ft bi-level home near schools. Fenced yard, trees. \$170,000.
- \*989 Garfield- Lg lot, 3 BR, 2 BA, 2,656 sq ft home, basement, garage, mature trees. \$170,000 SALE PENDING!
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- \*112 Main St - 3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. \$219,000.
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- \*NEW 444 Agency Dr - 4 BR, 3.5 BA, 2 story log home w/attached 2 car garage, basement, sun room with hot tub, decks, close to town. 5 irrigated acres, horse barn & corrals. Trees & views. \$335,000.
- \*NEW 510 Meadow Lane- 3 BR, 2.5 BA home on 6.9 acres. Private location west of Meeker, large attached garage, wrap around covered porch, pond, hot tub, great views. \$399,900.
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- \*1260 CR 119- Ute Creek Cabin - Forest Service lease land, 2 room log cabin, 3/4 bath. \$75,000.
- \*293 Agency Dr - 5 acres, 1 mile S. of town, near golf course. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA home with basement, garage, decks. Awesome views. Irrigated hay & pasture. Lg shop with horse stalls. \$419,000.
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$425,000 REDUCED!
- \*29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River & fishing. Nice 1,252 sq ft 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$795,000.
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- \*109 Market St - 3- lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$275,000 REDUCED!
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- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$425,000 REDUCED!
- \*359 Love Lane-5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great home property, well. \$100,000.
- \*River Property-19.6 Acres 12 miles west, irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$145,000.
- \*Little Beaver Estates- Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great home site. \$64,900 REDUCED!
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